

September 13 - September 19

Sunday, September 13, Bible Through the Year: Judges 16-18; John 5:25-47

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Studies (more info below)

10:00 AM Worship Service

3:30 PM Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep

Monday, September 14, Bible Through the Year: Judges 19-21; John 6:1-21

Tuesday, September 15, Bible Through the Year: Lam. 1-2; John 6:22-51

Wednesday, September 16, Bible Through the Year: Lam. 3-5; John 6:52-71

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, September 17, Bible Through the Year: Amos 1-3; John 7:1-27

Friday, September 18, Bible Through the Year: Amos 4-6; John 7:28-53

Saturday, September 19, Bible Through the Year: Amos 7-9; John 8:1-29

9:00 AM Waialae Sings Rehearsal

Sunday in-person Bible studies

Mixed Adults Class (Jennifer Watanabe leading) – 8:30 a.m. Choir room

Middle School & High School Sermon Discussion – 8:30 a.m. Prayer Room

Sunday School for Toddlers to 5th grade – 8:30 a.m. Preschool Classrooms

Childcare for the babies – 8:30 a.m. Nursery

Sunday in-person/online Bible studies

Mixed Adults Class (Pastor Matt leading) – 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Young Adults – Contact Pastor Phil.

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September 13, 2026

Hope in a World Where Nothing Lasts

ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

Welcome to Wai'alae Baptist Church!

We believe our church should be a reflection of the love and glory of God that is given to us from God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is our Savior and Lord, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who unites as one body in Christ and empowers us to obey God and serve others.

THE MISSION OF OUR CHURCH IS TO:

Fulfill the Great Commission | Share the gospel

Making disciples in all nations bringing glory to God (Mt. 28:18-20)

Obey the Greatest Commandment | Walk in Love

To love God and to love all people (Mt. 22:37-40)

Be United in the Spirit | Change The World

Reveal that Jesus is the Son of God sent by the Father to be the Lord and Savior of the world (Jn. 17:20-21)

WELCOME GUESTS!

Please fill out a welcome form located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering bowl. You may also fill out our online welcome form by scanning the QR code below. After the worship service, please join us for refreshments in the breezeway. We'd love to get to know you!



KIDS WORSHIP

Please check in your child in the foyer. Kids in grades 1–5 stay in service until they're dismissed before the sermon. They'll meet leaders at the back and go downstairs for their Bible lesson. Pick-up is downstairs at the door by the parking lot.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are donated by Chiyoko Kagehiro in memory of her husband, Hisashi Kagehiro, and son, Lance Kagehiro. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep - Today at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Bill for more info.

Waialae Sings - Rehearsal on Saturday, September 19 at 9 AM. Outreach at Kalakaua One on Friday, September 25 at 3:30 PM. See JT for more info.

Sue Nishikawa Offering - The Sue Nishikawa Offering for Hawaii Pacific Missions exists to encourage and assist churches in their evangelistic outreach, assist in new kingdom work, establish missions awareness, develop missions training, and strengthen the church body and the work of the Hawaii Pacific Baptists. This year's church goal is \$3500. Visit <https://www.hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa/> for more info.

Operations Christmas Child - Please help pay for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs and items for the boxes. Our goal is 200 boxes. Each box costs \$10 to send. We will match donations 1:1 with funds from the Missions & Ministry Designated Fund. For online giving, use the Missions and Ministry Fund and sub-fund: Operation Christmas Child. For checks, please write "OCC" in the note. For more info, please contact Wayne or Lola Shimogawa.

Alec & Belle Waterhouse Lecture Series "The Church as a Culture of Care: Biblical Counseling Conference" with Dr. Jon Okinaga and Paula Higuchi - September 25-26. Scan the QR code or visit waialaebaptist.org/abwls/ to sign up for FREE.



Ongoing Opportunities

Children's Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Volunteers are needed to assist with activities and dinner setup/clean up. Contact info@waialaebaptist.com for more info.

Growth Group – Contact Pastor Matt before attending.

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Prayer – Choir room at 6:30 p.m. or online via Zoom, with online/Zoom Prayer at 7:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Matt or info@waialaebaptist.com for more info.

Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief - Visit www.hpbaptist.net/dr/ to donate.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief - Visit www.sendrelief.org to donate.

A Romans 12 Church

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Surrender ▪ Discipling ▪ Humble ▪ Diverse ▪ Serving
Loving ▪ Fruitful ▪ Relational ▪ Good

Why We Listen to Sermons

To know God who is Trinity more

Knowledge that leads to a greater love for the Father, Son, and Spirit, and a deeper worship of God

To know more about what God has done and is doing through Jesus

Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of God's kingdom and His church

To know more about God's plan to use us

Knowledge that leads to a greater understanding of and commitment to do God's will

To know our sin and understand the power of God's grace in Christ

Knowledge that leads to repentance and a saving faith in Christ.

Truly listening to God's Word leads to greater hunger to know more about God and His Word

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Call To Worship

God of Ages

Welcome & Opening Prayer

This is Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:18-25 (ESV)*

Gratitude

Hope in a World Where Nothing Lasts,
Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



**Ecclesiastes:
Finding Meaning in a Meaningless World**



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Hope in a World Where Nothing Lasts

Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

The messages of Ecclesiastes so far:

- Nothing is _____. Nothing we do will _____.

Where we live

We live in a world of people in _____ or separated from _____ by a thin _____.

Where the text lives

The Preacher, a very rich, successful, and powerful man, reflects on life without God.

Verses 12-16 – If you live to be remembered

Verses 17-23 – If you live to provide for your family

Verse 24-26 – If you live to eat and drink and to find joy in working

What the text says

If you have new life in Jesus, you live so that the name of _____ will be known.

If you believe have new life in Jesus, you live so that your family might inherit the riches _____.

If you believe new life in Jesus, you do _____ things to bring _____ to God.

Our response

God, help us to grow in our understanding of Your _____ for all creation and to see how You would use us to help fulfill it.