

September 20 - September 26

Sunday, September 20, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 1-2; John 8:30-59

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 21, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 3-4; John 9:1-23

Tuesday, September 22, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 5-7; John 9:24-41

Wednesday, September 23, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 8-10; John 10:1-21

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, September 24, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 11-13; John 10:22-42

Friday, September 25, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 14-15; John 11:1-27

3:30 PM Waialae Sings Outreach: One Kalakaua

6:00 PM Biblical Counseling Conference

Saturday, September 26, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 16-17; John 11:28-57

7:30 AM Biblical Counseling Conference

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 20, 2026

In His Time

ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15b

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 Laurie, Joy, and Faith Libarios in memory of Dr. Niki Libarios, beloved husband and father. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep - Sunday, September 27 at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Bill for more info.

Wai'alae Sings - Outreach at Kalakaua One on Friday, September 25 at 3:30 PM. See JT for more info.



Alec & Belle Waterhouse Lecture Series 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.

Sue Nishikawa Offering - The Sue Nishikawa Offering equips churches to share the gospel, develop missions, and strengthen Hawaii Pacific Baptist ministry. This year's church goal is \$3500.

Visit <https://www.hpbaptist.net/suenishikawa/> for more info.

Pastor Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, October 4 following the worship service. Donations to help pay for the lunch or appreciations gifts for the Pastors can be made to the Love Offering Fund. Contact the church office for more info.

Joy Cafe - Fellowship and potluck brunch for all women on Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 AM. See Carol T. or Char Cohen for more info.

A Great Awakening Movie Night - Friday, October 16. Dinner at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall and movie at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary. RSVP through the QR code or sign up sheet in the foyer. Contact the church office for more info.



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

Great Things

Scripture Reading: *Romans 15:1-13 (ESV)*

Here I Am to Worship

In His Time, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15b

King of Kings

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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

In His Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1–15b

Where we live

Most people accept that they exist only for a brief moment, and it is up to them to decide what to do between life and death.

Where the text lives

The preacher, a rich, successful, powerful man, examines what human beings see as valuable and concludes there is nothing new and nothing lasts.

Verses 1-8 – The relentlessness of time

Verses 9-15 – God’s sovereignty overall

What the text says

We want our lives to have _____.

God is in _____ and He has a _____.

We must trust that in all things God is following His _____.

We must set our minds on the eternal things of God.

Our response

God, teach us more of Your _____ purpose for us all and help us to live as those with who have set their minds on it.