

September 27 - October 3

Sunday, September 27, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 18-19; John 12:1-26

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

3:30 PM Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep

Monday, September 28, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 20-21; John 12:27-50

Tuesday, September 29, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 22-23; John 13:1-20

Wednesday, September 30, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 24-26; John 13:21-38

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, October 1, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 27-29; John 14

Friday, October 2, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 30-32; John 15

Saturday, October 3, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 33-34; John 16

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 27, 2026

Facing Life's Hardest Realities, Together

ECCELESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:12

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 Joanne and Bill Like in memory of their son, Brandt Like. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Alec and Belle Waterhouse Lecture Series Biblical Counseling Conference - Thank you to all of those who volunteered and attended!

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

Waialae Sings - Rehearsal on Saturday, October 3 at 9 AM in the Sanctuary. See JT for more info.

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. Scan the QR code or visit <https://waialaebaptist.org/#giving> to give online. 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

Great Things

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Blessed Be Your Name

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV)*

Build My Life

Facing Life's Hardest Realities, Together

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:12

His Glory and My Good

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:12

I. The Realities We Cannot Escape (3:16-22)

Delayed justice is not the same thing as justice _____.

Even in the middle of what we can't fix or explain, God has given us _____,
and the work in front of us, to enjoy.

II. The Realities We Endure and Create (4:1-6)

It's not that working hard is the problem. It's the _____ behind it that
makes all the difference.

When the engine underneath our effort is comparison and envy, that effort
will never actually _____, no matter how much we accomplish.

III. The Reality of Isolation (4:7-8)

The ache isn't just in the world's systems. It isn't just in ordinary ambition.
It's in the human _____.

This is exactly what magnifies our need for a _____.

IV. God's Gift of Companionship (4:9-12)

We were never designed to carry the weight of life by _____.