

## October 4 - October 10

**Sunday, October 4**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 35-36; John 17

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM Pastor Appreciation Lunch

**Monday, October 5**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 37-39; John 18:1-18

**Tuesday, October 6**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 40-41; John 18:19-40

**Wednesday, October 7**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 42-44; John 19:1-22

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

**Thursday, October 8**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 45-46; John 19:23-42

**Friday, October 9**, Bible Through the Year: Ezekiel 47-48; John 20

**Saturday, October 10**, Bible Through the Year: Songs 1-3; John 21

9:30 AM Joy Cafe

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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and [various podcast sites](#) (Links can also be found on our website)



October 4, 2026

# Are You Listening?

## ECCLIESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A  
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

## Ecclesiastes 4:13-5:9

## 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 the Hawaii 4H Alumni Association for National 4H Week. 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** - To watch the recording of all sessions, please visit <https://waialaebaptist.org/2026bcc-live/>.

**Pastor Appreciation Lunch** - Today 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.



**Shine Your Light (Halloween Outreach)** - We are looking for candy donations and volunteers for our Halloween outreach to the community on Saturday, October 31. Please speak with the team in the foyer after service for more info.

**Operation Christmas Child** - Help us reach our goal of 200 Operation Christmas Child boxes. Each box costs \$10 to ship. Give online through the Missions and Ministry Fund, sub-fund: Operation Christmas Child. On checks, write "OCC" in the note. We also need volunteers to lead parts of the packing prep. See the foyer table or talk with Wayne and Lola Shimogawa.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@waialaebaptist.com) for more info.

**Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief** - Visit [www.hpbaptist.net/dr/](http://www.hpbaptist.net/dr/) to donate.

**Southern Baptist Disaster Relief** - Visit [www.sendrelief.org](http://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**

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Call To Worship

*Sing to the King*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*The Heart of Worship*

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)*

*His Glory and My Good*

***Are You Listening?*, Ecclesiastes 4:13-5:9**

Lord's Supper

*Jesus Messiah*

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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Finding Meaning in a Meaningless World**

**Are You Listening?**

Ecclesiastes 4:13-5:9

**I. The King (4:13-16)**

1. First, the importance of \_\_\_\_\_. Second, the importance of understanding that kings don't \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As Christians, we aren't called to build our own \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Worshipper (5:1-3)**

1. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of how we come before God not just in church but in all of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We are just \_\_\_\_\_, so small in comparison to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The issue with the fool in verse 1 is that his \_\_\_\_\_ is wrong.

**III. The Talker (5:4-7)**

1. What we need to understand here is \_\_\_\_\_ our words are directed to.
2. Our lives will reflect a \_\_\_\_\_ for Him in our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. The System (5:8-9)**

1. A life without \_\_\_\_\_ to God is foolish: \_\_\_\_\_ and a striving after wind.

**Conclusion**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father and \_\_\_\_\_ all the way to death on a cross, for people who wouldn't listen.