

October 18 - October 24

Sunday, October 18, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 15-16; 2 Peter 1

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, October 19, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 17-18; 2 Peter 2

7:00 PM How to Study the Bible

Tuesday, October 20, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 19-21; 2 Peter 3

6:30 PM From God to Us w/ Dr. Patrick Zukeran

Wednesday, October 21, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 22-24; 1 Timothy 1

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, October 22, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 25-26; 1 Timothy 2

11:30 AM How to Study the Bible

Friday, October 23, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 27-29; 1 Timothy 3

6:30 PM Oahu Baptist Network Annual Meeting (Nuuanu Baptist Church)

Saturday, October 24, Bible Through the Year: 1 Samuel 30-31; 1 Timothy 4

8:30 AM Work Day

6:00 PM Growth Group

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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and [various podcast sites](#) (Links can also be found on our website)



October 18, 2026

The Importance of Death

ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 6:7-7:6

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 pre K–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 Brent and Cheryl Shimizu in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

A Great Awakening Movie Night - Thank you to all who came!

Church Work Day - Saturday, October 24 at 8:30 AM. See Bill for more info.

Caregiving Skills Class - May Kealoha will be offering free caregiving classes, including dementia care, from 1-3 PM on Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 at Streams of Life Church (Manoa Marketplace). Contact May at keaolohapublishinghawaii@gmail.com or 808-387-4372.

Oahu Baptist Network Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m. at Nuuanu Baptist Church. Contact Pastor Matt for more info. Note - people don't need to be a messenger to attend.

Business Meeting - Sunday, October 25 after the worship service. Packets can be picked up in the foyer. Contact the church office for more info.

Wai'alae Sings - Outreach at Kalakaua Gardens on October 31 from 9:30 AM and The Ivy on November 7 from 9 AM. See JT 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 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 Is For Us

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Better is One Day

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

The Importance of Death, Ecclesiastes 6:7-7:6

Your Will Be Done

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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The Importance of Death

Ecclesiastes 6:7–7:6

Where we live

We live in a world that has an unhealthy relationship with death.

An unhealthy relationship with death will lead to an unhealthy relationship with God.

Where the text lives

The preacher examines the world and human existence.

6:7-9 – Never enough

6:10-12 – Lord of all

7:1-4 – Joy from contemplating death

7:5-6 – Avoiding the truth

What the text says

We cannot find _____ and lasting _____ unless we accept our mortality.

We must stop fighting with God and trust in _____ and His _____.

We must see death from _____ perspective.

Our response

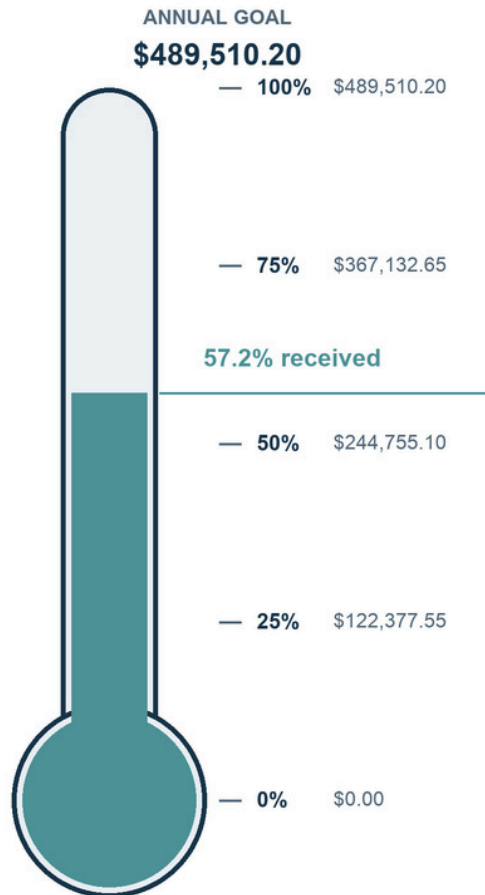
God, help us experience the promised eternal life in Jesus today so that we might know true _____ and proclaim this truth to the world.

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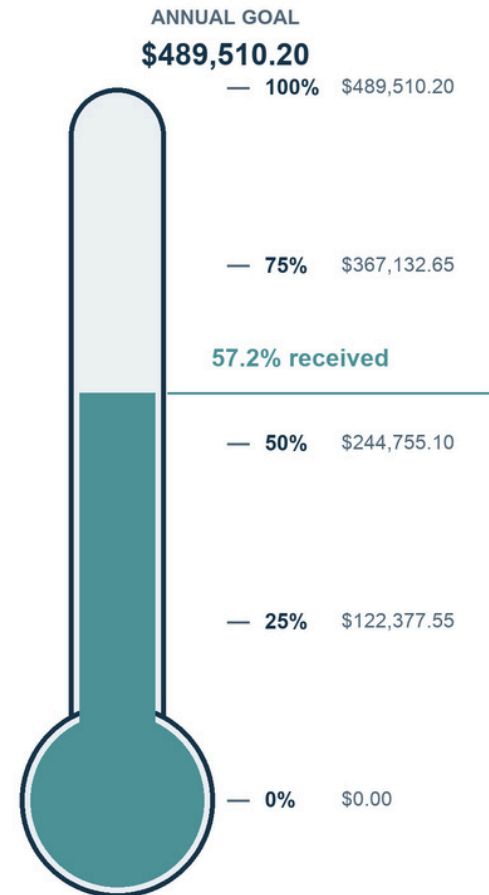
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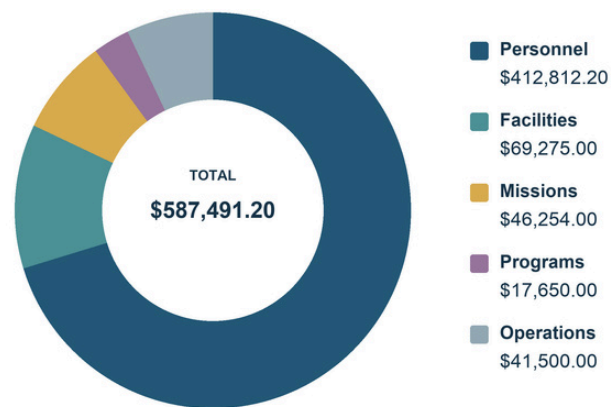
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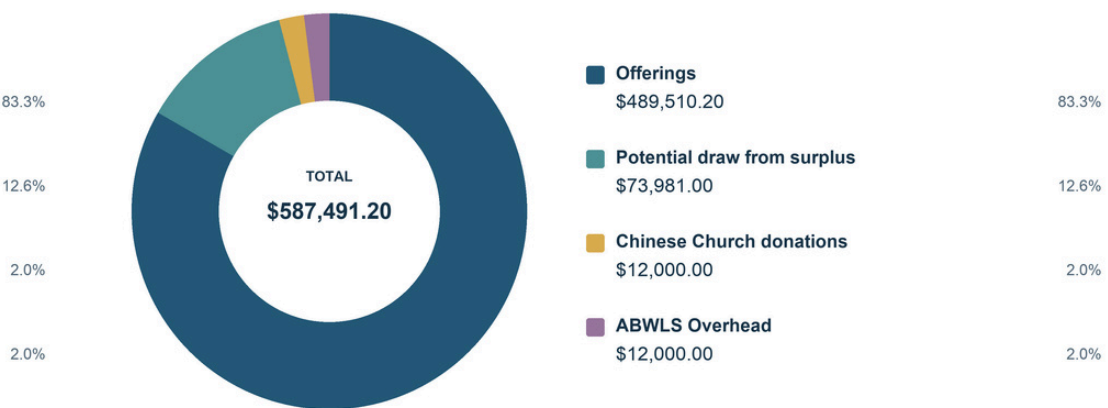
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