

November 1 - November 7

Sunday, November 1, Bible Through the Year: 2 Samuel 19-20; 2 John

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

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM First Sunday Fellowship

Monday, November 2, Bible Through the Year: 2 Samuel 21-22; 3 John

7:00 PM How to Study the Bible

Tuesday, November 3, Bible Through the Year: 2 Samuel 23-24; Colossians 1

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

6:30 PM ABWLS Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, Bible Through the Year: Nahum; Colossians 2

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activity Night

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, November 5, Bible Through the Year: Habakkuk; Colossians 3

11:30 AM How to Study the Bible

Friday, November 6, Bible Through the Year: Zephaniah; Colossians 4

Saturday, November 7, Bible Through the Year: Ezra 1-2; 2 Timothy 1

9:30 AM Waialae Sings (The Ivy Hawaii Kai)

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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November 1, 2026

Who's in Control?

ECCLESIASTES

*FINDING MEANING IN A
MEANINGLESS WORLD*

Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:1

Welcome to Wai'ala'e 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

Gary and Gail Ferrell are providing this morning's altar flowers in memory of their parents, Guy and Violet Ferrell and Ken and Alice Iwane. If you'd like to donate flowers, please see Nora Galacia. Thank you!

Upcoming Events & Activities

Shine Your Light Festival (Halloween Outreach) - Thank you to everyone who helped!

Wai'ala'e Sings - Outreach on November 7 at The Ivy Hawaii Kai from 9:30 AM and November 21 at Pohai Nani from 9:30 AM. See JT for more info.

Keauhou Shelter Meal Prep - Sunday, November 8 at 3:30 PM. See Bill for more info.

Joy Cafe - Saturday, November 14 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Last potluck of the year! Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange. All women invited to join us!! See Char C or Carol T 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 help with the packing party on November 15 following the worship service. See Wayne and Lola Shimogawa in the foyer for more info.

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

HPBC Annual Meeting - November 19-20, 2026. Contact Pastor Matt if you'd like to attend as a messenger or guest. You can also visit <https://www.hpbaptist.net/2026woeannualmtg/> to check out the week of events at the annual meeting.

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

Sing to the King

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Marvelous Light

Scripture Reading: *Titus 3:2-8 (ESV)*

The Stand

Who's in Control?, Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:1

Great Are You Lord

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal



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



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**Who's in Control?
Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:1**

The reality is that _____ is actually in our control.

I. A Broken World

a. Broken Power (8:1-9)

- The most powerful person you know is _____ on the day that matters most.

b. Broken Justice

- Delay isn't _____.

c. Broken Understanding

- The fact that we can't understand it doesn't mean no one is in control. It means _____, and we're not.

II. A God Who Is In Control

a. The question isn't whether God is holding us. It's whether we'll _____ Him.

b. He has conquered death, and when we trust Him, death no longer has the _____ over us.

We don't know every why, but through the _____ we know His hand is _____.