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Aloha Kakou,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Pastor Keith Wolter. At the request of Calvary’s Council of Deacons I am joining you here at Calvary by the Sea to lead worship and assist with any pastoral needs that you might have, while giving Pastor Tim a much-needed break. If you have needs or requests feel free to contact me through the office. If there are any emergencies, please call me on my cell phone: 808.281.1050. Since it is a Maui number, make sure to add the area code.

A word about who I am: I am a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, with a Masters of Divinity. I also hold a Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. I have over twenty-five years’ experience leading both religious and secular non-profit organizations, including congregations in Montana and Washington. From November 2005 until last March I was Executive Director of Maui AIDS Foundation (MAF) which provides prevention, care and housing services to persons infected or affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Previously, I was Executive Director of North Idaho AIDS Coalition in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. I have taught senior level grant-writing at Lewis-Clark State College, Coeur d’Alene, and I taught a popular course in grant writing for the Spokane Small Business Development Center. For five years I served on the Spokane Human Rights Commission. I am a Weinberg and PONO Fellow, graduated from institutes with programs designed specifically for experienced nonprofit executive directors. I live on Maui with my old and faithful dog, Fritz, my inscrutable cat, Mr. Kitty and a small tribe of demanding but darling feral cats – Big Blue, Mama, Tiger and Braddah. They all consider me a well-trained human.

It has been a pleasure to meet many of you already. I have enjoyed being with you and sharing in worship and ministry. I look forward to further conversation with you throughout the rest of the month of August.

Again, if you have any needs or requests, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Keith

PS – call me “Pastor Keith” or just “Keith.”
Several Saturdays ago I was in Chinatown buying a birthday lei. Everything was going easily. When I drove by the lei stand I immediately saw the lei I wanted hanging in the refrigerator. I found a parking spot close by. I made my purchase and was heading back to the car. Then it happened.

“Excuse me, are you a Christian?” “Yes,” I answered. “I’m not asking for money, and I’m clean. You can go to the police station and ask. But I haven’t eaten, and can you give me three dollars so I can eat?”

Saying “no” is not my first impulse. I didn’t want to reach for my wallet with only one free hand, so I gave him the change in my pocket. “Here you go.” I thought I was off the hook. I wasn’t. He looked at the money in his palm and then gave me one of the best mixes of stink-eye, anger, hurt and disappointment that I’ve seen. I did not give him what he asked for.

I have a very difficult time when I’m approached for a handout, or when I see someone begging for money. Yet I have no difficulty in giving my time to people when asked, or of sharing my particular gifts or expertise. I have no problem going through my closet and giving away clothes, or even things that aren’t essential to my life. I have no problem in stopping to help someone in distress, or of being a good Samaritan.

However, when confronted on the street I find myself in a bind. I always try to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. I would rather err on the side of generosity and graciousness than to be stingy and rude. Yet, I don’t want to contribute to someone’s life-controlling habits.

Fred Pratt Green, the leader of the explosion of hymn writing which has occurred in mid-twentieth century England, said it this way in 1979:

Of all the Spirit’s gifts to me,
I pray that I may never cease
To take and treasure most these three:
Love, joy, and peace.
There have been some big events recently at Mbingo:
On June 22, we held a graduation ceremony for Dr. Henry Ine, a 5th year PAACS resident, and also for the first two graduates from CIMS, the Christian Internal Medicine Specialist residency program. It was an exciting day that included much celebration.

The hospital continues to be busy and often full. The last few weeks have been stressful for Jim and the residents with many cases delayed or cancelled because there was not enough OR time. We are looking at a variety of ways to improve OR availability and efficiency. We have also limited the number of elective cases done each day, in order to take care of the emergencies. Telling people they must go elsewhere for their surgery has not been easy.

Carolyn’s weekly Bible study with the resident’s wives is going well. For those who are there each week, talking and praying about (among other things) our lack of forgiveness, tendency toward criticism, and wanting to look good before others has drawn us together as we long for and ask God for a PAACS community that is unified and supportive of one another.

And, our PAACS family is growing. Just this week we welcomed two new Residents to Mbingo.

We would ask you to pray for us:
• For wisdom and sensitivity in relating to residents and staff
• That we could see the things to celebrate rather than be overwhelmed by the difficult things we often cannot change
• Our residents who must take important exams September 1st and 5th
• A safe and refreshing time away: We’ll travel to Yaoundé August 18-21 to renew Carolyn’s passport

With much gratitude for each of you,
Jim and Carolyn Brown

Come join the fun! Workshop will be ongoing…drop by anytime!

Get together with fellow artists in a creative setting to work on individual projects and ideas, bring any medium with you to explore, share ideas and get inspired. We will have group critiques as well as individual help. There will be short demonstrations and even a few field trips to photograph and sketch some of our beautiful local scenery.

Open to artists of all levels. We will meet every other Thursday night from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Hale Aloha. Next class will be on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

Hope to see you there! For more information please e-mail Liz Miles at ejmilesfineart@gmail.com
We would like to express a big THANK YOU to Mike Podolske who has taken us on many breathtaking adventures of nature. From the mountain tops to the ocean shore we thank you for showing and teaching us to appreciate this beautiful island that we live on.

Aloha Hikers, Thank you all for joining me on one or many of the 62 hikes in the last 5 1/2 years. It is time for me to move on to other things. I will no longer be organizing "Hike with Mike " at Calvary by the Sea. I urge you to continue to get outdoors for exercise and to enjoy nature.

Happy Trails,
Mike

Congratulations to this year's Vacation Bible School volunteers and helpers. VBS was a huge success!

For five adventurous days, participating students were taken on a journey that included Bible lessons, craft, games, music, and fellowship. What a wonderful experience! Big Mahalo Nui Loa to Beth Vaughan, who coordinated this years Vacation Bible School.

Special thanks to Janet Pick, Sherri Clark, David Moreau, Cori Mason and the Calvary Youth, Ina Young, Tom Poole, Garret Pick, Peggy Trout, Mary Pat and Jack Ashby, Pastor Tim, Jake Vaughan, Amie Lawyer, and everyone else who donated time, food and funds to make VBS possible this year.

Just last week (7/30-8/4) the Ohana Lani building on campus underwent major construction. The entire roof of the main A-framed building was stripped and then prepped for new roofing. Soon our beautiful building will sparkle like new.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Ditto what Linda said! Some of my happiest memories from our time in Hawaii are going on the "Hikes with Mike." Thank you, Mike!! :)

Ditto Ditto Mike. I will be optimistic and hope for more CBTS hiking adventures!

aloha and once more, MANY mahalos!!
Martha
**Enhancing Our Prayer Life**

Being able to communicate with God on behalf of ourselves and someone else is a great gift God gives us. We ask that you join us in this gift. You can phone in their names and requests, write them on the prayer request forms, or email requests to cbts@calvarybythesea.org. We also ask that as prayers are answered that you submit their name again for a thank you to God for answered prayer.

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**Stewardship Committee**

The Council of Deacons is forming a Stewardship Committee this year, which will be chaired by Jack Ashby and will develop a stewardship program for our church over the next several months. We need to have broad representation from the Congregation, including some outside of the Council. If you would be interested in serving on this Committee, please call the church office or contact Jack directly at mphana@gmail.com or 779-9621.

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**Stewardship Meeting**

**Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Loft.**

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**Angel Network Charities needs your help!**

**Question:** Why is August the best month to donate to Angel Network?

**Answer:** The Hawaii Food Bank and Thrivent match ALL donations received for the Hunger Walk.

A Board member will be available to receive donations* on Sunday, Aug. 12th and 19th at both services.

*Checks must be payable to The Hawaii Food Bank, and Angel Network Charities written on the memo line.

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**The Hawaii Food Bank Hunger Walk**

**Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Honolulu Civic Center
Free Parking at the Municiple Lot (enter from South Beretania Street)
Check-in is from 8am-9am | Walk (1 mile) 9am – 9:30am | Enjoy the program 9:30am – 11:30am (free food and entertainment)
THE ADULT FORUM  A Christian education aimed at the post college adults in our congregation.  It is open for topics that increase spiritual growth, expand knowledge and broaden awareness and compassion for others outside our personal comfort zone. The Forum meets when a topic or series has been developed. Watch the Sunday activity bulletin, website and newsletter for meeting dates. Coordinator is Karen Sisler.

AFTERSHOCK  Calvary by the Sea’s new youth program AFTERSHOCK is up and running! All high school students are invited to join each Wednesday evening at 6pm in the youth trailer for Fun, Friends and Fellowship. Please contact Cori Mason with any questions 808-341-4648 or corilee.mason@gmail.com

ANGEL NETWORK CHARITIES  Donations through “The Whale” at Sunday Worship are greatly appreciated. To offer your time and assistance to the group contact our Manager, “Mac” Macalino at 808-386-8644.

BOOK OF THE MONTH GROUP  August’s Book of the Month is “Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake” by Anna Quindlen. Our meeting will be on Thursday, August 30th, 2012 @6:30pm at Jose’s in Kaimuki. For info call Cindi at 225-8240.

CALVARY IN THE SEA (CITS)  Join in caring for our beautiful bay and ocean front by removing invasive species of seaweed while learning about our reefs. Contact Michael at 265-4568.

GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM  For more information on Global Missions Committee Meetings, contact Ted Hsia, 597-1452, TedHsia@gmail.com.

MEN'S ADVENTURES IN SPIRITUALITY  A group not for everyone. Meets Saturdays at 7:45am on the marina side of Cha Cha Cha Salsaria in Hawaii Kai. Ed Kimsey, 732-0268

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE  Reading and discussion group meets at the home of Bob & Judy Joseph after the 10 am service (at 11:45 am) for brunch followed by a discussion on the topics of the month. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, or would like more information, please contact Bob Joseph 377-8565, robt.joseph@gmail.com. The Group is now on summer break and the next meeting will be on 30th September.

PRAYER CIRCLE  Come join Pastor Tim in his office on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am for Prayer Circle! We will pray for those in need (those on our prayer list), our Church Ohana, the needs of the Community, and the world.

STEPHEN MINISTERS  Are trained to provide one-to-one care, prayer and support to those who are going through a difficult time. If you would like a closer walk with Christ and think this may be a way to serve, please contact John Travis, 371-2557 or Sherri Clark, 989-8808 or come to a presentation.

YOGA BY THE SEA  Expand your physical and spiritual horizons by participating in CBTS's Iyengar yoga practice, located at Hale Aloha through the year Saturdays at 8:30-9:30 am, and on Wednesdays at 6:45-7:45 pm. Open to all; no previous yoga experience required. Instructor is Martha Staff, an Iyengar yoga practitioner of 30 years. For further information call 372-1280.
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