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The Aroma Of Christ

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God" (2 Corinthians 2:15)

For many years as I pulled into my parking place at my office and stepped from my car I inhaled what seemed to be a strong cup of black coffee. Across a wooded area was JFG Coffee Company. The EPA had not required filters and the aroma was one of the most welcomed odors I could have experienced so early in the morning.

In contrast to that pleasing aroma, I had a friend whom I could have picked out of 500 women. Her perfume was distinctly identifiable and I had developed an allergy to certain fragrances. She was one of the most delightful individuals I have known and I dared not suggest she change her "aroma."

The apostle Paul tells us that we should have a distinct, but very pleasing aroma. He calls it the "aroma of Christ." When people encounter us they should know we have been with Jesus. That aroma rises to God who is very pleased with the odor that arises from our lives. We are like "living sacrifices" whose fragrance penetrates the air around us.

I think of a man whose effect on others was so profound that a member of his community said of him, "That man never crosses my pathway without me being better for it." We leave a lasting impression for God when we have the aroma of Jesus.

Paul says that this fragrance impacts those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the saved it is a fragrance "from life to life" and to those who are perishing it is a fragrance "from death to death." The aroma of Christ is convicting, challenging, and revealing of the character of those around us. It warms the hearts and encourages those who are following Christ, but it provides a deep contrast to those who are walking in darkness.

God wants us to be like Jesus, look like Jesus, and "smell" like Jesus. He want others to know He lives in us.

___ Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Tom Elkins suffered a shattered heel in a fall. His doctor hopes to treat him without surgery. Keep Tom in prayer.

Johnny Bryan is at home. He is suffering from lung failure. Johnny's wife, Debby, just passed away a few weeks ago. Keep this family in your prayers.

Shawn Molloy, frequent visitor and local optometrist, had hip surgery and is facing other surgeries. His wife's name is Darlene. His home address which is 339 Happy Trails Way, Sevierville, TN 37862. Your prayers are requested.

Rick Cliett returned from Malaysia last Sunday. He came home early due to his brother's failing health and has been with him all week in Louisiana. Rick will be here through their son's wedding in August.

Honduras: Steve & Donna Dick will be leaving for Honduras on July 16. They will be visiting the La Esperanza congregation which we support to provide encouragement and additional help for needy members. A total of \$2715.00 has been contributed by members and visitors to this fund. Another \$1000 has been provided from a special fund for Honduras. Steve and Donna will be covering their own travel expenses. Thank you **SO MUCH** for helping.

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson, Phone No. 924-1067

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"My Brother's Keeper-Accountability"; P.M.—"At Home In The Psalms—Wisdom for the Aging"

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—It was so good to see Dez back with us in worship. She continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Ron Sommerville had to delay nerve block surgery because of low heart rate.

Clara Mayberry—still confined to home.

Kathy May—ill in Baxter. You can send her a card at P.O. Box 465, Baxter, TN 38544-0463.

Larry Valentine—has received his last scheduled chemotherapy and he hopes to be back with us very soon. Keep praying for his full recovery.

Wyatt Cox, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox, has been battling an infection. He is continuing to recover from heart surgery.

Angie Daimwood—Room 136 at Wellspring, the new assisted living facility near Wellington Place and LeConte Medical Center.

Friends and Family

Jim Smith, brother of Shirley Harmon, was critically injured in a fall from his attic onto concrete. He is in the trauma center in Memphis and has required multiple surgeries and a feeding tube.

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident).

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al's nieces—battling cancer). Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, breast cancer.

Esther Stewart's sister, Florence, is in now in hospice care.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. He is more responsive and able to sit in a wheel chair. Plans are to move him to a nursing facility close to his children. Rick has been with him.

Leah's neighbor's (Miss Rose) son—in-law, **Jimmy Lee**, is being treated for brain cancer.

Jerry Ellison, Brenda Scott's brother-in-law, failing lungs with no further treatment available.

Al's brother, Tom Behel, is improving significantly. He is now able to eat, walk with minimal assistance, and has attended church six times.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts -stage 4 cancer—undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation.

Gayle Raines, a frequent visitor and minister, is suffering from Stage 4 cancer of the jaw. Please keep him in prayer.

Carol Fromke, wife of Vince Fromke, M.D. (one of Al's associates), is much better. Thank you for your prayers. Cards may be sent to Carol at Livingston Clinic, 500 West Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

Sunday Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

Paul Huston, son-in-law of Gary and Priscilla Dick, deployed to Egypt for one year. Prayers appreciated.

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 01/01/14 is **\$1,135,918.29**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.