

# Let the Fragrance Flow

Arthur Barry

Some years ago, I came home from visiting a family that had two dogs. As usual my dog, Dulcie, met me at the door and gave me the once over with her nose. She immediately picked up the scent of the two strange dogs on me. She was paying special attention to an area just below my left knee and it was amusing to watch her as she virtually locked on to my jeans with her nose. It was as though her whole being was focused on what was happening at the end of that snout of hers. I waited patiently till she had extracted all the information she could, and then went on about my business. I knew this was very important to her. I couldn't help thinking about how it was almost as though Dulcie was communicating with those other two dogs. No doubt she now knew them better than I did, and she had never seen them!

That's not so strange, really. Christians are supposed to carry the aroma of Christ, aren't they? Christianity is all about helping people to communicate with the LORD whom they have never seen.

*For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? 2Cor 2:15,16*

If you have been with Jesus, don't be surprised that there are people who want to give you a going over with their spiritual noses. Stop a while and allow them time to communicate with Him. They have never seen Him, but you bring His aroma into their lives. This aroma speaks a message of death to those who reject God's testimony, and a message of life to those who accept it. They may even end up knowing Him better than you do, in which case, you may need to give them a going over with *your* spiritual nose! That's perfectly okay! It only matters that the aroma of Christ is spread around so that souls may be refreshed. Just remember to pause long enough to pass on all the information. Take time to fill someone's life with the beautiful fragrance of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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## WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m. on Zoom

**Today's Sermon: This Old Hat**

**Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm February 21, on Zoom, 1 Thessalonians.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, February 20. The prophet Zechariah.
- ❖ **Community Coffee House-** Saturday, March 9, 1-3pm.
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – March 17.
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing-** March 24 at Horseheads.
- ❖ **Valley Cities Ladies' Prayer Brunch-** April 6
- ❖ **Soul-winning workshop** at Horseheads. April 13.



- **The ladies are planning our second annual Ladies' Prayer Brunch on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information!**

### **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL- TODAY!**

**Please plan on staying after worship today to eat and visit with your church family.**



## PRAYERS

- **Dawn Cowles** will begin chemo treatments on March 4<sup>th</sup>. She is understandably nervous. Pray for peace and that she will have little discomfort and few side effects.
- **Pray for Shirley Stroll**, who has terminal cancer. She is a former neighbor of Todd's family when he was a boy, and her son is a friend of his.
- **Pray for the success of our outreach effort with the coffee house and an open mic program for the community.**
- **Pray for success of our preacher search.**
- **Pray for impact from our MAGI boxes as we prepare to fill 80 more for 2024.**

### **Continue to pray for these people:**

- **Bonnie's brother Greg** upcoming hernia surgery
  - **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4, and his wife Robin.
  - **Paulette**- Pain coming from her spine and affecting her hip and leg.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. Pray also for Carrie who has left the marriage. Mike's health care is now being overseen by his sister.
  - **Sue Barry**- stage 4 breast cancer. (currently in remission)
  - **Steve's brother Brian**- prostate cancer
  - **Steve's sister Deb**- leukemia, and breast cancer
  - **Monique (Miki's friend)**- managing back pain meds.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.