



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

01/03 \$5 Lock-In (7 p.m.-6 a.m.)  
 01/05 LTC Bible Quiz Practice begins at 5:00

**Point 1** :God sent His son on \_\_\_\_ behalf to do what \_\_\_\_ could not do \_\_\_\_\_. He came so that we might have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point 2:** It is strictly by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that we have this \_\_\_\_\_. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation any more than we could demand that God sacrifice his son.

**Point 3:** The reason God sent his son is because He loves \_\_\_\_ that much. More specifically, He loves \_\_\_\_ that much.

**Point 4:** We then owe Him a debt of \_\_\_\_\_; of humble \_\_\_\_\_ and yielding to His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point 5:** Those who first heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of God becoming \_\_\_\_\_ came to the Savior to see for themselves and went away spreading the \_\_\_\_\_ of what had happened. How can we do anything less?

**Attendance**

Bible Class.....	80
Worship A.M.....	99
Worship P.M.....	52
Wednesday.....	78

2013 Budget: \$3,800  
 Contribution: \$3,622.81

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**Welcome**

*December 22, 2013*

**Announcements**

*#96 I Stand in Awe*

*#18 Faithful Love*

*#108 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

**Opening Prayer**

*#176 Lamb of God*

**Communion Message**

**Communion**

*#123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

**Offering**

*#144 O Worship the King (1,3)*

**Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

**Sermon**

*#290 Shine, Jesus Shine*

*#711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (1,4)*

**Closing Prayer**



**Christians Stink**

When Jesus asked for the removal of the stone covering Lazarus' tomb, the response was, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead for four days" (John 11:39). The stench of death—few have ever experienced it. Perhaps there was the odor from the death of an animal, but never the stench of death from a human body. Over the years, I have had two acquaintances whose work involved the removal of bodies from the homes of those who have been dead for several days. The stench of death—both of these friends described its wretched, almost unbearable smell.

We are all aware that Christians are the light of the world and the salt, but few are aware that the Lord speaks of the "smell" which comes from Christians. Paul, in his second letter to Corinth, speaks of the fragrance of Christianity. "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" (2:14). Being led by the Lord, there is an aroma we spread as we give others knowledge of Him and His will.

Paul then adds, "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." The "smell" of Christians is more than a beautiful aroma to those we are leading to Christ, but we also are to God the fragrance of Christ.

Then, what does the title of this article, "Christians Stink," have to do with all of this? If we are the fragrance of Christ to God and to those who are being saved, then how is it that Christians stink? Look at the next words Paul expresses.

"To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life." Jesus said, "The light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). As we spread the fragrance of the knowledge of the Lord, it is beautiful to *some*, but to *many* the same words are the stench of death! As we live among men and the light of heaven shines through us, that beautiful aroma from heaven is to the wicked as horrendous as the stench of death. In the next verse, Jesus describes the man who practices evil and hates the light. He refuses the light "lest his deeds should be exposed."

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**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Kirby Whitley** has moved and will continue treatment and will have his hip surgery during the first week of January.  
**Jerry Greene** will have surgery for his infection next week. He will then remain in treatment for 6-8 weeks.  
**Continue to Remember:** *Jerry Greene, David & Jennie Waggoner, Landon Farmer, Bill Wood, Theo Allen, Kirby Whitley, Brenda Estridge, Krista McCarty, Rosalie Littlejohn, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darrin Mayes, Karla Brinkley, and April Taylor*

**NEW ADDRESS**

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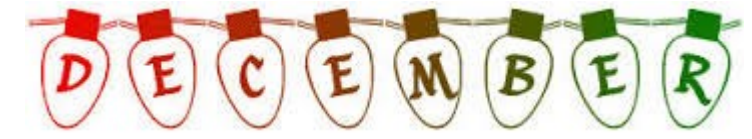
The all adult New Year's Eve Party will be here at the building starting at 7:30 and ending at Midnight on Tuesday, December 31st. Please come and bring finger foods, drinks and games. There is a sign up sheet in the binder on the foyer table. Please go and sign up and let us know what you will be bringing.

**.....Chandler's Back Porch Continued**

The bottom line is this. If your life is ruled by political correctness and your desire is to be loved by all those around you, you will "smell" good to most people. The reality is that as our lives and speech uphold righteousness we must expect the ungodly to react to us as most react to the stench of decaying bodies. Our Lord told us that to some, "Christians stink."

Now if you know me well you might find that me posting this article doesn't make sense. If you do not know what I am talking about I think it's time you do. I cannot smell. I have never been able to. Now to answer your questions. Yes I can taste. Yes it has always been this way. Yes I went to a doctor and it cannot be fixed. But I like this article. I think it applies to us all even the ones (or just me) that cannot smell. So, the real question is, "What is your smell?"

In His Service,  
 Chandler Walker



**Upcoming Events**  
 (items in red are this week)

12/28 Courtney Perry's Wedding  
 12/30 Sonshine House  
 12/31 All Adult New Year's Party

**\*Saturday Mornings @ 6:30\***  
**Men's Breakfast @**  
**Bridge Street Grill**

**\*Saturday Mornings @ 9:00\***  
**Women's Breakfast @**  
**Stewart's Sweet Stop**

Office will be closed  
 December 23-January 3rd.

**Birthdays**

22 Dorothy Sanders  
 23 Sandy Webb  
 23 Madeline Marks  
 24 Hollis Adams II

**Anniversaries**

20 Mike & Selinda Taylor  
 31 Lynn & Viki Salmon

There will be no Wednesday Night bus running or meal on December 25th or January 1st

Henrietta Church of Christ, At this time in my life, as I am happily approaching my wedding date to Carla Staley, and my move to our country home near Vashti, I feel that it is the right time for me to resign as deacon. We will mostly be attending Bellevue Church of Christ, but we will visit here often. You all hold a special place in my life and in my heart, and I will always feel that the Henrietta Church of Christ is my church family.

In Christian Love,  
 Craig Cotton

**Sonshine**

Sonshine House will be Monday, December 30th. If you will be volunteering, please be at the building at 5:45 to get set up.

There is a Christmas Card box on the foyer table. If you have cards for our members, please go and place them behind the tab of the first letter of their last name. The purpose of this box is to help you get cards to our members and to encourage you to donate the money you saved on postage to our LTC program. If you have money to donate, please take it to the office.

During all of your holiday shopping and baking, please remember to look for these, cut them out & turn them in to the office! Each one is worth 10 cents for our local school. **We will be donating them to Midway.**