

West Valley Church of Christ – February 15, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

**TWO DISTINCT SMELLS**

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 reads, **14** “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. **15** For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. **16** To the one we are the smell of death, to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?” What a beautiful word picture – the fragrance of life. There are two distinct smells we discharge as we live out our Christian lives in a non-Christian world. The location in which people find themselves in life’s journey will determine the scent we give off when others are around us. We will either be the kind of person people enjoy being around or the kind of person people will try to avoid. To people who are tired of living hopeless lives we who are “in Christ” present a pleasing aroma of life. There will be people who will see our hope in the present and the future and will be curious about the God we say has filled our lives with hope. On the other hand, we may encounter individuals who may not only refuse to hear about our eternal hope, they may even oppose us and the God we love and serve. It might be almost repulsive to them because they cannot fathom such endless hope or marvelous love. In such cases, we might do well to remember our own experience in accepting such hope and love when it was first introduced to us. Thank God He doesn’t give up on us.



Clark Tatum