

Music Box

— AUGUST 9, 2015 —

Al James, guitar
Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

- “Devotion” original composition
- “I Believe” original composition
- “Jehova Jireh” Marantha music
- “Love” anthem, unknown
- “Glory, Glory” Negro spiritual

I’m pleased to welcome Al James back to CitF for a second time. This talented vocalist, songwriter and guitarist is a local musician from Seaside who performs a mix of gospel, soul, rock, world-beat and the occasional reggae-inspired number. His musical style is drawn from a rich blend of American popular music and his voice is smooth as silk. You can often hear him locally, including downtown Monterey’s popular Tuesday Farmers’ Market, where I first heard him.

It is a voice and a style that goes straight to those regions of the heart where faith resides.

Please give him your warmest welcome.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, August 3, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

My dad used to say pretty frequently, “There’s a wee bit bad in the best of us and a wee bit good in the worst of us—God help all of us!”

In these past days reading the horrific rape and murder of eight-year-old Maddy by a fifteen-year-old just up the road in Santa Cruz, disturbed me greatly. Then National Public Radio reported something that came out of the Special Olympics, which just ended in Los Angeles. The commentator reports, “The Special Olympics has me smiling from-ear to-ear.” Another correspondent, who covered the Games for the first time said that she had always heard that just being there would change one’s life in unexplainable ways, and that was exactly what happened to her. Once again, we are reminded about the power of human compassion and the difference one solitary, caring individual can make.

The soccer team from Haiti had lost their gear en route. Then stepped forward Jenifher Albano, a 29-year-old former college soccer captain from Long Beach who was moved and wondered how she could help. On the other end of the bleachers, Mia, a fifteen-year-old high school sophomore who spent much of her youth in foster care, felt the same way. She broke down and started bawling. “I don’t cry much, but it was kind of like an instant reaction,” Mia said. “I couldn’t watch the game for crying.”

In the stands, Vanessa Kromer, a vice president for a local concert promotions company who was volunteering, texted friends and asked if they would donate. When they said yes, she fronted

the money on site. The team, out of the goodness of fans’ hearts, came onto the field on game day, fully equipped! There’s a great deal of goodness in the hearts of people, thanks be to God!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

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Calendar

Sunday,	August 9, 2015 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske Matthew 19:1-15 “Divorce”
9:15 AM	Music Prelude
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	I Kings 19:4-8; Psalm: 130; John 6: 35, 41-51
	Lector Dennis Riley
	Crucifer Judy Fletcher
	Flowers Helen Breck
	Cookies Gloria Wagner and Maggie Holm
	Ushers Mary Towne and Jack Davis
	Altar Care Martha Jordan
Sermon	the Rev. Ken Feske
Title	“Does It Work For You?”
Sunday,	September 27, 2015—28th Annual Fall Function, 5:00-7:00 pm