“Something straightforward at last. I can solve crosswords but one thing previous clues have taught me is to never trust the obvious. I especially don’t trust the circles. They seem to be a distraction though they might serve to highlight what is relevant. I somehow feel I am very closely related to the answer”

Across  2. What an accident victim might get right away? (5,3)  
7. Mostly sand here in this City in Arkansas (6,4)  
8. Currency in Pretoria (4)  
9. Create some disturbance (7)  
11. This’ll sound like the emblem of Scotland (7)  
12. Lumberjack’s noggin is an iron rod used to melt tar (10)  
16. Many around one hog in this dark-colored wood (8)  
17. Utilizing American mixed Gin (5)  
18. Jason’s craft in mythology (4)  
20. Famous offensive in Nam (3)  
21. These spice seeds sound like they welcome you (6)  
23. Services in Catholic churches for common people (6)  
24. Elbow bone (4)

Down  1. Everything is between lawyers in this Texas city (6)  
2. Algo. that revolutionized signal processing (3)  
3. Caramel Core that you take to the prom (10)  
4. One way to run (4)  
5. A follower endures explosions (6)  
6. An extremely short but well proportioned person (6)  
10. An offensive football position that Tyler Ecker plays for the wolverines (5,3)  
11. Remember this fort in San Antonio, Texas - a hot meal stirred (3,5)  
12. Star Wars creator (5)  
13. Tom Cruise movie (3,3)  
14. Palindromic title for women (5)  
15. Fabric that New Yorkers and Londoners like (5)  
17. Extreme Person - Violet head? (5)  
18. What some showy people put on (4)  
19. Grazers or operating systems (4)  
22. Charged particle (3)