

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Bud Mann hip replacement surgery 11/13

Cameron Bingham rehab, broken femur

David Hacker intestinal surgery

June Ettinger cataract surgery 11/25

Mark Farmer testing, heart issues

RECENT SURGERIES OR HOSPITALIZATIONS

Adam Sabedra, Gavin Jack

HOSPICE CARE

Elizabeth Harrell, Elaine Hedges, Charleen Van Veldhuizen,
John Burton

HOME WITH THE LORD

Please remember Nancy Shipley, in the loss of her dear husband

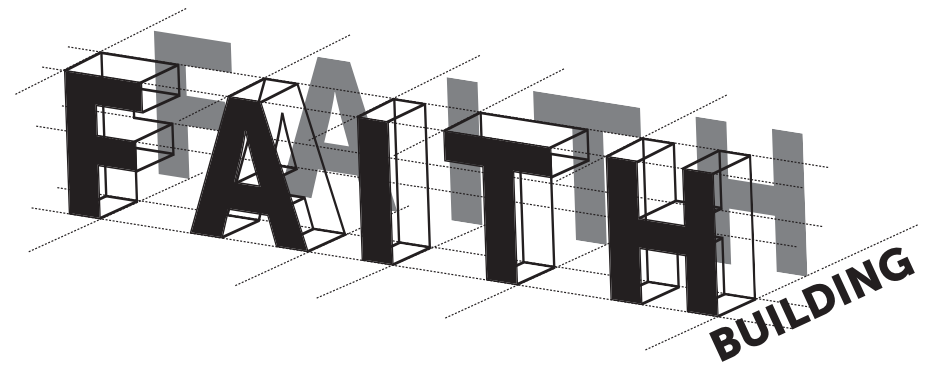
Phil Shipley, who served in the TLC Audio Production Ministry before his health failed. Nancy is experiencing God's supernatural grace in extraordinary circumstances. Nancy had major cancer surgery 11/8 and returned home from the hospital just a couple days before Phil's passing.

Heartfelt love and prayer are extended to Jessica Boertje, who has been the primary care giver for her mother, **Barbara Boertje**, before her passing. Barbara worked 30 years in the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department and retired just a couple years ago. Her memorial will be Tuesday, 11/26, at 10:30am in Monschke Hall, Bldg. 700 of Twin Lakes Church.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



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FAITH THAT ENDURES

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"We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means.
So let us **run the race that is before us and never give up...**" Hebrews 12:1

HOW TO FINISH WHAT YOU START ...WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP

1. RUN _____

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such **a great cloud of witnesses...**" Hebrews 12:1a (NIV)

2. RUN _____

"...let us throw off **everything that hinders** and the **sin that so easily entangles**, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1b (NIV) See Hebrews 12:15

3. RUN _____

"...and let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1c (NIV)

The key to endurance is _____

"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that **what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.**" Hebrews 12:12,13 (RSV)

4. RUN _____

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy set before him** endured the cross, scorning its shame, and **sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**” Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

“**Consider him** who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:3 (NIV)

THE BIG IDEA:

NOT “TRY _____”

BUT “TRUST _____”

SEND ME YOUR FAITH STORY

Do you have a story about how God has grown your faith — especially through this Faith Building series — you’d like to share? Please e-mail it to me: rene@tlc.org

DAILY MEDITATIONS

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1

MONDAY

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What did you learn about running the race of faith from last weekend’s sermon? Where are you in the race: Thinking of entering, at the starting line, ready to quit, on a runner’s high, or nearing the end? What did you hear last weekend that encouraged you to stay in the race?

Thank God for the fact that He is running the race of life with you each step of the way. Ask Him to give you the courage and desire to stay in the race even when it feels like you’re running uphill.

TUESDAY

In Hebrews 12:1, the author talks about the “great cloud of witnesses”. It’s as if those who have run the race before us are cheering us on. In the previous chapter, he describes some of these people. Look at the names in Hebrews chapter 11. How does the example of these people inspire you to run your race?

Thank God for the examples of those who have gone on before. Spend some time in meditation thinking of those who have gone before, and how you can learn from them.

WEDNESDAY

Let’s get specific about perseverance. Read Galatians 6:9. It’s so easy to get discouraged and give up in life’s races. Where do you need to run with more perseverance?

Daily time with God	Praying for family and friends
Sharing my faith with friends	Giving
Trusting God with my pain/problems	Quality time w/ my spouse, children
Self-control: my anger/words/thoughts/exercise	
Other:	

Ask God specifically to help you persevere in this area—and remember, simply trying harder is not the answer. Trust God entirely to give you the power and the support you need to develop perseverance. And take time to pray for perseverance for people you know: ask God to strengthen them.

THURSDAY

Happy Thanksgiving! Whether you’ll be with people or alone, whether you have the day off or are working, take time now to thank God for His blessings. Read Philippians 4:4-8. The Bible says this is the key to peace! Here’s a challenge: Even as you present your requests to God, do so with thanksgiving for specific things about even those areas of need. How do you find this affects your prayer time?

FRIDAY

Hebrews 12 talks about throwing off “every weight” so you can run the race of faith better. One common weight is worry. Read Luke 12:22-34. According to these verses, about what are we not to worry? What situations bring out the worrier in you? What has worrying done for you?

Another weight is wounds. How can past wounds be a hindrance to running the race, in your observation? Explore the comments of Christ about how to treat those who wound you in Luke 6:27- 36. What positive responses to mistreatment does Jesus command in these verses?

Pray today to hand over your worries and wounds to God. Think of Christ in the cross. Thank Him for His grace. Apply the love you see in His sacrifice to your worries and wounds.

SATURDAY

Read Heb. 12:1-3 again. Focus particularly on the phrase “the race set before you”. What is the specific race set before you this week-- and at this phase of your life? What help do you need to run that race?

Ask the Lord for specific help for that race which is set before you. Spend some time focusing on Jesus Christ, your forerunner in the race! Please pray for the Celebration Weekend and join us for the fun!