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# Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, Texas

## Tips for the Race

The apostle Paul likens the Christian's trek toward Heaven to that of a race. (I Corinthians 9:24) Some seem to have construed from this that Christianity is like a short distance sprint. For this reason, many start rather quickly, only to fatigues in like manner. This concept of "the race" is enlarged in Hebrews 12:1, when we are encouraged to run this race with endurance. This heavenly event is much more akin to a marathon than a dash. Perhaps these hints will prove helpful for encouraging and producing a successful run.

**1. A one-hundred mile journey starts with a step.**

Whether you are thinking about Bible study, personal evangelism, or some other spiritual activity—no matter how ominous or large the task may appear, get started! Remember, Noah had to fell that first tree ... Beethoven started with do, re, mi ... John Milton with a, b, c ... Einstein with 1, 2, 3, ... You and I with "Lord, help me."

**2. Work for discipline before distance.** Some, because they can't go out on the first day and run 10 miles in 50 minutes, never go out at all! They expect too much, too soon. In the same way, many Christians never start a spiritual activity simply because they can't do as much as they would like to do as soon as they would like to do it. Just do the best you can—regularly

**3. If every little bit helps, every little quit hurts.** Surely no one will deny the first half of the above statement.

Yet we often live as if the second half does not follow, when in fact it does. I need to view one day without prayer and study as damaging to my spiritual well-being. Believing this tip to be true will breed consistency in my activity and behavior.

**4. Focus on the potential glory, not on the actual pain.**

Present aches and pains are but small thorns on the rose that we are nurturing. When temporal hardships are compared to eternal joys one finds that there is really no comparison to be made at all—only stark contrasts. In the final analysis there will be neither comparisons nor contrasts, for that which would be held up beside eternal joys will have been forgotten.

**5. Constantly increasing your goals will keep complacency minimized.**

Fortunately, for the Christian, mastering God's demands is a life-long task, and then some! The problem is that too many become self-satisfied, then bored, then finished (or so they think). Always demand more and more of yourself, because God does.

**6. Today's agony will be tomorrow's warmup.**

That is, you will get stronger as you run, drawing strength from God's vast reservoir of power and might and energy. As this process continues, you will find that it takes more and more to tire you, until in the strength of God you open wide your arms to break the tape at the throne of the Almighty Himself.

by David Crawford

## About Us

### Bellaire

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### Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

**Wednesday:**  
7:30 PM Bible Study

**(1 Corinthians 9:24 NASB)** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

**(Hebrews 12:1 NASB)** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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## ABC's of Parenthood

### SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks  
Hymn Director – L. Williams  
Opening Prayer– J. Carithers  
Morning Lesson – S. Garrett  
Announcements – B. Haley  
Closing Prayer – J. Moon

### EVANGELIST

Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Brian Haley  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris

### DEACONS

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

### BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Questions and Answers  
Alex Morolez and Mark Mann  
Colossians 4:10-28; 1 Thess.  
Steve Garrett  
Graded classes for children

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Always trust your children to God's care.  
Bring them to Bible School and worship service.  
Challenge them to high goals in life.  
Delight in their achievements in school or on the job.  
Exalt the Lord in their presence at every opportunity.  
Frown on evil.  
Give them love.  
Hear their problems.  
Ignore not their childish fears.  
Joyfully accept their apologies.  
Keep their confidence.  
Live a good example before them at all times.  
Make them your best friends.  
Never ignore their endless questions.  
Open your home to their friends.  
Pray for them by name daily.  
Quicken your interest in their spirituality.  
Remember their needs.  
Show them the way of salvation.  
Teach them to work and be responsible men and women.  
Understand they are still young.  
Verify your statements.  
Wean them from bad company.  
EXPECT them to obey.  
Yearn for God's best for them.  
Zealously guide them in Biblical truths.

### NEWS AND NOTES

Daniel Broadwell has accepted the position of evangelist for the church in Bellaire. He will be sharing preaching duties with Steve, and is scheduled to start in early September. We look forward to Daniel and Beth joining us here!

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Bob, Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Bob Stark is in St. Lukes Hospital in the medical center, where he underwent surgery on Friday to implant a heart pump. The latest report was that the surgery went well, but his recovery will take some time. Please continue to pray for Bob and Erma.

The elders have announced plans to renovate and update our building. Please take a look at the concept drawings in the foyer.

Ladies' Bible Study – today at 1:30 pm here at the building.