

Brad's Story

If you have ever met Brad you probably know him for his infectious laugh, his willingness to help others and his love for his Savior and his family.

Brad, and his wife Lynda, have been married for almost 25 years. They have two children, Cierra (19) and Riley (17), both graduates of South Rowan High School. Brad works for the City of Concord as a signal technician, and Lynda works at Millbridge Elementary School, as a 4th grade teacher.

Brad and his family attend First Reformed Church of Landis where he is a part of the Consistory, the sound team, and the security team. During his free time, he loves to go on adventures with his family and ride along with the Landis PD.

In August 2018, Brad went in for a routine gall bladder surgery. The surgeon came out of the operating room and shared with me that he was not able to complete the surgery due to a malignant tumor. Brad was then referred to Wake Forest Medical Center to have the tumor biopsied and diagnosed.

After two unsuccessful attempts to biopsy, Brad was referred to a Surgical Oncologist. He explained that Brad had either Duodenal Carcinoma or Pancreatic Cancer. Because they could not get a good biopsy due to the location of the tumor, they were not really sure. He also shared that the tumor was inoperable because it had wrapped around some major arteries. After several other tests, it was decided that the tumor was not radiating from the pancreas and that they would call this Duodenal Cancer, which is a rare form of intestinal cancer.

Brad was then referred to an oncologist who would treat the cancer with chemotherapy in hopes that it would shrink and then become operable. The biggest concern was that the tumor was blocking much of Brad's stomach and if it grew, it would not allow Brad to eat. There was talk of a surgery that would reroute the stomach, but Brad was eating well and not having problems, so that did not seem necessary.

Unfortunately, on Friday, October 12th, Brad was rushed to the emergency room in Winston Salem because he was throwing up blood. The tumor had grown and had blocked the stomach completely. Brad was in the hospital for 10 days, during which he had major surgery to reroute his stomach and his gall bladder and also to put in a port for the chemotherapy.

Brad started his first round of chemotherapy on November 7th. The plan is to receive chemo every other week for 6 weeks and then do a CT Scan to see how the tumor is reacting to the treatment. We will have that scan in early February. Once we get some results, we will see if we will continue chemotherapy and/or have surgery. We are leaving that in God's hands.

The treatment wears Brad out. He is at the hospital for 8 hours on Wednesday and then takes home a chemotherapy pump for two days. He goes back to the hospital on Friday to have that removed.

We have been so blessed to be surrounded by friends who we call family. Our church family is amazing and the love that has been poured out on us is more than we could ever imagine! God has truly been our provider, our refuge, and our good, good Father.

We are thankful for all your love and support and are honored to be blessed by our community through the Love Thy Neighbor Project.

From His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. John 1:16

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You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than this.

Mark 12:31

Concordia Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church

Presents the

6th Annual

Love Thy Neighbor

5k & 10k Race/Walk,

Breakfast and Silent Auction

Benefiting

Brad Hunter



March 16, 2019

Rain or Shine

Race Location:

185 Concordia Church Road

China Grove, NC 28023

Info: trinitylandis@gmail.com
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Phone: (704) 202-4975 — Jason Ritchie

Schedule of Events

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| 7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. | Breakfast* |
| 7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. | Silent Auction |
| 8:00 a.m.: | 5k & 10k Races Start |
| 10:00 a.m. | Kids Fun Run Starts |
| 10:45 a.m. | Awards |
| 11:00 a.m. | Silent Auction Bidding Closes |



Awards

Trophies

Overall male and female 5k

Overall male and female 10k

Medals

1st place for male and female in kid fun run

Fees

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| 5k race/walk | \$25 |
| 10k race/walk | \$25 |
| Fun Run | \$10 |
| Breakfast Only | Donation |

*Breakfast included for all racers/walkers

Course Information

Both races begin and end at Concordia Lutheran Church (185 Concordia Church Road). The courses are out and back and take you through the rolling countryside of the Atwell Township community. There are two water stations for the 5k and three for the 10k.

Like us on Facebook for all the updates!
www.facebook.com/LoveThyNeighborRace



What is duodenal cancer?

The duodenum is the first and shortest part of the small intestine. Duodenal cancer, though rare, can affect the digestive process and prevent your body from absorbing necessary minerals needed to function properly.

The number of new cases of small intestine cancer was 2.3 per 100,000 men and women per year. The number of deaths was 0.4 per 100,000 men and women per year. These rates are age-adjusted and based on 2011-2015 cases and deaths.

Approximately 0.3 percent of men and women will be diagnosed with small intestine cancer at some point during their lifetime, based on 2013-2015 data.

Duodenal cancer can be life-threatening if left untreated. Because it's so rare, research is still being done to find more effective treatments and ways to detect the cancer earlier.

Duodenal cancer can be difficult to treat because symptoms occur later in the disease. If your family has a history of cancer, or if you begin to experience irregular symptoms, visit your doctor. Early detection can provide the best opportunity to treat and eliminate cancer.



Entry Form (one form per runner/walker)

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-Mail

Sex _____ Age _____

(Choose One)

5k _____ \$25

10k _____ \$25

Fun Run _____ \$10

Waiver (MUST BE SIGNED)

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, and sponsors and their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event, in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

Signature

date

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