

I am a fan of NASCAR. I watch the race on TV every opportunity I get. As the cars speed around the track, they often exit the race for a pit stop.



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While in the “Pit stop” the race cars receive needed attention. It may be new tires or an adjustment or fuel added to the fuel tank. These “Pit stops” are necessary and in many cases they are mandatory after so many laps.

The Christian life is often described in the New Testament as a race. As Paul neared the end of his life, he wrote: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*. (2 Tim 4:7-8). Again in Hebrews 12:1 we are admonished to run our race well. “…..*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.*

As we run our race there are many hindrances that can slow us down or even stop the race for us. The devil tries to tempt us to drop out of the race and become discouraged. So, we need “pit stops” along the way to strengthen us and encourage us.

In the verse in Hebrews, the writer says we need to throw off everything that hinders us from running. To do this we need a pit stop. Our pit stops come in the form of reading and studying the Bible to learn how to win the race. Our prayers are “pit stops” that help us. Our worshipping together are “pit stops.” These are things that refuel us and help us make necessary adjustments to our lives.

At the end of the race there is a crown of righteousness that will be awarded. May we all run the race well.

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship…………………………………9:30 AM Bible Class……………………………10:45 AM MONDAY Bible Study……………………………6:30PM WEDNESDAY Bible Study……………………..…..7:00 PM THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class...Resumes in Fall**

**Monday PM, Wednesday PM and Thursday AM classes will all meet in the West Annex for the present time**

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**Sermon:**

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