

NANCY DAVIS' CANCER STORY

What I experienced and what I learned after discovering that I had bladder cancer and my perspective on this adventure after the diagnostic tests show that I was cancer free and then it returned after several months.

My three-
year
adventure in
dealing with
cancer

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In February, 2021, I had blood in urine and my neighbor recommended her urologist, Dr. Ick. It took 2 months to get appointment, to determine there was no infection, to have a scope examination in the office and determine there was a tumor in the bladder, to have surgery for a biopsy and to get the pathology report which indicated a HIGH-grade aggressive carcinoma. Dr. Ick's evaluation was it was the kind of cancer that would come back and the best procedure was to have my bladder removed. He recommended Vanderbilt and the receptionist who would make the appointment said Vanderbilt would not take our insurance. Then Dr. Ick recommended Duke or UT. I told the receptionist based on the reputation I would take Duke. She called Duke, got transferred 4 times and talked forever to at least 4 different people and finally Duke said they would call me in 3 or 4 days and tell me if they would take my insurance. So, I left with that information. When we got to the parking lot I said to Leonard "This is crazy. We ought to go to UT since it is close to home and family." Leonard said if we were going to change, we need to do it now. So, I went back and the same sweet receptionist made one call, talked to one person and I had an appointment. Found out quickly that God closes doors and opens other doors. This is one example of His intervention.

The protocol at UT was 3 months of chemo before the surgery. The UT doctor said because of my age, previous heart attack, the length of the surgery (5 hours) and the different life style after surgery I was not a good candidate to have the bladder removed. He recommended

radiation, immunotherapy, and chemotherapy all of which I could get in Kingsport. The UT medical center made the Kingsport appointments.

God has intervened in many instances and I trusted Him going forward. Since He knew this journey for me from “before” the beginning, a friend said maybe that was why I had a heart attack and a stint so I would not have my bladder removed. My desire has been and continues to be to accept whatever comes, embrace it as God’s will, respond with joy and praise to Him. I also desire that my testimony and witness be to His glory.

To prepare for radiation I needed to have consultations with a radiation oncologist and a medical oncologist, have a scan, a checkup with my cardiologist, and an extensive x-ray of the pelvic area. Two months after the UT appointment, I began 7 weeks of radiation treatments. This included 25 large-area radiation treatments of the pelvic area including lymph nodes. This was followed by 10 targeted radiation treatments to the tumor area. I finished radiation treatments in early August.

The worse side effects of radiation were fatigue and aggravation of old back pain. I learned to live with fatigue by resting often and not trying to do too much at one time. For the back pain I was on a walker for some time and am still dealing with it on occasion. An MRI several months later on my spine indicated radiation did have an effect on my lower back. I had two surgical biopsies and a scan after radiation treatment and they showed no tumor or no new cancer. Thank You, Father!

Then for the next 10 months had occasional blood in my urine. Since Dr. Ick was sure that the cancer would come back, follow-up appointments with the medical

oncologist were made; however, he did not want to do anything as long as the scans showed no cancer.

I frequently prayed for God to heal my cancer particularly after a friend said I have not because I have not asked. My prayer also frequently included healing as my preference but if I was not healed, I would praise him. I remembered Paul's conversation with God about his thorn in the flesh. Sometime later I borrowed the following which expresses my prayer during much of my journey.

I don't want to change God's mind. His thoughts are perfect; I want to think His thoughts. I don't want to change God's timing. His timing is perfect; I want the grace to accept His timing. I don't want to change God's plan. His plan is perfect; I want to embrace His plan and see Him be Glorified through it.

In July of 2022 a follow-up surgical biopsy was positive for cancer so my new oncologist, Dr. Paul, recommended immunotherapy since I had said I did not want to take chemo because the side effects would be much less with immunotherapy. To prepare for immunotherapy I had another PET scan, chest x-ray, echo cardiogram, and an infusion port put in place. The scan showed an insufficiency fracture in the pelvis bone, so I needed to see an orthopedic doctor who said since I had no pain no treatment was needed. He said the fracture might have been caused by radiation. Anything that showed on the scan or otherwise Dr. Paul wanted it checked out by physician specializing in that field.

Immunotherapy treatments would be every 21 days until there was proof, they were not working or my body could not tolerate them. I was able to tolerate the immunotherapy medicine without any trouble other than

fatigue as a side effect. After 4 treatments, Dr. Ick examined my bladder with a scope and said “It, that is, the tumor, is still there.” I continued to have blood in my urine, so Dr. Ick did surgery to remove part of the tumor and cauterized it to control the bleeding. During the Christmas holidays I had a difficult UTI that lasted 2 months. After 7 immunotherapy treatments, a PET scan showed that cancer was in several lymph nodes in 4 different areas. In addition, the tumor in the bladder showed a possibility of causing kidney failure because of the blockage in the inlet area of the bladder. Since immunotherapy was not effective, it was stopped immediately.

I have to admit at this time I failed to praise God as I had promised. I was still asking for healing as my preference but if that was not God’s plan that was OK with me and I was ready to be with Him.

Dr. Paul’s NP said my options now included do nothing and call hospice when I needed it or take chemo and hope that it would slow the cancer progression. I had a week to make a decision even though they made appointments for me to begin chemo. During the meeting with the NP, I felt like Leonard was leaning toward me taking chemo. He later said we were doing chemo because we did not know if it would work and we needed to take the next step when we have new light for that step. Several people had said God will tell you which option to do. I was confident Leonard’s response was God’s answer for me.

During this time, I was receiving weekly emails of Doctor’s Note from a local doctor. During the week I was making a decision about chemo, the email I received was entitled Alternative Treatment for Cancer. Needless to

say, that caught my eye and I read it and listened to an hour interview of an Eastman chemist, Dan Bolton, who recently had cancer at the base of his tongue. His cancer had progressed to the point that he needed a feeding tube as he took radiation and chemo. Because he was so sick, his wife did the research for him and based on what she found, he began taking two medications: fenbendazole, (a dog dewormer) and artemisinin (which is extracted from sweet wormwood plant). He took these two medicines while he took the chemo treatments. Bottom line – he had good results and he was cancer free.

After reading the email and listening to the video interview, I took the email to Leonard and said you have got to read this. He did and immediately ordered both medicines. I began taking both as quickly as they arrived not knowing the dosage, how to take them, side effects, etc. I believe God protected me during this time.

I had an appointment with Dr. Paul the day I was to start chemo treatments which would be on a schedule of once a week for 3 weeks, skip a week and start over. I had written the name of the two medicines on a piece of paper and I told her I wanted to add them to my medicine list. She was hesitant but I repeated what NP had said regarding my options – that is, do nothing and call hospice or take chemo and hope it would slow the cancer. Dr. Paul agreed that they were my options. I said “Then what do I have to lose?” and she had no answer. Although she did not keep the paper that had names of medicines on it, she had mentioned in her notes that patient wanted to add fenben and wormwood. Her comment, when she saw the names of the 2 medicines indicated that she recognized both as being anti-parasitic medications.

I began chemo that day and tolerated receiving the chemo medicine well. Two weeks later, I dreamed “the cancer is gone.” Was that God’s message to me? I don’t know. I did have side effects as a result of the chemo medicine. I began losing hair and also had a very itchy skin rash that the NP said did not look like chemo rash. She wanted me to see a dermatologist who took a biopsy and determined it was not cancer. Also, I experienced neuropathy in my feet and fingers which I am still dealing with, lost my taste, and had fatigue, constipation, dry eyes and drippy nose. After my 9th chemo treatment, the scan showed no malignancy was evident, showed the renal obstruction had improved, and showed abnormal endometrial thickening. Thank You, Father!

Dr. Paul and the NP were pleased with results, but were not ready to say I was in remission. They wanted me to continue chemo and have another PET scan in August. They also wanted me to have the endometrial thickening evaluated by an ob/gyn which took 6 weeks to get an appointment. I had read thickening of endometrial could indicate cancer. I decided after appointment with ob/gyn to take no action since I had no symptoms, thickening was not in a “concerned thickness range” and since medicines I was taking had cleared the bladder cancer, I believed it would take care of any possible endometrial cancer.

On June 1, Dr. Ick examined my bladder with scope and said, “there is no tumor.” I decided for sure that I wanted to stop chemo. I did not want to deal with the side effects if I did not have cancer. After 9 more treatments, the scan confirmed the last scan - no malignancy. Dr. Paul had been on maternity leave since June so had a substitute and I told her I wanted to quit

chemo because of side effects. So, I had no chemo for 3 months and had another scan in Oct which showed no sign of cancer. 3 clear scans in a row. Thank You, Father!

After the good reports, I had a conversation with myself – I had cancer, took fenben and wormwood which are for treating parasites and now I don't have cancer!!!?? So, I asked Google "Do parasites cause cancer?" I read for 2 hours about studies that have been ongoing regarding this question .. Then I thought how timely God had made me aware of an alternative treatment for cancer – the same week I started chemo. His timing is perfect. Thank You, Father.

Sometime after I started the anti-parasitic medicines I was going through my stack of notes and found a little slip of paper that had Dan Bolton's name, fenben and wormwood both pointing to cancer and a local doctor's name. I did not remember anything about it. I showed it to Leonard and asked, "Do you know anything about this?" He said "that is my hand writing," but he did not remember writing it, when he wrote it or why. I believe God gave me a second chance for the alternative treatment by including it in Doctor's Note the week I needed it.

I have done a lot of reading since June. I watched a video entitled "Cancer is a Parasitical Infection." While it cannot be said that cancer can definitely originate from parasites, there are certainly several similarities of cancers to parasitic infections. Both can be life-threatening as a result of uncontrolled proliferation of cells in any organ or tissue in the body. Both are similar in their ability to survive, multiply, and spread independently of external growth factors and both are

resistant to efforts to kill them. Both are difficult to eliminate from the body. Experimental animal studies examining the parasite-cancer relationship have shown that besides parasites that can cause cancer directly, there are also parasites that can indirectly cause cancer development through various mechanisms. So, it is not surprising that medications that inhibit parasite propagation would also have a similar effect on cancer cell propagation.

I have no idea what caused the cancerous tumor in my bladder. I can certainly remember having a parasitic infection at least one time. Studies have shown that parasites can remain in the body for 30 years. It was about three decades ago that I experienced Montezuma revenge on a vacation trip to Cancun. It is estimated that all of us have or have had parasites – even those of us who live in developed countries. Other causes of cancer are generally recognized by the medical profession and these possibilities are related to exposure to certain chemicals such as those found in cigarette smoke, asbestos fibers, talcum powder, lead poisoning and even hormonal changes in our lives. There is a growing body of evidence of a parasite-cancer connection and more and more people who have been diagnosed with cancer are trying treatment protocols that have worked for treating parasites.

Admittedly, Dan Bolton took action based on anecdotal experience of a man named Joe Tippins who had lung cancer that had metastasized in many areas of his body. Joe took fenben on the suggestion of a friend who was a veterinarian. I also took action based on anecdotal evidence of what Dan Bolton had experienced in his remission of cancer after radiation and chemo and

anti-parasitic medication. I can't prove that parasites caused the cancer I had, but I had threefold evidence that scans did not detect any cancerous hot spots. Thank You, Father!

I realized everything I read on the internet may not be factual. I asked Leonard about four months ago what if I had not gotten the alternative treatment article where would I be? I believe as a friend said "you would be dead or very sick." The FDA has not approved anti-parasitic medicines to be used for treating cancer in humans, so doctors usually veto their use very quickly. Many people think fenben taken with chemo is advantageous and complementary. I have read that cancer cells love both iron and sugar. Studies have shown that both wormwood and fenben attack parasites in the body and in addition wormwood goes after the iron and fenben inhibits the cancer cells' ability to process sugar, hinders the cancer cells' ability to quickly divide and multiply therefore to move and spread, and promotes the creation of new Wild Type P-53 genes which are the tumor fighting genes.

Some have written that parasite egg sacs and cancer cells look alike under the microscope. Parasites can hide in the body in linings and/or muscles of organs or tissues, or maybe even joints.

If you are interested and want to check it out, the Joe Tippins story is online. He was one of the first to try anti-parasitic medications. In 2017, he had cancer all over his body and after using fenben he had no evidence of cancer in 3 months and is still living. He still has no evidence of cancer. Dan Bolton's testimony is on YouTube. There are many groups on Facebook with thousands of people in these groups trying to get details on alternative treatment for cancer. Admittedly, there are

many protocols for cancer treatment but I am so thankful God provided the one that worked for me. I continued to take fenben and wormwood but on a different frequency than when I had active cancer.

So, about a month ago I needed to add to my story. I had my 3-month scan in January which showed no evidence of cancer in the bladder but two hot spots in my left lung and a hot spot in the sitz bone. I had not expected these results and the recommendation was to resume chemo along with the same medicine and schedule as when I stopped in July. I still believe in the effectiveness of fenben and wormwood in suppressing cancer so in addition to chemo I am taking fenben and wormwood 7 days a week – the same as when I started chemo last February. Praise God - He is good all the time.

As I look back on the last 3 years, I can see how important God is in our lives and how important we are to each other in the church family. A few things I hope I will continue to remember from “all these things” is that

God is in control. God cares for me and wants the best for me. God is always leading even when I may not be following, and God provides enough light on my pathway so I can take the next step.

I also learned that it is important that I not run ahead of God as He leads. I had already decided that I did not want to (and probably would not) go through aggressive treatments such as radiation and chemo. I was leaning toward accepting that the predicted outcome from the medical providers was going to be my destination.

However, we decided to just follow the light on the path and take the next step, learn from that step and then

take another step while trusting that God is always leading.

Perhaps the most profound thing I learned is the importance of doing what the old hymn tells us – “Where He leads, I will follow.”

Dan Bolton’s testimony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7VzgCtO8fk>

Joe Tippins’s story:

<https://mycancerstory.rocks/the-blog/>

My testimony:

<http://lpdavis.org/family/Nancy's%20Cancer%20AdventureB.pdf>