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DAILY BIBLE READING

August 28
 August 29
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Genesis 47:13-31
 Genesis 48:1-22
 Genesis 49:29-50:14
 Genesis 50:15-26
 John 5:1-18
 John 5:19-29
 John 5:30-47

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS August 28

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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Sunday School	9:00 - 9:45 AM
Worship Service	10:00-11:00 AM
Youth Scavenger Hunt	4:30 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM
- MENU: Barbecue Pork Chops, Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert
- CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs
- SERVERS-Sharon Johnson, Jamie Smith, Sheila West**
- CLEAN UP-Ken Richardson**
- College Bible Study at 5:30 PM at the Highland House
- Kidz WOW (5:45-7:15 PM)
- Youth Worship (5:45-7:15 PM)
- Prayer Meeting (6:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)

FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS...

I grew up with pets in my life. Specifically, we had dogs for my entire childhood. We had big dogs, little dogs, inside dogs, outside dogs, dogs that were meant to be bred specifically for hunting and dogs that served no purpose other than laying around the house shedding hair on the couch. I have had very intelligent dogs and very stupid dogs. When I was younger, we had a Rottweiler. His name was Rocky. He was one of the most intelligent animals I've ever seen. A few years later, we had a dog (I don't remember the breed) and his name was Deuce. Deuce was a sweet, loving, and very dumb dog. He would try to eat pinecones knowing that it was going to hurt him. He would run full speed into trees just for fun. I had a Jack Russell named Taco for over 16 years. I was convinced that he was immortal. I saw him get bit in the face by two different water moccasins. He got hit by a car once and even got into a fight with a turkey. He won the fight! We got Leia her first dog two years ago from the Lauderdale County Rescue League.

All that said, I'm very familiar with dogs having been around them my whole life. When I was in college, I decided I needed a pet. The problem was that I was living in an apartment in Hattiesburg that did not allow dogs. I could get a smaller animal, however. I started with a fish. To this day I'm not sure what happened to it, but it disappeared. I came home from class one day and could not find it. It wasn't in the aquarium. It wasn't in the filter. I even looked around on the ground around it to make sure it hadn't jumped out of the water. It was just gone. After that, I decided fish were not the pets for me, so I went to the pet store and came home with a hamster. When I bought him, I decided to get everything he might need so I got him the oversized cage, a couple of toys, a ball for him to roll around in, and an exercise wheel for his cage. It was during this time of my life that I realized hamsters were nocturnal animals. Copernicus loved to run on his wheel and his favorite time to get in his exercise was between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 AM. I'm not sure I've ever hated an animal as much as I did that hamster. All night long, all I'd hear was ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch... He loved to run.

I share this story because it was during this period of my life that I had a groundbreaking revelation. I did not know everything I needed to know about hamsters before I bought one. As I've already said, I had dogs for as long as I could remember, and I thought this made me an expert on all animals. I was woefully incorrect. For many of us, this directly applies to our life spiritually. You might have been a church member literally your entire life. You might have been a Christian for years, maybe even decades. You might have raised your kids and grandkids in the church and served on every committee imaginable. Whether you have been a Christian for a few weeks or a few decades, I promise you that you don't know everything. You can still grow deeper in your walk with Christ. You are

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still being called to become more like Him. You are still called to spend time daily in prayer and in His Word. Jesus tells His disciples in Luke 9:23 "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." The temptation is to become stagnant in our faith. However, in this passage it is clear that we are to take up our cross DAILY and follow Him. As long as we are on this earth, we are commanded to continue to strive to know Him better. We are always to find our satisfaction in Christ, but we are never to be satisfied with where we are. We can always grow closer.

"AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..."

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