

Sunday, August 13, 2023

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

*All parts of the human body get tired eventually — except the tongue.  
—Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany (1949–1963)*

Last week, I was cleaning through my files and I found this illustration on a 4-by-6 card that was in a sermon folder for 1 Corinthians. I don't know the source, but the content is the definition of anatomy — an explanation of how our bodies work—and it is obviously written by a very young boy.

“Your head is kind of round and hard and your brains are in it.

“Your face is in the front of your head and where you eat and make faces.

“Your neck is what keeps your head out of your collar. It is hard to keep clean.

“Your stomach is something that if you don't eat enough it hurts, and spinach don't help none.

“Your spine is a long bone in your back that keeps you from folding up.

“Your back is always behind you no matter how quick you turn around.

“Your arms you have to pitch with them and so you can reach the butter.

“Your fingers stick out of your hand so that you can throw a curveball and add arithmetic.

“Your legs is what if you have not got two of you can't get to first base.

“Your feet are what you run on, your toes are what are always get stabbed and that is all there is to you except what's inside and I never saw that.”

That's the perspective of a child. But the truth is that our bodies are amazing in conception, design and function. The psalmist David exclaimed, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).

We can praise God for giving us bodies which we inhabit in order to give praise to his holy name!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord, my body is a wonderful thing, to be sure. But it is old and creaking. It doesn't have the energy it used to have. Its “get-up-and-go” has “got-up-and-gone.” But like the psalmist, I will still praise you all of my days for your steadfast lovingkindness. Amen.*

*Blessings,  
Lisa & Pastor Ben Metz*

**Daily Bible Reading**
**Sunday:** Galatians 1-3

**Monday:** Jeremiah 43-46

**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 47-49

**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 50-52

**Thursday:** Lamentations 1-5

**Friday:** 1 Chronicles 1-3

**Saturday:** Psalms 91-93

# WORD CHOP

**DIRECTIONS:** The table below contains words that have been chopped in half. Find the pieces that fit together and write them in the answer area below. Each piece is used only once. The theme is "Animals." Here is one answer: diu-rnal = diurnal, meaning occurring during the day and not night. There are 13 words, including the one we gave you.

## NORTH AMERICA

### SCRAMBLE

**DIRECTIONS:** Unscramble the following words which pertain to North America.

1. xtaes
2. ancaad
3. oexcim
4. amceari
5. titaacnl
6. ifpaicc
7. liuocxomffge
8. sinatroynuomkc

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verte	dive	ebrates	ivore	vore	rsity
urnal	vation	brates	omni	ction	noct
conser	ey				

DIURNAL


**ANSWERS TO WORD CHOP:**  
 carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, conservation, diversity, extinction, prey, nocturnal, predator, habitat, invertebrates, vertebrates

**ANSWERS TO NORTH AMERICA SCRAMBLE:**  
 1. Texas; 2. Canada; 3. Mexico; 4. America; 5. Atlantic; 6. Pacific; 7. Gulf of Mexico; 8. Rocky Mountains.