

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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The Easter season is past, and our hope has been rekindled with the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Our Crossroads family has been in a season where long term members have gone to their reward. I am thinking of Ralph King, David Nordstrom, and Christine Wells. Each person was steadfast in their devotion to our family. All have left shoes that will be difficult to fill. They blessed us. Now we resume our pilgrimage with the certain knowledge that we are experiencing a temporary separation with a glorious reunion on the horizon.

In these challenging times, we find solace in the Word of God. I would like to share three things that bring solace and strength.

- ♥ **Comfort in God's Love:** Romans 8:38-39 assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Let us find comfort in His unchanging love during tumultuous circumstances.
- ♥ **Courage in God's Strength;** Psalm 46:1-2 reminds us that God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of need. God is right there – right beside us and supporting us in our weakness.
- ♥ **Continuity of God's Promise:** In John 14:2, Jesus promises us a place in His Father's house. Our Lord said this. He meant this. I am assured that I am expected, and I will be warmly welcomed by many.

Let's support each other, remembering these scriptures, and continue to celebrate the lives of our departed members. Their legacy lives on in our hearts and in the life of our church.

**God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Rick**

FACTS ABOUT APRIL

April is known for beautiful and warmer weather. It is the fourth month of the year, but that's only by the Gregorian calendar that we adhere to now. It was previously the fifth month in the earlier Julian calendar. April also only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.

◆ No one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but we do know the Romans named it "Aprillis." ◆ The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom. ◆ Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. Their birth flowers are daisies and sweet peas. ◆ April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21st. ◆ There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth. ◆ On April 14, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage. ◆ George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789. ◆ Back in the time of the Ancient Romans, April was sacred to the goddess Venus. ◆ On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted. ◆ After a 1,500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens. ◆ The explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine occurred on April 26, 1986, which forced everyone within a 300-mile radius to be evacuated. ◆ The smaller animals that hibernate for the winter in the Northern Hemisphere usually start coming out of their burrows in April. ◆ April is also the month that the birds migrate north and settle down for the summer to mate. ◆ The first battle of the Revolutionary War, Lexington, and Concord, broke out on April 19, 1775.

As you can see, there's more to April than just April Fool's Day, although that is definitely one of the most fun days of the month!

And, of course, as we all know, "April showers bring May flowers," so if the rain of April ever gets you down, never forget the silver lining!

—Excerpts from <https://www.thefactsite.com/april-facts/>

Fact: The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long

If a child's entire circulatory system—we're talking veins, arteries, and capillaries—were laid out flat, it would stretch for more than 60,000 miles, according to the Franklin Institute. By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have become home to approximately 100,000 miles of blood vessels. That's just one of the mind-blowing facts that sound made up (but aren't).

MEMORY TIPS FOR ANY AGE

Submitted by Mary C.

1. **Pray and Ask God to Help You.**
2. **Write down EVERYTHING.** Example: Keep a notebook with you at all times. Note the date and write down the important information. When you want to remember the information, go back and look it up. Keep the notebook in the same place always (e.g. your purse when you're out or your beside table when you're home).
3. **Focus on What You CAN Do.** We often become overwhelmed and dragged down by thinking about the things we can no longer do. When this happens, remind yourself of at least one or two things that you CAN do.
4. **Talk to Yourself.** Example: "I am putting my keys on the table." "I'm going to lock the door."
5. **Repetition, Repetition, Repetition:** If someone tells you the date, time and location of an event, repeat this information back to them.
6. **Take Breaks and Rest Periods Between Tasks:** Example: Read for 15 to 20 minutes, then do something else for a while.
7. **Get Rid of Distractions:** Example: Turn the TV and radio off when you're talking to someone.
8. **Set Realistic Expectations for Yourself:** Example: By setting up goals you can really accomplish, you'll be more likely to enjoy what you're doing and feel more successful at the end of the day.
9. **Keep Things Simple:** Break Tasks down into small steps. Finish one step before moving on to the next. Keep a list and check it to stay on task. Cross off completed items.
10. **Keep an Open Mind:** Example: You may be used to doing things a certain way all your life, but now is the time to consider and embrace creative options.
11. **Use a Calendar:** Write down all important events and appointments.
12. **Take All the Time You Need:** If you allow yourself to go slow, you will be more likely to get the job done.
13. **Be Patient With Yourself:** You deserve it!
14. **Never say 'I never...' or 'I can't....':** What you say to and about yourself feeds your brain to believe it. Speak kindly and positively to yourself. Dwell on the positive. Remember God is with you in everything and he cares.



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



NOTICES & EVENTS

notable

No GriefShare Meetings are Scheduled This Month.

**Saturday, April 6:
Celebration of Life**

**Tuesday, April 9:
Committee Reports Due**

**Sunday, April 14:
Deacon Ordination**

**Saturday, April 20:
Social Saturday**

**Sunday, April 21:
Missions Meeting**

**Sunday, April 28:
Church Business Meeting**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

OUR CHURCH NOW HAS A PHONE APP WITH AN ONLINE GIVING OPTION.

Both the app and the website have the new online giving option.

When giving online, there is a fee (a percentage) charged as well. You can choose to pay the fee or not. If you do, the church receives your full gift and the fee you paid is deemed tax deductible for you.

If you choose not to pay the fee, the fee is taken out of your gift amount prior to deposit to the church's bank account.

You will find the Crossroads Baptist Church app in the Google Play Store and in the Apple App Store for both Android and iPhone.

****Search for Crossroads Baptist Church AZ**

Then download the app to your phone.**

Look for the blue square with a white 'C' in the middle.

(This picture below is from the Apple Store)

For assistance, please feel free to call the office for assistance.



IMPORTANT CHANGE NOTICE
(In case you haven't change it yet.)

NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS!

Please note the church's new email address.

Info@CrossroadsBaptistAZ.com



The **Ladies' Bible Study & Life Group** are held on Tuesdays at 10:00am & 11:15am respectively. We are studying 2 Corinthians. See Judy M or Beth S. for information. Come to all or whenever you can make it



March Average
Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship:..... 114
 Sunday School:..... 56
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:..... 19
Ladies' Bible Study/Life Group:.....6/6

Ministries/Other Events
Actual Attendance

Ladies' Breakfast Attendance:..... 6
 No Social Saturday Held in March



If you would like to have, or know of a church member who would like, a

visit &/or the Lord's Supper taken to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.



****If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact the office or other prayer chain member(s).**

****To add to our weekly prayer list, please get the info to the office by noon on Wednesday for the 3pm prayer meeting.**

We Need Casseroles!

In order to continue to help our members and families in need, we need more casseroles to put in the freezer. Help with a meal or two for someone that is ill or in need. Bring casseroles by the office or before church to be frozen. Let us know who needs help so we can arrange for delivery.

Show them our love by ministering to them in the name of Jesus through your church.

Get Involved!

- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts 9 am.
- **Bible Study** at 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 am.
- **Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group** Tuesdays at 10am & 11:15am respectively.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** at 3:00 pm.
- **Ladies' Breakfast—Monthly:** third Friday at 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- **Volunteering Your Time:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow?
 Contact the office or the appropriate committee chairperson.



Are Easter and Passover The Same?



What is Easter?

Easter - (ee-star) *noun* - A Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What is Passover?

Passover (pass-oh-ver) *noun* - A Jewish holiday that remembers the exodus of the ancient Hebrew people from Egypt.

Both take place around the same time. Which is why **Similarities** exist.



- ☆ † Jewish people eat a Seder dinner † In The Last Supper you see Jesus eating a Seder dinner
- ☆ † Passover is a Jewish holiday † Jesus was Jewish
- ☆ † Both take place in Spring
- ☆ † Both have important dinners where you gather with family
- ☆ † Both use Eggs as traditional symbols

Judaism - eggs symbolize rebirth

Christianity - eggs symbolize Jesus's tomb; when colored they stand for the resurrection

- ☆ † Both have sweet foods, but they represent different things

Judaism - represents mortar from the bricks used to build Pharaoh's temple

Christianity - sweets and candies are eaten to celebrate Jesus's resurrection



"Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion. It is a **DAILY PROCESS** whereby you grow to be more and more **Like Christ**"

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Graham



But they are very **different** holidays:



- Jewish people celebrate being freed from slavery
- Christians celebrate Jesus resurrecting and atone for their sins
- Passover is set on the 14th of Nissan
- Easter is based on the March equinox and changes
- It follows the lunar calendar
- It follows the solar calendar
- Jewish people gather to remember hard times and celebrate freedom
- Christians gather to celebrate a miracle
- Passover celebrates Moses
- Easter celebrates Jesus
- Passover is 7 - 8 nights
- Easter is 1 night



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A Ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a drink.
The bartender says, "Sorry we don't serve food."



What's brown and sticky?
A Stick



What does the Bible mean when it says, “Do not judge”?

Jesus’ command not to judge others could be the most widely quoted of His sayings, even though it is almost invariably quoted in complete disregard of its context. Here is Jesus’ statement: “Do not judge, or you too will be judged” (Matthew 7:1). Many people use this verse in an attempt to silence their critics, interpreting Jesus’ meaning as “You don’t have the right to tell me I’m wrong.” Taken in isolation, Jesus’ command “Do not judge” does indeed seem to preclude all negative assessments. However, there is much more to the passage than those three words.

The Bible’s command that we not judge others does not mean we cannot show discernment. Immediately after Jesus says, “Do not judge,” He says, “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs” (Matthew 7:6). A little later in the same sermon, He says, “Watch out for false prophets. . . . By their fruit you will recognize them” (verses 15–16). How are we to discern who are the “dogs” and “pigs” and “false prophets” unless we have the ability to make a judgment call on doctrines and deeds? Jesus is giving us permission to tell right from wrong.

Also, the Bible’s command that we not judge others does not mean all actions are equally moral or that truth is relative. The Bible clearly teaches that truth is objective, eternal, and inseparable from God’s character. Anything that contradicts the truth is a lie—but, of course, to call something a “lie” is to pass judgment. To call adultery or murder a sin is likewise to pass judgment—but it’s also to agree with God. When Jesus said not to judge others, He did not mean that no one can identify sin for what it is, based on God’s definition of *sin*.

And the Bible’s command that we not judge others does not mean there should be no mechanism for dealing with sin. The Bible has a whole book entitled Judges. The judges in the Old Testament were raised up by God Himself (Judges 2:18). The modern judicial system, including its judges, is a necessary part of society. In saying, “Do not judge,” Jesus was not saying, “Anything goes.”

Elsewhere, Jesus gives a direct command to judge: “Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly” (John 7:24). Here we have a clue as to the right type of judgment versus the wrong type. Taking this verse and some others, we can put together a description of the sinful type of judgment:

Superficial judgment is wrong. Passing judgment on someone based solely on appearances is sinful (John 7:24). It is foolish to jump to conclusions before investigating the facts (Proverbs 18:13). Simon the Pharisee passed judgment on a woman based on her appearance and reputation, but he could not see that the woman had been forgiven; Simon thus drew Jesus’ rebuke for his unrighteous judgment (Luke 7:36–50)

Hypocritical judgment is wrong. Jesus’ command not to judge others in Matthew 7:1 is preceded by comparisons to hypocrites (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16) and followed by a warning against hypocrisy (Matthew 7:3–5). When we point out the sin of others while we ourselves commit the same sin, we condemn ourselves (Romans 2:1).

Harsh, unforgiving judgment is wrong. We are “always to be gentle toward everyone” (Titus 3:2). It is the merciful who will be shown mercy (Matthew 5:7), and, as Jesus warned, “In the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Matthew 7:2).

Self-righteous judgment is wrong. We are called to humility, and “God opposes the proud” (James 4:6). In Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the Pharisee was confident in his own righteousness and from that proud position judged the publican; however, God sees the heart and refused to forgive the Pharisee’s sin (Luke 18:9–14).

Untrue judgment is wrong. The Bible clearly forbids bearing false witness (Proverbs 19:5). “Slander no one” (Titus 3:2).

Christians are often accused of “judging” or intolerance when they speak out against sin. But opposing sin is not wrong. Holding aloft the standard of righteousness naturally defines unrighteousness and draws the slings and arrows of those who choose sin over godliness. John the Baptist incurred the ire of Herodias when he spoke out against her adultery with Herod (Mark 6:18–19). She eventually silenced John, but she could not silence the truth (Isaiah 40:8).

Believers are warned against judging others unfairly or unrighteously, but Jesus commends “right judgment” (John 7:24, ESV). We are to be discerning (Colossians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). We are to preach the whole counsel of God, including the Bible’s teaching on sin (Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 4:2). We are to gently confront erring brothers or sisters in Christ (Galatians 6:1). We are to practice church discipline (Matthew 18:15–17). We are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

(<https://www.gotquestions.org/do-not-judge.html>)

Excerpts From: **70 Words (and Phrases) You're Probably Using All Wrong** by Lauren Cahn

https://www.rd.com/list/words-youre-using-wrong/?utm_term=&utm_medium=browser_notification&utm_source=pushly&utm_campaign=

Supposably: We assume you're using "*supposably*" to mean "*according to what many believe*." If so, then the word you're actually looking for is "**supposedly**."

For all intensive purposes: If you're using this phrase to mean "for all practical purposes," then for all intents and purposes, you're doing it wrong (see what we did there?). The phrase, "for all intensive purposes" is a mondegreen, which is defined as a misheard version of a phrase, saying or slogan. The phrase you're actually looking for (as you've probably guessed by now) is "**for all intents and purposes**."

Irregardless: Yeah, yeah, we know what you're about to say: The Merriam Webster Dictionary acknowledges *irregardless* as a "word" because *for all intents and purposes* (see what we did there?), its improper use has been so stubborn and pervasive that it's become an actual word. However, "it is still a long way from the general acceptance," the dictionary editors acknowledge as they recommend that everyone please remove the "ir" from the beginning of *irregardless* and call it what it is: **regardless**.

Excetera: This one gets pronounced incorrectly more than it gets spelled incorrectly, simply because, in writing, it tends to end up abbreviated as "*etc.*" But it's pronounced "**Et-CEH-Terrah**." There is no "x" to be found anywhere.

A whole nother: What's a "*nother*"? Exactly. There's no such thing. *It's a whole nother story* may sound cute and colloquial, but it certainly isn't grammatical. What is grammatical is "**a whole different story**" or "*another story*" or even "a whole other story." Choose one, and sound like a boss.

All for not: If you think this grammar exercise is *all for not*, then you might want to reconsider—because nothing is actually "*all for not*," whereas something that is pointless may, indeed, be "**all for naught**." Yeah, it's old-timey. But it's the right way to say it. Sorry, not sorry. Some words are said together so often that many people think they're a single word—but they're not.

A doggy dog world: What you meant to say was "**dog eat dog world**," right? If so, it's understandable that you misheard/reshaped it as a "doggy dog world." This type of error is known as an "eggcorn," which reshapes an established word or phrase phonetically, without changing the actual meaning of the phrase (just as "eggcorn" reshapes the word "acorn" without changing its actual meaning).



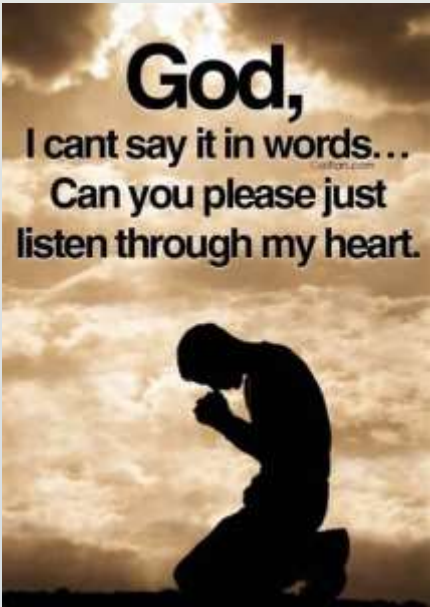
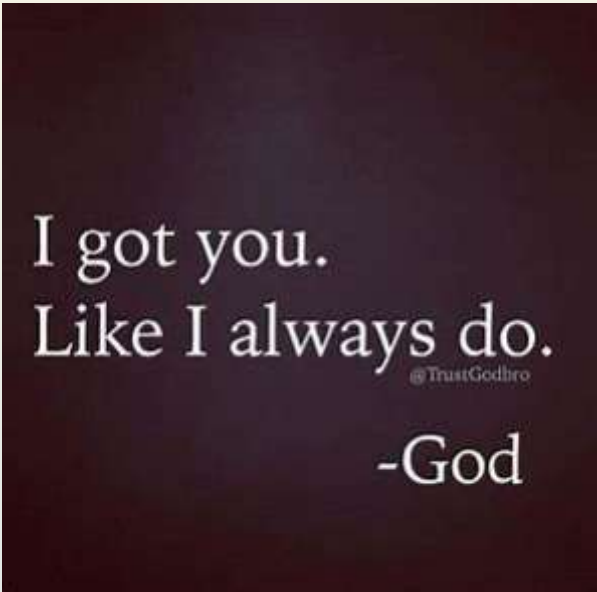
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A scorpion can hold its breath up to 6 days, can survive a whole year **without food**, can climb almost any surface and it glows under **ultraviolet light**.



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Watermelon seeds have one of the highest nutritional content of any seeds. They are high in protein, **good fat** and mineral like magnesium, zinc and **copper**.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Start or continue your daily Bible reading plan today!</i> <i>The read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year plan is in the January newsletter.</i></p>	1	<p>2 10 am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group</p>	<p>3 3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>4 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 Ntl Walking Day Ntl Caramel Day</p>	<p>6 3:00 pm-Celebration of Life Ntl Library Day</p>
<p>7 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship The Lord's Supper</p>	<p>8 Ntl Zoo Lovers Day</p>	<p>9 10 am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group Committee Reports Due</p>	<p>10 3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>11 6pm-Choir Practice Ntl Pet Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Ntl Scrabble Day</p>
<p>14 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Deacon Ordination</p>	15	<p>16 10 am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group 12:30 pm Property Comm Meeting</p>	<p>17 3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>18 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop</p>	<p>20 12 Noon-Social Saturday-Canvas Tote Decorating</p>
<p>21 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship After Church: Missions Meeting</p>	<p>22 Passover Begins Before Sundown</p>	<p>23 10 am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group</p>	<p>24 3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>25 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 Arbor Day</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship After Church-Business Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10 am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group Passover Ends After Nightfall</p>				

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."
 Psalm 19:1*

Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.

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