

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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Isaiah 11:1 (NIV)

**“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”**

Isaiah 11:1 paints a vivid picture of a shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse, symbolizing the emergence of a new, fruitful branch from a seemingly barren place. This verse holds a profound message for our church community.

What is the Stump of Jesse?

In the Bible, Jesse is the father of King David.

The imagery of a "stump" suggests a tree that has been cut down, symbolizing a state of devastation or decline. In this context, it refers to the lineage of David, which seemed to be left for dead after periods of decline and exile.

Just as the shoot springs forth, so too does our church body grow and thrive, even in times of adversity. We are the shoot, sprouting from the stump, growing towards the light of God's love. Our roots, grounded in faith, allow us to bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, and kindness.

The 'stump' represents periods of stagnation or challenge. Yet, it is from this very place that new life emerges. Similarly, our church, even when faced with trials, continues to grow, bearing fruit in abundance.

The Lord continues to place people in our Crossroads family. Each person is a gift that has been selected for our church body.

Some of our Church growth is not always visible to the naked eye, but rest assured, it is happening. Each prayer, each act of service, each moment of fellowship contributes to our growth and projects His light into our community.

The prophecy in Isaiah speaks of a "shoot" emerging from this stump, indicating new life sprouting from what seemed dead. This "shoot" is understood to represent the Messiah, who would come from Jesse's lineage. Despite the trials and tribulations, the lineage would not be destroyed but would bring forth the Savior.

For me Isaiah 11:1 serves as a reminder of our resilience as a church body. God promises that as long as we remain Rooted in faith, we will continue to grow and thrive, bearing fruits of the Spirit, just as the shoot from the stump of Jesse.

So, the "stump of Jesse" symbolizes both the trials faced by the lineage of David and the promise of the Messiah's emergence from this lineage. It is a powerful metaphor of resilience, hope, and divine promise.

God has been good to Crossroads. I believe that we will see a great harvest if we water the stump of Jesse with the living water.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Rick

The Origins of 14 Commonly Used Phrases

By [Marissa Laliberte](#), [Alison Caporimo](#) and [Jacopo Delia Quercia](#)

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You use these idioms all the time, but did you ever think about where they came from?

Excerpts from <https://www.rd.com/list/idiom-origins/>

Chew the fat

Originally a sailor's term, this phrase refers to the days before refrigeration when ships carried food that wouldn't spoil. One of them was salted pork skin, which consisted largely of fat. Sailors would only eat it if all other food was gone... and they often complained as they did. This idle chatter became known as "chewing the fat."

Close but no cigar

Carnival games nowadays give out stuffed animals as prizes, but [in the late 19th century](#), the games were targeted to adults, not kids. Instead of getting a giant teddy bear, winners might get a cigar. If they almost won but didn't earn that prize, they'd be "close, but no cigar." By the 1930s, the phrase extended beyond fairgrounds to everyday close shots.

Under the weather

Originally, sailors used the phrase "[under the weather bow](#)," referring to the side of the ship that would get the brunt of the wind during storms. To avoid getting seasick when the waves got rough, they'd bunker down in their cabins—literally under that bad weather—to let the storm pass.

Let the cat out of the bag

Who would even put a cat in a bag? The answer may lie in medieval markets, where people used to sell piglets tied in bags for farmers to carry home. A shady dealer might swap the piglet in the sack with a less expensive animal, such as a cat. So when you let the cat out of the bag, you were exposing the con to everyone.

Gadzooks!

"Zounds!" "Egad!" "Cripes!" These silly exclamations, called minced oaths, were originally Bible-friendly alternatives to swearing. The idea was that if you shouted "Gadzooks!" instead of "God's hooks!"—a reference to the nails from the Crucifixion—you could stub your toe without running afoul of the third commandment. Other minced oaths: gosh ("God") and jeepers ("Jesus"). Christians have been shouting "gadzooks" since the 1690s.

Blood is thicker than water

You probably think this means you should always put family ahead of friends. In fact, it originally may have meant the opposite. The full maxim was "The blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb," with covenant referring to friendship. In other words, it was your friends—your blood brothers, if you will—who were with you through thick and thin.

I don't grade on a curve.

—God



May Average Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship:..... 91
 Sunday School:..... 45
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:..... 16
 Ladies' Bible Study/Life Group:.....5/6

Ministries/Other Events Actual Attendance

Ladies' Breakfast Attendance:..... 8
 Social Saturday:..... 7



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.

NOTICES & EVENTS

notable

Our food pantry is well stocked and available. Check in through the office staff to do your 'shopping.'

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**The church work day on May 4 was a huge success!**

**Thirteen people showed up and did everything from pulling weeds, deep cleaning, defrosting, installing, etc!**

**Thank you and may God bless each of you for your extra service to your church body!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### OUR CHURCH 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.**



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

## WANTED

Inspiring stories to share in the newsletter. Submit to Beth or Pastor Rick by email or place in the "Office" mailbox just outside the hall office door.

Info@CrossroadsBaptistAZ.com

## Things that WON'T get you into Heaven:

Good works, baptism, church, religion, Sunday School, charity, money, mass communion, parents, political affiliation, denomination, friends, positive thinking, and just being a "good person".



## Things that WILL get you into Heaven:

Jesus

*Do you know Him? Have you fully trusted Him, and ONLY Him, for your salvation?*



What's the difference between a well dressed man on a bike and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle?



Attire.



## Why is the Army so strict about uniforms?

To minimize casual tees.



## Eight of 18 From:

### 18 Everyday Expressions Borrowed From the Bible

By **Paul Anthony Jones** | Mar 3, 2015

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/61964/18-everyday-expressions-borrowed-bible>

Trailblazer Created a Safe Space for Celebrities to Eat Out in NYC

The *Oxford English Dictionary* credits **The Wycliffe Bible**, a 14th century Middle English translation of the Bible, with more early citations of English words than the works of Dickens, Ben Jonson, Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, Samuel Pepys, and John Milton combined. The Bible even outranks William Shakespeare in the OED, with evidence of a grand total of 1547 new words compared to Shakespeare's 1524.

But it doesn't stop there. The numerous English translations and editions of the Bible produced over the centuries have likewise given us countless proverbs, sayings, and expressions, many of which have dropped into everyday use. Some are quite clearly religious—like *O ye of little faith*, *a fall from grace*, and *love thy neighbour*—but the Biblical origins of others, including the 18 explained here, are a little more surprising.

**1. AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR** Do something at the eleventh hour, and you do it at the very last minute. It's possible that **this phrase might have appeared in the language without any Biblical intervention**, but the OED nevertheless credits it to the Parable of the Labourers in the Gospel of St Matthew (20:1-16), which metaphorically advises that no matter what time you start work the reward will always be the same.

**2. AT YOUR WIT'S END** The earliest reference to *being at your wit's end* in English dates back to the late 14th century. The phrase comes from Psalm 107, in which "they that go down to the sea in ships," namely sailors and seafarers, are described as being thrown around by a storm at sea so that, "they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end" (107: 23-27).

**3. THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND** The Roman poet Horace used his own version of *the blind leading the blind* in the 1st century BC, suggesting that it was already a fairly well known saying by the time it appeared in the New Testament: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14). Nevertheless, its inclusion in early editions of the Bible no doubt popularized its use in everyday language—and even inspired a famous painting by **Pieter Brueghel** literally interpreting the original quote.

**4. BY THE SKIN OF YOUR TEETH** The Old Testament Book of Job records how Job is put through a series of trials, but eventually escapes "with the skin of my teeth" (19:20). Although precisely what Job meant these words to mean is debatable (and not helped by the fact that teeth don't have skin), the usual interpretation is the one we use today—namely, that he escaped only by the narrowest of margins.

**5. TO CAST PEARLS BEFORE SWINE** Meaning "to offer something of value to someone unable to appreciate it," *to cast pearls before swine* comes from the New Testament: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet" (Matthew, 7:6).

**6. EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY** This popular sentiment is outlined several times in the Bible (**Luke 12:19**, **1 Corinthians 15:32**), but appears first in the Book of Ecclesiastes: "man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry" (8:15).

**7. TO FALL BY THE WAYSIDE** If something *falls by the wayside* (i.e. by the side of the road), then it fails to be seen through to completion or is side-lined in favor of some other project or endeavor. The earliest use of this phrase in English comes from William Tyndale's translation of the Bible in 1526, and in particular his version of **the Parable of the Sower**, who "went out to sow his seeds, and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it" (Luke 8:5).

**8. FEET OF CLAY** *Feet of clay* has been used in English since the 19th century to refer to a fundamental weakness that has the potential to lead to the downfall of something (or someone) otherwise great and powerful. It comes from the Book of Daniel (2:31-45), in which the prophet Daniel interprets a dream that the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar has had of an enormous, imposing statue. "This image's head was of fine gold," Daniel writes, "his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." As the dream continues, suddenly a huge stone strikes the clay feet of the statue, causing it to collapse and break up into pieces. Daniel interprets the golden head of the statue as representing Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, while the silver torso represents an inferior kingdom that will follow his. The brass stomach and thighs represent a third and even more inferior kingdom that will follow that, and a fourth and final kingdom, partly strong like iron but partly weak like clay, is represented by its legs and feet. And it is this weakness, Daniel predicts, that will lead to the downfall of the entire structure.

# June 2024

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| <p><i>Start or continue your daily Bible reading plan today!</i><br/> <i>The read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year plan is in the January newsletter.</i></p> |                                       |                                                                                                                               |                                                                       |                                                             |                                                                                                                          | 1                                                               |
| <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br/> <b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br/> <b>10:45 am-Worship</b><br/>                     The Lord's Supper</p>      | <b>3</b>                              | <p><b>4</b><br/>                     10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br/><br/>                     11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>                     No Choir Practice</p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/> <b>Office Closed: Summer Friday</b></p>                                                                 | <b>8</b>                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Office Hours 9am-2pm, June 3—6</b> |                                                                                                                               |                                                                       |                                                             |                                                                                                                          |                                                                 |
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| <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br/> <b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br/> <b>10:45 am-Worship</b></p>                                                | <b>17</b>                             | <p><b>18</b><br/>                     10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br/><br/>                     11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group</p> | <p><b>19</b><br/> <b>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b></p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>                     No Choir Practice</p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>                     8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop<br/><br/> <b>Office Closed: Summer Friday</b></p> | <b>25</b>                                                       |
| <p><b>23</b><br/> <b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br/> <b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br/> <b>10:45 am-Worship</b></p>                                                | <b>24</b>                             | <p><b>25</b><br/>                     10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br/><br/>                     11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group</p> | <p><b>29</b><br/> <b>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b></p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>                     No Choir Practice</p> |                                                                                                                          | <p><i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i></p> |

**“For ye shall go out with joy  
 and be led forth with peace.”  
 Isaiah 55:12 (ASV)**

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