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***Sometimes we need a break.***

Today's *Roots* comes from Charles Specht, who has compiled for us a list of funny things found in church bulletins and other church publications. His article can be found at the following web address: <http://pastors.com/44-funny-church-bulletin-bloopers-to-make-you-smile/>

This is for everyone, but especially for those of you who were unable to attend last week's potluck and celebration.

I hope the people at your church know it is okay to smile every once in a while. Even laugh occasionally (but not during the pastor's sermon, please!). Sometimes I think we take the things that happen at church a bit too seriously.

Do you know what I mean?

No, I'm not talking about things like sin or theology or repentance or anything like that. Certainly those things have their place and should always be taken quite seriously, indeed.

Actually, I'm talking about the *lighter* things that happen in and around your church. Like the things that appear in your Sunday morning church bulletin, for example.

Rarely does anyone ever create the Sunday bulletin and then run it by the pastor or a few sanctified editors for things like punctuation, clarity, etc...but maybe we should. Why do I say that, you ask? Well, read the following list of actual church bulletin bloopers and you'll understand why.

These are funny, embarrassing, hilarious, and...oh, just read them yourself. Enjoy, and share them with someone at your church who needs a good laugh!

# Roots

1. Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
4. On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
5. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
6. The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
7. If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
8. Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
9. Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
10. We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.
11. A worm welcome to all who have come today.
12. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
13. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
14. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
15. The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.
16. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
17. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
18. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
19. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
20. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

21. Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep.
22. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.
23. The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
24. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
25. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.
26. The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
27. The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
28. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
29. 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
30. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
31. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
32. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
33. The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
34. A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
35. Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? with hymns from a full choir.
36. Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."
37. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
38. Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
39. Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: *"The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."*
40. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
41. Ushers will eat latecomers.
42. Tuesday at 4PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
43. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
44. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow

I hope you enjoyed these.

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