

Bring Your Hot Dogs and Guns?

Mistakes happen to all of us, no matter what our career or work product may be. But for those engaged in writing and publishing, errors are evident for all to see.

That includes church bulletins. While they are filled with information, they sometimes are sources of humor. Most of the time, the laughs come from a failure of the writer or editor of the bulletin to proofread or consider the message of what is written.

Typographical errors or misplacement of modifiers can completely change the meaning of a thought or sentence – often making it hilarious, and once in a while, horrible in its impact.

Nobody understands that better than I. After 26 years in the newspaper business, I've had more than my share of misprints.

Across the years, from time to time, I've shared some bloopers found in church bulletins. Here are some more:

- The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Evening massage – 6 p.m.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.
- A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.
- I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall he live.
- Child care provided with reservations.
- Today's sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? with hymns from a full choir.



Verily, verily I say unto you: As you sit in the pew on Saturday or Sunday, peruse your own church bulletin. You may find a chuckle or two. If so, pass it along, and we will publish some more of these in the near future.

In the meantime, I need to be sure I proofread very carefully what I write!

– Beecher Hunter