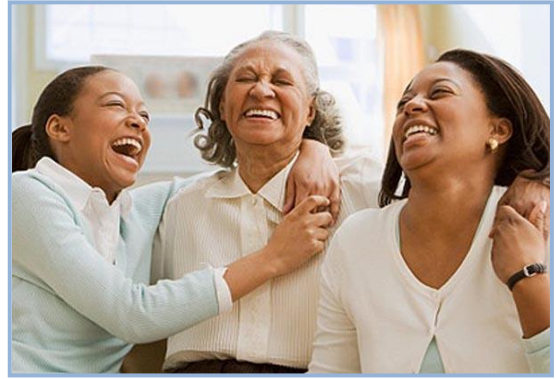


Bulletin Bloopers

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:

- Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Mrs. Ross remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the pastor's sermons.
- During the absence of the pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when Rev. White supplied our pulpit.
- The couple was married on June 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Six new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- This evening at 6:00 p.m. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor's wife would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend her their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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