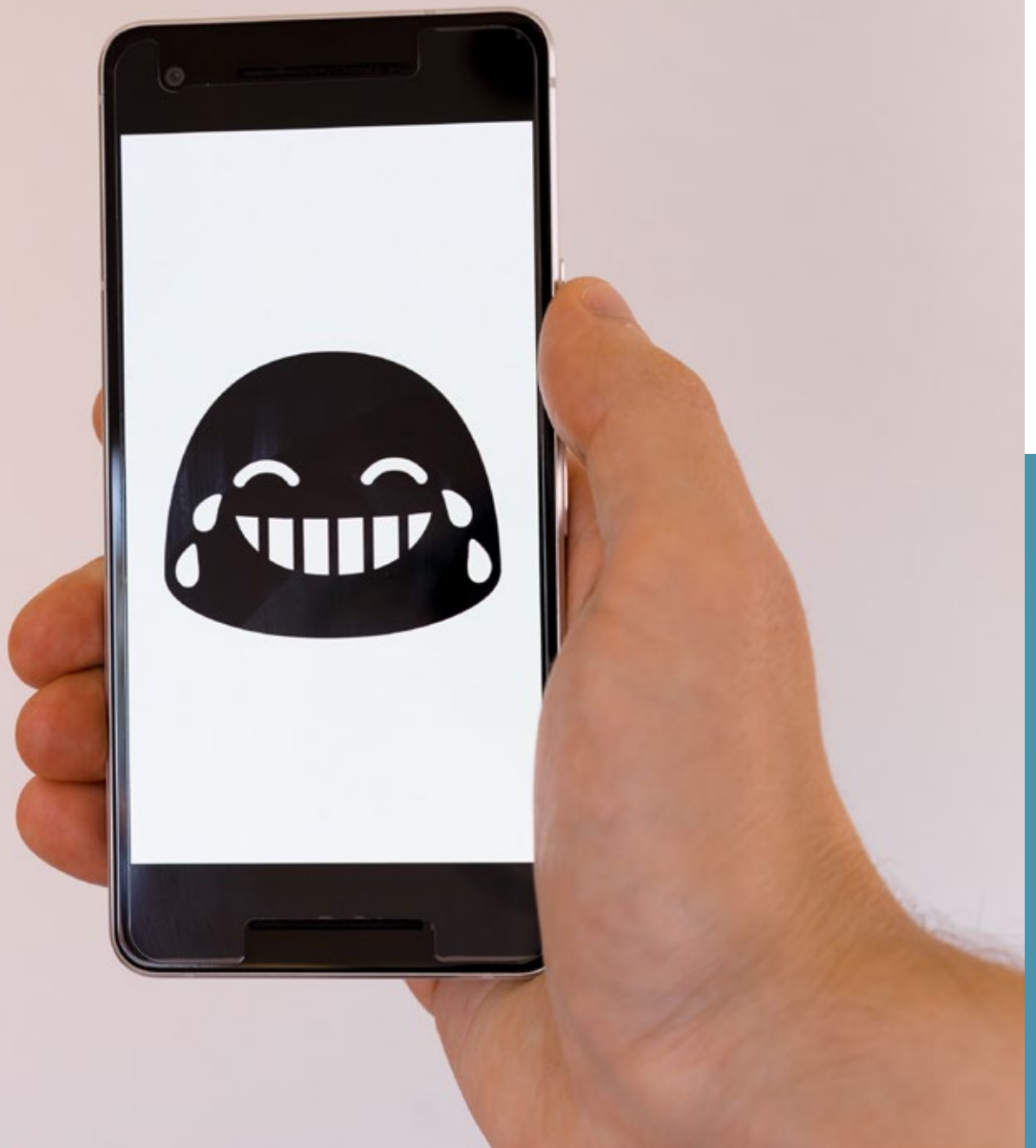


# CHURCH & HUMOR

A LIST OF RESOURCES THAT YOU'LL FIND HILARIOUS

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**fond of a joke.**

**Aristotle**



# Introduction

**H**umor isn't something typically associated with the Church. Christians are often seen—at least by non-Christians—as a stuffy and solemn bunch.

While religion is certainly something to be taken seriously, a complete lack of humor only serves to isolate the church from society. In many ways, Christianity has become standoffish, unapproachable and unappealing. If we never make any jokes, we'll often be the butt of them.

Adding subtle humor into your church brand can help to disprove these dour misconceptions. Show the world that we can laugh with them.

To try and help make that more of a reality, I've compiled a list of resources related to the church and humor.

These resources are organized by kind—blog, book, podcast, etc. So you can sort through the kind of thing that will work for you and your congregation.

Realize that these resources are just a starting off point. There's so much more to being funny than just reading a book or watching a video. But taking the time is worth it because being more humorous can make us more human.





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# Books

[Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life](#) by James Martin

[Holy Shift: Think Funny, Grab the Mic and Accelerate Church Growth](#) by Jonathan Herron

[Then Tweets My Soul: The Best of the Church Curmudgeon](#) by David Regier

[Stuff Christians Like: A Field Guide to All Things Christian](#) by Jon Acuff

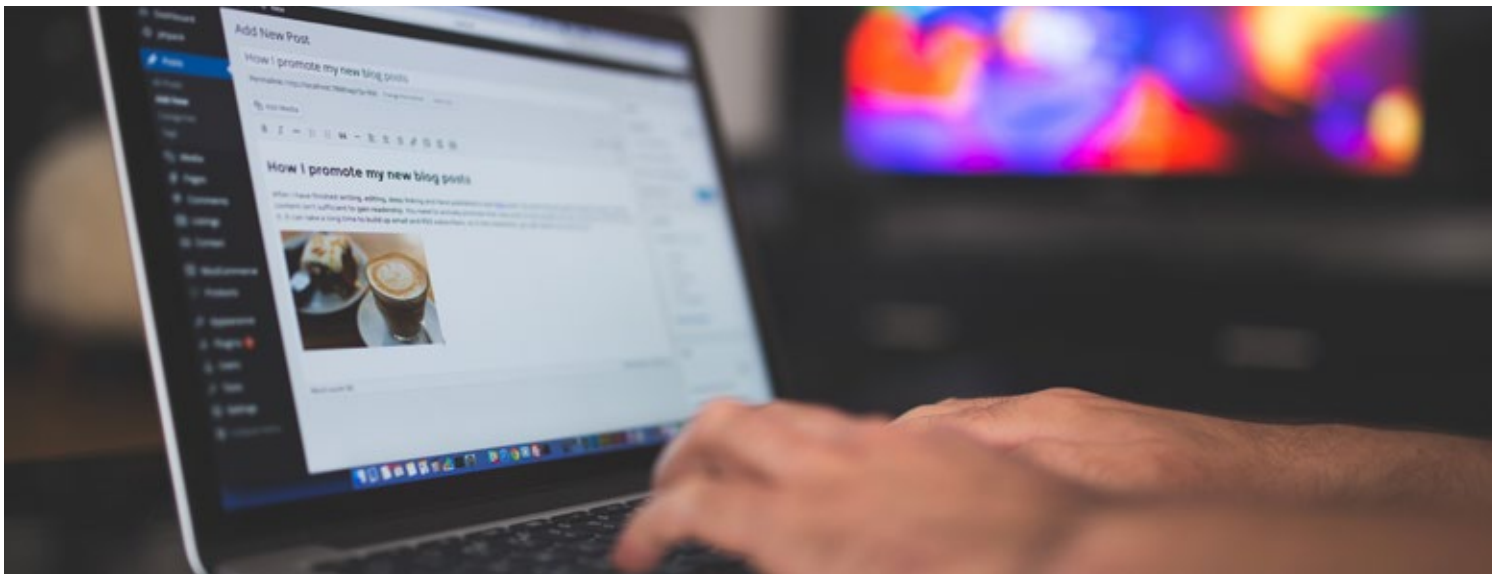
[How to Be a Perfect Christian: Your Comprehensive Guide to Flawless Spiritual Living](#) by the Babylon Bee

[Murder-Bears, Moonshine, and Mayhem: Strange Stories from the Bible to Leave You Amused, Bemused, and \(Hopefully\) Informed](#) by Luke Harrington

[Discovering Humor in the Bible: An Explorer's Guide](#) by Howard Macy

[Christianity and the Triumph of Humor: From Dante to David Javerbaum](#) by Bernard Schweizer

[Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome: One Woman's Desperate, Funny, and Healing Journey to Explore 30 Religions by Her 30th Birthday](#) by Reba Riley



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# Blog Posts

[10 Most Hilarious Bible Stories](#)

Medium

[Humor & Church Storytelling](#)

Church Mag

[Why Church Humor is like Garlic](#)

Church Mag

[Adding Humor to Your Church Brand](#)

Church Mag

[6 Kinds of Church Humor](#)

Church Mag

[Focus On Humor in the Old Testament](#)

Oxford Biblical Studies Online

[Laughter in the Bible? Absolutely!](#)

Biblical Archaeology

[Does God have a sense of humor?](#)

Christianity Today

[21 Bible Verses About Laughter and Humor](#)

BibleReasons.com

[When Did Jesus Laugh?](#)

BibleStudy.org



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# Podcasts

Babylon Bee podcast

<https://babylonbee.com/podcast>

Carey Nieuwhof podcast with Andrew Stanley

<https://careynieuwhof.com/episode259/>

Skit Guys podcast

<https://skitguys.com/podcast>

Bible Belt Bros podcast

<https://biblebeltbros.podbean.com>

Drunk Bible Study podcast

<https://www.drunkbiblestudy.com>

The Apocrypals podcast

<https://apocrypals.tumblr.com>

Drunk Ex-Pastors podcast

<https://drunkexpastors.com/category/podcast>

Pontifacts podcast

<https://pontifacts.podbean.com>



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# Social Media accounts

Church Curmudgeon

<https://twitter.com/ChrchCurmudgeon>

<https://instagram.com/chrchcurmudgeon>

Lloyd Legalist

<https://twitter.com/LloydLegalist>

The Wrestling Pastor

<https://twitter.com/WrestlingPastor>

Northworst Seminary

<https://twitter.com/northworstsem>

Preachers n Sneakers

<https://instagram.com/preachersnsneakers>

Churchy Church Signs

<https://instagram.com/churchychurchsigns>

Honest Youth Pastor

<https://instagram.com/honestyouthpastor>

Memes for Jesus

<https://instagram.com/memesforjesus>

Church Dad Jokes

<https://twitter.com/MrChurchGuy>

The Loving Pastor

<https://twitter.com/TheLovingPastor>

Funny Church Stuff

<https://www.instagram.com/funnychurchstuff>



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# Funny Videos

Church Jokes

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=SANTTxV2q2w>

Zoom Church (Saturday Night Live)

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=AYP1mXqiwqc>

The Social Media Youth Pastor

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=BCYDZbez6\\_U](https://youtube.com/watch?v=BCYDZbez6_U)

Shoot Christians Say

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7Dxo0Yjno3I>

People Guess What Christian Phrases Mean

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=T8gmtrOBcgQ>

Tim Hawkins on Hand Raising

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=TK2\\_ezOBa2A](https://youtube.com/watch?v=TK2_ezOBa2A)

What If Starbucks Marketed Like the Church?

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=D7\\_dZTrjw9I](https://youtube.com/watch?v=D7_dZTrjw9I)

Things Preachers Do That'd Be Awkward If You Did Them

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=tQ8y5nAq5Oo>

Christian Tingle

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=Ljd7f2tFOak&t=2s>

Sunday Morning

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=ydf4gqjapBE>

Choosing Joy with Humor

(skip ahead to 31 minutes for message)

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=sHbsApUk\\_k8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=sHbsApUk_k8)



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# Quotes

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” — C. S. Lewis

“If only God would give me some clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name at a Swiss Bank.” — Woody Allen

“The gods too are fond of a joke.” — Aristotle

Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.” — Clive James

“If you talk to God, you’re religious. God talks to you, you’re psychotic.” — Doris Egan

“When I told the people of Northern Ireland that I was an atheist, a woman in the audience stood up and said, ‘Yes, but is it the God of the Catholics or the God of the Protestants in whom you don’t believe?’ — Quentin Crisp

“The Bible contains much that is relevant today, like Noah taking 40 days to find a place to park.” — Curtis McDougall

“I’d rather live my whole life assuming there is a God, only to find out that there isn’t, than to live my whole life assuming there isn’t a God, only to find out there is.” — Peter Barry



# What do you think?

So what do you think about the church and humor now?

Which of these resources stood out to you?

Which were helpful? Which were actually funny?

I'd love to hear from you.

Email me at [robert@jamrobcars.com](mailto:robert@jamrobcars.com) with your thoughts.

And download more free resources from my website.

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