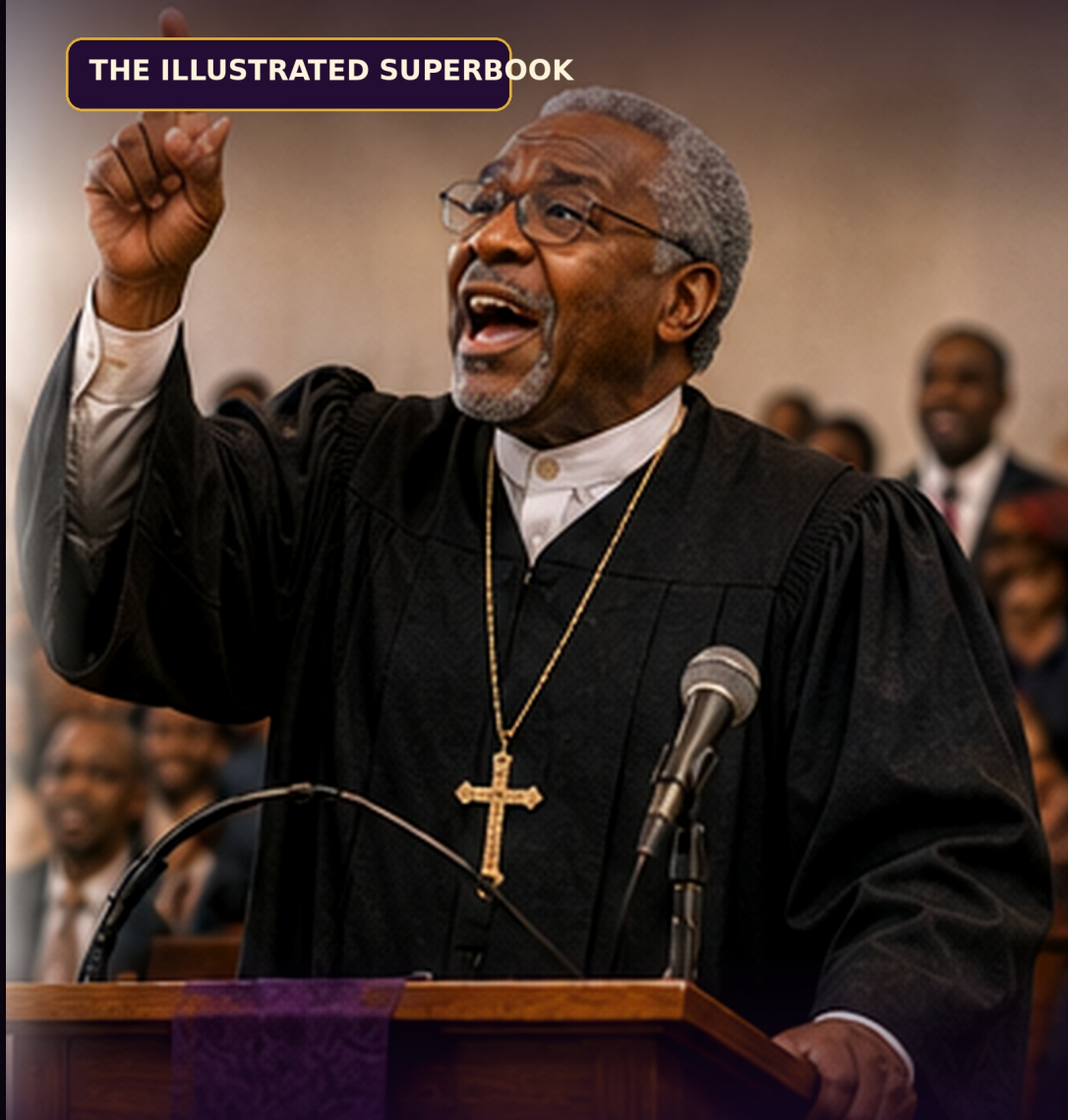


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A Note About the Humor: This book laughs with the church, never at the faith. It celebrates the recognizable rhythms, relationships, sayings, music, meals, meetings, testimonies, and personalities found throughout the African American Christian experience.

Dedication

To every grandmother who could correct you with one look, every deacon who made a five-minute announcement last twenty minutes, every choir member who sang the wrong note with confidence, every pastor who knew laughter could open a heart, and every child who asked the honest question everybody else was afraid to ask.

May this book put joy back in the room.

Welcome to Kingdom Laughs

Somewhere along the way, a lot of comedy became louder, harsher, and more vulgar. Many families began laughing in separate rooms. Parents could not share what made them laugh with their children. Pastors could not use it in the pulpit. Teachers could not use it in class. Church leaders could not use it at banquets or meetings.

Kingdom Laughs was created to bring everybody back into the same room.

This is humor with soul, rhythm, wisdom, and a clean conscience. It sounds like Sunday morning, Wednesday night Bible study, the fellowship hall, the family reunion, the barber shop, the beauty salon, the church van, Grandma's kitchen, and the conversations that happen after the benediction.

Use these jokes to warm up a congregation, begin a sermon, open a meeting, connect with young people, enliven a family gathering, or simply brighten somebody's day. The goal is not merely to get a laugh. The goal is to build connection, lower walls, and remind people that joy belongs in the life of faith.

How to Use This Superbook

- Pastors: Use the sermon starters and pulpit-safe stories to open attention before moving into the text.
- Ministry leaders: Use the meeting openers and icebreakers to relax the room and encourage participation.
- Parents and grandparents: Read the family jokes at dinner, on road trips, or during family devotion.
- Youth leaders and teachers: Use the youth section, riddles, and quick-response jokes to create safe, joyful interaction.
- Emcees: Use the one-liners and church-event humor between program segments.
- Everybody: Share the laughter, but keep the heart of the joke kind.

The Kingdom Laughs Promise

No profanity. No sexual humor. No cruelty. No mocking disabilities. No humiliating people. No disrespect toward God, Scripture, worship, or sacred things. The humor may be honest, but it will remain humane.

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PART I - WELCOME TO THE BLACK CHURCH

1. Sunday Morning Starts Before Sunday Morning

1. The Sunday Alarm

A man set three alarms for Sunday morning: one to wake up, one to get dressed, and one to remind him that online church still requires him to get out of the bed eventually.

2. The Church Outfit

She tried on six outfits for church. Her husband asked, “Are we going to worship or the church fashion awards?” She said, “Both, if the Lord says the same.”

3. The Front Door Testimony

The family argued all the way to church. The moment the church doors opened, everybody smiled and said, “Good morning, saints!” Even the angels said, “That was a fast transformation.”

4. The Bible Search

He spent ten minutes looking for his Bible. His daughter said, “Dad, it is on your phone.” He answered, “I know, but I need the big one so people know I came prepared.”

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5. The Sleepy Saint

A brother said he never sleeps in church. He only closes his eyes so he can visualize the sermon.

6. The Sunday Sprint

The service started at ten. At 9:58 the family was still in the driveway. Mama said, “Nobody talk. We are about to arrive peacefully.”

7. The Holy Weather Report

It rained Sunday morning and church attendance dropped. The pastor said, “Interesting. We tell everybody Jesus walked on water, but we will not drive through a puddle.”

8. The Amen Warm-Up

One sister practiced her ‘Amen’ in the mirror so it would be ready when the sermon got good.

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9. The Late Arrival

He arrived late and asked the usher, “Did I miss much?” The usher said, “Only the opening prayer, two songs, the announcements, the offering, and your chance to come on time.”

10. The Quiet Ride Home

Everybody shouted during the sermon about forgiveness. The ride home was silent because nobody had decided who would apologize first.

11. The Church Shoes

His new church shoes looked wonderful until the praise break. Halfway through the dance, his feet began speaking in tongues.

12. The Sunday Nap

Granddad said Sunday naps are biblical. “The Lord rested, and I am trying to be like Him.”

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2. The Parking Lot Ministry

1. The Parking Prayer

A man prayed, “Lord, give me a space near the door and I will never miss church again.” A car backed out. He said, “Never mind, Lord. I found one.”

2. The Deacon’s Cone

The deacon guarded one orange cone like it contained the Ark of the Covenant.

3. The Best Seat

She parked three blocks away but still walked into church saying, “Won’t He make a way somehow?”

4. The Exit Strategy

Some members choose a church seat based on the sermon. Others choose it based on how fast they can reach the parking lot after the benediction.

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5. The Church Wave

Church parking-lot directions are simple: the usher points left, you go right, and both of you smile like it was the plan.

6. The Reserved Space

The sign said ‘Pastor Only.’ One man parked there and said, “I have been praying about my calling.”

7. The Backup Choir

The church van made so much noise backing up that it joined the choir in B-flat.

8. The Rainy Dash

Everyone walked slowly into church until the rain started. Suddenly the whole congregation discovered track-and-field gifts.

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9. The Car Testimony

Her car started on the third try. She shouted before she even entered the sanctuary.

10. The Double Parker

A brother took two spaces. The usher said, “Sir, we believe in making room for others.”

11. The After-Service Fellowship

The benediction ended at noon. The parking-lot conversation ended sometime after dinner.

12. The Missing Car

He walked around the lot for fifteen minutes looking for his car. His wife said, “This is why the Lord gave you a memory and me the keys.”

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That seat is not reserved—it is remembered.

3. Ushers, Fans, and Reserved Seats

1. The Usher Look

A good usher can stop a whole conversation with one eyebrow and a church fan.

2. The Reserved Pew

The pew had no name on it, but everybody knew whose seat it was.

3. The Fan Ministry

Before air-conditioning, church fans did three jobs: cooled the saints, covered sleepy faces, and delivered silent messages across the sanctuary.

4. The Wrong Door

The visitor walked through the side door. Three ushers turned at once like the church security system had activated.

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5. The Offering March

The usher said, “Come down the center aisle and return on the side.” One brother created his own route and nearly started a second denomination.

6. The Baby Whisperer

The baby cried. The usher did not say a word. She simply appeared beside the mother with a look that said, “We have a nursery and a calling.”

7. The Late Seat

He arrived during the sermon and wanted his regular seat. The usher smiled, “Your regular seat came on time.”

8. The Program Collector

She saved every church program for twenty years. Her family discovered she had accidentally built the church archives.

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9. The Fan Testimony

The fan said ‘Jesus Saves’ on the front and ‘Call Johnson Funeral Home’ on the back. It covered your soul and your final arrangements.

10. The White Gloves

When the ushers wore white gloves, even the offering plates behaved better.

11. The Quiet Command

The usher whispered, “Move over, please,” with enough authority to relocate an entire family.

12. The Door Keeper

He said, “I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God.” The head usher replied, “Excellent. Report at 8:30.”

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The choir found the note, lost the bridge, and kept the praise.

4. The Choir Has Entered the Chat

1. The Key of G

The director asked, “Can everybody sing in G?” One brother said, “I can sing in any key as long as nobody gives me a microphone.”

2. The Long Note

The soloist held the last note so long the congregation had time to reconsider several life choices.

3. The Choir Robe

Choir robes are designed to make everybody look united, even when the altos and sopranos have not spoken since rehearsal.

4. The Wrong Verse

The choir started verse three while the musician played verse two. They met again at the chorus by grace.

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5. The Tambourine

A sister brought her own tambourine. That was not an instrument. That was a declaration of independence.

6. The Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsal started at seven. Singing started at 7:45. The first forty-five minutes were devoted to finding out who changed the arrangement.

7. The Confident Note

He sang the wrong note with such confidence that two people behind him changed theirs.

8. The Solo Request

She asked for a solo. The director said, “The Lord has called you to powerful background ministry.”

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9. The Musician's Signal

The pastor said, "I am about to close." The musician knew that meant another fifteen minutes and changed keys.

10. The Praise Break

The drummer heard one good sentence and entered the sermon before the preacher did.

11. The Choir Anniversary

The anniversary theme was 'We Have Come This Far by Faith.' After four rehearsals, everybody agreed.

12. The Microphone Test

The sound man said, "Check one, two." The choir member said, "Praise the Lord!" The sound man said, "I just need one and two."

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5. Deacons, Trustees, and Long Announcements

1. The Five-Minute Report

The deacon said, “I will be brief.” Twenty minutes later, the congregation had learned the history of the building fund.

2. The Meeting Agenda

The agenda had three items. The meeting had nine speeches, four testimonies, and a discussion about who moved the extension cord.

3. The Trustee’s Tape Measure

A trustee never enters a room without noticing something that needs fixing.

4. The Offering Prayer

The deacon prayed so long over the offering that several people reconsidered the amount.

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5. The New Microphone

The church bought a cordless microphone. The deacon walked so far during announcements he nearly joined another congregation.

6. The Motion

Someone made a motion. Someone seconded it. Then everybody discussed what they thought they had just approved.

7. The Building Fund

The building fund began before some members were born and will probably be completed by their grandchildren.

8. The Church Thermostat

The greatest test of Christian unity is deciding the church thermostat.

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9. The Key Ring

The chairman of trustees carried enough keys to open every door except the one everybody needed.

10. The Budget Meeting

The budget meeting proved that people can whisper ‘Praise the Lord’ and ‘How much?’ in the same breath.

11. The Closing Remarks

The chairman said, “Any final comments?” That was his first mistake.

12. The Deacon’s Chair

Nobody assigned him that chair. He simply sat in it every meeting until history accepted it.

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A sermon can have one conclusion and several spiritual cousins.

6. Pastors, Preachers, and Pulpit Moments

1. The Closing

The pastor said, “I am closing.” The congregation smiled. The musician stretched. Everybody knew the sermon had reached halftime.

2. The Sermon Clock

A church clock is the only clock that moves faster for the congregation than it does for the preacher.

3. The Strong Introduction

The guest preacher spent ten minutes introducing the sermon and forty minutes introducing himself.

4. The Water Glass

The pastor took a sip of water. Half the church thought he was thirsty. The other half knew another point was coming.

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5. The Three Points

The sermon had three points, but Point Two had seven cousins.

6. The Text Message

The pastor said, “Turn to your neighbor.” One visitor looked at his phone and said, “Can I text them?”

7. The Sermon Title

The title was ‘Let It Go.’ The sermon lasted an hour because the preacher would not.

8. The Quiet Church

The pastor asked, “Can I get an amen?” One little boy answered, “You can have mine.”

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9. The Pulpit Towel

When the preacher reached for the towel, everybody knew the sermon had entered overtime.

10. The Visiting Preacher

The pastor said, “Take your liberty.” The visiting preacher took the afternoon too.

11. The Illustration

The preacher said, “This reminds me of a story.” The congregation knew the story would have three chapters and a sequel.

12. The Final Close

There is ‘I am closing,’ ‘I am almost finished,’ and ‘Let me leave you with this.’ Only the benediction is legally binding.

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7. Church Mothers and Grandmothers

1. The Look

Grandma could stop misbehavior without saying a word. Her eyebrow had its own ministry.

2. The Peppermint

Church mothers always had peppermints. Nobody knew where they came from, but they appeared exactly when a child became restless.

3. The Prayer Warrior

Grandma said, “I prayed for you.” That explained why every bad plan he made kept falling apart.

4. The Pocketbook

A church mother’s pocketbook contained tissues, mints, a Bible, cough drops, two pens, a church program from 1998, and enough emergency supplies to restart civilization.

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5. The Sunday Dinner

Grandma asked who wanted seconds while already putting food on everybody’s plate.

6. The Honest Hat

Her church hat entered the sanctuary two seconds before she did.

7. The Fan Tap

One tap with the church fan meant ‘sit down.’ Two taps meant ‘you are embarrassing the family.’

8. The Scripture Answer

Grandma had a Bible verse for every situation, including why you needed to take the trash out.

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9. The Phone Call

Grandma said, “I am not going to hold you.” Forty-five minutes later, she reached her first closing.

10. The Testimony

Her testimony began with ‘I will not be long’ and included every blessing since 1974.

11. The Kitchen Authority

The pastor ran the pulpit. Mother Johnson ran the kitchen. Everybody understood the order.

12. The Candy Wrapper

A child tried to open candy quietly. Grandma heard it from four pews away and turned slowly.

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Church meals reveal patience, generosity, and who brought the foil.

8. Fellowship Hall Theology

1. The Chicken Line

Nothing tests Christian patience like somebody choosing chicken while the line stretches to the sanctuary.

2. The Last Roll

Two saints reached for the last roll at the same time. Both smiled. Neither let go.

3. The Covered Dish

Nobody labeled the casserole, but everybody knew who made it because she stood beside it waiting for compliments.

4. The Church Punch

Church punch has two ingredients: red and sweet.

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5. The Take-Home Plate

She brought one plate to eat and three pieces of foil to exercise faith.

6. The Blessing

The food was getting cold while the deacon prayed through the entire history of agriculture.

7. The Cake Table

The cake table created more unity than some committee meetings.

8. The Mystery Dish

Everyone asked what was in the casserole. The cook said, “Love.” The people asked again.

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9. The Fish Fry

A church fish fry can raise money, settle disagreements, and bring back members nobody has seen since Easter.

10. The Serving Spoon

One sister guarded the macaroni spoon like the church had appointed her.

11. The Diet

He announced he was on a diet, then said church calories do not count because the food had been blessed.

12. The Leftovers

The event ended at three. The real ministry began when people started dividing the leftovers.

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9. Bible Study and Sunday School

1. The Open Bible

The teacher said, “Turn to Habakkuk.” Half the class prayed for the table of contents.

2. The Hard Question

A child asked, “If God knows everything, why does the teacher keep giving tests?”

3. The Memory Verse

He memorized the verse perfectly until it was his turn to say it.

4. The Sunday School Bell

The bell rang and three adults suddenly remembered they were supposed to be in class.

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5. The Discussion

The teacher asked one simple question. A brother answered with Genesis through Revelation.

6. The Study Bible

Her Bible had so many notes in the margins that the original text felt like a guest.

7. The Correct Answer

In children’s church, when you do not know the answer, say ‘Jesus.’ You have at least a fifty-percent chance.

8. The Bible App

The teacher asked everyone to open their Bibles. Ten phones lit up and one person checked the weather.

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9. The Old Testament

The student said, “I like the Old Testament. Everybody has a name I cannot pronounce, so nobody knows when I am wrong.”

10. The Attendance Sheet

The class had twelve names, seven signatures, and four people.

11. The Review

The teacher asked what they learned last week. The room became holier and quieter.

12. The Closing Prayer

Bible study ended at eight, but the closing prayer wanted its own lesson.

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Children ask the questions adults were afraid to ask.

10. Youth Church and Kingdom Kids

1. The Strongest Man

The teacher asked, “Who was the strongest man in the Bible?” A child said, “Joseph, because Pharaoh put him over the whole gym.”

2. The Wi-Fi Prayer

A child prayed, “Lord, thank You for food, family, and the Wi-Fi password.”

3. The Ark Question

The teacher asked why Noah built the ark. A boy said, “Because buying two tickets for every animal was too expensive.”

4. The Offering

A little girl put a dollar in the offering and whispered, “Use it wisely.”

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5. The Children’s Sermon

The pastor asked, “What is faith?” A child said, “Believing the sermon will end even when you cannot see it.”

6. The Angel Picture

A child drew an angel with six wings and sneakers. “The sneakers are for when heaven gets busy.”

7. The Bible Hero

He said David was his favorite because David proved little people can handle big problems.

8. The Quiet Game

The youth leader announced a quiet game. The children laughed because they knew fiction when they heard it.

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9. The Snack Question

The first question at youth meeting was not ‘What are we learning?’ It was ‘What did y’all bring to eat?’

10. The Honest Prayer

A child prayed, “Lord, forgive my brother. He knows what he did.”

11. The Church Van

The church van had twelve seats, twenty opinions, and one missing permission slip.

12. The New Song

The youth choir learned a new song in ten minutes and spent thirty minutes deciding who would lead it.

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PART II - FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE

11. Christian Marriage

1. The Prayer Request

A husband asked the church to pray for peace in his home. His wife said, “Start by putting your shoes away.”

2. The Silent Treatment

They agreed never to go to bed angry. They stayed awake until Tuesday.

3. The Thermostat Covenant

Marriage is two people becoming one and then disagreeing over the temperature.

4. The Helpful Husband

He told his wife, “I washed the dishes.” She said, “You washed a dish. The others are witnesses.”

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5. The Church Smile

They argued in the car, smiled through service, and resumed the discussion at the exact sentence after the benediction.

6. The Anniversary

He asked what she wanted for their anniversary. She said, “For you to notice without asking.”

7. The Remote

They prayed for unity, but the remote control remained a separate theological issue.

8. The Grocery List

She sent him for five items. He returned with snacks, charcoal, and one of the five.

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9. The Honest Compliment

He said, “You look beautiful.” She said, “What do you need?”

10. The Marriage Seminar

The speaker asked couples to turn and listen to each other. Several husbands looked nervous because this part was not in the brochure.

11. The Apology

He said, “I am sorry you feel that way.” She said, “Try again with repentance.”

12. The Couple's Prayer

Their prayer life became stronger after they started assembling furniture together.

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12. Parenting, Grandparenting, and Family

1. The Full Name

Children know they are in trouble when their first, middle, and last names form a complete sentence.

2. The Parent Tax

Every snack a child opens owes at least one bite to the parent.

3. The Clean Room

The room was so messy the mother said, “I know God created order. I am not sure who created this.”

4. The Grocery Store

The child asked for everything in the store except the one thing they came to buy.

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5. The Family Prayer

Dad said, “Let us pray before the trip.” The children knew that meant he had seen the gas prices.

6. The Grandparent Rule

Grandparents let children do everything they once punished their own children for doing.

7. The Lost Shoe

A family can find the remote, three chargers, and an old receipt, but not the child’s other shoe on Sunday morning.

8. The Chore Theology

The child said, “God loves a cheerful giver.” Mom said, “Wonderful. Cheerfully give me that trash bag.”

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9. The Bedtime Prayer

The child remembered every prayer request in the world when bedtime arrived.

10. The Parent Conference

The teacher said, “Your son is very social.” His father said, “That is a kind way to say he talks too much.”

11. The Family Photo

Everyone argued for twenty minutes, then smiled for the picture like peace had always lived there.

12. The Leftovers

Mom said, “There is food at home.” Children knew those five words could end any restaurant dream.

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13. Work, School, and Monday Morning Faith

1. The Monday Prayer

He prayed, “Lord, order my steps.” The Lord ordered them toward the alarm clock.

2. The Office Meeting

The meeting could have been an email, but then nobody would have had a reason to bring donuts.

3. The Christian Coworker

She kept a Bible on her desk and patience in the drawer for emergencies.

4. The School Project

The child remembered the project Sunday night at 9:47 and called it a family opportunity.

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5. The Boss

The boss said, “We are like family here.” Everybody wondered which family.

6. The Lunch Break

He prayed over lunch so long his break ended before the meal began.

7. The Group Assignment

A group project teaches faith because you must believe somebody else will eventually do something.

8. The Copier

The office copier only jams when you are late and wearing church clothes.

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9. The Classroom

The teacher asked for volunteers. Everybody suddenly became deeply interested in their notebooks.

10. The Zoom Call

He dressed professionally from the waist up and trusted the camera to respect boundaries.

11. The Deadline

She said she worked best under pressure. The deadline said, “We have noticed.”

12. The Friday Spirit

Nobody had to announce Friday. The whole office felt the revival.

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14. Prayer, Patience, and Waiting on God

1. The Patience Prayer

A man prayed, “Lord, make me patient.” Traffic stopped immediately. Heaven said, “Lesson one.”

2. The Quick Answer

She asked God for a sign. Her phone battery died. She said, “Not that kind.”

3. The Waiting Room

Faith is trusting God while the waiting room keeps playing the same song.

4. The Long Prayer

He said, “Lord, You know my heart.” The Lord said, “Yes, but we still need to talk about your attitude.”

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5. The Prayer List

Her prayer list was so long she had categories, subcategories, and an appendix.

6. The Lost Keys

He prayed for God to reveal the keys. His wife said, “Look in your hand.” Revelation came quickly.

7. The Fast

He announced a fast from sweets. The church anniversary cake arrived the next day. Spiritual warfare was obvious.

8. The Open Door

He prayed for an open door. His mother said, “Start with the refrigerator and clean it.”

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9. The Whisper

Some prayers are loud. Others are just, “Jesus, help me before I answer this message.”

10. The Delay

She asked why God was taking so long. Then she remembered how long she had ignored His last instruction.

11. The Prayer Closet

He entered the prayer closet and came out with three missing coats and a renewed spirit.

12. The Amen

Sometimes ‘Amen’ means ‘so be it.’ Sometimes it means ‘Lord, please let that be the last point.’

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.



When everything works, nobody notices. When one mic fails, everybody becomes an engineer.

15. Technology Meets the Church

1. The Bible App

He opened the Bible app and received six notifications before reaching the verse.

2. The Livestream

She attended church online and still arrived late.

3. The Mute Button

The church Zoom meeting revealed that some prayers are more powerful when the microphone is muted.

4. The Password

The Wi-Fi password was 'WalkByFaith.' Half the visitors typed 'NotBySight' and asked why it did not work.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

5. The Online Offering

The pastor said, "You can give by app." One deacon looked at his flip phone and said, "I can give by envelope."

6. The Auto-Correct

He texted 'Praise God' and autocorrect changed it to 'Raise God.' Theology checked the phone.

7. The Church Group Chat

The group chat started with a prayer request and ended with forty-seven good-morning flowers.

8. The Screenshot

She saved the sermon quote as a screenshot and never found it again.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

9. The Virtual Background

He used a church background on Zoom while sitting in the kitchen eating cereal.

10. The Smart Watch

The watch said, 'Time to stand.' He was in the middle of a long sermon and took it as confirmation.

11. The Church Website

The website said service started at ten. The saints knew worship really started whenever everybody arrived.

12. The Digital Fast

He announced a social-media fast on every social-media platform.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

16. Fitness, Food, and Temple Talk

1. The Temple

He said his body was a temple. His trainer said, “Then the temple needs maintenance.”

2. The Church Workout

Standing, sitting, kneeling, clapping, and walking around the sanctuary: Sunday service has always included functional fitness.

3. The Salad

She ordered a salad and added fried chicken, cheese, bacon, ranch, and a testimony.

4. The Step Count

His watch congratulated him for reaching ten thousand steps during a church anniversary program.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

5. The Fast Walk

Grandma said she did not exercise. Then the buffet opened and she passed three people.

6. The Gym Prayer

He prayed for strength, then parked beside the door to avoid extra steps.

7. The Healthy Plate

Half the plate was supposed to be vegetables. Macaroni and cheese applied for vegetable status.

8. The Water Bottle

She carried a gallon water bottle all day and drank three sips. Commitment looked impressive.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

9. The Workout Partner

His workout partner said, “One more rep.” Friendship has limits.

10. The Scale

He stepped on the scale after Sunday dinner. The scale asked for a closing prayer.

11. The Fitness Testimony

She lost five pounds and found them again at the church picnic.

12. The Walking Group

The church walking group spent the first mile discussing where they would eat afterward.

KINGDOM TAKEAWAY: Laughter works best when everybody can remain in the room.

PART III - THE MINISTRY TOOLBOX

17. Sermon Starters

1. Patience

I asked God for patience. I expected a blessing. He sent traffic, a slow cashier, and somebody who replied ‘K’ to a long message.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

2. Forgiveness

Forgiveness is spiritual. It is also difficult when the person you forgave keeps acting like they did you a favor.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

3. Faith

Faith is believing God is working even when the progress bar still says one percent.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

4. Stewardship

Some people ask God for a financial miracle while their shopping cart is already preaching another sermon.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

5. Obedience

We often ask God for new instructions while the last instruction is still sitting unopened.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

6. Prayer

Prayer changes things. Sometimes the first thing it changes is the person doing the praying.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

7. Marriage

Marriage teaches you that two can become one and still need separate opinions about the thermostat.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

8. Discipline

Everybody wants a breakthrough. Few people want the alarm clock that lives beside it.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

9. Purpose

We keep asking God to reveal our purpose while ignoring the assignment already in our hands.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

10. Grace

Grace is God knowing the whole story and still inviting you into the next chapter.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

11. Unity

Church unity is beautiful until somebody moves the thermostat or changes the order of service.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

12. Waiting

Waiting on God feels slow until you remember how many times He waited on you.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

13. Humility

Humility is remembering that the same mouth shouting ‘Amen’ may need to say ‘I was wrong’ before dinner.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

14. Worship

Worship is not proving you can sing. It is remembering who deserves the song.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

15. Service

Everybody wants a title until the chairs need stacking.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

16. Love

Love is patient, kind, and apparently willing to share the last piece of chicken.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

17. Wisdom

Wisdom is knowing the difference between a closed door and a door you never tried to open.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

18. Courage

David did not wait to become taller. He used what was already in his hand.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

19. Contentment

Contentment is enjoying what God gave you without refreshing somebody else's page.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

20. Hope

Hope is heaven's way of saying the story is not finished.

Bridge to the message: Use the laugh to introduce the biblical tension, then move directly into the Scripture.

18. Meeting Openers and Icebreakers

1. Raise your hand if you have ever walked into a room and forgotten why you went there. Keep it raised if you stood there hoping revelation would come.
2. What Bible character would you most want in your group chat, and why?
3. What church food would cause the greatest disagreement if it disappeared forever?
4. Describe your week using the title of a gospel song.
5. If Noah had access to modern technology, which animal would still be hardest to organize?
6. What is the funniest harmless thing you believed as a child about church?
7. Which ministry would win a church-wide talent show?
8. What is one old-school church saying young people need to hear?
9. What is the most creative excuse you have heard for being late?
10. If your prayer life had a weather forecast this week, what would it be?
11. What everyday task tests your patience the most?
12. What Bible story would make the best family movie?
13. What church sound can you recognize with your eyes closed?
14. Which person in your family gives the longest goodbye?
15. What is one food that must be present at a church homecoming?
16. What is the cleanest joke you know that always works?
17. If you could add one new holiday to the church calendar, what would it celebrate?

18. What small blessing made you smile this week?
19. What would your grandmother say about social media?
20. What is one thing everybody pretends to understand during a meeting?

Fast Openers

- “We are going to begin on time, which means we are already experiencing a miracle.”
- “Please silence your phones, unless the Lord is calling—and even then, put Him on speaker.”
- “Tonight’s meeting will be brief. Let us all exercise faith together.”
- “Before we begin, find someone you do not know and ask them how they survived the parking lot.”
- “Turn to the person beside you and say, ‘I am glad you came, because I did not want to be the only one in this meeting.’”

19. One-Liners, Comebacks, and Quick Laughs

1. Church announcements have sequels.
2. Some saints do not run late; they arrive after the atmosphere is prepared.
3. A closed Bible cannot guide an open schedule.
4. Grandma's prayer list had better organization than most offices.
5. The choir's confidence sometimes arrives before the correct key.
6. Every church has a seat that belongs to somebody without paperwork.
7. Fellowship hall calories have been prayed over.
8. The pastor's 'final point' has relatives.
9. Sunday shoes were not designed for praise breaks.
10. Church fans were the original social media.
11. A good usher can communicate a paragraph with one look.
12. Some people need a breakthrough; others need an alarm clock.
13. Patience is faith standing in a long line.
14. Every family has one person who starts saying goodbye thirty minutes before leaving.
15. The deacon's 'brief report' requires refreshments.
16. Bible-study silence is deepest right after the teacher asks about last week.
17. The church group chat never sleeps.
18. Some prayers begin with 'Father' and end with 'before I say something.'
19. The church thermostat has tested more unity than theology.
20. Grandparents are parents who have discovered grace.

21. Marriage is a lifelong Bible study on patience.
22. Monday is proof that resurrection power is still needed.
23. The offering plate has heard every excuse.
24. A tambourine in the right hands is an instrument; in the wrong hands it is weather.
25. Church chicken has ended more fasts than temptation.
26. Sometimes the blessing is not a new door. It is finally reading the sign on the old one.
27. A family photo is peace captured between arguments.
28. Technology gives us Bible apps and ten new distractions.
29. Some people worship with lifted hands; others worship by finally arriving.
30. The fellowship line reveals whether the sermon on patience worked.

20. Bible Character Humor

1. Noah

Noah was the first person to understand that when it starts raining, everybody suddenly believes your project matters.

2. Moses

Moses led people through the wilderness for forty years. Every church trip coordinator respects him.

3. David

David brought five stones, but Goliath only needed one reminder.

4. Jonah

Jonah learned that running from God can turn a short trip into a seafood story.

5. Joseph

Joseph's brothers threw him in a pit, but God kept promoting him. Never judge your future by your current address.

6. Peter

Peter spoke quickly, acted quickly, and occasionally thought later. Every family has a Peter.

7. Thomas

Thomas asked for proof. Today he would have requested a screenshot.

8. Martha

Martha was serving while Mary was listening. The church still needs both—and somebody has to know where the plates are.

9. Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus. He was the first person to upgrade his view without buying a better seat.

10. Samson

Samson had great strength but needed better relationship advice.

11. Daniel

Daniel survived the lions' den. Monday morning suddenly feels manageable.

12. Paul

Paul wrote letters to churches because the group chat had not been invented.

13. Solomon

Solomon asked for wisdom. Most of us would have added a car and a vacation.

14. Abraham

Abraham went not knowing where he was going. Every husband who refused to ask for directions has claimed this verse.

15. Elijah

Elijah called down fire. The trustees asked whether he had reserved the fellowship hall.

16. Joshua

Joshua marched around Jericho seven times. His step counter was pleased.

17. Ruth

Ruth said, 'Where you go, I will go.' That is commitment—and no discussion about gas money.

18. Esther

Esther prepared for her moment. She did not call procrastination 'waiting on the Lord.'

19. Job

Job's friends came to comfort him and then talked too much. Some traditions are ancient.

20. Lazarus

Lazarus came out of the grave still wrapped up. Even miracles can require follow-up ministry.

21. Holidays, Homecomings, and Anniversaries

1. Easter Outfit

Some people celebrate resurrection by bringing an entire new wardrobe back to life.

2. Sunrise Service

Sunrise service proves the saints can wake up early when breakfast follows.

3. Christmas Program

The shepherd forgot his line, the angel lost a wing, and the baby Jesus cried. The congregation called it anointed.

4. Watch Night

At 11:59 everybody prayed. At 12:02 everybody checked their phones.

5. Homecoming

People who moved away twenty years ago still returned and sat in their old seats.

6. Church Anniversary

The church celebrated eighty years and forty of them were spent discussing the building fund.

7. Mother's Day

The church gave every mother a flower. Grandma asked whether there was also dinner.

8. Father's Day

The fathers received a pen and immediately used it to sign the restaurant bill.

9. Thanksgiving

The blessing lasted long enough for the rolls to become historical documents.

10. New Year

Everybody shouted ‘new year, new me.’ The old alarm clock remained unconvinced.

11. Vacation Bible School

The children learned three verses, four songs, and the exact location of every snack.

12. Family Reunion

Name tags were necessary because the family had grown and everybody still called three people Junior.

22. Kingdom Riddles and Knock-Knock Jokes

1. Why did the Bible student bring a ladder?

He wanted to reach a higher understanding.

2. Why did the choir member carry a pencil?

To take notes in the right key.

3. Why did Noah never lose track of the animals?

He kept everything in pairs.

4. Why did the deacon sit beside the clock?

He wanted to keep his brief remarks under an hour.

5. Why did the church fan feel important?

It had a lot of influence in the sanctuary.

6. Why did the pastor bring a suitcase to the pulpit?

He had three points and was prepared to travel.

7. Why did the congregation bring umbrellas to revival?

They were expecting showers of blessing.

8. Why did the Sunday School teacher wear glasses?

To improve her biblical vision.

9. Why did the computer attend Bible study?

It needed more memory verses.

10. Why did the church chicken cross the road?

The fellowship hall was on the other side.

Knock-Knock Corner

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah good church joke?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Grace.

Grace who?

Grace and peace be unto this house.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Amos.

Amos who?

A mosquito tried to follow me into church.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Prayer.

Prayer who?

Prayer-pare yourself—the meeting is about to start.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Luke.

Luke who?

Luke through the window and see who parked in my space.

23. Cartoon Comedy Gallery — Illustration Scripts

These illustration briefs are designed for recurring full-color cartoons featuring African American characters across generations. Each cartoon should feel warm, expressive, contemporary, and respectful—never caricatured or demeaning.

Cartoon 1: The Final Point

Pastor Ben stands at the pulpit saying, ‘My final point.’ Behind him, the church clock has packed a suitcase. The musician stretches his fingers while the congregation exchanges knowing smiles.

Cartoon 2: Mother Johnson’s Pocketbook

Mother Johnson opens a huge church purse containing peppermints, tissues, a fan, two Bibles, cough drops, safety pins, hand sanitizer, a tiny umbrella, and a casserole recipe. A child whispers, ‘She has everything except a charger.’

Cartoon 3: The Parking Prayer

Brother Ray circles a crowded church lot praying for a space. A car backs out and he says, ‘Never mind, Lord, I found one.’ A small cloud above him shows an angel raising one eyebrow.

Cartoon 4: Choir Confidence

An enthusiastic choir member sings the wrong note boldly. Musical notes around him bend toward his pitch while neighboring singers look confused.

Cartoon 5: The Fellowship Line

Two well-dressed church members smile politely while both hold the same last dinner roll. Caption: ‘Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is still holding the roll.’

Cartoon 6: The Church Thermostat

Deacons, church mothers, youth, and choir members stand around one thermostat like a peace summit. Pastor Ben holds a Bible and says, 'Today's lesson is unity.'

Cartoon 7: The Bible App

A teenager opens a Bible app and is surrounded by pop-up notifications. Grandma holds a print Bible and says, 'Mine has never asked me to update.'

Cartoon 8: Sunday Morning Peace

A family argues in the car, then instantly smiles as the church doors open. Caption: 'Transformation at the threshold.'

Cartoon 9: The Long Announcement

Deacon Bubba says, 'I will be brief.' A calendar behind him flips through several months.

Cartoon 10: The Children's Sermon

Pastor Ben asks, 'What is faith?' A child answers, 'Believing this sermon will end even when we cannot see it.' Adults try not to laugh.

Cartoon 11: Temple Maintenance

Brother Ray stands beside exercise equipment holding a plate of fried chicken and says, 'My body is a temple.' His trainer replies, 'The maintenance department is here.'

Cartoon 12: Grandma's Prayer

Grandma prays over a teenager while his phone displays canceled plans, missed trouble, and blocked bad ideas. Caption: 'He thought it was bad luck. Grandma knew better.'

24. The Great Kingdom Laugh Challenge

Use this chapter in families, youth groups, retreats, church meetings, or fellowship nights. The rules are simple: keep it clean, keep it kind, and make sure the joke can be enjoyed by the youngest and oldest person present.

1. Tell a thirty-second funny story about getting ready for church.
2. Create a clean joke involving a church fan, an usher, and a late member.
3. Act out a deacon giving a 'brief' announcement.
4. Describe a Bible character using only three funny clues.
5. Create a gospel-song title that describes Monday morning.
6. Give your best grandmother expression without saying a word.
7. Create a clean church knock-knock joke.
8. Tell a funny family story that ends with a lesson.
9. Imitate the sound of a church van starting on a cold morning.
10. Create a sermon title based on losing your keys.
11. Explain modern technology using an old-school church saying.
12. Name five items likely to be inside a church mother's purse.
13. Create a two-line joke about patience.
14. Give a dramatic reading of a grocery list like a sermon.
15. Tell what would happen if Noah organized a church trip.

BONUS — 52 Weeks of Joy

Week 1: Start the year with a laugh that everybody can share.

Week 2: Joy is not denial; it is strength with a smile.

Week 3: Do not let one bad morning preach the whole day.

Week 4: Some delays are lessons wearing work clothes.

Week 5: Grace can handle what pride keeps hiding.

Week 6: Family laughter is a form of wealth.

Week 7: Patience grows in places hurry dislikes.

Week 8: Kind humor leaves everybody standing.

Week 9: Some prayers sound like, ‘Lord, help me answer gently.’

Week 10: A cheerful heart does good like medicine.

Week 11: Rest is not laziness when God ordered it.

Week 12: Celebrate progress that nobody else can see.

Week 13: Do not compare your chapter to somebody else’s cover.

Week 14: Faith can smile before the answer arrives.

Week 15: Your family stories are part of your inheritance.

Week 16: Joy can live in a serious season.

Week 17: Sometimes the miracle is getting through Monday.

Week 18: Grandma’s wisdom still works with new technology.

Week 19: Speak life, even when you are joking.

Week 20: Church should be a place where children remember joy.

Week 21: Your testimony can include laughter.

Week 22: Do not confuse being loud with being joyful.

Week 23: Every generation needs reasons to sit together.

Week 24: Clean comedy is not weak comedy.

Week 25: Humor can open a door truth walks through.

Week 26: Forgiveness may begin with one honest laugh.

Week 27: Some meetings need prayer. Others also need snacks.

Week 28: Celebrate the people who make hard days lighter.

Week 29: Do not use humor to wound somebody you should love.

Week 30: Joy is holy too.

Week 31: Tell the story that reminds your family how far God brought you.

Week 32: Even strong people need a reason to smile.

Week 33: A good laugh can lower a wall.

Week 34: Be the person who changes the atmosphere.

Week 35: God can use your personality, not just your seriousness.

Week 36: Remember: the punchline is never more valuable than the person.

Week 37: Laughter belongs at the family table.

Week 38: Give young people comedy they do not have to hide.

Week 39: Every church has funny memories worth preserving.

Week 40: Do not let culture convince you filth is the only way to be funny.

Week 41: Kindness makes humor travel farther.

Week 42: Use joy as ministry.

Week 43: Some of the best sermons begin with an honest human moment.

Week 44: Let children see adults laugh without cruelty.

Week 45: Joy and reverence can live in the same sanctuary.

Week 46: Faith is serious; believers do not have to be gloomy.

Week 47: Write down the funny things your elders say.

Week 48: Share laughter across generations.

Week 49: Let gratitude become your daily soundtrack.

Week 50: A peaceful heart hears humor others miss.

Week 51: Finish the year remembering the moments that made you smile.

Week 52: Take joy into the next chapter.



Clean laughter can open the heart without closing the Bible.

Closing Word: Joy Belongs to Us

The African American church has carried people through sorrow, injustice, grief, struggle, and change. It has also carried a deep river of joy. We have laughed in kitchens, on church steps, in choir rehearsals, during long road trips, around hospital beds, at family reunions, and after difficult days. That laughter did not mean life was easy. It meant trouble did not get the final word.

Kingdom Laughs is an invitation to protect that inheritance. Let us give our children comedy they can repeat. Let us give pastors humor they can use. Let us give families a reason to sit together. Let us prove that clean does not mean dull, Christian does not mean joyless, and wholesome does not mean weak.

Keep laughing. Keep loving. Keep the gospel at the center.

—Lucius Alston

ILLUSTRATED EDITION

Featuring realistic African American church, ministry, and family scenes.

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PART IV - EVEN MORE KINGDOM LAUGHTER

This expanded section deepens the collection with more of the places, people, programs, conversations, and unforgettable moments that shape African American church and family life.

25. Men's Ministry, Brotherhood, and the Barbershop

Faith, fellowship, fresh cuts, and brothers trying to keep every meeting shorter than the last one.

1. The Men's Breakfast

The flyer said the men's breakfast began at eight. The food arrived at eight. The men arrived when somebody texted a picture of the bacon.

2. The Prayer Circle

The leader said, "Brothers, let us be transparent." Everybody looked at the floor until one man admitted he had ignored the check-engine light for six months.

3. The Barbershop Sermon

The barber asked one question about the Bible. Three men answered, two disagreed, and the haircut became a panel discussion.

4. The Tool Box

Every brother brought a tool to the church workday. Nobody brought the tool the trustee actually needed.

5. The Grill Ministry

The men's ministry bought a grill so large the fire department asked whether revival had started.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

6. The Brotherhood Photo

The photographer said, "Smile." Half the men nodded seriously because that was their smile.

7. The Tie Lesson

A father taught his son to tie a necktie. After twelve attempts they agreed clip-ons were part of grace.

8. The Men's Choir

The men's choir had one rehearsal rule: everybody sing the same verse, preferably at the same time.

9. The Accountability Partner

He called his accountability partner and said, "I was tempted." His partner said, "By what?" He answered, "A second plate."

10. The Church Workday

The workday began with prayer, coffee, and forty minutes of discussing the best way to move one table.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

11. The Barber's Wisdom

The barber said, "You cannot keep asking God for a new season while refusing to let go of the old haircut."

12. The Father's Advice

Dad said, "Son, always tell the truth." Then the phone rang and he whispered, "Tell them I am not here."

13. The Men's Retreat

The retreat promised spiritual renewal. The brothers also wanted to know whether the cabins had Wi-Fi.

14. The Suit Jacket

A brother took off his suit jacket before helping move chairs. Everybody knew serious ministry had begun.

15. The Closing Prayer

The men agreed on a five-minute closing prayer. One brother prayed through every generation of the family.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

26. Women's Ministry, Beauty Shop, and Sisterhood

Warm, respectful humor celebrating women's wisdom, fellowship, style, strength, and unforgettable church conversations.

1. The Women's Day Hat

Her hat was so magnificent the usher seated it first.

2. The Beauty Shop Bible Study

One scripture question turned a hair appointment into a two-hour women's conference.

3. The Purse Ministry

Every woman in the meeting had a pen, but nobody wanted to use the good one.

4. The Matching Outfit

The women's choir arrived in matching colors and twelve different definitions of burgundy.

5. The Sister Circle

The leader said, "This is a safe space." Five women reached for tissues and one reached for snacks.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

6. The Church Shoes

She brought beautiful heels for the entrance and comfortable flats for the praise break.

7. The Hair Testimony

The rain began five minutes before church. She looked toward heaven and said, "Lord, we have discussed this."

8. The Recipe

She shared the recipe but left out one ingredient so the church would still need her.

9. The Prayer Partner

Her prayer partner knew the request, the backstory, the family tree, and who needed to apologize.

10. The Women's Conference

The conference bag contained a notebook, a pen, a fan, two snacks, and a coupon nobody remembered adding.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

11. The Group Picture

The photographer took eighteen pictures because somebody blinked, somebody turned, and somebody said, "Wait, let me fix my hair."

12. The Honest Compliment

One sister said, "You look rested." The other replied, "That is concealer and the grace of God."

13. The Tea Program

The program called it afternoon tea. The kitchen called it a full dinner with smaller cups.

14. The Shoes Under the Pew

She slipped off her shoes during service and spent the benediction trying to find where one had traveled.

15. The Sisterly Warning

She said, "I am telling you this in love." Everybody sat up because the introduction had ended.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

27. Gospel Music, Musicians, and Praise Teams

Clean humor for everybody who has ever followed the musician's key change, missed the bridge, or celebrated the final chorus.

1. The Key Change

The musician changed keys so smoothly half the choir did not notice and the other half never recovered.

2. The Praise Team Huddle

They prayed before singing and then spent ten minutes deciding who would start the first line.

3. The Organ Run

The organist played one run and three church mothers stood up automatically.

4. The Drum Fill

The drummer heard the word 'victory' and supplied enough rhythm for a parade.

5. The Sound Check

The singer said, "More of me in the monitor." The pastor said, "That is also the problem with some sermons."

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

6. The Old Song

The young praise team introduced a 'classic' from ten years ago. The church mothers smiled patiently.

7. The Choir Director

The director's left hand conducted the choir. The right hand corrected the tenor section.

8. The Soloist

The soloist added so many notes to one word that the word forgot its original spelling.

9. The Missing Verse

The praise team skipped verse two. The congregation sang it anyway because tradition had seniority.

10. The Music Stand

The music stand fell during the song, but the keyboard player stayed in worship and caught it with one foot.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

11. The Rehearsal Text

The director texted, ‘Please be on time.’ Everyone responded with praying-hands emojis and arrived twenty minutes late.

12. The Praise Break Signal

The bassist leaned forward, the drummer lifted one stick, and the entire church understood the assignment.

13. The New Arrangement

The song was familiar until the praise team rearranged it beyond recognition.

14. The Microphone

Everybody wanted a microphone until the director asked them to sing alone.

15. The Last Chorus

The leader said, “One more time.” The musicians knew that number had no fixed meaning.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.



The van carried twelve passengers, seventeen bags, and one mysterious sound.

28. Outreach, Church Vans, and Community Ministry

Because ministry outside the sanctuary has its own testimonies, traffic, directions, snacks, and surprises.

1. The Church Van

The van had twelve seats, fifteen passengers, three coolers, and faith in the suspension.

2. The Directions

The driver said he knew the way. Forty minutes later everybody had a deeper prayer life.

3. The Outreach Table

The volunteers packed tracts, water, snacks, and everything except tape.

4. The Community Day

The event started at noon. The bounce house arrived at one. The children had already formed a committee.

5. The Food Giveaway

The line moved peacefully until someone announced there were only three pies left.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

6. The Volunteer Shirt

Everyone wore the same ministry shirt, making it easier to identify who had disappeared when cleanup began.

7. The Tent

Six people assembled the outreach tent. Seven people explained how it should have been done.

8. The Bullhorn

The deacon discovered the bullhorn and immediately found thirty extra announcements.

9. The Neighborhood Prayer

The prayer walk covered three blocks and four conversations about who used to live in each house.

10. The Bus Captain

The bus captain counted everyone twice and still arrived with one extra child.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

11. The Water Cooler

The cooler was full when they left church and mysteriously half empty before the event began.

12. The Setup Crew

The setup team arrived early enough to watch everybody else arrive late.

13. The Cleanup Crew

Nothing reveals spiritual maturity like who stays to fold the tables.

14. The Wrong Address

The flyer had the right church name, the right time, and last year's address.

15. The Final Load

The van door would not close until somebody removed one box labeled 'miscellaneous ministry supplies.'

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29. Homegoings, Comfort, and Family Gatherings

Gentle, compassionate humor about the recognizable family and church moments surrounding homegoing services—never making light of grief.

1. The Family Row

The usher reserved the first three rows for family. By the time everyone identified the cousins, they needed five.

2. The Church Hat

Auntie's hat entered the sanctuary with the dignity of a full processional.

3. The Program

Everyone read the obituary and quietly discovered three relatives they had never heard about.

4. The Family Spokesperson

The pastor asked for one family representative. Four people stood and one cousin began organizing nominations.

5. The Resolution

The church resolution was so beautifully written the family asked for extra copies.

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6. The Repast

The service celebrated a life. The repast revealed who had been waiting for the macaroni.

7. The Long Reflection

The program allowed two minutes for remarks. One speaker brought notes, photos, and a complete childhood history.

8. The Family Photo

The photographer gathered relatives who had not stood together since the last reunion.

9. The Quiet Child

A child whispered, “Is heaven far?” Grandma said, “Not when love keeps somebody close.”

10. The Church Support

The family asked how the church could help. Three mothers arrived with food before the sentence ended.

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11. The Cousin

One cousin greeted everybody confidently while quietly asking his sister, “Now who is that?”

12. The Song

The soloist sang Grandma’s favorite hymn, and every generation knew at least the chorus.

13. The Directions

The procession followed the lead car until one driver stopped for gas and nearly started a second procession.

14. The Memory Table

The photographs reminded everyone that Granddad had owned the same serious expression for sixty years.

15. The Benediction

The pastor said grief and joy can share the same room. The family understood when a memory made them cry and laugh at once.

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30. Social Media Saints and Digital Fellowship

Faith meets posts, comments, livestreams, emojis, group chats, and the unending good-morning ministry.

1. The Good-Morning Ministry

One church mother sent flowers, coffee, a sunrise, and a Bible verse before 6:00 a.m.

2. The Livestream Comment

He typed ‘Amen’ so often the platform asked whether he was a bot.

3. The Profile Verse

Her bio said ‘walking by faith,’ but her location was always turned on.

4. The Online Debate

The discussion began with Scripture and ended with three people posting, ‘I said what I said.’

5. The Prayer Emoji

He sent praying hands and hoped nobody asked him to attend the actual prayer meeting.

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6. The Church Selfie

The caption said ‘focused on worship.’ The photo required seventeen attempts.

7. The Digital Fast

She announced her social-media fast in a five-minute video, three posts, and a countdown story.

8. The Group Chat Exit

He left the church group chat quietly. The app announced it to everybody.

9. The Sermon Clip

The twenty-second sermon clip received more views than the forty-five-minute sermon it came from.

10. The Autocorrect Prayer

She typed ‘God is able.’ Autocorrect changed it to ‘God is available.’ Both were true.

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11. The Share Button

A member shared the event flyer but forgot to attend the event.

12. The Online Offering

He gave online and still looked around when the plate passed, just to appear spiritually alert.

13. The Filter

The church selfie had so many filters even the sanctuary looked newly renovated.

14. The Comment Section

The pastor preached on peace. The comment section immediately tested the message.

15. The Phone Battery

Her battery was at two percent, but she still had enough power to record the whole praise break.

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31. Old-School Church Sayings Translated

A celebration of familiar sayings and what they really meant in church and family life.

1. “I’m not going to be long.”

Translation: Settle in. History is about to be explained.

2. “Come as you are.”

Translation: Come as you are, but Grandma may still comment on it.

3. “The doors of the church are open.”

Translation: This is your moment—and everyone is trying not to turn around.

4. “Let the church say amen.”

Translation: The speaker requires audible confirmation.

5. “We are moving right along.”

Translation: We have not moved at all, but hope remains.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

6. “Keep me in prayer.”

Translation: I am not giving details in public.

7. “The Lord knows my heart.”

Translation: The Lord and I are discussing something.

8. “I feel my help coming.”

Translation: The musician should be ready.

9. “I am going to leave that alone.”

Translation: It will be mentioned at least twice more.

10. “Bless your heart.”

Translation: Grace is covering the rest of this sentence.

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11. “We thank God for you.”

Translation: We are about to ask you to do something.

12. “Take your time, preacher.”

Translation: One person said this. Everyone else checked the clock.

13. “We have food downstairs.”

Translation: The service has entered its final and most attended phase.

14. “God willing and the creek don’t rise.”

Translation: The plan is tentative, but faith is present.

15. “You know better.”

Translation: The lesson has already been taught and the evidence is disappointing.

JOY CHECK: Keep the laugh clean, kind, and useful.

32. Church Etiquette Nobody Wrote Down

The unofficial rules every longtime member somehow knows.

1. The Pew Rule

Never sit in somebody's seat unless you are prepared to hear its entire history.

2. The Mint Rule

If a church mother offers you a peppermint, accept it. This is not a negotiation.

3. The Microphone Rule

Never tap the microphone more than twice. The sound team has feelings.

4. The Food Rule

Do not take a to-go plate before the program begins unless you are prepared for judgment.

5. The Announcement Rule

A spoken announcement will always be longer than the printed version.

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6. The Choir Rule

When the director raises both eyebrows, stop improvising.

7. The Offering Rule

Have your gift ready before the plate arrives. The whole row is watching.

8. The Visitor Rule

A visitor will be asked to stand at the exact moment they hoped to remain unnoticed.

9. The Testimony Rule

If you say 'I will be brief,' the clock begins documenting evidence.

10. The Hat Rule

Do not sit directly behind a magnificent hat unless you came to hear rather than see.

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11. The Parking Rule

The closer the space, the earlier somebody claimed it.

12. The Kitchen Rule

Never move a serving spoon without permission from the person who brought the dish.

13. The Child Rule

A child can remain silent all week and ask the loudest question during prayer.

14. The Thermostat Rule

Touch it only after prayer, consultation, and a congregational vote.

15. The Benediction Rule

The service is not over until the pastor says it, regardless of how many people have gathered their coats.

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33. The Hundred-Laugh Rapid-Fire Round

One hundred quick jokes and observations for emcees, pastors, teachers, family gatherings, church programs, social posts, and anybody who needs a clean laugh in a hurry.

1. Sunday morning traffic is the church's first altar call.
2. A church fan can cool you off and correct you at the same time.
3. The choir robe hides fashion disagreements but not wrong notes.
4. Some sermons have three points and unlimited data.
5. Grandma did not need caller ID. She knew who was calling by the way the phone rang.
6. The church van always sounds strongest after prayer.
7. Fellowship hall tea is mostly sugar with a testimony.
8. The last piece of chicken reveals the true condition of the heart.
9. Monday morning needs its own prayer ministry.
10. A Bible app is convenient until the notifications begin preaching.
11. Church mothers invented emergency preparedness.
12. A deacon can turn one announcement into a documentary.
13. The pastor said, 'Turn to your neighbor.' The introverts began interceding.
14. Some church shoes are saved but not sanctified for dancing.
15. The sound check is where confidence meets feedback.
16. The thermostat has divided more opinions than the agenda.
17. Grandparents practice grace on the same children they once disciplined.
18. The group chat has more flowers than a garden.

19. A church meeting without snacks is a test of endurance.
20. Some people arrive late so the entrance can have meaning.
21. The offering envelope has heard many financial testimonies.
22. The choir director's facial expressions deserve subtitles.
23. Every church has one microphone that requires deliverance.
24. The closing prayer can become an additional service.
25. A family reunion is genealogy with plates.
26. The preacher's towel is the official flag of overtime.
27. Church parking teaches humility, patience, and parallel parking.
28. The kitchen committee knows where everything is and who moved it.
29. Sunday dinner has healed arguments the sermon only introduced.
30. Some children attend youth church mainly for the snacks and accidentally learn Scripture.
31. The church photographer can make peace last exactly one shutter click.
32. A fresh haircut adds confidence to every testimony.
33. Nobody walks faster than a saint who hears there is cake downstairs.
34. Some prayers are eloquent. Others are simply, 'Jesus, please.'
35. The family group photo proves everybody can cooperate for three seconds.
36. Bible-study questions can turn one verse into a semester.
37. A tambourine never believes it is too loud.
38. The church clock and the preacher do not share the same revelation.

39. A visitor can find the bathroom only after asking four people.
40. Church anniversaries measure years, faithfulness, and how long the building fund has existed.
41. Every choir has one person singing the director's future arrangement.
42. Sunday naps are often justified with theology.
43. A child can hear a candy wrapper from across the sanctuary.
44. The church bulletin becomes historical evidence by Monday.
45. Some people dress for church like heaven has a red carpet.
46. Faith can move mountains; church committees prefer a motion and a second.
47. The church grill always has one brother who appoints himself executive chef.
48. The women's conference bag becomes a permanent household item.
49. The pastor asks for one volunteer and receives complete silence plus eye contact avoidance.
50. Nothing travels faster than a church announcement that was supposed to stay private.
51. One peppermint can buy fifteen minutes of children's-church peace.
52. Some saints shout before the point and ask what happened later.
53. The church van's air-conditioning works by unanimous prayer.
54. Macaroni and cheese has been promoted to vegetable in many fellowships.
55. The organist can make one sentence sound like a national event.

56. Grandma's 'come here' included both invitation and judgment.
57. Some people take sermon notes. Others write grocery lists under holy cover.
58. The choir anniversary is where old robes return for one final appearance.
59. The usher's flashlight has more authority than a traffic signal.
60. Church Wi-Fi passwords are often more spiritual than the browsing history.
61. The long goodbye begins at the church door and ends in the parking lot.
62. A church workday reveals who owns gloves and who owns opinions.
63. Some people pray with their eyes closed. Others watch to see who came late.
64. The fellowship line is where patience meets potato salad.
65. A child's bedtime prayer expands with every minute they are allowed to stay awake.
66. The church website says ten; church culture says shortly after.
67. Every family has one relative who knows everybody but nobody knows how.
68. Church hats have their own seating requirements.
69. A musician hears 'I am closing' as a key-change warning.
70. The meeting minutes can never fully capture what happened.
71. Some testimonies begin in 1982 and arrive safely in the present.

72. The church nursery has seen every stage of spiritual development.
73. A good sermon makes you think. A long sermon gives you additional time.
74. Grandma's Bible opened automatically to the verse you needed.
75. The prayer line moves slower when everybody has details.
76. Some saints carry an umbrella because they truly expect showers of blessing.
77. The choir's water bottles are part hydration, part stage decoration.
78. A church usher can smile and issue a command simultaneously.
79. Family devotion improves when nobody is holding the remote.
80. The first person to smell the fellowship food receives a spiritual gift of discernment.
81. The church announcement sheet has never prevented extra announcements.
82. Some people join the cleanup team by leaving early.
83. A child can ask one question that changes the whole sermon.
84. The old church bus had no GPS but plenty of testimonies.
85. Church coffee is strong enough to support early service.
86. The praise team's final song may contain four final choruses.
87. A church mother's purse is a small mobile ministry center.
88. Sunday school attendance improves when breakfast is mentioned.
89. Every church event has one extension cord nobody can find.
90. Some people say 'amen' because they agree. Others say it because they are awake.

91. The church photographer always catches somebody fixing their face.
92. Church chicken tastes better when served on a paper plate.
93. The pastor's 'quick word' and the deacon's 'brief announcement' are close relatives.
94. Nothing tests unity like deciding who gets the last program.
95. Young people can learn a song instantly and forget to bring the permission slip.
96. The church door squeaks only during quiet prayer.
97. A testimony can start with one blessing and collect several side stories.
98. Some families leave church together but reach the car in separate seasons.
99. The church kitchen has more unwritten laws than the bylaws.
100. A clean joke can cross generations without anybody changing the channel.
101. Joy is what happens when faith remembers God still has the final word.

PART V - THE GREAT BIG CHURCH-LIFE COLLECTION

This section expands Kingdom Laughs with more ministry settings, family experiences, sermon-safe humor, icebreakers, and clean jokes for every generation.

34. Pastor Appreciation and Preacher Life

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Pastor's Phone

The pastor's phone rang during dinner. He said, 'This is either a prayer request or somebody asking whether the church has folding chairs.'

2. The Sunday Lunch

The pastor finally sat down to eat. Three members arrived with one quick question.

3. The Sermon Notebook

His sermon notebook contained three points, seven arrows, four stars, and one sentence only heaven could read.

4. The Anniversary Gift

The church gave the pastor a watch. He thanked them and preached forty-five minutes about timing.

5. The Pastor's Vacation

The pastor went on vacation and still received texts asking what time service started.

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6. The Pulpit Bible

The pastor had a preaching Bible, a study Bible, a travel Bible, and one Bible nobody was allowed to move.

7. The Hospital Visit

The pastor entered for a brief visit and left knowing the entire family history.

8. The Pastor's Chair

Nobody sat in the pastor's chair, even when the pastor was not in the building.

9. The Surprise Program

The church planned a surprise appreciation program and accidentally asked the pastor to make the announcements.

10. The Guest Preacher

The pastor introduced the guest preacher with seven titles. The preacher began by saying, 'I am just a servant.'

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11. The Monday Morning

Sunday ended at two. Monday began at six. The pastor's coffee needed prayer.

12. The Sermon Title

The title came quickly. The sermon came after three walks, two prayers, and one late-night snack.

13. The Pastor's Study

The door said Pastor's Study. Everybody read it as Come In Without Knocking.

14. The Closing Hymn

The pastor chose a closing hymn with five verses and discovered the congregation only knew the first.

15. The Appreciation Dinner

The program honored the pastor. The kitchen honored everybody else.

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16. The Church Calendar

The pastor looked at the church calendar and asked, 'Did we schedule a day to breathe?'

17. The Microphone Battery

The battery died during the sermon. The pastor kept preaching and the front row became the sound system.

18. The Pulpit Glass

The water glass had one job: survive the preacher's hand gestures.

19. The Counseling Hour

The appointment was scheduled for thirty minutes. The story had an introduction, three generations, and a sequel.

20. The Final Amen

The pastor finished preaching, prayed, gave the invitation, made one last remark, and then found another amen.

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35. Church Secretaries, Media Teams, and Behind-the-Scenes Saints

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Bulletin Deadline

The secretary asked for announcements by Wednesday. Everybody sent them Saturday night.

2. The Name Spelling

The program printed one name wrong and that became the only thing anybody remembered.

3. The Copy Machine

The copier sensed the church anniversary and jammed out of respect for tradition.

4. The Media Booth

The media team could hear every whisper in the sanctuary and wished everybody knew it.

5. The Livestream Start

The countdown reached zero. The pastor was ready, the choir was ready, and the camera was pointed at the ceiling.

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6. The Slide Operator

The praise team repeated the chorus unexpectedly. The slide operator entered spiritual warfare.

7. The Church Flyer

The flyer went through eleven revisions because somebody wanted the red slightly more red.

8. The Printer Ink

The church printer waited until the final page to announce it was out of ink.

9. The Sound Team

When the microphone worked, nobody noticed. When it failed, everybody became an audio engineer.

10. The Announcement Email

The secretary sent one email. Six people replied all to say thank you.

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11. The Photo Request

The media team asked everyone to face the camera. Three people turned around.

12. The Website Update

The website was updated Friday. A member asked Sunday why last year's picnic was still on the homepage.

13. The USB Drive

Every important file was on one tiny drive labeled CHURCH STUFF.

14. The Password

The church account password was so secure nobody currently serving knew it.

15. The Streaming Comment

The livestream froze at the exact moment the preacher said, 'God is moving.'

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16. The Program Fold

The bulletin folded perfectly until the last five copies.

17. The Camera Angle

The camera operator discovered one angle that made everybody look attentive.

18. The Media Prayer

Before service, the team prayed for anointing, strong Wi-Fi, and charged batteries.

19. The Last-Minute Slide

The pastor handed over a new sermon title during the opening song.

20. The Unmuted Mic

The microphone was live five seconds before everybody realized it.

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36. Church Conventions, Conferences, and Revivals

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Conference Bag

Everybody received a conference bag and immediately compared what was inside.

2. The Name Badge

The badge said Hello, My Name Is, but half the people already knew everybody.

3. The Revival Night

The revival started at seven. The preacher arrived at seven. The congregation arrived in waves.

4. The Visiting Choir

The visiting choir brought thirty singers, one keyboard, and enough energy for three churches.

5. The Hotel Lobby

The convention lobby became a reunion before the first session began.

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6. The Workshop

The workshop title promised practical steps. The presenter spent forty minutes defining the title.

7. The Matching Shirts

The delegation wore matching shirts and still lost each other in the crowd.

8. The Offering Appeal

The appeal had one goal, three testimonies, and four suggested amounts.

9. The Conference Meal

The lunch line revealed which churches had arrived early.

10. The Revival Closing

The preacher said, 'Tomorrow night we are going higher.' The musicians wondered whether there was another key.

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11. The Vendor Table

The saints came for worship and left with books, T-shirts, oils, and three new tote bags.

12. The Hotel Breakfast

The delegation took over the breakfast room and turned waffles into fellowship.

13. The Roll Call

Each church stood when called. One church added a song.

14. The Workshop Notes

Everybody opened notebooks. Half the room wrote the speaker's first quote and never wrote again.

15. The Convention Photo

It took twenty minutes to arrange the group and two seconds for somebody to close their eyes.

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16. The Revival Fan

The church fan worked harder during revival than some committee members all year.

17. The Guest Badge

One member wore the guest badge for three days because it opened every conversation.

18. The Final Session

The final session began with people packed, checked out, and spiritually trying to remain present.

19. The Night Service

The night service ended late enough for the morning session to feel personal.

20. The Home Church Report

Everyone returned home with notes, souvenirs, and one story told at every meeting.

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37. Youth Leaders, Teen Ministry, and Church Trips

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Permission Slip

The deadline was Friday. The slip arrived Sunday morning folded into the shape of a mystery.

2. The Youth Trip

The leader counted twenty teens on the bus and twenty-one opinions about the playlist.

3. The Snack Budget

The youth budget had three categories: transportation, registration, and snacks that disappeared early.

4. The Group Photo

The teens smiled only after the leader threatened to post the first picture.

5. The Devotion

The youth leader asked everyone to put phones away. Three teens looked genuinely separated from family.

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6. The Cabin

The retreat cabin had six beds and twelve chargers.

7. The Icebreaker

The leader planned an icebreaker. The teens broke the ice by asking what time they were eating.

8. The Curfew

Curfew was eleven. The final whisper ended sometime after midnight.

9. The Bus Movie

The movie received more voting than the church election.

10. The Youth Choir

They learned the choreography instantly and forgot the second verse.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

11. The Team Challenge

The challenge required cooperation. The teens required snacks first.

12. The Leader's Text

The leader sent full instructions. Every reply asked a question already answered in the first line.

13. The Retreat Sermon

The teens listened quietly until the speaker mentioned relationships. Suddenly everybody was alert.

14. The Lost Hoodie

One hoodie changed owners four times before returning home.

15. The Testimony Night

The most talkative teen said little. The quietest teen gave the strongest testimony.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

16. The Parent Pickup

Pickup was at five. The final parent arrived with an apology and fast-food bags.

17. The Church Trip Stop

The bus stopped for ten minutes. The youth group turned it into forty.

18. The Leader's Prayer

Every youth leader has prayed, 'Lord, bring them back with the same number we left with.'

19. The Charger Ministry

The one person with a power strip became the most respected teen in the room.

20. The Final Head Count

The leader counted again because faith believes and wisdom verifies.

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Senior saints arrive early, know the old songs, and carry tested faith.

38. Senior Saints, Golden Years, and Timeless Wisdom

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Favorite Hymn

The musician played one note and the senior saints knew all four verses.

2. The Church Arrival

The service started at ten. The senior saints had been seated since nine fifteen.

3. The Hearing Aid

He adjusted his hearing aid during announcements and said, 'I heard enough.'

4. The Old Bible

Her Bible had no empty margins and no untested promises.

5. The New Song

The praise team introduced a new song. The seniors listened carefully and waited for the hymn.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

6. The Church History

Ask a senior saint when the choir started and prepare for the complete history of the neighborhood.

7. The Comfortable Pew

He knew which pew had the best cushion because he helped buy it.

8. The Offering Envelope

Her envelope was filled out before she left home.

9. The Senior Trip

The bus left exactly on time because nobody wanted to miss lunch.

10. The Phone

Granddad's phone had large letters and one contact named Everybody.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

11. The Sunday Suit

His suit was older than some deacons and still looked better.

12. The Testimony

She said, 'I have been running for Jesus a long time,' then walked carefully back to her seat.

13. The Church Fan

He kept a church fan in the car because wisdom prepares ahead.

14. The Recipe Memory

Grandma did not measure ingredients. The food remembered what to do.

15. The Bulletin

She read every announcement and still asked the secretary to repeat them.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

16. The Weather

Senior saints check the weather, dress for three seasons, and bring an umbrella anyway.

17. The Good Seat

He did not reserve the seat. Sixty years of attendance reserved it for him.

18. The Closing Advice

When the meeting grew tense, Mother said, 'Let us pray before somebody needs to apologize.'

19. The Old Saying

He repeated the same old saying because it kept being right.

20. The Birthday

The church announced her age. She thanked God and corrected the number.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

39. Church Picnics, Cookouts, and Family Fun Days

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Grill Master

He arrived with an apron, three tools, and the confidence of somebody who had never accepted cooking advice.

2. The Picnic Table

The table leaned slightly, so everybody placed the heavy food on the other end and called it engineering.

3. The Potato Salad

Nobody asked who made it until after the first bite.

4. The Sack Race

The children raced. The adults offered coaching from lawn chairs.

5. The Church Softball Game

The pastor prayed for sportsmanship. The deacons asked who was keeping score.

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6. The Watermelon

One slice became three because church knives believe in generosity.

7. The Lawn Chair

Experienced saints brought chairs with shade, cup holders, and a backup chair.

8. The Bounce House

The children entered joyfully. The adults studied the weight limit.

9. The Picnic Prayer

The food cooled while the prayer thanked God for every farmer involved.

10. The Family Relay

The relay began with enthusiasm and ended with somebody looking for an inhaler.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

11. The Cooler

Every cooler looked the same until somebody opened the one with desserts.

12. The Cornhole Game

A friendly game became a regional championship after the first missed throw.

13. The DJ

The DJ played gospel, old school, and one song everybody pretended not to know.

14. The Cleanup

The picnic ended when the food was gone. Cleanup ended when the faithful few found more trash bags.

15. The Ants

The ants arrived early and did not bring a covered dish.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

16. The Rain Cloud

One cloud appeared and everybody became a weather prophet.

17. The Take-Home Plate

Foil was distributed with greater speed than the church programs.

18. The Final Chair

The last folding chair refused to close until three trustees discussed it.

19. The Water Balloon

The youth called it a game. The adults called it staying out of range.

20. The Departure

Everybody said goodbye, then stood beside the cars for another hour.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

40. Christian Dating, Singles Ministry, and Courtship

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Prayer List

She prayed for a kind, faithful, mature man. Her friend asked whether the list had room for answers texts.

2. The Singles Event

The event was called fellowship. Everybody still checked who entered the room.

3. The Church Introduction

A church mother said, 'I want you to meet somebody.' Both people immediately became cautious.

4. The First Date

He prayed over dinner so beautifully she wondered whether he also tipped faithfully.

5. The Discernment

She said, 'I am waiting on confirmation.' Her friends said, 'We confirmed it. Do not text him.'

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

6. The Profile Verse

His profile quoted Proverbs. His messages needed supervision.

7. The Courtship

They agreed to take it slow and spent three hours on the phone that night.

8. The Group Outing

The singles ministry went bowling. One person came for fellowship and three came with matching shoes.

9. The Red Flag

He said, 'The Lord told me you are my wife.' She said, 'The Lord has my number.'

10. The Church Seat

He sat nearby for four Sundays before saying hello. The ushers had already noticed.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

11. The Parent Meeting

He met her family and realized the interview had multiple departments.

12. The Prayer Partner

Her prayer partner asked for his first name, last name, church, occupation, and references.

13. The Text Reply

She waited two hours to reply so she would not look eager. He waited three because he was at work.

14. The Singles Panel

The panel answered questions about relationships. The audience had follow-up questions and receipts.

15. The Engagement

He proposed after church. The entire congregation had known since rehearsal.

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16. The Wedding Board

Her wedding ideas filled one board. His contribution was, 'What time do I need to be there?'

17. The First Argument

They paused the discussion to pray and both asked God to explain the other person.

18. The Honest Standard

He said he wanted a Proverbs 31 woman. She asked whether he had read the whole chapter.

19. The Group Chat

The singles chat began with encouragement and ended with restaurant suggestions.

20. The Final Prayer

The leader prayed for contentment. Half the room quietly added specific details.

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41. Marriage Ministry and Couple Retreats

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Couple's Exercise

The leader said, 'Finish your spouse's sentence.' Several couples did not wait for permission.

2. The Retreat Room

The room had one king bed and two opinions about the thermostat.

3. The Communication Session

The speaker taught active listening. One husband whispered, 'When do we practice this?'

4. The Love Language

His love language was words of affirmation. Hers was putting the laundry in the basket.

5. The Date Night

They planned a romantic dinner and spent half of it discussing the children.

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6. The Road Trip

She said, 'Ask for directions.' He said, 'We are exploring.'

7. The Anniversary Photo

They smiled beautifully after arguing about where to stand.

8. The Marriage Prayer

They prayed for patience and then assembled a bookshelf together.

9. The Couple's Game

The question was, 'Who apologizes first?' Both pointed at the other.

10. The Retreat Schedule

The schedule included rest, reflection, and a 7:00 a.m. session.

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11. The Shared Dessert

They ordered one dessert to share and immediately began measuring the bites.

12. The Remote Agreement

They agreed to compromise. He watched sports with the sound low.

13. The Grocery Trip

They went for milk and returned with a lamp, snacks, and no milk.

14. The Church Ride

They disagreed all the way to church and greeted the ushers with perfect harmony.

15. The Honest Prayer

He prayed, 'Lord, help me understand my wife.' She said, 'Start by listening after amen.'

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16. The Couple's Testimony

They said marriage takes work. The audience noticed both of them nodded at different parts.

17. The Weekend Away

They packed for two nights like they were relocating.

18. The Final Session

The retreat ended with renewed love and a debate over where to eat.

19. The Pillow Talk

They planned to talk before bed and both fell asleep during the introduction.

20. The Marriage Homework

The assignment was one compliment a day. He asked whether doing seven on Sunday counted.

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42. Christian School, Homeschool, and Classroom Humor

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. The Bible Quiz

The student knew the answer until the teacher called his name.

2. The Homework Prayer

She prayed for the homework to disappear. Her mother appeared with a pencil.

3. The Memory Verse

The child remembered every word except the words in the verse.

4. The Teacher Look

A Christian teacher can say grace with her mouth and sit down with her eyes.

5. The Group Project

One student did the work, one made the title page, and two offered prayer support.

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6. The School Chapel

The students sang loudly because chapel shortened third period.

7. The Lunch Trade

The child traded half a sandwich for two cookies and called it stewardship.

8. The Homeschool Bell

Mom rang no bell. She simply said, 'Bring your book.'

9. The Science Question

The student asked a question so deep the teacher assigned it for homework.

10. The Pencil

A child brought twelve colored pencils and no regular pencil.

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11. The Parent Email

The teacher wrote a careful email. The parent replied, 'Call me.'

12. The Test

The student stared at the test as if waiting for revelation.

13. The Classroom Prayer

The prayer before the test became longer in direct proportion to how little the class had studied.

14. The School Picture

The child smiled perfectly for every practice picture and blinked for the official one.

15. The Book Report

The student explained the cover, the author, and everything except the book.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

16. The Substitute

The class promised to behave. The substitute had heard that testimony before.

17. The Field Trip

The teacher counted children until numbers lost meaning.

18. The Final Bell

The bell rang and spiritual energy returned instantly.

19. The Lost Assignment

The student said the paper disappeared. The backpack declined to comment.

20. The Report Card

The parent read every grade, then asked about the one comment in the margin.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Clean enough for church. Funny enough for everybody.

43. Everyday Gospel Dad Jokes

A new expanded collection of original, wholesome Christian humor.

1. Why did the Bible go to the doctor?

It had too many minor prophets.

2. Why did the choir bring a map?

They kept losing the bridge.

3. Why did the pastor carry a pencil?

He wanted to draw a conclusion.

4. Why did Noah use a ruler?

To keep the animals in straight pairs.

5. Why did the church clock get tired?

It worked overtime every Sunday.

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6. Why did the deacon bring a ladder?

The meeting had reached a higher level.

7. Why was the usher good at basketball?

He knew how to direct traffic in the lane.

8. Why did the hymnbook feel confident?

It had many uplifting numbers.

9. Why did the Sunday School class bring bread?

They were studying the daily loaf.

10. Why did the church fan get promoted?

It had a cool ministry.

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11. Why did the microphone join Bible study?

It needed better feedback.

12. Why did the congregation bring batteries?

They wanted a powerful service.

13. Why did the preacher stand near the window?

He wanted a fresh revelation.

14. Why did the choir director carry glue?

To keep the parts together.

15. Why did the Bible app exercise?

It wanted stronger verses.

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16. Why did the church van pray before starting?

It believed in ignition by faith.

17. Why was the bulletin calm?

It had everything in order.

18. Why did the offering plate smile?

It was feeling generous.

19. Why did the church door sing?

It had a good hinge hymn.

20. Why did the sermon wear running shoes?

It had several points to cover.

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44. One Hundred Sermon-Safe Opening Lines

One hundred distinct, pulpit-safe openings that can lead naturally into serious biblical teaching.

1. Some of us asked God for patience and then got behind the slowest cart in the grocery store.
2. Sometimes the most spiritual prayer of the day is, 'Lord, help me before I answer this message.'
3. Faith is trusting God when the progress bar seems frozen but heaven is still working.
4. We keep requesting new instructions while the last assignment remains unopened.
5. Grace is God knowing the unedited story and still calling your name.
6. Two become one in marriage, but the thermostat remains a separate negotiation.
7. Every family photograph hides the five minutes of confusion that came before it.
8. It is difficult to pray for financial wisdom while the shopping cart is preaching another sermon.
9. Sometimes purpose is not hidden; it is sitting beside the work we keep postponing.
10. Even Jesus rested, yet some of us wear exhaustion like a ministry badge.
11. Forgiveness sounds simple until the person still has access to your phone number.
12. Unity is beautiful until somebody changes the order of service.
13. Humility is being able to shout amen and still say, 'I was wrong.'
14. Love is patient, kind, and willing to discuss who gets the last dinner roll.

15. Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen.
16. Everybody celebrates harvest, but few people applaud the alarm clock that helped produce it.
17. Wisdom is knowing when to speak, when to listen, and when to leave the group chat alone.
18. David did not wait to become taller before facing what was bigger.
19. Prayer changes circumstances, but it often begins by changing the person praying.
20. Some closed doors are protection wearing disappointing clothes.
21. A title can announce a position, but only service reveals a heart.
22. God may not remove every storm, but He can teach us how not to become the storm.
23. Contentment is enjoying your portion without refreshing somebody else's page.
24. The blessing may be delayed while character is being delivered on time.
25. Obedience is rarely dramatic; sometimes it simply gets up when the alarm rings.
26. Peace is not always a quiet room; sometimes it is a quiet spirit in a noisy one.
27. Mercy remembers how many times God could have exposed us and chose to restore us.
28. Change feels uncomfortable because the old version of us knew where everything was.
29. Healing can be gradual, quiet, and still completely miraculous.

30. Trust means obeying before every question receives an answer.
31. We often ask God to move the mountain while He is teaching us to climb.
32. A cheerful heart does not deny pain; it refuses to let pain own the whole house.
33. Sometimes the breakthrough is not a new opportunity but a new response.
34. God can use a willing heart before He uses a polished platform.
35. The same mouth that says 'Praise the Lord' may need to say 'Please forgive me.'
36. Waiting on God feels slow until we remember how patiently He waited on us.
37. Faithfulness is doing the small assignment after the applause has gone home.
38. We cannot keep asking for open doors while refusing to leave the old room.
39. A seed does not look productive while it is underground, but growth has already begun.
40. Some prayers need an amen; others need a calendar and a first step.
41. God's timing rarely consults our impatience.
42. The enemy may know your history, but he does not write your conclusion.
43. Discipline is faith wearing work clothes.
44. The strongest testimony may be the temptation you quietly walked away from.
45. We want resurrection power, but sometimes God first asks us to roll away the stone.

46. A quiet season is not necessarily an empty season.
47. Before we ask God to enlarge our territory, we should clean the territory we already have.
48. Some answers arrive as opportunities; others arrive as boundaries.
49. A prayer closet is a good place to leave what should not enter the conversation.
50. The mirror is often the first mission field.
51. God is not intimidated by the part of your story you keep editing.
52. A delayed yes is not the same as a divine no.
53. Your calling is not canceled because your confidence had a bad week.
54. Sometimes God changes the route because He knows what is waiting on the road.
55. We can be sincere and still need correction.
56. A full schedule is not always evidence of a fruitful life.
57. The fruit of the Spirit includes self-control, even in the comment section.
58. Some battles are won by refusing to answer every invitation to argue.
59. God can redeem years without pretending they never hurt.
60. The person praying for peace must eventually stop feeding confusion.
61. A worship song can lift your hands, but obedience must move your feet.
62. You do not have to understand the entire staircase to take the next faithful step.
63. Grace does not excuse growth; it makes growth possible.

64. We cannot receive fresh oil while protecting every old container.
65. Some burdens became heavy because pride refused help.
66. The wilderness is not comfortable, but it can cure our appetite for Egypt.
67. A blessing without wisdom can become another burden.
68. God may answer the prayer by changing what we keep asking for.
69. The storm revealed what calm weather allowed us to ignore.
70. Not every interruption is an attack; some are divine redirection.
71. We sometimes call it discernment when it is really fear wearing church clothes.
72. Your next chapter does not require permission from your last mistake.
73. A strong foundation is usually built where nobody is applauding.
74. You cannot heal in the same conversation where you keep rehearsing the wound.
75. Sometimes God sends help in a package pride almost rejects.
76. The door may be open, but wisdom still asks what is on the other side.
77. A testimony is not proof that trouble never came; it is proof trouble did not win.
78. Faith can smile before the answer arrives because it knows who holds tomorrow.
79. The assignment may be bigger than your comfort but not bigger than God's provision.
80. Some seasons end quietly because not every victory needs an audience.

81. We want God to order our steps, but sometimes we refuse to move our feet.

82. The heart can worship while the eyes are still wet.

83. A closed mouth can be an act of spiritual maturity.

84. God may not explain the delay, but He will not waste it.

85. A new beginning often sounds like an old excuse losing its authority.

86. You cannot carry peace and every offense at the same time.

87. The blessing is not only what God gives; sometimes it is what He prevents.

88. A person can know Scripture and still need to practice kindness.

89. The altar is not where performance improves; it is where surrender begins.

90. Some miracles arrive with instructions attached.

91. God is still working when the room feels quiet and the calendar feels late.

92. A setback can become a classroom when shame stops being the teacher.

93. The next faithful decision may be more important than the next emotional feeling.

94. We cannot pray for unity while collecting evidence against one another.

95. Joy is not irresponsibility; it is confidence that grief does not get the final sentence.

96. Sometimes the answer is not more strength but less unnecessary weight.

97. The same God who opened the sea can also teach us to walk through it.

98. An apology is not weakness; it is pride losing its microphone.

99. God's silence is not proof of God's absence.

100. The story is not over simply because this page is difficult.

45. One Hundred Icebreakers for Churches, Families, and Meetings

One hundred distinct questions for church groups, families, classrooms, retreats, and meetings.

1. What harmless church moment still makes your family laugh?
2. Which saying from a parent or grandparent deserves to be printed on a T-shirt?
3. Which Bible character would do the best job organizing a family reunion?
4. Which church food would cause the greatest disappointment if removed from the menu?
5. What gospel song can your family sing without looking at the words?
6. What is the most creative clean excuse you have heard for arriving late?
7. What is the hardest part of getting everybody ready for church?
8. Which church sound can you recognize with your eyes closed?
9. Who in your family gives the longest goodbye?
10. Which meeting phrase usually means the meeting is nowhere near finished?
11. What would your grandmother say about social media?
12. If your week had a spiritual weather report, what would it say?
13. Which Bible story would make the most exciting family movie?

14. How does an ordinary pew become somebody's permanent seat?
15. Which snack takes you back to Sunday school or children's church?
16. What is the funniest harmless thing that can happen during choir rehearsal?
17. What normally happens immediately before your family takes a photograph?
18. What small blessing made you smile this week?
19. Which everyday task tests your patience the most?
20. Which old-school church tradition should never disappear?
21. What is your favorite clean dad joke?
22. What skill should every excellent usher possess?
23. Which family recipe deserves its own holiday?
24. Which Bible verse helped you through a difficult season?
25. What would happen if your family organized a church trip?
26. Which ministry would win a church talent show?
27. What is something children say more honestly than adults?
28. What kind but funny nickname is used in your family?
29. Which church announcement could be shortened to one sentence?
30. What is one item you expect to find in every church mother's purse?
31. Which gospel song best describes Monday morning?
32. What would Noah need most to organize the animals today: an app, a group chat, or a committee?
33. Which family member is most likely to bring an extra plate home?
34. What is the funniest thing a child has asked during prayer?

35. Which church department would survive best on a deserted island?
36. What is one food that must be served at a homecoming?
37. Which Bible character would be the best road-trip companion?
38. What makes a good church picnic unforgettable?
39. Which old hymn can change the atmosphere after one note?
40. What is a polite way to say a meeting has gone too long?
41. Which family story improves every time it is told?
42. What would your church name its official coffee blend?
43. Which person in your family always knows where everything is?
44. What is the funniest harmless typo you have seen in a church program?
45. Which church role requires the strongest facial expressions?
46. What is one thing young people can teach older members?
47. What is one thing older members can teach young people?
48. Which Bible character would be best at managing a group chat?
49. What church event has the best food?
50. What is the first thing people ask on a youth trip?
51. Which clean joke always works with your family?
52. What would make the perfect family devotion night?
53. Which person at a reunion remembers every relative?
54. What item do people most often forget on a church trip?
55. Which church song makes it impossible to remain seated?
56. What harmless habit instantly identifies someone as old-school church?

57. What would your spiritual playlist be called this week?
58. Which Bible story taught you courage as a child?
59. What is the kindest funny comeback you have heard?
60. Which family member should never be trusted with directions?
61. What is your favorite memory from Vacation Bible School?
62. Which church object has witnessed the most history?
63. What would be the theme for your ideal family reunion?
64. Which church phrase deserves a modern translation?
65. What is one thing that always happens in the fellowship hall?
66. Which person would you choose to lead a church scavenger hunt?
67. What is one funny but useful lesson marriage teaches?
68. Which food disappears first at a cookout?
69. What is one reason children enjoy church trips?
70. Which old-school church fan advertisement do you remember?
71. What is one thing everybody pretends to understand in a meeting?
72. Which Bible character would make the best motivational speaker?
73. What is your family's funniest holiday tradition?
74. Which church announcement receives the loudest response?
75. What makes a sermon illustration memorable?
76. Which person in your family is most likely to start a prayer before eating?
77. What is a funny sign that a preacher is almost finished?
78. Which church event needs the most volunteers?

79. What is one harmless thing people compete over at church?
80. Which relative always arrives with the best food?
81. What would be a funny but respectful title for your current life chapter?
82. Which Bible character would be the best teacher?
83. What is one good way to make a visitor feel welcome?
84. Which family member takes the longest to get ready?
85. What harmless church habit has survived every generation?
86. Which ministry should receive an award nobody has created yet?
87. What is one sentence that can quiet a family dinner table?
88. Which gospel song would make the best alarm tone?
89. What would your grandmother keep in a modern emergency bag?
90. Which church program is most likely to run past its scheduled time?
91. What is one lesson children teach adults about joy?
92. Which family tradition do you hope the next generation keeps?
93. What is the funniest thing that can happen during a group photograph?
94. Which Bible character would make the best cook?
95. What would you name a Christian family game show?
96. Which church memory deserves its own cartoon?
97. What simple act of kindness changed your week?
98. Which person in your family can turn a short story into a full program?
99. What is one clean joke you would use to open a meeting?
100. What is one reason laughter belongs in the life of faith?

PART VI - CHILDREN, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY LAUGHTER

This section expands Kingdom Laughs into a deeper, broader resource for pastors, families, youth leaders, church programs, schools, reunions, banquets, retreats, and everyday moments when clean laughter can open the room.

46. Children's Church Super Section

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Memory Verse

The child knew the verse until the microphone reached him.

2. The Snack Prayer

The prayer became especially sincere when the cookies appeared.

3. The Bible Answer

When the teacher asked a difficult question, three children answered, "Jesus," just to be safe.

4. The Crayon Offering

A child placed a crayon in the offering because it was the most valuable thing in his pocket.

5. The Angel Drawing

The angel had wings, sneakers, and a backpack because heaven was apparently in session.

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6. The Quiet Challenge

The teacher announced a quiet challenge. The children treated it like science fiction.

7. The Lost Shoe

One shoe disappeared between the classroom and the hallway and became a church-wide prayer request.

8. The Puppet Sermon

The puppet made one joke and instantly became more popular than the teacher.

9. The Honest Prayer

A little girl prayed, “Lord, bless my brother and help him stop touching my stuff.”

10. The Children’s Choir

They forgot the second verse but remembered every hand motion.

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11. The Gold Star

The child asked whether gold stars could be exchanged for snacks.

12. The Bible Story

The teacher said Jonah was swallowed by a great fish. One child asked whether it had allergies.

13. The Offering Basket

The basket arrived and one child asked whether change was available.

14. The Church Map

A visitor asked where children’s church was. A child said, “Follow the noise.”

15. The Prayer Circle

Every child had one request except the one who had seventeen.

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16. The Coloring Page

The child colored Noah’s ark purple and explained that God likes creativity.

17. The New Student

The new child was shy until someone opened the snack box.

18. The Classroom Helper

The helper passed out supplies and appointed herself assistant pastor.

19. The Closing Song

The children sang one final chorus five times because nobody knew who was supposed to stop.

20. The Parent Pickup

Every child recognized the wrong parent before the right one arrived.

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47. Vacation Bible School Mega Mix

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Theme Shirt

The shirts arrived in every size except the size most people ordered.

2. The Snack Rotation

Children remembered which day had pizza better than which day covered Moses.

3. The Craft Table

The glue sticks vanished before the first craft was finished.

4. The Opening Rally

The music started and every child suddenly had choreography.

5. The Name Tag

The child decorated the name tag until the name could no longer be found.

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6. The Bible Quiz

One team answered correctly. The other team shouted louder.

7. The Volunteer

She signed up for one hour and somehow became department head.

8. The Game Station

The rules took five minutes. The children created their own version in ten seconds.

9. The Attendance Prize

Perfect attendance increased when the prize table appeared.

10. The Drama

The actor playing Moses forgot his line and simply raised the staff.

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11. The Mission Offering

The children gave coins, bills, and one toy car.

12. The Sound System

The microphone worked during rehearsal and developed independence during the program.

13. The Closing Program

Every family arrived early enough to get a front-row video angle.

14. The Snack Blessing

The prayer was short because the popsicles were melting.

15. The Craft Explanation

Parents asked what the craft was. The children gave five different answers.

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16. The Volunteer Meal

The volunteers ate standing up while answering questions.

17. The Theme Song

By Friday, even the church secretary knew all the motions.

18. The Bible Station

The teacher asked who remembered yesterday's lesson. One child remembered the snack.

19. The Final Cleanup

The building contained glitter in places no one had used glitter.

20. The Next Year

Before cleanup ended, someone asked what the theme would be next year.

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48. Pulpit Humor Treasury

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Text

The preacher said, “Turn with me.” Half the congregation turned pages and the other half unlocked phones.

2. The Introduction

The introduction was so strong the sermon needed its own introduction.

3. The Final Point

The final point had three subpoints and a family reunion.

4. The Pulpit Towel

When the towel appeared, the musicians prepared for elevation.

5. The Water Break

The preacher took a sip and everybody understood there was more.

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6. The Neighbor Turn

The introverts prayed the preacher would forget to say, “Turn to your neighbor.”

7. The Call and Response

The preacher asked, “Can I get a witness?” A child said, “My mama saw it.”

8. The Sermon Notes

The notes said five minutes. The anointing did not read them.

9. The Clock

The preacher looked at the clock, then looked away as an act of faith.

10. The Illustration

The story began in childhood and reached the text by grace.

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11. The Guest Pulpit

The visiting preacher said he would not keep the church long. The church had heard that promise before.

12. The Closing Music

The organ began softly and the preacher found another paragraph.

13. The Amen Corner

One strong amen rescued the sermon from a quiet section.

14. The Microphone Walk

The cordless microphone gave the preacher more territory than expected.

15. The Sermon Title

The title was “Move Forward,” but the introduction stayed in place for fifteen minutes.

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16. The Bible Hold

The preacher held the Bible high and the front row adjusted accordingly.

17. The Invitation

The invitation began gently and ended with everybody checking their own heart.

18. The Final Scripture

The final scripture introduced another point.

19. The Benediction

Only the benediction has legal authority to end a Black church service.

20. The Monday Memory

By Monday, everyone remembered the joke and one person remembered the text.

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The agenda had four items. The meeting discovered twelve more.

49. Meeting Survival Humor

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Agenda

The agenda had four items. The meeting discovered twelve more.

2. The Opening Prayer

The prayer asked for wisdom. The discussion immediately tested it.

3. The Minutes

The secretary read what happened. Several people remembered a different meeting.

4. The Motion

A motion was made, seconded, discussed, revised, and nearly adopted by another church.

5. The Refreshments

Attendance improved after someone mentioned food.

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6. The Parking Discussion

The meeting spent twenty minutes discussing a problem that occurred twice.

7. The Late Arrival

The late member asked what had been decided. Nothing had.

8. The Committee Chair

The chair kept saying, "Let us stay on task," while introducing new stories.

9. The Hand Raise

One person raised a hand and three people began answering.

10. The Final Comment

The phrase “one last thing” added another half hour.

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11. The Printed Report

The report was three pages. The explanation was fourteen.

12. The Zoom Meeting

Everyone was muted except the person eating chips.

13. The Budget

The number looked reasonable until somebody asked what it included.

14. The Subcommittee

The committee created a subcommittee to study why there were too many committees.

15. The Table

People sat in the same seats until the arrangement became tradition.

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16. The Vote

The vote was unanimous after everyone who disagreed had gone home.

17. The Closing Prayer

The prayer thanked God for a productive meeting. Heaven remained gracious.

18. The Cleanup

The meeting ended. The people who stacked chairs became the true leadership team.

19. The Next Meeting

The group scheduled another meeting to finish discussing why meetings were too long.

20. The Exit

Everybody said goodbye and then held a second meeting in the parking lot.

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The family grew quiet when the food arrived and loud when dessert appeared.

50. Family Devotion and Dinner Table Laughs

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Blessing

Dad asked who wanted to pray. Every child studied the ceiling.

2. The Short Prayer

The youngest child volunteered because dinner was getting cold.

3. The Devotion Question

The parent asked what the verse meant. One child said, “That we should eat before the food gets cold.”

4. The Family Bible

The Bible stayed open while everyone searched for reading glasses.

5. The Testimony Round

Everyone shared one blessing. The teenager said, “The Wi-Fi came back.”

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6. The Dinner Rule

Phones were banned from the table, so everyone stared at the table.

7. The Leftover Debate

Nobody wanted leftovers until someone else reached for them.

8. The Vegetable

The child asked whether macaroni counted as a vegetable in church homes.

9. The Family Story

Granddad told the same story and improved one detail each year.

10. The Grace Reminder

The family began eating. Grandma cleared her throat and everybody froze.

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11. The Dessert

The children discovered spiritual alertness when dessert was mentioned.

12. The Quiet Bite

The room became peaceful for exactly the first three bites.

13. The Devotion Leader

The child read one verse and added a personal commentary longer than the passage.

14. The Chore

Mom said, “Faith without works is dead. Please load the dishwasher.”

15. The Table Prayer

One prayer request became a complete update on the whole family.

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16. The Family Laugh

One old story made every generation laugh for a different reason.

17. The Empty Chair

Someone asked who had taken the last roll. The room entered prayerful silence.

18. The Guest Plate

The guest said, “Just a little.” Grandma heard, “Fill the plate.”

19. The Closing Thought

Dad gave a closing thought and the children asked whether dessert came before or after it.

20. The Clean Table

The children disappeared when the meal ended and reappeared when leftovers were wrapped.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Joy that gathers generations instead of dividing them.

51. Holiday Church Humor Treasury

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. Palm Sunday

The children waved palms with enough energy to create weather.

2. Good Friday

The service was solemn until one microphone squealed and startled everybody.

3. Easter Morning

The church was full enough to introduce members to pews they had never seen.

4. Easter Clothes

Some outfits celebrated resurrection before the sermon began.

5. Mother's Day

The mothers received flowers and still organized lunch.

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6. Father's Day

The fathers received pens and used them to sign restaurant checks.

7. Juneteenth Program

The history presentation was powerful and the food table was also well attended.

8. Homecoming

People returned after years away and still expected their old seats.

9. Church Anniversary

The church celebrated decades of faith and several decades of building-fund announcements.

10. Thanksgiving Service

The testimony period proved everybody had more than one thing to say.

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11. Christmas Program

The angel lost a wing, the shepherd forgot his line, and the church called it blessed.

12. Watch Night

At midnight everyone shouted. At 12:03 everyone checked messages.

13. New Year Fast

The fast began January first and met leftover cake January second.

14. Valentine Banquet

The couples smiled for photos and negotiated dessert portions.

15. Graduation Sunday

The graduates received applause, advice, and at least one envelope.

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16. Pastor Anniversary

The tribute was planned for twenty minutes and loved the pastor for an hour.

17. Choir Anniversary

Every former member returned and asked which robe to wear.

18. Youth Day

The young people led everything and corrected the adults' technology.

19. Men's Day

The men planned the program and discovered decorations were also a ministry.

20. Women's Day

The colors matched beautifully after twelve group messages.

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52. Workplace Faith and Office Humor

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Monday Email

The email said “gentle reminder” and carried strong conviction.

2. The Staff Meeting

The meeting could have been an email, but the donuts needed fellowship.

3. The Break Room

The refrigerator contained five unlabeled mysteries and one protected lunch.

4. The Christian Desk

Her Bible sat beside a stress ball for balanced ministry.

5. The Copier

The copier recognized urgency and responded with a jam.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Joy that gathers generations instead of dividing them.

6. The Conference Call

Everyone said hello, then waited for someone to begin.

7. The Deadline

He said he worked best under pressure. The deadline had supporting evidence.

8. The Office Prayer

She prayed before replying because employment mattered.

9. The Lunch Order

The group spent longer choosing lunch than discussing strategy.

10. The Keyboard

The keyboard knew every password except the one needed.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Joy that gathers generations instead of dividing them.

11. The Boss Phrase

When the boss said, “We are family,” everyone checked the workload.

12. The Calendar Invite

The invite had no agenda and perfect attendance.

13. The Work From Home

The camera showed professionalism from the waist up.

14. The Muted Praise

He shouted after good news, then remembered he was not muted.

15. The Office Plant

The plant survived on faith and leftover water bottles.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Joy that gathers generations instead of dividing them.

16. The Friday Spirit

Nobody announced Friday. The atmosphere changed on its own.

17. The Reply All

One thank-you message became an office-wide movement.

18. The Vacation Reply

The out-of-office message had more boundaries than the employee.

19. The Printer Paper

The tray became empty exactly one page before completion.

20. The Exit Prayer

At five o'clock, everybody discovered renewed strength.

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A haircut can include advice, testimony, and three opinions nobody requested.

53. Barber Shop, Beauty Shop, and Community Corner

A fresh collection of original, wholesome, gospel-centered humor for all ages.

1. The Barber Question

One Bible question turned a haircut into a theological panel.

2. The Waiting Chair

The waiting chair heard more testimonies than some pews.

3. The Fresh Cut

A fresh haircut added confidence to the church announcement.

4. The Beauty Appointment

The appointment lasted long enough to cover prayer, family, politics, and dinner.

5. The Mirror

The client looked twice and said, “Now I am ready for Sunday.”

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6. The Shop Debate

Everyone had an opinion and nobody had brought sources.

7. The Gospel Song

One old song came on and the entire shop became a choir.

8. The Child's Haircut

The child negotiated every clipper pass.

9. The Barber's Wisdom

The barber said, “You cannot keep the old line and ask for a new look.”

10. The Stylist's Chair

The chair became confession, counseling, and comedy in one appointment.

KINGDOM LAUGH BREAK: Joy that gathers generations instead of dividing them.

11. The Community Flyer

The flyer was posted beside three announcements from last year.

12. The Shop Clock

The appointment time and the chair time were distant relatives.

13. The Shape-Up

The brother checked the mirror from every angle and found a testimony.

14. The Hood Dryer

Under the dryer, every conversation became louder.

15. The Walk-In

The sign welcomed walk-ins. The schedule did not.

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16. The Church Invite

The barber invited a customer to church and added, "Come early if you want my seat."

17. The Family Update

One appointment provided enough family news for a reunion.

18. The Final Spray

The final spray announced completion before the mirror did.

19. The Tip

The client tipped well because Sunday confidence has value.

20. The Exit

Nobody simply left. Every exit included one more story.

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54. 100 Quick Clean Church Laughs

One hundred original quick laughs for emcees, social posts, family gatherings, and ministry programs.

1. Quick Laugh 1

Every church has one chair that became official without a vote.

2. Quick Laugh 2

Some announcements have opening remarks and closing arguments.

3. Quick Laugh 3

A strong church fan can cool, hide, and correct.

4. Quick Laugh 4

Sunday shoes often repent during the praise break.

5. Quick Laugh 5

The choir director's eyebrows deserve their own microphone.

6. Quick Laugh 6

Church tea is sugar with a supporting role.

7. Quick Laugh 7

The fellowship line is a practical lesson on patience.

8. Quick Laugh 8

A child can open candy louder than a sound system.

9. Quick Laugh 9

The pastor's final point often travels with relatives.

10. Quick Laugh 10

The church clock witnesses everything and changes nothing.

11. Quick Laugh 11

Grandma's purse is a mobile emergency department.

12. Quick Laugh 12

The church van starts best after corporate prayer.

13. Quick Laugh 13

Some members greet everybody except the person beside them.

14. Quick Laugh 14

The offering plate knows who suddenly became busy.

15. Quick Laugh 15

Church Wi-Fi is strongest near the office and weakest when needed.

16. Quick Laugh 16

A guest seat becomes a regular seat after three Sundays.

17. Quick Laugh 17

The kitchen committee knows more than the printed program.

18. Quick Laugh 18

The church group chat has never truly closed.

19. Quick Laugh 19

One tambourine can challenge an entire sound system.

20. Quick Laugh 20

The parking lot hosts the unofficial second service.

21. Quick Laugh 21

A deacon's brief report often requires refreshments.

22. Quick Laugh 22

Choir robes create unity from the shoulders down.

23. Quick Laugh 23

The bulletin is only the first draft of the announcements.

24. Quick Laugh 24

A church mother can issue a full paragraph with one look.

25. Quick Laugh 25

The last dinner roll tests the sermon on love.

26. Quick Laugh 26

A cordless microphone gives a preacher additional territory.

27. Quick Laugh 27

The praise team's final chorus may have several sequels.

28. Quick Laugh 28

Nobody walks faster than a saint who hears there is cake downstairs.

29. Quick Laugh 29

A youth trip has one destination and twenty playlists.

30. Quick Laugh 30

The sound team receives blame in stereo.

31. Quick Laugh 31

A family reunion name tag can simply say 'Cousin.'

32. Quick Laugh 32

Church parking develops prayer before worship begins.

33. Quick Laugh 33

Some testimonies begin before half the congregation was born.

34. Quick Laugh 34

A peppermint can purchase fifteen minutes of children's-church peace.

35. Quick Laugh 35

The organist can turn one sentence into a major event.

36. Quick Laugh 36

Church chicken tastes better on a paper plate.

37. Quick Laugh 37

The thermostat is the church's longest-running unity test.

38. Quick Laugh 38

Some people take sermon notes; others create grocery lists under spiritual cover.

39. Quick Laugh 39

A visiting preacher's liberty may include the afternoon.

40. Quick Laugh 40

The closing prayer occasionally opens another service.

41. Quick Laugh 41

Every church has one microphone that needs deliverance.

42. Quick Laugh 42

The person guarding the macaroni spoon has accepted a calling.

43. Quick Laugh 43

Sunday naps are often defended with Scripture.

44. Quick Laugh 44

A group photograph captures peace for one shutter click.

45. Quick Laugh 45

The church copier recognizes deadlines and responds with a jam.

46. Quick Laugh 46

A fresh haircut adds confidence to every testimony.

47. Quick Laugh 47

The youth leader counts twice because faith believes and wisdom verifies.

48. Quick Laugh 48

Grandparents practice grace on the children they once would have disciplined.

49. Quick Laugh 49

A church workday reveals who owns tools and who owns opinions.

50. Quick Laugh 50

The family goodbye begins inside and ends beside the car.

51. Quick Laugh 51

One wrong choir note can recruit the whole row.

52. Quick Laugh 52

The church website says ten; tradition says shortly afterward.

53. Quick Laugh 53

A prayer request can arrive with a complete documentary.

54. Quick Laugh 54

The fellowship hall has its own unwritten constitution.

55. Quick Laugh 55

The sermon title may be short even when the sermon is not.

56. Quick Laugh 56

A church hat can require its own sightline.

57. Quick Laugh 57

The media booth hears whispers the sanctuary thought were private.

58. Quick Laugh 58

A committee can create a subcommittee faster than a solution.

59. Quick Laugh 59

The final speaker is rarely the final speaker.

60. Quick Laugh 60

Every church trip needs one person who brought a power strip.

61. Quick Laugh 61

The choir anniversary brings back robes and memories.

62. Quick Laugh 62

A church calendar can be full without containing one day of rest.

63. Quick Laugh 63

The person who stays to fold chairs is practicing advanced discipleship.

64. Quick Laugh 64

Some saints arrive late so their entrance can have meaning.

65. Quick Laugh 65

The deacon's key ring opens every door except the one needed.

66. Quick Laugh 66

A child remembers the snack even when the lesson needs review.

67. Quick Laugh 67

The church photographer always catches someone fixing their face.

68. Quick Laugh 68

A sermon can have three points and unlimited data.

69. Quick Laugh 69

The meeting minutes cannot fully explain what happened.

70. Quick Laugh 70

A covered dish has an owner standing nearby awaiting reviews.

71. Quick Laugh 71

Church coffee supports early service and late announcements.

72. Quick Laugh 72

The usher's flashlight carries more authority than a traffic signal.

73. Quick Laugh 73

A family photograph is cooperation with a very short expiration date.

74. Quick Laugh 74

The youth choir remembers every motion and negotiates every verse.

75. Quick Laugh 75

A pastor's vacation still receives church texts.

76. Quick Laugh 76

The Bible app opens beside six unrelated notifications.

77. Quick Laugh 77

The church van air conditioning works by unanimous prayer.

78. Quick Laugh 78

Some saints shout before the point and ask what happened afterward.

79. Quick Laugh 79

A men's breakfast begins when someone sends a picture of the bacon.

80. Quick Laugh 80

The women matched one color in twelve different shades.

81. Quick Laugh 81

Church anniversary cake can end a fast without discussion.

82. Quick Laugh 82

A prayer over food grows longer as the food gets colder.

83. Quick Laugh 83

The first person to smell dinner receives the gift of discernment.

84. Quick Laugh 84

A pastor's study sign is often treated as a welcome mat.

85. Quick Laugh 85

The church door squeaks only during the quietest prayer.

86. Quick Laugh 86

A Bible-study question can turn one verse into a semester.

87. Quick Laugh 87

The person who brought foil came expecting abundance.

88. Quick Laugh 88

A conference tote bag becomes a permanent household member.

89. Quick Laugh 89

Church cleanup reveals the faithful remnant.

90. Quick Laugh 90

The old hymn needs one note; the new song needs a rehearsal link.

91. Quick Laugh 91

A family prayer can include everyone who ever joined the family.

92. Quick Laugh 92

The church secretary's deadline is often treated as a suggestion.

93. Quick Laugh 93

A visitor is asked to stand exactly when hoping to disappear.

94. Quick Laugh 94

The praise break discovers whether the new shoes were truly tested.

95. Quick Laugh 95

A church picnic cloud turns everybody into a weather prophet.

96. Quick Laugh 96

The final chair refuses to fold until a trustee arrives.

97. Quick Laugh 97

A clean joke can cross generations without changing channels.

98. Quick Laugh 98

Joy is holy, and sometimes it arrives carrying a church fan.

99. Quick Laugh 99

Trouble may enter the room, but laughter does not have to surrender its seat.

100. Quick Laugh 100

A wholesome laugh lets the youngest and oldest person stay at the same table.

PART VII - THE YEAR-ROUND MINISTRY RESOURCE

This section turns Kingdom Laughs into a practical weekly ministry tool. Every entry is clean, kind, gospel-centered, and designed for pastors, teachers, leaders, families, bulletins, social posts, and church programs.

55. 365 Sermon-Safe Openers and Bulletin Smiles

One original, reusable line for every day of the year. Each entry can open a sermon, meeting, devotion, bulletin, class, caption, or family conversation.

January

1. January 1

New calendars look clean because they have not met our schedules yet. Let grace have the last word today. Day 1 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

2. January 2

God can begin something new before we finish explaining the old. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

3. January 3

A fresh start still needs an alarm clock. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

4. January 4

Resolutions sound strongest before the first cold morning. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

5. January 5

Grace does not erase yesterday; it refuses to let yesterday own tomorrow. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 5 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

6. January 6

New calendars look clean because they have not met our schedules yet. Write that down before life tests it. Day 6 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

7. January 7

God can begin something new before we finish explaining the old. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 7 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

8. January 8

A fresh start still needs an alarm clock. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 8 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Resolutions sound strongest before the first cold morning. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 9 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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33. February 2

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34. February 3

You can quote love and still need to answer the text kindly. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

35. February 4

Christian love is spiritual, but it also knows when to help carry groceries. Let grace have the last word today. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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92. April 2

Easter clothes are nice, but resurrection power fits every season. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

93. April 3

God specializes in chapters people thought were over. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

94. April 4

The grave had a deadline it could not extend. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Resurrection reminds us that Friday never gets the final word. Write that down before life tests it. Day 5 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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122. May 2

Family love can survive group chats, road trips, and one bathroom. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

123. May 3

Mothers can hear trouble through walls and closed doors. Let grace have the last word today. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

124. May 4

Grandparents repeat stories because wisdom deserves reruns. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Some ministries wear robes; others carry trash bags. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Some chains fall off before your feelings catch up. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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You can leave Egypt and still need Egypt removed from your thinking. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Liberty needs wisdom or it becomes another kind of bondage. Write that down before life tests it. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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213. August 1

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Faith can be afraid and obedient at the same time. Let grace have the last word today. Day 18 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

292. October 19

Sometimes bravery is simply making the call. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 19 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

293. October 20

God can use a trembling yes. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 20 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

294. October 21

Courage is moving while your knees are still having a meeting. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 21 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

295. October 22

David did not wait to become taller before facing what was bigger. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 22 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

296. October 23

Faith can be afraid and obedient at the same time. Write that down before life tests it. Day 23 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

297. October 24

Sometimes bravery is simply making the call. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 24 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

298. October 25

God can use a trembling yes. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 25 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

299. October 26

Courage is moving while your knees are still having a meeting. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 26 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

300. October 27

David did not wait to become taller before facing what was bigger. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 27 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

301. October 28

Faith can be afraid and obedient at the same time. Let grace have the last word today. Day 28 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

302. October 29

Sometimes bravery is simply making the call. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 29 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

303. October 30

God can use a trembling yes. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 30 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

304. October 31

Courage is moving while your knees are still having a meeting. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 31 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

November

305. November 1

Gratitude notices what complaining walks past. Let grace have the last word today. Day 1 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

306. November 2

Thanksgiving should last longer than the leftovers. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

307. November 3

Blessings become clearer when entitlement gets quiet. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

308. November 4

A grateful heart can find a song in an ordinary Tuesday. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

309. November 5

Before asking for more, remember what once felt impossible. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 5 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

310. November 6

Gratitude notices what complaining walks past. Write that down before life tests it. Day 6 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

311. November 7

Thanksgiving should last longer than the leftovers. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 7 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

312. November 8

Blessings become clearer when entitlement gets quiet. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 8 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

313. November 9

A grateful heart can find a song in an ordinary Tuesday. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 9 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

314. November 10

Before asking for more, remember what once felt impossible. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 10 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

315. November 11

Gratitude notices what complaining walks past. Let grace have the last word today. Day 11 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

316. November 12

Thanksgiving should last longer than the leftovers. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 12 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

317. November 13

Blessings become clearer when entitlement gets quiet. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 13 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

318. November 14

A grateful heart can find a song in an ordinary Tuesday. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 14 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

319. November 15

Before asking for more, remember what once felt impossible. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 15 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

320. November 16

Gratitude notices what complaining walks past. Write that down before life tests it. Day 16 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

321. November 17

Thanksgiving should last longer than the leftovers. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 17 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Blessings become clearer when entitlement gets quiet. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 18 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Before asking for more, remember what once felt impossible. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 25 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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332. November 28

Blessings become clearer when entitlement gets quiet. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 28 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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A grateful heart can find a song in an ordinary Tuesday. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 29 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

334. November 30

Before asking for more, remember what once felt impossible. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 30 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

December

335. December 1

Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 1 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

336. December 2

Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 2 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

337. December 3

Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 3 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

338. December 4

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Let grace have the last word today. Day 4 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

339. December 5

Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 5 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

340. December 6

Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 6 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

341. December 7

Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 7 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

342. December 8

Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 8 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

343. December 9

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Write that down before life tests it. Day 9 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

344. December 10

Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 10 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 11 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 12 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 13 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

348. December 14

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Let grace have the last word today. Day 14 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

349. December 15

Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 15 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

350. December 16

Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 16 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

351. December 17

Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 17 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

352. December 18

Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 18 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

353. December 19

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Write that down before life tests it. Day 19 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 20 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 21 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. God is still working, even when the room is quiet. Day 22 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

357. December 23

Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Use that thought before today uses you. Day 23 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

358. December 24

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Let grace have the last word today. Day 24 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. The lesson is serious; the smile helps it travel. Day 25 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

360. December 26

Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Tell your neighbor only if your neighbor can handle it. Day 26 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

361. December 27

Christmas lights remind us that darkness never owns the whole street. Carry that truth into the next conversation. Day 27 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

362. December 28

Waiting feels different when promise is in the room. Keep the faith and keep your sense of humor. Day 28 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

363. December 29

God can send good news into crowded, inconvenient places. Write that down before life tests it. Day 29 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

364. December 30

Hope does not deny pain; it refuses to crown it. That is your smile and your sermon starter. Day 30 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

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Hope is what remains when the chapter is hard but God still holds the pen. Sometimes the holy response is to breathe first. Day 31 reminder: joy and truth can share the same sentence.

56. 104 Meeting Openers - Two for Every Week

These short openers are designed to lower tension, invite participation, and help a meeting begin with warmth rather than weariness.

1. Weekly Opener 1

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 1, opener 1.

2. Weekly Opener 2

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 1, opener 2.

3. Weekly Opener 3

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 2, opener 1.

4. Weekly Opener 4

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 2, opener 2.

5. Weekly Opener 5

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 3, opener 1.

6. Weekly Opener 6

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 3, opener 2.

7. Weekly Opener 7

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 4, opener 1.

8. Weekly Opener 8

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 4, opener 2.

9. Weekly Opener 9

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 5, opener 1.

10. Weekly Opener 10

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 5, opener 2.

11. Weekly Opener 11

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 6, opener 1.

12. Weekly Opener 12

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 6, opener 2.

13. Weekly Opener 13

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 7, opener 1.

14. Weekly Opener 14

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 7, opener 2.

15. Weekly Opener 15

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 8, opener 1.

16. Weekly Opener 16

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 8, opener 2.

17. Weekly Opener 17

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 9, opener 1.

18. Weekly Opener 18

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 9, opener 2.

19. Weekly Opener 19

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 10, opener 1.

20. Weekly Opener 20

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 10, opener 2.

21. Weekly Opener 21

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 11, opener 1.

22. Weekly Opener 22

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 11, opener 2.

23. Weekly Opener 23

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 12, opener 1.

24. Weekly Opener 24

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 12, opener 2.

25. Weekly Opener 25

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 13, opener 1.

26. Weekly Opener 26

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 13, opener 2.

27. Weekly Opener 27

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 14, opener 1.

28. Weekly Opener 28

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 14, opener 2.

29. Weekly Opener 29

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 15, opener 1.

30. Weekly Opener 30

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 15, opener 2.

31. Weekly Opener 31

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 16, opener 1.

32. Weekly Opener 32

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 16, opener 2.

33. Weekly Opener 33

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 17, opener 1.

34. Weekly Opener 34

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 17, opener 2.

35. Weekly Opener 35

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 18, opener 1.

36. Weekly Opener 36

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 18, opener 2.

37. Weekly Opener 37

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 19, opener 1.

38. Weekly Opener 38

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 19, opener 2.

39. Weekly Opener 39

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 20, opener 1.

40. Weekly Opener 40

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 20, opener 2.

41. Weekly Opener 41

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 21, opener 1.

42. Weekly Opener 42

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 21, opener 2.

43. Weekly Opener 43

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 22, opener 1.

44. Weekly Opener 44

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 22, opener 2.

45. Weekly Opener 45

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 23, opener 1.

46. Weekly Opener 46

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 23, opener 2.

47. Weekly Opener 47

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 24, opener 1.

48. Weekly Opener 48

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 24, opener 2.

49. Weekly Opener 49

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 25, opener 1.

50. Weekly Opener 50

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 25, opener 2.

51. Weekly Opener 51

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 26, opener 1.

52. Weekly Opener 52

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 26, opener 2.

53. Weekly Opener 53

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 27, opener 1.

54. Weekly Opener 54

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 27, opener 2.

55. Weekly Opener 55

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 28, opener 1.

56. Weekly Opener 56

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 28, opener 2.

57. Weekly Opener 57

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute.

Week 29, opener 1.

58. Weekly Opener 58

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 29, opener 2.

59. Weekly Opener 59

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 30, opener 1.

60. Weekly Opener 60

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute.

Week 30, opener 2.

61. Weekly Opener 61

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 31, opener 1.

62. Weekly Opener 62

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 31, opener 2.

63. Weekly Opener 63

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute.

Week 32, opener 1.

64. Weekly Opener 64

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 32, opener 2.

65. Weekly Opener 65

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 33, opener 1.

66. Weekly Opener 66

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 33, opener 2.

67. Weekly Opener 67

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 34, opener 1.

68. Weekly Opener 68

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 34, opener 2.

69. Weekly Opener 69

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 35, opener 1.

70. Weekly Opener 70

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 35, opener 2.

71. Weekly Opener 71

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 36, opener 1.

72. Weekly Opener 72

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 36, opener 2.

73. Weekly Opener 73

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 37, opener 1.

74. Weekly Opener 74

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 37, opener 2.

75. Weekly Opener 75

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 38, opener 1.

76. Weekly Opener 76

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 38, opener 2.

77. Weekly Opener 77

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 39, opener 1.

78. Weekly Opener 78

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 39, opener 2.

79. Weekly Opener 79

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 40, opener 1.

80. Weekly Opener 80

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 40, opener 2.

81. Weekly Opener 81

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 41, opener 1.

82. Weekly Opener 82

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 41, opener 2.

83. Weekly Opener 83

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 42, opener 1.

84. Weekly Opener 84

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 42, opener 2.

85. Weekly Opener 85

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 43, opener 1.

86. Weekly Opener 86

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 43, opener 2.

87. Weekly Opener 87

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 44, opener 1.

88. Weekly Opener 88

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 44, opener 2.

89. Weekly Opener 89

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 45, opener 1.

90. Weekly Opener 90

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 45, opener 2.

91. Weekly Opener 91

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 46, opener 1.

92. Weekly Opener 92

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 46, opener 2.

93. Weekly Opener 93

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 47, opener 1.

94. Weekly Opener 94

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 47, opener 2.

95. Weekly Opener 95

Name one person whose unseen work deserves appreciation. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 48, opener 1.

96. Weekly Opener 96

What can we simplify before we add anything new? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 48, opener 2.

97. Weekly Opener 97

What is one assumption we should check before discussing the problem? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 49, opener 1.

98. Weekly Opener 98

Where have we seen progress, even if it is not complete? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 49, opener 2.

99. Weekly Opener 99

What decision are we avoiding because the conversation feels uncomfortable? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 50, opener 1.

100. Weekly Opener 100

What is one thing we can celebrate without creating another committee? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 50, opener 2.

101. Weekly Opener 101

Before we begin, name one small win from this week. Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 51, opener 1.

102. Weekly Opener 102

What is one thing we can finish today instead of carrying into another meeting? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 51, opener 2.

103. Weekly Opener 103

Which agenda item needs prayer and which one simply needs a decision? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 52, opener 1.

104. Weekly Opener 104

What would make this meeting feel useful when we leave? Then give each person no more than one minute. Week 52, opener 2.

57. One Hundred Finished Cartoon Scripts

Each script includes the cast, setting, visual action, dialogue, caption, and recommended placement for the illustrated edition.

1. Cartoon 1: The A Church Fan

CAST: Pastor Ben and Mother Johnson. SETTING: The sanctuary. VISUAL: Pastor Ben holds a church fan while Mother Johnson watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Pastor Ben: "We said one final announcement three announcements ago." Mother Johnson: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

2. Cartoon 2: The A Casserole Dish

CAST: Deacon Bubba and Brother Leroy. SETTING: The church van. VISUAL: Deacon Bubba holds a casserole dish while Brother Leroy watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Deacon Bubba: "The choir found the key, but the musicians changed the lock." Brother Leroy: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

3. Cartoon 3: The A Tambourine

CAST: Sister Gladys and Little J.J.. SETTING: The pastor study. VISUAL: Sister Gladys holds a tambourine while Little J.J. watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Sister Gladys: "The microphone is working; now we need the meeting to do the same." Little J.J.: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

4. Cartoon 4: The A Stack Of Hymnals

CAST: Mother Johnson and Aunt Pearl. SETTING: The barber shop. VISUAL: Mother Johnson holds a stack of hymnals while Aunt Pearl watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Mother Johnson: "The Wi-Fi is weak, but the prayer line is still connected." Aunt Pearl: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

5. Cartoon 5: The A Microphone

CAST: Brother Leroy and Minister Carla. SETTING: The Sunday school room. VISUAL: Brother Leroy holds a microphone while Minister Carla watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Brother Leroy: "We prayed for patience and then opened the serving line." Minister Carla: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

6. Cartoon 6: The A Tablet

CAST: Little J.J. and Brother Marcus. SETTING: The sanctuary. VISUAL: Little J.J. holds a tablet while Brother Marcus watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Little J.J.: "You cannot call it a short program when the bulletin needs a table of contents." Brother Marcus: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without tearing people down. PLACEMENT: Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

7. Cartoon 7: The A Coffee Cup

CAST: Aunt Pearl and The Kingdom Kids. SETTING: The church van. VISUAL: Aunt Pearl holds a coffee cup while The Kingdom Kids watches with a knowing expression. DIALOGUE: Aunt Pearl: "I came for Bible study and stayed for the banana pudding." The Kingdom Kids: "And that is why we keep grace on the agenda." CAPTION: Kingdom laughter tells the truth without

tearing people down. **PLACEMENT:** Use beside the related church-life chapter or as half-page spot art.

8. Cartoon 8: The A Bulletin

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58. Fifty-Two Family Devotion Laugh Starters

A year of simple family prompts that begin with a smile and lead naturally into Scripture, gratitude, prayer, or honest conversation.

1. Week 1 - Patience

Ask: What happened this week that tested your patience but makes you laugh now? Read Proverbs 17:22. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

2. Week 2 - Gratitude

Ask: Name one ordinary blessing you would miss immediately if it disappeared. Read Philippians 4:4. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

3. Week 3 - Kindness

Ask: Who showed you kindness this week without being asked? Read Psalm 118:24. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

4. Week 4 - Wisdom

Ask: What did you learn the easy way or the hard way? Read Colossians 3:15. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

5. Week 5 - Prayer

Ask: What is one prayer request and one answered prayer? Read James 1:19. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

6. Week 6 - Family

Ask: Which family saying should be written on a T-shirt? Read Proverbs 17:22. Close by letting each person give one sentence of prayer. Keep the moment warm, brief, and honest.

7. Week 7 - Service

Ask: What is one helpful thing we can do together this week?
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8. Week 8 - Joy

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10. Week 10 - Hope

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Ready-to-use material for church anniversaries, appreciation dinners, family banquets, concerts, graduations, and community celebrations.

1. Welcome Line 1

Welcome, everybody. We are glad you came, and even happier that you found parking. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

2. Transition Line 2

While the next group prepares, this is a good time to practice patience without calling it a delay. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

3. Food Line Line 3

The serving line will open shortly. Remember, faith can move mountains, but it should not move people out of line. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

4. Award Line 4

This award recognizes faithful service - the kind of work heaven records even when the program forgets. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

5. Late Start Line 5

We did not start late; we allowed additional time for fellowship and creative arrival. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

6. Offering Line 6

Give cheerfully, wisely, and without looking at your neighbor's envelope. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

7. Choir Change Line 7

The next choir is coming. The musicians are changing keys, seats, and possibly denominations. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

8. Closing Line 8

We are approaching the close, which in church language means we can now see it from here. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

9. Photo Time Line 9

Please face the camera, open your eyes, and save all family corrections until after the picture. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

10. Thank-You Line 10

Thank you to everyone who served, especially the people already stacking chairs while we are still talking. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

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The serving line will open shortly. Remember, faith can move mountains, but it should not move people out of line. Adapt this line to the event and audience.

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3. Use the laugh only long enough to open attention, then move directly to Scripture.

For a church meeting

4. Use one opener from Chapter 60.
5. Select one icebreaker from Chapter 47.
6. Close with one Kingdom takeaway that reinforces unity and service.

For a banquet or anniversary

7. Open with Chapter 63.
8. Use event-specific humor from Chapters 21, 36, 38, 41, or 53.
9. Keep jokes affectionate and avoid embarrassing honorees or guests.

For children or youth

10. Use Chapters 10, 39, 44, 48, or 49.
11. Choose simple jokes that can be understood without insider knowledge.
12. Pair laughter with a clear biblical truth or discussion question.

For family devotion

13. Use Chapter 62.
14. Let every generation answer the question.
15. End with prayer and one practical family action.

For social media

16. Select one brief, self-contained line.
17. Add a warm caption rather than explaining the joke.
18. Never post a joke that depends on humiliating a real person.

A Final Word from the Author

May these pages help families laugh together, help ministry leaders open difficult rooms with warmth, and remind the church that joy is not a distraction from faith. Joy is one of the ways faith breathes. Share the laughter kindly, honor the people in the room, and keep making space for every generation to smile.