

Grady Nutt a pacesetter for Christian comedy

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Grady Nutt, a Baptist minister who attained national fame as the “Prime Minister of Humor” in 1979 as a regular cast member of the popular television series “Hee Haw,” was at the pinnacle of his career when he died in a plane crash after a speaking engagement in Alabama at age 48.

Laughter is the best medicine â€”! except when itâ€™s a bitter pill to swallow

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Something that strikes one person as funny—even something heard at church—may seem inappropriate to another. How can believers strike a balance as they use humor and laughter in ministry?

Grieving comic says humor, like hope, springs eternal

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Jinny Henson is heading back to the comedy circuit with a major event April 24 in Pearland, and an August date in Monroe, La., for the first time since her daughter's death at age 12 from injuries received in a tragic church bus accident last summer.

A Time to Laugh

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What is the role of laughter and humor for Christians? When should believers take time to laugh?

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A phone survey of 1,002 adults revealed 66 percent of Americans believe the United States has an obligation to assist poverty-stricken children around the world.

Fewer than half of Americans link Easter to Resurrection

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While most Americans describe Easter as a religious holiday, fewer than half of the adults surveyed link it specifically to the Resurrection of Jesus, a Barna Group study shows.

Dove Award nominees keep spotlight on Christ

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The Dove Awards may be the biggest night of the year for the Gospel Music Association, but through testimonies and songs of praise, the spotlight remains shining brightly on Christ.

Most church websites ineffective, but technology can yield blessings

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A poll conducted by Christian technology company Endis indicates that when churches deliberately focus their websites on attracting outsiders, they see a corresponding rise in the number of non-Christian visitors.

Secular Jew writes about two years spent undercover in Falwell's church

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 Gina Welch, who was raised in a secular Jewish family, decided to undertake an audacious experiment in the fall of 2005. She would go undercover and pretend to be a conservative evangelical. And she would do it in—of all places—Jerry Falwell's church in Lynchburg, Va.

After condemning greed, what should Christians do about the economy?

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Ever since the Great Recession began in the fall of 2008, Christians and other faith leaders have criticized the speculative excess and greed that led to the crisis. A consensus on what to do about it, however, has yet to emerge.

Social networking and Christian community

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Social networking sites have tremendous potential for Christians as a place where community-building occurs according to ethicist Bill Tillman. At the same time, ill-chosen words can rupture relationships and damage character.

In Alabama, coach has more Facebook fans than God does

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University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban may not be bigger than God in Alabama, but he has more fans on Facebook.