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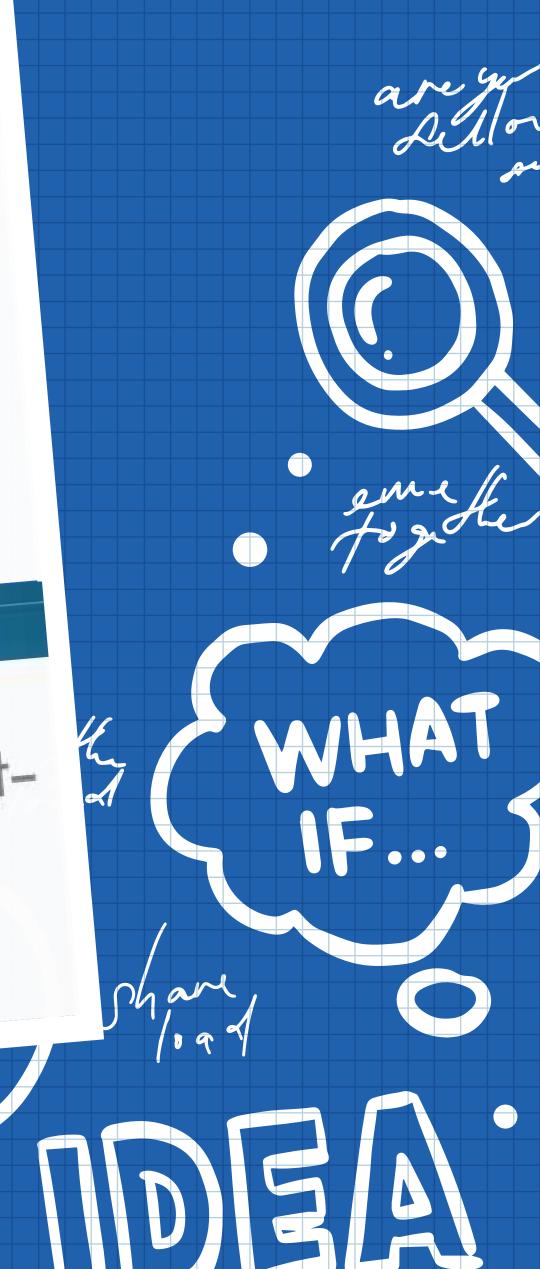
Church Attendance Dropped Among Young People, Singles, Liberals

Overall, most churchgoers—including most white evangelicals—returned to the pews after the pandemic, survey finds.

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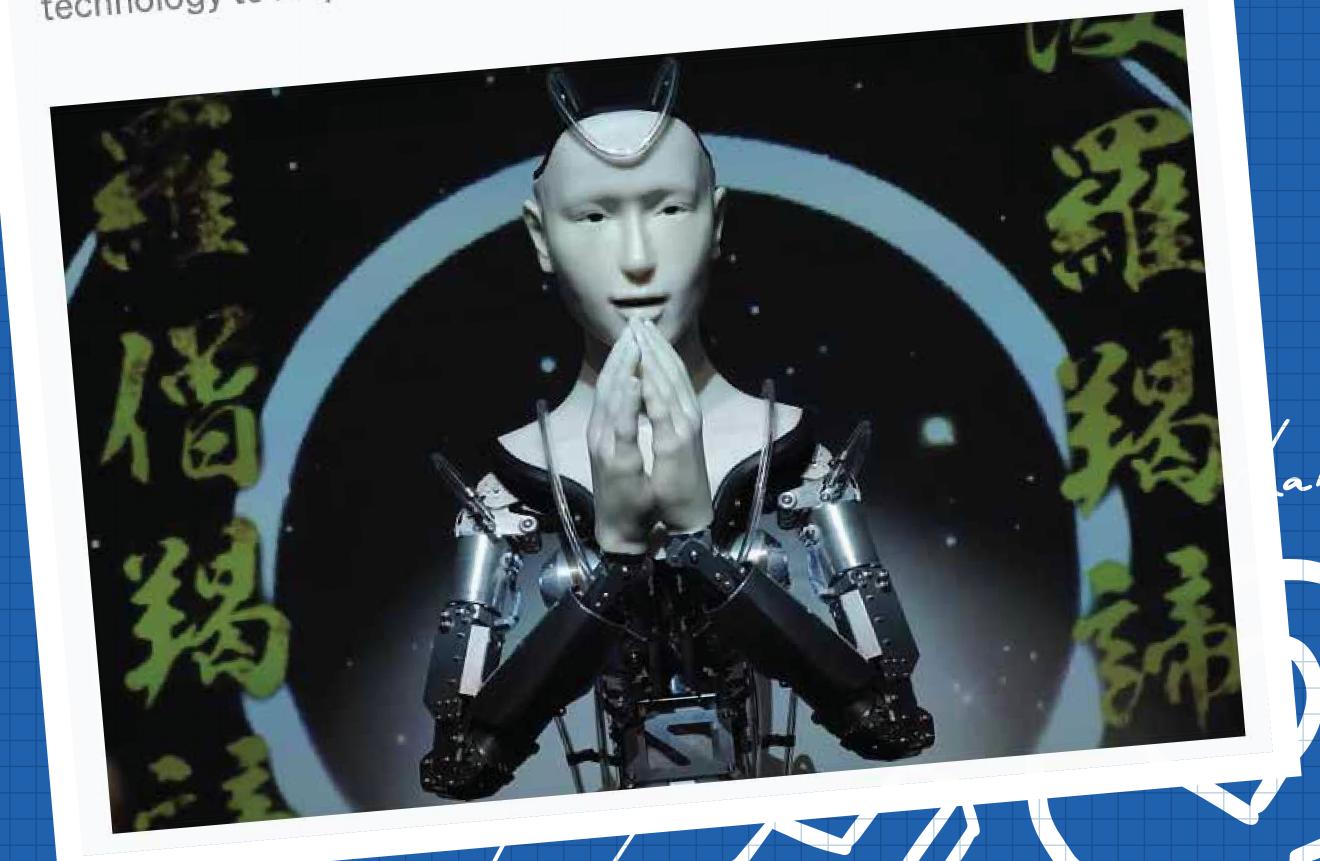
Some Previous Churchgoers Are Still Missing Post-

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'Meet Your Maker': The robot priests taking the world by storm

In an era of diminished religious affiliation, faith leaders are turning to technology to help usher worshippers back into the flock.



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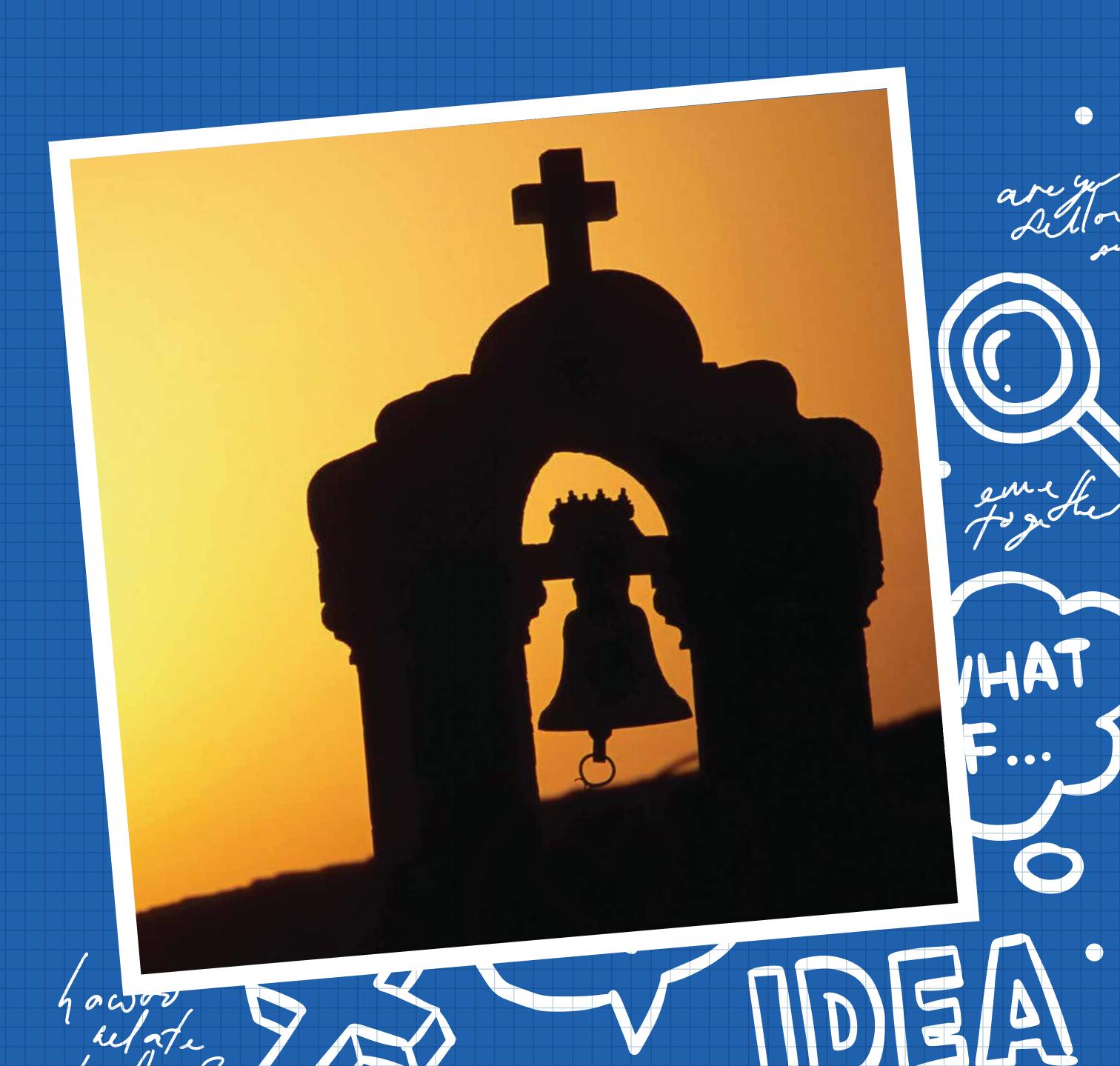
While technology is advancing rapidly and robots are becoming more sophisticated, it is unlikely that a robot could fully replace a human pastor in the future. The role of a pastor involves many complex and nuanced tasks that require human skills, empathy, and judgment, which are difficult to replicate in a machine. Here are some reasons why:

- Pastoral care and counseling: A significant part of a pastor's role involves providing
 emotional and spiritual support to individuals and families who may be going through
 challenging times. This requires empathy, active listening, and the ability to offer
 personalized advice and guidance, which may be difficult for a machine to replicate.
- 2. Teaching and preaching: While a robot may be able to deliver pre-written sermons, it may struggle to convey the nuances of faith and theology in a way that is meaningful and relatable to the congregation. A human pastor has the ability to tailor their message to the specific needs and concerns of their community, which is crucial for effective teaching and preaching.
- 3. Leadership and community building: A pastor also serves as a leader and community builder, bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging and purpose. This requires interpersonal skills, intuition, and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances, which may be difficult for a machine to achieve.
- 4. Cultural and ethical considerations: The role of a pastor also involves navigating complex cultural and ethical considerations, such as addressing sensitive or controversial issues, interpreting scripture in light of current events, and engaging with the wider community. This requires a deep understanding of human nature and society, which may be difficult for a machine to fully comprehend.

In summary, while technology may play an increasing role in the future of the church, it is unlikely that a robot could fully replace a human pastor, who brings a unique set of skills and experiences to their role.

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The New Era of Church



What is the mission of the church?

To advance God's Kingdom through discipleship.

On this mission, how do we relate to one another?

- Brother
- Co-worker
- Soldier

Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,

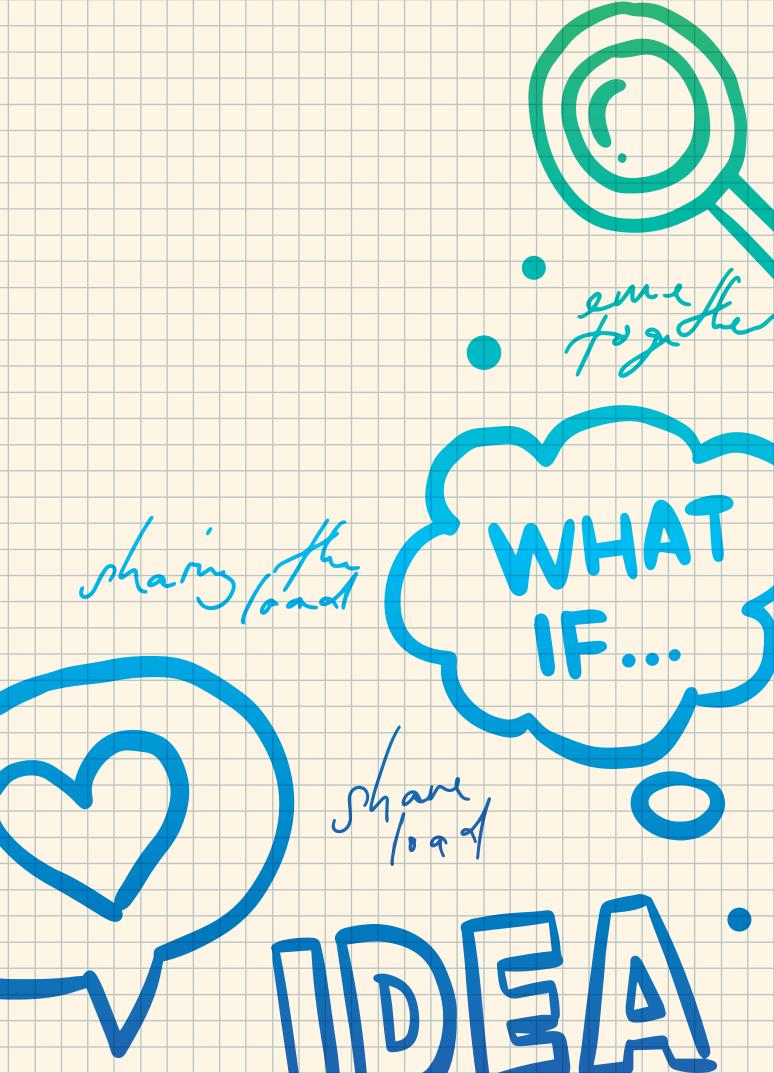
Philippians 2:25

One Key Theme in the Book of Philippians

We are a people in a process

- And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. – Chapter 1:6
- Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Chapter 2:12-13
- Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. – Chapter 3:12

(Greek: άδελφός, adelphos)



Brother

- Romans: 23 times / 16 Chapters
- 1 Corinthians: 28 times / 16 Chapters
- 2 Corinthians: 14 times / 13 Chapters
- Galatians: 9 times / 6 Chapters
- Ephesians: 8 times / 6 Chapters
- Philippians: 15 times / 4 Chapters
- Colossians: 5 times / 4 Chapters
- 1 Thessalonians: 13 times / 5 Chapters
- 2 Thessalonians: 5 times / 3 Chapters
- 1 Timothy: 3 times / 6 Chapters
- 2 Timothy: 5 times / 4 Chapters
- Titus: 5 times / 3 Chapters
- Philemon: 6 times / 1 Chapter

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

⁴⁸ He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12:46-50

Brothers are disciples

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Philippians 1:12-14

Brothers rejoice in the Lord

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord.

Philippians 3:1

Brothers imitate godliness and watches out for others

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

Philippians 3:17

No Empty Seats



Brothers...

- Are disciples of Jesus
- Rejoice in the Lord
- Imitate godliness
- Watches out for others

Cain and Abel

²Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Genesis 4:2-9

Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. ¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

¹¹ So now Jesus and the ones He makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. ¹² For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."

Hebrews 2:9b-12 (NLT)

Imagine church withno empty seats...

