

Useful Apps for Ministry



DROPBOX

You probably already use Dropbox, or Google Drive, or another Cloud Storage option. Make sure you have the App on your phone or tablet so you have your entire file library with you wherever you go. If you are still storing documents on your hard drive with no backup and not within a free cloud storage provider, it is time to change.



EVERNOTE

Evernote is like a giant notebook for those of us with bad memories. Jot down ideas for sermons, take photos of textbooks for study, capture your great ideas before you forget forever! Evernote's database will even read the text on photos you take, so you can search text that you snapped of say a business card, info sheet or book.



THE BIBLE APP by Youversion

This is the most popular Bible App available with over 147 million(!) downloads, so chances are you already have this on your phone or tablet. Youversion have steadily added more features to the App though, so it may be worth checking out again if you haven't in a while. You can select from hundreds of reading plans, bookmark and highlight text, and the newest feature is a social media type 'newsfeed' that shows you what your friends who use the app have been reading and highlighting. This could be a great way to get small groups or even church-wide interaction in scripture during the week.



iMOVIE

This app is only available on iPhone and iPad, but it is a great way to create movies to show in church without the expense of cameras and editing software. Once you get the hang of it you can create videos with multiple shots, transitions and text overlay very easily. One tip though: if you're shooting on a smartphone, make sure the lighting is good (your focus/person needs to have more light than the background), and get the phone almost uncomfortably close to their face if filming an interview because the microphone is pretty bad for sound. And be sure to shoot with the phone horizontal (rookie mistake)!