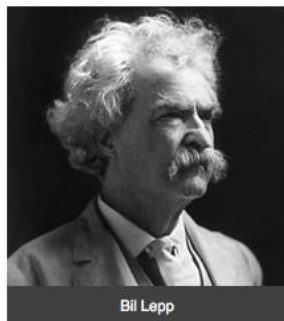


# Mark Twain meets Francis Asbury

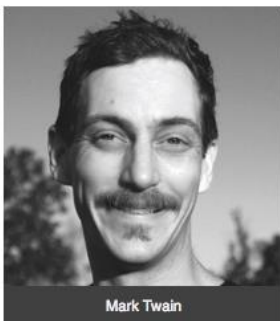
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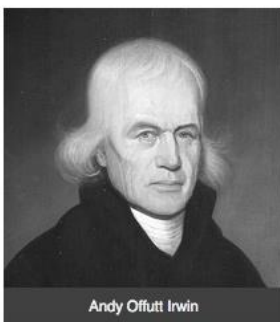


Mark Twain

Be it known to all gathered here that storytellers Bil Lepp and Andy Offutt Irwin are united in their belief in the importance of developing narrative arcs within homiletic compositions by incorporating-in part-humor to increase emotional-cognitive comprehension.



Francis Asbury



Andy Offutt Irwin

In other words, if your congregation is engrossed in a *story*, and they are *laughing*, they are *listening* and *learning*!

And, clearly, Bil and Andy hope you join them on the coast of Georgia at balmy Epworth By The Sea so that they may continue being busily employed.

*“I do not know what we should do without the pulpit. We could better spare the sun – the moon, anyway.”*

-Mark Twain

*“Public speaking and preaching teachers/professors will tell you to open with a joke or a humorous anecdote...as if that’s a simple thing to do well. If a doctor handed me a scalpel and told me to open someone’s sternum, I could do it, but probably in a way that would complicate the rest of the procedure.”*

-Bil Lepp