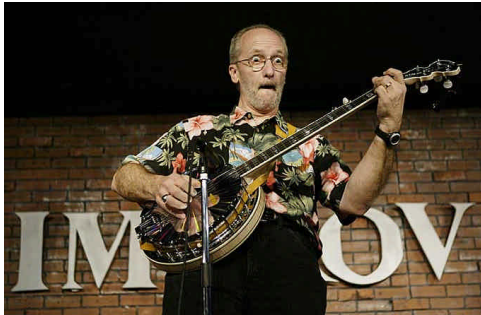


## Houston Club Cleans Up Comedy

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Houston—Houstonians seeking the not-so-naughty nightlife have a new venue for lighthearted laughter.

The Houston Improv, 7620 Katy Freeway, will showcase a clean-cut trio who will provide all the laughs without offensive humor, organizers said.

"I felt there was such a need for clean entertainment comedy that would not be offensive to people," said Al Fike, the Christian Comedian.

Fike originally began his quest for clean comedy at the Improv in Addison, Texas. With the show averaging an audience of 150 to 250 people, Fike proved he could get laughter without compromising his beliefs.

"This is not about doing religious humor. It's about having a good, clean, fun time," he said.

Fike has set an example for other comedians to clean up their act. Local comedian Chuck Montgomery followed the pursuit for taintless entertainment.

"I was in clubs for like 15 years before I started clean," Montgomery said. "But now, I have been working clean for about 10 years.

"For a while, even after I became a Christian, I was still working clubs and doing a few of my dirty jokes, but I couldn't commit to them," he said. "It is better, cause you actually get to watch it without your parents freaking out."

Montgomery jokes about the formality of communion and playfully pokes fun at how traditional Christian customs clash with current trends.

"Wait a minute. This is grape juice and bread. This is all carbs. Can't we do this with Diet Coke and cheese?" he joked.

Unlike most of material of today's comedians, these monologues are appropriate for young ears. Even Montgomery's daughter, Candice Christian Montgomery, can now watch her dad work.

"It is better cause you actually get to watch it without your parents freaking out," Candice Montgomery said.

Local disc jockey and comedian Susan O'Donnell joined Fike and Montgomery at a recent clean comedy night to show that there is no shortage of wholesome material. They performed for approximately 80 people. "One thing about self-pity," O'Donnell quips. "You can at least be sure it is sincere."

"It is really good, clean humor -- a lot of laughs without all the dirty humor and dirty jokes or foul language," said Jim Meyerhoff, a Christian Night regular customer.

"We laughed so hard, I hurt myself. I couldn't breathe," said Anita Higman, a Christian Night regular customer.

The next Clean Comedy Night will be Tuesday at 8 p.m.

### **More Information:**

- [Houston Improv](#)
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