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Grapeville, Texas -- A Texas law firm has some advice for churches that plan to throw Super Bowl parties next weekend. David Middlebrook of the Church Law Group says the National Football League has only two requirements.





First, churches must not bring in rental equipment for their parties, but must show the game on equipment that's regularly used for worship. Secondly, churches must not sell tickets or charge admission. But they are allowed to take up an offering to defray party expenses.

To be on the safe side, Middlebrook also recommends that in promoting their parties, churches avoid using the words "Super Bowl," which are trademarked by the NFL. He suggests they call their events "Big Game" parties instead.

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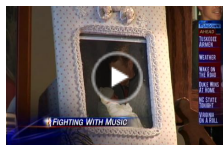
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