

Football Church Terminology *(List each one separately. I will go through them one at a time)*

Draft Choice: Selection of a seat near the door/back.

Game ball: The Bible.

Quarterback Sneak: when the pastor makes a move that the leadership wasn't prepared for.

Draw Play: What many children (and a few adults) do with their bulletins during worship.

Sudden Death: What happens when the Pastor preaches past noon.

Coin toss: taking up an offering.

Instant Replay: When the Pastor forgets their notes and falls back on last week's sermon.

The Off-season: summer-time when church attendance falls off.

Dead ball: awkward silence during the sermon in which pastor is pausing for an amen, which he never receives.

Extra Point: when you thought that the pastor said, "now in conclusion" at least twenty minutes ago.

Two-minute Warning: Where the Minister starts with "and in closing" at which point you realize the sermon is almost over, but it somehow goes on for another 20 Minutes.

Sport: Any activity or experience that gives enjoyment or recreation.

Spectator: A person who sees or watches something without taking an active part

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)

²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Fanatic: “persons showing more than ordinary support for, adherence to, or interest in a cause, point of view, or activity. It suggests excessive or overweening devotion to a cause or belief. Fanatic further implies unbalanced or obsessive behavior.”

What is a Fan? (I'll go through them one at a time)

Fans arrive early

Fans don't care when they get home

Fans are vocal

Fans can endure anything

Fans never miss a game

Fans know statistics

Fans are armchair quarterbacks

Psalm 147:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse
or in human might.

¹¹ No, the Lord's delight is in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.

“At a football game there are 70,000 people desperately in need of exercise watching 22 people desperately in need of rest.” - Howard G. Hendricks ‘*Say it with love*’

Philippians 2:2-4 (NLT)

² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.