

# Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



## Just one week away from Kick-Off

This truly incredible summer continues and that brings us that much closer to the start of the 12th season of G&T's Men's Flag Football. This year we will see some exciting changes. Our referees have been busy preparing themselves to better serve you players. This year we will see three separate teams of referees that will take turn officiating the many games this season. Mike Moreno, Jason Seffinga and Ron DeFrance will each captain a trained team of referees. We will also see a designated tent for first-aid and ice as well as a tent designated for

small children activities. We will try to do a good job informing you with important and fun information each week with our News letters and game-day flyers. We will have an Ex-NFL player speak to us this year as well as a group of men that are so excited to tell you of the truth and hope of Jesus Christ. Please know that we are here to serve you and to do our very best to make your experience with us a great one, but above all we will continue to reach out in hope that we will have the chance to minister to you in any way we can. We hope that you will find

yourself feeling free to ask any spiritual questions that you may have. For those of you that have been around here before, I can't wait to see you again. For those of you that are Rookies with us, myself and the rest of the leaders within this ministry are looking forward to have you join us for a long time to come.

In Christ,  
Jim Stupp

## A Look into this years Teams

Last years Super bowl captain Dave Ritz was signed by the Panthers to bring them a super bowl ring. Dave lost a couple of his key assistants from last year but went out and signed some assistants that he believes can help him and the Panthers rise to the top. Dave insisted that the Panther management spend the big bucks and get deals done for Jim LaRuez, Joe Lachiusa, John Leastman, Tom Marciano, and Wiggins Pierre. Dave was so impressed with the Raiders of last year, that he wasted no time signing free agents Paul D`Aiotolo, and Bill Fedele. Dave added some key rookies to this team and feels very confident in repeating what was accomplished last year. Some disagreement can be found when talking with Packer captain, Paul D`Ambrosio. That is because Paul is ecstatic about being able to be reunited with his former teammates, Tim McBride, Tim Trostle and Jerry Opalecky. Paul was able to talk Josh Bouk and several of the Raiders from last year (Jeff Phillips, Mark Ballister, Robert Oakden, and Will Salmon) in taking less money and sign as Packers. Many analysts feel this was a good move by those players because the Packers are the early favorites in many polls. The NFC is completed by the Flacons who have signed the youngest captain ever, James Stupp JR, who got strong praise by Captain, Mario Cash (Stupp was his assis-

tant last year). Stupp showed wisdom beyond his years by signing Rick Harter to help run things. Stupp was also able to sign Rob Benedetto and John Stoffel (both teammates from last years Saints) The Falcons were set back when rookie Jerry Tregue was lost for the season in training camp and Jim DePrez announced his retirement. Neither could take away this teams excitement of having many proven veterans from last years team join them. Joe DiFrancesco (Titans). Jeremy Phillips, Chris Perry and James Monroe (Raiders). Chad Secor, Todd Petroske and Carl Fantauzzo (Cowboys). Dennis Allen and Dan Ryan (49ers). The AFC features Mario Cash captaining the Bills. Mario spent the off season working on his negotiation skills when he talked Garry Ware into helping him get the Bills prepared for victory. The Bills went out and strengthened their cause by signing Roderic Cox-Cooper, Mike Wilson, Danny Olmo, Rick Hernandez, Ken Henry and Marlon Salmon. Cash and Ware were so impressed with what they saw in Doung Troung and Matt Savery they wasted no time by signing those second year players as well. The Bills look like a strong contender with many exciting rookies and seasoned vets. The Ravens were definitely not sleeping in the off season. The Ravens went out and rewarded John Gmitter for his

accomplishments last year and made him their captain. John quickly put deals together for Chris Burke and Frank Selvaggio to help him please the Raven front office. The Ravens were successful in signing two featured receivers (Chris Bouie and Kevin Nichols), not to mention an on slot of premier lineman ( Mike Paddock, Alex Sluk, and Gabe Campa). With a crunch on cap money everybody was surprised to see the Ravens land Mike Kundrata and Derick Williams. The Steelers also desired a change in direction and offered rookie captain Mike Metheny a long term deal. Mike quickly showed he was a rookie only in tenure, when he signed Jay Corey to assist him. Metheny and Corey will enjoy the field expertise and locker room presence of the likes of Mike Ryan, Ryan Grape and Dimitrus Lewis. The Steelers made their fans very happy when they announced that Alex Vicente would be wearing the Black and Gold this season. Before the final rosters were established the front office was able to talk the elusive Mike Hughes out of retirement and put together a deal for John Bianca. With the final adjustments being made in contracts of the many rookies, we fans are hardly able to sleep, waiting for the season to finally start!



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**Dates to Remember**

- This Sunday and every Sunday – come be our guest at church
- August 20th Ex-NFL Player as our guest speaker
- September 20th Family Day
- Monday October 24th—Banquet at **Red Fedele’s Brook House**

**Church Service Times**

- Sunday Morning**  
 8:00AM  
 9:30AM  
 11:30AM  
**Sunday Evening**  
 6:00PM  
**Wednesday Evening**  
 7:00PM

**We are on the Web!**  
<http://www.gandtathletics.info/football/default.asp>

**Bianca makes the Hall of Fame**

At last years banquet the Ministry finally unveiled it’s Hall of Fame. It was a special night as the first member to be inducted was Dave Amodio (long-time Captain that went home, to be with the Lord, suddenly). That same night we fittingly inducted

John Bianca. Our Hall of Famers are inducted on what they have done for the Ministry rather than what they have achieved on the field. Although John has been a dominating player for years, he has steadfastly been a faithful servant within the ministry for the past eight seasons. Some of John’s achievements include; being a Captain, co-captain, guest preacher, and even served one year as the first Assistant Director. John has been supported and encouraged in the ministry by his beautiful wife Julie, their daughter Tia and their twin sons Luke

and Caleb. John has been gifted in being a very talented athlete but continues because of his love for his Savior, Jesus Christ The leadership of this ministry publicly thanks John Bianca for being a priceless part of what we do. Please take a moment out and thank John for his faithful service and congratulate him for making it in the Men’s Flag Football Hall of Fame!



John Bianca joins Dave Amodio in the Men’s Flag Football Hall of Fame October 25<sup>th</sup> 2004