

GT MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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2004 Season Preview



What to expect

We have spent many hours trying to prepare ourselves and to refine certain areas within the ministry. We want to better serve the players and honor some of their requests. So this season will feature only two bye weeks for each of the teams. We have also spread out the games between the division rivals. Another change this year is the fact that all teams will make the play-offs and the two division champions will have a bye going into the play-offs. The season also features three weeks where all six teams will play. Watch your schedules and these Newsletters carefully as game times do change on those weeks. We strongly encourage all of you to carefully read all of the rules (they can be viewed on our web page). If you have questions be sure to ask your Captains for clarification. Some of the rules have changed slightly. There are changes this year, some hard to deal with, some potentially great, but what remains the same is our desire to see each player grow closer to the Savior, Jesus Christ. Again, during our half-times we will bring forth a speaker that will come and share a 10 minute charge. We encourage all of you to not only be prepared to take a break from the action at that time, but also to have your hearts and ears open. Invite your family and friends to be apart of this with you . On behalf of each of the many leaders within this ministry — we want to extend our heart felt welcome to each of you. As well as our commitment to pray that God will speak with each of us this season!

THE VISION

To introduce men and their families, to the true **Jesus Christ**, in hopes that all that are called will enter into a real relationship with Him.



2003 Buccaneers—Super Bowl Champions

Church Service Times

Sunday AM Worship Services

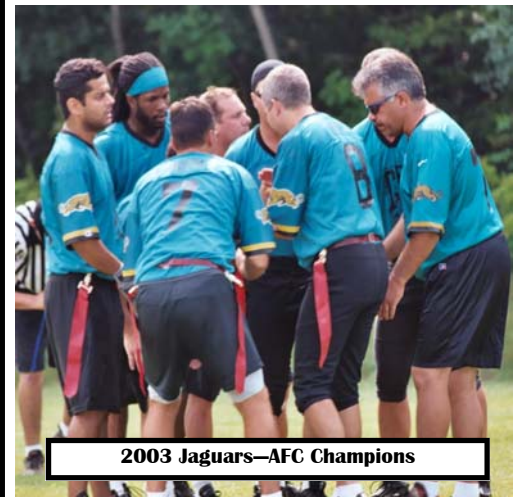
- **8:00** Nurseries are provided for all three services.
- **9:30** Graded Sunday School Children's Ministry
- **11:30** PromiseZone Children's Ministry for ages 3 through 6th grade

Sunday PM Family Service

6:00 Nurseries

Wednesday PM Family Service

7:00 Nurseries
Awana Children's Ministry for ages 3 through 8th grade



2003 Jaguars—AFC Champions

Two men give up season to give back to the ministry!



Ron DeFrance and Tizo Maduro have turned down big contract offers to play the servants role as officials this season. While both men enjoyed success last season as players, they both also grew in the Lord. Both felt like the Lord was calling them to serve in a different capacity. Ron was a Co-captain for many seasons and a very talented RB. Ron's shoulder injury did play a role in his

decision, but regardless, Ron put others before himself. Tizo was quite possibly the most versatile player in our league. Although not the biggest man in stature, none can argue his heart and determination. Tizo played just about every possible position including center. Both of these men have graciously taken their knowledge of the game and offered to help us as officials. Please make sure you thank them when you get the opportunity.





David J. Amodio

“Soon we’ll come to the end of life’s journey and perhaps we’ll never meet anymore - till we gather in heaven’s bright city far away on that beautiful shore.”

DJA

A Season without Dave

There will be some individuals that will be wearing a small patch with the initials DJA on it. That is because this season, with all of it’s wonderful changes, also will mark a great loss for this ministry. On March 26, 2004 Dave Amodio unexpectedly died. Dave faithfully served in the Flag Football Ministry for 9 seasons. Dave was a head captain in each one of those seasons. He loved the men that he had the opportunity to lead as well as all that played in the league. Dave was one of the most kind hearted men that I had ever known and had a way of brightening even the darkest of moments. We that knew Dave suffer a great loss, but have the incredible assurance that Dave is in the presence of Jesus Christ. Dave professed to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He came to the realization that he (Dave) was a sinner (one that had broken at least one of God’s commandments) and that there was no way he could be forgiven of those sins without the blood that Jesus willingly shed for each of us. Dave repented (turned away from) his sins and trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. He then committed his life to follow and serve Jesus Christ in a life that Christ calls us to. What Dave Amodio did, and what Dave Amodio is, is what we are all about. Taking the game of football and using it to spread the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ! Dave Amodio won’t be with us on the field this year but he will surly be on our hearts for a lifetime. It is because of what Jesus Christ did for Dave, and for all of us that we are caring on. So when you see someone wearing a small patch that has the initials DJA on it, you will know that that individual was deeply impacted by the life of Dave Amodio.



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Scott Perry put Memories in our hands and hearts

While the flag football leadership team was still trying to grasp the loss of Dave Amodio, the Lord saw it fit to take Scott Perry home as well. Scott was that guy at every game taking the pictures. He and his wife Sharon had a strong interest in this league because of their youngest son, Chris. Chris has played the last three years and Scott thought it would be a blessing to all of the players if he were to use his gift of photography and take pictures throughout the season. Scott would stay for every game and do his very best to get a couple shots of every player. He then converted the pictures to disk so that we could use them for these News Letters. Then he blew us all away when he had the pictures developed and gave them to me so we could distribute them to the players at the banquet. Scott was a photographer, a good friend, a loving father, a faithful husband, and a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will greatly miss the man’s work and for those of us who knew him, we will greatly miss this man. To bless the players from the last few seasons, and to honor Scott, we will be posting a tribute to Scott on our web page. It will feature some of the many pictures he took over the last two seasons. If you take the time to visit the web page and look at the pictures, please remember more than what is before your eyes, remember that there was a man who gave of himself to be a blessing to others. Why?, because there is a Savior who gave of Himself, to be the ultimate of blessings to others.



This is one of the many pictures taken by our friend Scott Perry