

## **Put Your Money on a Winner!**

**This is the first Sunday of the National Football League's season!** Does anyone out there care? What teams do you root for? Any football widows out there? We will pray for you. We will pray for all you fans as well.

We go a bit nuts in America when it comes to sports. Consider these facts...

- The average NFL fan will spend \$2,364.27 to cheer on their team.
- Over 30 million people play fantasy football every year.
- \$653 is the average amount spent by a fantasy football fan.
- \$100 Billion is roughly the amount of money Americans will gamble on picking a winner.

The bottom line is we spend a lot of money on football, not to mention all the other sports. Of all the teams competing, only one will win. The odds of your team winning the championship in some cases is slim to none but we still attend, tune in and in some cases, put up money in hopes of supporting a winner.

We want you to have fun being a fan. But I thought I would point out to you how you can put your money on a sure winner. Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME, we produce wins each and every day. We win by helping children experience the love and acceptance of God. We win as we shape them to become the next generation of believers carrying forward the good news of Jesus. We win as we invest in the lives of students. We win every time someone comes here on a weekend and receives help, healing and hope. We win each and every day of the week!

So, as we take up the offering, I want to encourage you to generously support your winning team, YOUR CHURCH NAME! Your gift today is a sure bet on a winning team with THE winning strategy. Our trophies don't tarnish; they last for eternity. Let's put our money on a winner!