## football phrases jokingly used

i know we've had some hard messages lately and i thought we could all use a time out. football season is now upon us. although i'm not nearly the fan i once was, i know many still are. here are some jokes relating to football. please take no offense as no offense was meant - (get the pun?)

church football phrases

in a never-ending effort to attract the unchurched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases.

BLITZ - the strategic play that takes place two seconds after closing prayer as everyone rushes for their favorite restaurant.

BLOCKING - talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

COACH - the children's christmas program director.

ASSISTANT COACH - every mother who has a kid in the children's christmas program.

COMMERCIAL - announcements.

DRAFT CHOICE - the decision to sit close to an air conditioning vent.

DRAW PLAY - what many children (and not a few adults) do with their bulletins during the service.

END ZONE - the pews.

EXTRA POINT - what you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

FIRST QUARTER - what most people put into the sunday school offering so it looks like they are giving.

FOURTH QUARTER - the amount that makes up the dollar most people put into the sunday school offering when under peer pressure to give more.

HAIL MARY - desperate move made by ushers in a last-ditch attempt to get people to put something in the plate.

HALFTIME - the period between sunday school and worship when many choose to leave.

HOLDING - passing on the offering place without putting in a cent.

ILLEGAL CONTACT - what gets some church leaders into trouble and out of the ministry.

ILLEGAL MOTION - leaving before the benediction.

INTERFERENCE - talking during the organ prelude.

OFFSIDES - when an orchestra member accidentally walks into the choir room.

PASS INTERFERENCE - a parent moving between two teens

in the pew to halt the flow of notes back and forth during the sermon.

QUARTERBACK SNEAK - how the pastor gets from the pulpit to the rear door during the benediction.

RAIN DELAY - baptism

SUDDEN DEATH - the penalty to the pastor who preaches more than twenty minutes.

TACKLE - what takes place to the only eligible bachelor at the thirty five-and-over singles enrichment retreat.

TIMEOUT - refreshment time in the fellowship hall.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING - the point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT - usually takes place at a committee meeting to decide on the color of carpet or some other thing.

BENCHWARMER - those who do not sing, pray, work, or do anything but sit.

BACKFIELD-IN-MOTION - making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

STAYING IN THE POCKET - what happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

INSTANT REPLAY - the preacher loses his notes and falls

back on last week's illustrations.

TRAP - you're called on to pray and are asleep.

END RUN - getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

FLEX DEFENSE - the ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

HALFBACK OPTION - the decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.