

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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WELCOME

Week of October 8, 2023 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Opening doors for Church Membership	
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Second Harvest Food Truck Delivery Followed by prayer for those that can make it	10:00 A.M.
* Special Prayer Request: Pulpit Committee and God's direction for a new pastor	
Wednesday, Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday:	Coy Ledford (Oct. 2 nd) Carole Ledford (Oct. 4 th) Wanda Vance (Oct. 6 th)
Happy Anniversary:	Coy & Carole Ledford (Oct. 3 rd)

Church Notes: The **Appalachian Association Annual Meeting** will be next Monday, October 16, 2023 at Burbank FWB Church in Roan Mountain. A meal will be served at 6:00 P.M. and the service will be at 7:00 P.M.

Board Meeting	Sunday the 22 nd at 5:00 P.M.
Ladies Bible Study	Tuesday the 24 th at 6:00 P.M.
Quarterly Business Meeting	Wednesday the 25 th at 7:00 P.M.

Somehow, as we get older, work seems a lot less fun, and fun seems a lot more like work. You will find if you share your friend's burden, both of you will walk a little straighter. Advice is probably the only free thing which people won't take.

Two Practical Lessons a Christian Can Learn From Football

1. Small choices now can lead to highlight moments later. In the coaching ranks, ESPN and other networks will often televise the introduction of a new head coach in the college ranks or NFL. This moment is not possible without the roles that prepared the coach to be a head coach, like the hours as a low paid graduate assistant or living behind the scenes as a special teams coordinator. We often see or hear stories of how someone invited a friend to church and his or her life was changed. The stories are celebrated and all of us would like to impact someone's life in a similar way. It takes small steps of obedience to be prepared. It can be as simple as memorizing one verse and being prepared to share it in the moment. Many small acts of obedience lead to the highlight moments. Small acts of obedience lead to the highlight reel moments. First Samuel 17:34-35 says, *And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.* David used opportunities as a shepherd—a low-level job—to prepare himself for bigger moments, as when he faced Goliath in battle. He knew God had equipped him to do things that were not normal. David didn't know the battle with Goliath was upcoming, but he focused on being excellent where he was day by day.

2. Fundamentals build the foundation. As a coach, you have to build your team up. In the game of football, defenses have to defend multiple types of offense, but before you can teach them to defend anything, they must learn how to tackle. It is a skill that is a simple expectation by the common fan, but every coach knows how important at every level it is to practice tackling. Tackling is a fundamental element of football that leads to success. Here are three fundamentals that are important to practice as Christian: **Prayer:** asking God to do amazing things in you and in other people. **Reading the Bible:** listening to Jesus and doing what He says. **Serving:** helping other people connect with Jesus and connect with the church. Looking for opportunities to apply these fundamentals in your life can not only make a difference for you, but it will also make a difference in the lives of others. When the church began and a man named Paul traveled around to help churches get started, he worked with a variety of people to share the message of Jesus. Paul describes one person, Titus, not just as another person on the team, but as someone he could trust: *Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.* (2 Corinthians 8:23). It was through being faithful with the fundamentals that Titus was given more responsibility. The inches—every small choice we make—can be the difference between winning and losing. As a Christian, we know that in Christ we win, but we must also continue to fight for those inches, so others may receive the salvation that can only be found with Jesus.