

Faith Lift: Lost

Last weekend the NCAA College Football season opened. The only two teams from Texas that lost were the two teams that played other Texas teams.

The University of Houston defeated Oklahoma 33 to 23. Texas A&M defeated UCLA 31 to 24 in overtime. Texas defeated Notre Dame 50-47 in overtime. Baylor defeated Northwestern State 55-7. Texas State Defeated Ohio 56-54 in overtime. U.T.San Antonio defeated Alabama State 26-13. T.C.U. defeated South Dakota State 59-41. U.T. El Paso defeated New Mexico State 38-22.

In the games that pitted two Texas schools against each other Texas Tech defeated SFA 69-17. . SMU defeated North Texas State 34-21.

What do the NCAA teams do before they play their first game? They have a Pep Rally

This Sunday at Faith our Christian Education Fall season begins with our Rally Day. It is our Pep Rally. Traditionally this is when we "Rally" together to kick off a new Fall season. It is also a time of reaching out to those with whom we have "lost touch," because lost can be more than scoring less points than the other team.

In the 15th chapter of Luke, Jesus shares a series of 3 parables about being lost--the parable of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost sons. In Jesus' stories the opposite of being lost is not won. It is found. What was lost was found because someone was looking. The lost coin was found by the woman who turned her house upside down looking. The lost sheep was found because the shepherd who went looking. The lost sons were found because their father was looking in prayer and meeting both sons more than half way.

If you feel lost I invite you to come and learn what it feels like to be found. If you have friends or family with whom you have "lost touch," I hope that you will go looking for them and invite them to come with you this Sunday. I will have shorter sermon than usual to allow time for folks from the different small groups to share what they will be studying and what being a part of the group has meant to them. After worship we will have a Catered BBQ lunch and Silent Auction to raise money for Christian Education supplies as well as to support the Diana Gray Child Care Center sponsored by Church Women United.

I believe that one of the best ways to have a growing faith is to become a part of a small group- whether it through attending a Sunday morning small group, joining our choir, one of our Women's Bible Studies, or our Men's breakfasts or becoming a part of a fellowship group like our monthly Friends of Faith. In a way, our Fall Christian Education program is asking those who have found meaning in being a part of a group at Faith to seek those who have not yet found the same. Come and bring a friend-- an old friend, a new friend or a "long lost" friend this Sunday for our Faith Rally Day. You and we will be glad you did.

There was one score I waited to tell you. Last Weekend Central Michigan defeated Presbyterian 49 to 3. If you come and be a part of our Rally Day, that will be the only time this week that Presbyterians ... lost.