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Dear Friends at Rolling Acres Alliance,

Feeling Deflated?

At the Men's Wind and Fire Conference a couple of weeks ago, there were two life-size inflatable football players on the stage flanking the speaker for the sports theme. When I say inflatable figures, I mean something similar to the ones people put in their yards for Christmas of Santa or of a snowman. Now, one of these inflatable figures was a Browns player and one was a Steelers player. (no comment!)

As I looked at these on the stage, I thought about how those two figures were so very much like us as Christians. They had to be connected to a power source and to be filled with air in order to be able to stand up. If they were to be unplugged, they would fall, lifeless, to the ground. As Christians, we must be connected to the power source of Jesus Christ and to be filled with His Holy Spirit if we are to be able to stand strong in our faith. It is when we are disconnected from Him that we become deflated in our faith, ending up weak and flimsy on the floor. Christ does not want us to be lifeless but full of His life! He states, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." (John 15:4, ESV) If it seems as though your Christian life is fruitless, be sure that you are connected to Christ and are abiding in Him and not in your own power. Surrender your life to Jesus daily and ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Walking in the power of the Holy Spirit will enable you to fulfill God's calling upon your life. What fills you this day?

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate God's true love in Jesus Christ on Valentine's Day.  
Our Sunday Evening Psalm is 63.

Pastor Andy