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## ***Xplosion Day at First Metropolitan Community Church***

Atlanta, Georgia - 02/24/09 - The Atlanta Xplosion is pleased to announce that for the first time in the history of the team, the organization will kick off its season at church!! The growing family environment, the struggles of the individual members on the team, as well as the sheer aggressiveness and potential for injury playing the sport, has landed the team in church to receive prayer and blessings as they kick off the 2009 season.

First Metropolitan Community Church located at 1379 Tullie Rd in the heart of Atlanta, GA where Reverend Paul Graetz is pastor and where the team will start the season. This will be a fun-filled, action-packed day for those in attendance with service at 11am followed by a cookout, games, and giveaways for members, families, and fans. First MCC is a "progressive community of faith, with a message of compassion, inclusion and empowerment." This growing ministry is powerful in that it seeks to invite all to worship and learn the teachings of the Bible, without requiring individuals to conform to a certain standard to feel accepted. Considering the diversity of the Xplosion team, First MCC is a great fit to give the team members the encouragement and uplifting that they need to start the season on a good note.

First MCC already has several members that are die-hard Xplosion fans and are really excited about the opportunity to invite the community to learn more about both the team and the church. Everyone is encouraged to come out and fellowship as this experience is one you do not want to miss! All games and activities are free of charge and bringing children is strongly encouraged. There will be games for all ages and the food is sure to be exceptional.

The entire Xplosion team, coaches, and staff will mostly be in attendance signing autographs, participating in contests, and getting to know the team's supporters. There will be opportunities for fans to purchase season tickets and Xplosion merchandise at discounted rates. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the church.

What started as a few members encouraging other members to support the Xplosion team, has evolved into an annual event to jump start the season. On April 25th, as the Xplosion take on the Chattanooga Locomotion at Halford Stadium at 3789 Memorial College Drive, longtime Xplosion fan and First MCC member Lynette Finch will sing the National Anthem. For this game, the Xplosion ticket will be used as a fundraiser for the church and half of the tickets sold by members will be donated back to the church!!

"We are really excited about this opportunity to partner with such an uplifting ministry and receive their blessings and support for our upcoming season. This partnership will continue to grow awareness about this ministry as well as our team and we are hoping that the community will come out in the numbers to support this joint effort," says Xplosion owner Takela Corbitt. "Those attending will not be disappointed with all the fun that will take place on this day. We look forward to seeing you at 11am on March 15th."

Atlanta Xplosion is an all-female tackle football team based in Atlanta, GA. Additional information on the team can be found by going to the web at [www.atlantaxplosion.com](http://www.atlantaxplosion.com). Additional information on First MCC can be found at [www.firstmcc.com](http://www.firstmcc.com)



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