

Real Life (Part 2)  
An Invitation to Joy

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(John 10:10)

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Joy is based in purpose and understanding

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Balances the sacrifice required to be a true follower of Christ

(Matthew 16:24-25)

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Joy is not possible without self-denial

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We spend our lives seeking purpose

We wonder what is worthwhile

What is worthwhile is not pain free

(Galatians 6:11-17)

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# *Cumberland Community Church*

## **Week Schedule**

Today: Pastoral Team Meeting (Following 2nd Service)

Tonight: Open Bible Study

Monday June 8th: Filipino Life Group

Tuesday June 9th: Men's Group Work Night (Man Cave)

Thursday June 11th: Young Adults Bible Study

Friday June 12th: Youth Lake Tobias Wildlife Park

Saturday June 13th: Uganda Mission Trip Car Wash

Reminder: Baby Bottles Due June 21st.



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## ***Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)***

**<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.**

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# ***Galatians 6:11-17 (MLT)***

<sup>11</sup> NOTICE WHAT **LARGE** LETTERS I USE AS I WRITE THESE  
CLOSING WORDS IN MY OWN HANDWRITING.

<sup>12</sup> Those who are trying to force you to be  
circumcised want to look good to others. They don't  
want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of  
Christ alone can save. <sup>13</sup> And even those who  
advocate circumcision don't keep the whole law  
themselves. They only want you to be circumcised  
so they can boast about it and claim you as their  
disciples.

## ***Galatians 6:11-17 (Cont.)***

<sup>14</sup> As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. <sup>15</sup> It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. <sup>16</sup> May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.

<sup>17</sup> From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.

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