Real Life (Part 2) An Invitation to Joy

Happiness wears the mask of joy

We become <u>addicted</u> to the "pursuit of happiness"

It cannot last

Limited to time and circumstances

(John 10:10)

Joy is an inner quality which exists beyond feelings

Feelings are affected by circumstances

Joy is based in <u>purpose</u> and <u>understanding</u>

Comes from a sense of personal significance

Balances the sacrifice required to be a true follower of Christ

(Matthew 16:24-25)

Happiness is not equal to denial of self

Joy is not possible without self-denial

Life that has <u>depth</u> comes only from God

Momentary happiness and other distractions are lesser substitutes

There are no "cost free" decisions in life

We spend our lives seeking purpose

We wonder what is worthwhile

What is worthwhile is not pain free

(Galatians 6:11-17)

Joy is sustainable and renewable despite circumstances

Cumberland Community Church Week Schedule

Today: Pastoral Team Meeting (Following 2nd Service)

Tonight: Open Bible Study

Monday June 8th: Filipino Life Group

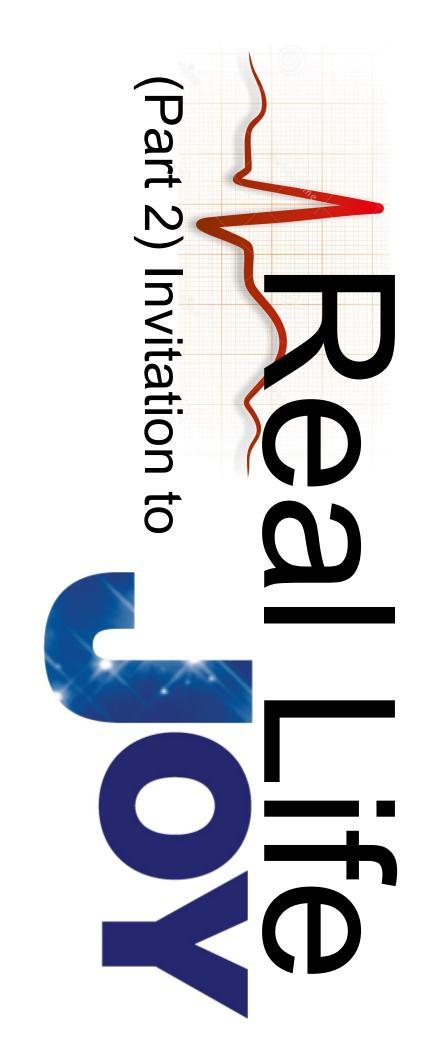
Tuesday June 9th: Men's Group Work Night (Man Cave)

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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John 10:10 (NLT)

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

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Galatians 6:11-17 (Cont.)

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

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

