

# Bulletin

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Happy Valentine's Day!



**Tough  
Questions  
from Kids**

**How do I  
make friends?**



## A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

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AS CHRISTIANS, WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT marriage in light of the commitment it requires and the sacrifices we must make as husbands and wives. That line of messaging is probably a response to the attitude the world too often takes toward marriage. To be certain, it's an issue we need to address.

Sure, marriage can be difficult. We can't ignore the reality that every marriage, including the healthy ones, will face seasons where marital satisfaction dips and where the journey becomes harder.

But I would also hope that—*especially* for Christians—marriage can also be full of joy and life.

Jesus laughed. He went to parties. As married couples, we can do the same.

So go ahead . . . *enjoy life*. Laugh together, have fun. Be silly.

It does the culture and the church a world of good when Christians mix joy and pleasure into the message of commitment and sacrifice in marriage.

So on this Valentine's Day, let's remember to show the singles in our churches, and a watching world, that Christian marriage is good. That we enjoy our spouses. That one of the reasons why we stick with it when the going gets tough is that marriage is *worth* it.