

by Tony Hammon



Living a Kalosed Life

There is an interesting passage of Scripture in which Jesus says to a group of His followers,

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14

In this passage Jesus challenges us to let our light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and give praise to God. Those words, “good deeds,” are important because they tell us a lot about a life-style that our God is calling us to. In the early Greek language there were two different words used for the word “good.”

The first is the word **Argos**, meaning to be morally straight, keeping all the rules. The second is **Kalos**, which refers to our good works; things about your life that are beautiful, awesome, interesting, that catch people’s curiosity, that have power and meaning to them.

Far too often church goers are identified by what we don’t do, and by the things we are against that demonstrate moral straightness. While moral straightness is important, in is not necessarily all that attractive.

In Jesus’s day the Scribes, and Pharisees were morally straight and very proud of

keeping all the rules, but they were deader than a doorknob. They loved to strut their religious stuff and be recognized as being spiritually superior to everyone else. But let someone in need cry out to them, they wouldn’t think of lending a hand.

On the other hand, **Kalos**, looks for an opportunity to reach out to those in need; to really care about people and their needs; to love, not condemn; to forgive, not judge; to give sacrificially.

May we be known as people who live a kalosed life, known as people who are willing to put a serving towel over our arms and serve in love.

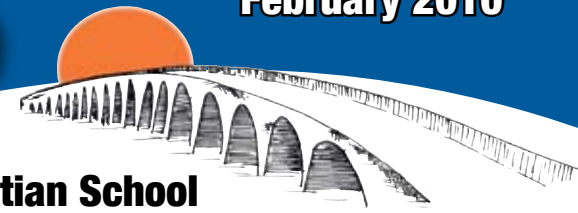
Matt 25:34-40

Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

“Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?”

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Tony



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Our Third Issue

Welcome to the third issue of **The Bridge**. Our goal is to bring together news and information about the student body at ICS, and the church family of ICC. If you know anyone who might be interested in the church and the school, please pass a copy of this issue along to them. Free copies are always available in back of the church sanctuary while supplies last.

New Church Website to Launch

A newly designed website for Island Community Church will be ready for viewing sometime in early February. A cleaner look and an easier to navigate website will make using the site much easier. Look for some new features to the site as well as the very popular sermon audio downloads.

www.Islandcommunitychurch.org

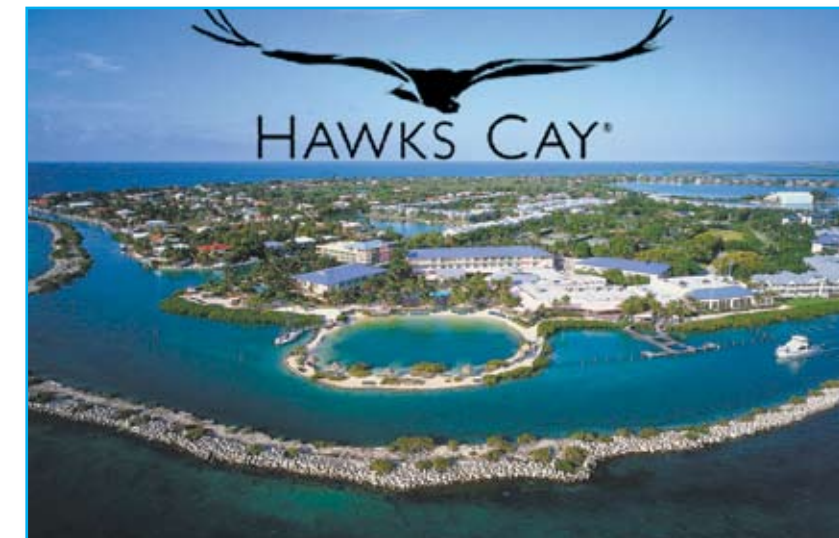
Sweetheart Raffle Drawing Sunday February 14th

Do you have your tickets yet? One lucky winner will receive a two night stay at **Hawk’s Cay Resort** in a three bedroom villa, a swim with the dolphin experience for two at **Dolphin Connection**, a parasail trip for two at **Sundance Water Sports** and \$100 gift certificate for dinner at **Almas Restaurant!**

This fabulous prize will be raffled off on February 14th after church

service. Tickets are available from any ICS student for \$25 each or you can buy 5 tickets for \$100. Either a snorkel trip or a bowling party will be given to the the class that sells the most tickets.

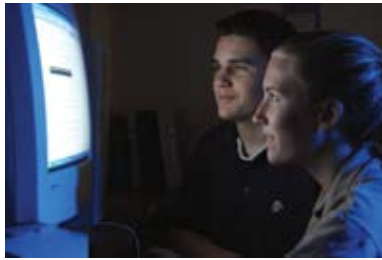
Proceeds for this raffle will help fund the ICS teachers health insurance package and general operating expenses. Please help by purchasing a chance to win a wonderful getaway at Hawks Cay!



More test results reveal ICS Students are well ahead of National Average

ICS students participate in the **Stanford Achievement Test Series**. It is one of the leading standardized tests utilized by school districts in the U.S. for assessing children K through high school. The test covers various subjects such as reading comprehension, mathematical problem solving, and science.

The graphic below shows how far ahead ICS students are when compared with other class scores



nationwide. It is another example of the level of academics the students are given.

If you know of anyone in the Keys who has children interested in receiving a better education, show them these statistics and have them contact the school for a tour of the campus.

ICS Stanford Test SCORES

Grade	Grade Level Above National Average
K	6 months ahead national average
1	4 months ahead
2	5 months ahead
3	1 year 1 month ahead
4	1 year 11 months ahead
5	3 years 5 months ahead
6	2 years 6 months ahead
7	3 years ahead
8	1 year 2 months ahead
9	3 years 1 month ahead
10	equal basis level
11	6 months ahead

Source: NCS Pearson

February 2010 ICS Schedule at a Glance

- 2/3 Progress Reports Issued
Art class field trip
- 2/4 SAT Signup Deadline
FACCS Brain Bowl
Basketball Game/HOME
- 2/5 FACCS Brain Bowl
Basketball Game/Away
- 2/6 ACT Testing
- 2/8 Girls Softball @ Harris Park
- 2/9 Spring Picture Day
District Basketball
- 2/12 District Basketball
- 2/13 Senior Yardsale @ICS
- 2/14 Sweetheart Getaway
Raffle Drawing
- 2/19 Boys Baseball /HOME
- 2/20 Boys Baseball /HOME
Island Quartet Concert
- 2/22 Sr. High Book Reports Due
- 2/23 Girls Softball @ Harris Park
- 2/24 Progress Reports
- 2/26 Girls Softball @ Harris Park

EVERY Wednesday
5:45 pm Island Connect/ FLC
6:00 FUEL Church Bldg

EVERY Thursday
9 am Women to Women /FLC

EVERY Sunday
Church Service 10am
7-12 grade Volleyball 3pm
7-12 grade Frisbee 5pm

for the COMPLETE School Schedule, go to

www.Islandchristian.org
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A Students Journey Toward College

by Julie Caligiuri

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

I am reminded of this passage from Jeremiah as I think about the 2010 Island Christian School Senior class. I had the opportunity to speak with Sandi Subic Haab, mother of Jennifer Subic, a Senior at ICS, about her process for selecting a college. Jen began the arduous task of selecting a college during the spring of her junior year by visiting several schools she was interested in. She narrowed the selection down to four schools and in Sept. 2009, she applied and was soon after accepted to all four. Applying early is definitely recommended as many schools have rolling admission. They admit students as applications are received so the

later an application is submitted the more rigorous the competition becomes.

Being accepted to college is based on the application, grade point average, high school transcripts and extra-curricular activities. In addition, Jen collected over 200 hours of community service which schools also consider. She volunteered for the Rotary, was a 1st grade teachers aid, helps with the Art Club, and has been on several mission trips.

During her Jr. year Jen scored 1120 on her SAT and tested twice for the ACT with a final score of 30, which entitles her to the full amount offered by the Florida Bright Futures program. Jen has also been awarded a merit scholarship based on her grades, her ACT and SAT scores.

Jen has decided to attend The University of South Florida where she will major in elementary education.

USF offers a degree and teaching certificate that will allow her to teach in Fla. and 37 other states.



ICS Senior Jennifer Subic

The majority of the courses Jen has taken at ICS were honors classes where GPA's are weighted higher. Jen also took College Algebra in the fall of 2009 and is currently taking statistics at Florida Keys Community College one evening a week in the dual enrollment program.

All highschool students should take note of the path to success Jen has taken. Begin community service no later than 9th grade and take as many honors classes as possible. During Junior year, visit several colleges and take the ACT and SAT as many times as needed for qualifying scores. Senior year, apply to colleges early and apply for as many scholarships as you can find then continue to study hard for excellent grades. This is the training students need for work they will be called to do in their adult lives. Even more than this, ICS is committed to teaching God's word, for in it we find the basis for true virtue, character, and an eternal relationship with God that makes all things meaningful.

Julie is the mother of Harrison Caligiuri, a 3rd grader at ICS and is a volunteer writer for The Bridge.

Island Connect Program Continues

Island Community Church's faith based seminars called **Island Connect** is well underway but anyone wishing to join is welcome anytime. Covering a range of topics, there is certainly something of interest for everyone.

Each week a meal will be provided at 5:45 pm in the Family Life Center with classes following at 6:30. There is a nominal charge of \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids, to cover the expenses for the meal.

Please feel free to attend any of these series topic sessions. Simply show up ready to learn, no sign up is required.

- Financial Peace University
- Marriage and Family
- Celebrate Recovery
- The Purpose Driven Life
- Partners in Prayer
- Awana: Life-Defining, Long Lasting
- FUEL for youth 7 through 12th grade

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