

The Bridge

May - June 2010

The Monthly Newsletter of
Island Community Church - Island Christian School



ICS Class of 2010

This year, Island Christian School will graduate 4 seniors Thursday, May 27th in the Church sanctuary. All four students are planning to attend college next year, and each one valued the Christian education they received from ICS. Let's meet each senior.

Anthony Dellinger from Key Largo has gone to ICS since 9th grade. He'll attend Fla. Keys Community College next fall to pursue an associate's degree in Business. His most memorable moment was scuba diving with Mr Calderwood's marine biology class.

Jennifer Subic has been a student at ICS since 3K and through the Florida Bright Futures program, earned a full scholarship to University of South Florida in Tampa where she'll major in Elementary Education. She recorded over 200 hours of community service and played varsity volleyball, soccer, and softball throughout high school. Her favorite class was Bible class, and this year she helped one hour each day as a 1st grade teacher's aide.

Jessica Lankford has attended ICS since 9th grade. She lives in Marathon and has driven herself to school each day. This fall she will double major in Art and Sociology



**ICS Graduating Class of 2010, from left:
Anthony Dellinger, Jennifer Subic, Jessica Lankford, Connor Ellis**

at the University of North Fla. Her favorite class was art with Mrs. Young. After UNF she wants to pursue a master's degree at Fla. State in Art Therapy.

Connor Ellis, from Key Largo, transferred to ICS from Coral Shores the beginning of 11th grade. When the chance to come to ICS opened up, he jumped at the opportunity to change schools. He will attend St. Leo University in Tampa majoring in Education. His favorite class at ICS was Mr. Calderwood's Anatomy class.

Graduation Schedule:

Wednesday May 26, 7:00 pm

Baccalaureate and Capping

Thursday May 27, 7:00 pm

Graduation Ceremony

Friday May 28

All students, last day of school

Look for the next issue of *The Bridge* later this summer!

May 22nd - ICS Spring Formal

This year, ICS will hold its first annual Spring Formal **Saturday May 22nd 5:30 pm at Hawks Cay Resort.**

The theme of this new event is *Arabian Nights* and is designed to upgrade the annual sports banquet. There will be awards presented for students' accomplishments in sports, academics and this year's Hall of Fame inductees. This gala event is sponsored and organized by the ICS Junior class and gives the students their annual opportunity to dress in formal attire. Don't forget to bring your cameras!

Photos, mingling and seating will begin at 5:30 pm with academics, sports and Hall of Fame awards to follow at 6:00. Dinner and dancing is scheduled from 7:00 to 9:30 offering a buffet style service with all-you-can-eat salad, pasta, slider and taco buffets, plus dessert and drink stations. This new format will be lots of fun as a Christian DJ from Miami will be on hand to play dance music. But the real fun will be the "After Party". At 9:30, students can change from formal wear to their swim suits and party clothes as the group moves to Hawks Cay's Indies Club for a variety of well-planned and supervised activities! The festivities will end at midnight.



Hawks Cay swimming pool for the After Party

Games include glow in the dark volleyball on the beach, dive-in movies at the pool, free unlimited putt-putt golf, Wii and Xbox competitions, basketball games, and plenty more. Lots of planning, preparation and decorating to Arabian Nights theme is taking place, so don't miss out on this awesome end of the year event.

Tickets are \$60 per person and available in advance from Mrs Reynolds. Students, parents, and families are all invited. Babysitting service is available by calling Hawks Cay, and for those families wishing to stay at the resort for the evening, a courtesy rate of \$159 has been arranged. To reserve a discounted room, call Hawks Cay Reservations at (305) 743-7000, and use Group Code ICS.

The event will be chaperoned and anyone interested in helping can call Cheryl Messinger at (305) 745-8762. There is a huge list of sponsors who have donated their time and support for this new event. ICS wishes to thank everyone involved for making the upcoming Spring Formal a huge success!

May/ June 2010

5/12	AP English, and Comp. exams
5/14	6th Grade Graduation dinner
5/22	Spring Formal/ Hawks Cay
5/24	Semester Exams all week
5/25	5k Graduation
5/26	Baccalaureate and Capping
5/27	Class of 2010 Graduation
5/28	Last Day of School Easily Release at noon
6/5	SAT College Testing
6/11	Report Cards Mailed
6/12	ACT testing

For the COMPLETE Schedule, go to www.Islandchristian.org

EVERY Wednesday
5:45 pm Island Connect/ FLC

EVERY Thursday
9 am Women to Women /FLC

EVERY Sunday:
Church Service 10 am

Book Corner

This month's selection is **Partners in Prayer**

by John Maxwell

Prayer is the bridge that allows pastors and lay people to partner together effectively in ministry. Author John Maxwell knows this to be true; a prayer-partner ministry changed his church and empowered his ministry.



Writing in a warm, anecdotal style with lots of practical hands-on help, Maxwell describes how this method of support has been proven time and again in churches of all sizes.

This book will increase your appetite to pray for your church, community and your spiritual leaders. It will give insight into how to create a complete prayer partner program that God will be faithful to answer.

Meet the Camp Family

Fuel [fyoo-uhl] noun 1. Any material that is altered to obtain energy or power. 2. Something that sustains or encourages.

Fuel is the very active youth group of Island Community Church headed by Bill and Bobbie Camp. The Camp family came to the Keys from Spokane, Washington in 2007 where they were directors of a children's ministry for a church of 2500 for 3 years. Prior to that, they were involved in the Worship Arts Department. It was in Oct of 1999 that Bill and Bobbie were saved and dedicated their service to Jesus.

Working together and being married for almost 25 years, Bill and Bobbie began their careers as professional musicians in a band that primarily toured the Northwestern US, Alaska and Western Canada. Later, performing as just a duo, Bill and Bobbie toured in 27 states, four Canadian provinces, Korea, Japan, Guam, the Philippines, the Marshall Islands and the British Indian Ocean Territories. They also opened a commercial recording studio focusing on audio production for radio & television and purchased a musical instrument store in Spokane.

"We quit playing professionally in 2000 because God had something in mind for us," says Bill. "We were led to start a Christian children's performing arts group focusing on teaching youth singing, dancing, acting and performance skills, mentoring more than 60 aspiring performers in just 2 years. In 2003 we became heavily involved in the music department at our church where we led their children's ministry."

"We both felt like it was time to move on and the change we'd been praying came when God called us to leave Spokane in 2007," explains Bill. The Camps have two daughters, 15 year-old Mandy and Cassidy who is 14.



The Camp Family; Mandy, Bobbie, Cassidy and Bill

"We'd never been to Florida, but we just felt we were to go to the Keys. Bobbie was looking online and Islamorada sounded like the place to come to. That's exactly how the decision was made," says Bill.

They sold almost everything they had, packed up the girls and their music equipment and headed south arriving in Key Largo on Oct 10, 2007. They found a place to rent through an online source and made a deposit sight unseen on a single wide trailer. "We had camping chairs and TV trays for furniture. Our music gear was set up in the dining room so we could rehearse," says Bobbie. They moved to their current house in Tavernier about a year later.

Bill says, "We visited ICC in Jan of 2008 and have been attending ever since. We believe God called us here for a reason. We had more opportunities in the music business but were waiting to see what specifically God had for us to do here. Then it became evident that the youth and the FUEL program was our reason for being here."

Cassidy and Mandy are both very active in the ministry. They are also heavily involved in music, singing and local theater. Both had leads in *Annie*, and *Beauty & the Beast*. Mandy was Aunt Em in the *Wizard of Oz*, and Cassidy was Grandma Georgina in *Willy Wonka*. Cassidy currently has a starring lead role as Cinderella in the latest production *Into the Woods* which hits the stage May 14, 15 and 16 at Coral Shores.

"Our goal with FUEL is pretty simple," says Bill. "We are committed to reaching the youth of the Keys for Jesus, helping them understand who He is and who they are in Him. We currently have 40 to 50 regular attendees with a great mixture from ICS, PKS, KLS, Coral Shores and Home Schoolers. We are excited about sharing His love in our community and what God is doing in the youth."

Fuel meets at the church every Wed. at 6:00 pm for dinner followed by a presentation.

Pastor's Column



by Tony Hammon

What Would I Give for My Child?

Do you remember the lyrics to the old Beatles song "Can't Buy Me Love"? How did those lyrics go?

*"Say you don't need no diamond ring, and I'll be satisfied.
Tell me that you want those kind of things
that money just can't buy
For I don't care too much for money
For money can't buy me love."*

Setting aside points for grammatical correctness, the song still communicates a truth worth remembering. Some of the most important things in life just can't be bought no matter how much money we have or how much academic knowledge we have acquired.

There is a passage of scripture that addresses this. In fact they are the very words of Jesus, - it says,

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

Powerful, pointed, sometimes painful question, isn't it? It is as if Jesus is asking us, "What do you value? What is most important to you?" I have had to ask that question several times in my life. One of the key times was knowing what was important while I was raising my four children.

One of the biggest issues was where and how they would be educated. Quite honestly it was a big part of the motivation to start Island Christian School. Issues like character, morals, values, ethics, discipline and many, many more were and still are vitally im-

portant raising healthy, balanced children. To neglect the heart, soul and spirit of a child is inexcusable and unacceptable. That's why we hold reaching and training the heart of the child as one of our core values and top priorities at ICS. To paraphrase those words of Jesus,

"What does it profit a child if he makes straight "A's" but forfeits his soul in the process?"

While top notch academics are essential, and physically fit bodies are a must, they must not be done at the expense of the heart and soul of the child. When heart and character are right everything else will follow. I am so grateful that at ICS we have seen this proven to be true. I am amazed every year at the thousands of dollars that our seniors receive in college scholarships, and the great success we see in our graduates – whether that be in college success, athletic scholarships, or general success in life.

Teaching our children that they matter to God, that they have all been made by their creator for a purpose, and that they are the hope of the world is still at the top of my priority list, and I hope it is for you as well. Thank you Lord for ICS and what it has meant to my family.



Tony

*PS: Congratulations to this year's
Senior Class of 2010*

Don't miss baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies for the class of 2010, May 26 & 27.