



Ivy Creek News

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NOTE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

I have been dreading writing this article since the day my husband suggested it. "You should write a 'good-bye' article in the newsletter," he said. I half ignored him, knowing he was right, but also knowing it would not be a pleasant thing for me to do. Change is hard; for adults, for children, and for churches, and I knew my stepping down as Children's Ministry Director would create some changes and inconveniences for people whom I have grown to love. But none the less, I am stepping down, change is coming, and I am writing this article.

When Charles (my husband) and I thought and prayed about my taking on a part time teaching position at Dominion Classical Christian Academy, we knew it would be challenging. Two part time jobs equal one full time job, and that with four kids and a husband should cause someone to

pause before jumping in with both feet. We knew it would stretch our family in ways we have never been stretched, but we still sensed it was a door God was opening for us. We did jump in, and it has stretched us, and after about three quarters of the school year had passed, we realized our elasticity was wearing thin. The cord seemed about to break. We could not keep up the pace, and a decision had to be made.

As you know by now, I chose to keep the teaching position at DCCA, but not at all because I was unhappy with my job at Ivy Creek. Throughout this school year, I have fallen in love with teaching again (I taught school years ago in another life), and I have realized that I very much want to keep

doing it. It was like putting on the most comfortable pair of jeans I owned. I felt more like myself than I had in a long time, and felt as though I was using gifts God had given me that I had not used in quite a while. Meanwhile, I have this other job, which I also love, not necessarily because I love recruiting nursery volunteers and planning VBS, but because of you and because of the gospel. I love being in the position to be an influence for the gospel in the lives of our kids, and I love working with you. It has been such a joy to me to watch so many of you ministering to children in so many ways. Some of you run around silly, some of you whisper quietly. Some of you bring treats that they love; some of you offer big hugs and compliments for really cool light-up shoes. It has been so rewarding for me to see God using your gifts to connect our kids to Him and to His church. So as you can see, I was in the very privileged position to make a decision between two fabulous jobs, and I chose to be the third grade teacher at DCCA.

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As of July 1, I will no longer be the Children's Ministry Director at ICC. I hope this gives you a small window into my heart for this ministry and for our church. I love this church, and I love Children's Ministry. The silver lining in this difficult decision making process for me has been that my family is not going anywhere. We still have two daughters in Children's Ministry at ICC, and we will be in those halls. You are not getting rid of me!!

I also hope that when you finish reading this, you will know how much Charles and I appreciate the support you have given me as the Children's Ministry Director. When I first came, knowing very little about CM, you answered my questions patiently, and supported the decisions I made. When I took the teaching job, you encouraged me, helped me, and even brought me supper sometimes. Thank you for being that kind of church; the kind that built me up, even when I'm sure there were things about which to complain. Thank you also for being the kind of church that volunteers readily. For most of us recruiting volunteers is not a fun thing to do, but you all made it so much easier than I expected. Thank you for extending the hand of Christ to our children, their parents, and also to me.

Thank you also to the Session of Ivy Creek for their encouragement and support. I have appreciated

your prayers over the past 2 years, and am grateful for your leadership.

Finally, I want to thank the staff of Ivy Creek. I have loved working with you all, and will miss weekly staff meetings! You are good friends, and it has been a privilege to serve alongside you in God's church.

The truth is, I have written the 'good-bye' article, but I am really not saying 'good-bye'. Change is hard, but because of our great God we have hope that change is also good. I look forward to many more years of serving together at Ivy Creek Church, and I am grateful that this place has been a part of my journey to heaven.

Love,

Pam Godwin

Managua Yard Sale

In order to raise some additional money for our “Extra Expenses and Wish List”, the Nicaragua Mission’s Team is hosting a Managua Yard Sale on Saturday, June 13th.

This Wish List contains items that Robbie & Murray Lathrop (the Managua Missionaries) have asked our group to consider bringing with us. We will give these items to the kids who come to our VBS and then deliver most of the remaining items to a children’s hospital that we are visiting or directly to the Lathrop’s neighbors.

What a great opportunity to tangibly share the love and goodness of Christ.

Team-Members...Start asking neighbors and friends who desire to donate to our Sale to drop things off at your home, clean out your own garage, and/or look for “valuable” items to sell;

whatever you can come up with will be GREAT!!!

We’ll split large items (50%) for any items the owner is asking over \$100.

Church Members...If you have anything in your garage that you want GONE, please consider giving it to us and we’ll get rid of it for you!

If you need us to stop by and pick it up, please give either Scott Bull (678-699-0586) or Melissa Perry (770-540-9965) a call.

Date: 06/13/09

Time: 8:30am-1:00pm

If you don’t have anything to donate, that’s okay, but PLEASE feel free to stop by and spend some money!!!

“What is one person’s junk, is another’s treasure!”

Who knows what you’ll find!

Important Notes

Welcome to the Ivy Creek Family

Congratulations to Brandon & Francie O'Donnell on the birth of Kingsley Mae O'Donnell on April 21. Kingsley weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.



Congratulations to Jared & Rebekah Bostrom on the birth of Tucker Matthew Bostrom on May 4, 2009. Tucker weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

The following applicants were presented to the Ivy Creek Elder Board and approved for membership.

Shane & Stephanie Ammons,
Micah & Josiah

Grace Ammons *

Emily Ammons *

Kasey Bell *

Kathryn Brewer *

David & Karen Cook, Sarah, Anna,
Nathan, Katy-Lynn, Julianne

David & Sarah Horn *, Dawson,
Boone, Kennedy, & Bowman

Eddie & Sarah Ivill, Caleb & Hannah

Adrienne Kirtland

Edwin Marzano *

Justin Maynard *

Connor McMinn *

Zoe Pagomenakis *

Mike & Edy Putnam

George & Janet Tucker,

Michael, Kelly, & Jennifer

Steve & Julie Vibert

Katie Vibert *

Ryan Vibert *

Jason & Sara Waymire, Josie

** Joining by Profession of Faith*

Calendar Of Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

New Sunday Summer Schedule June & July

No Sunday School

10:00 AM Fellowship time with
coffee and doughnuts

10:30 AM Worship Service

Children's Worship

(10:30 am)

In service with parents for first half of service — midway through service, children ages 4 & 5 invited to a time of worship designed with them in mind and to assist parents in worship training.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8—12, 6:00PM—8:30PM

VBS is just around the corner! Join us for a week in the swamp, filled with fellowship, fun, and the gospel of

grace. Register your 3 year old through 5th graders at the table in the back, and don't forget to invite your friends! The dates are June 8 – 12, and the times are from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. We still need volunteers, so if you are able to help in any way, contact Pam Godwin at pcgodwin@comcast.net.

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Nicaragua Missions Team

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Church Painting Day

Saturday, June 13, 8:00AM-NOON

Our main objective for our next Deacons' Workday will be to paint hallways and classrooms. Please join us to give our church a fresh look for the summer!

Women's Book Study
Tuesday Evenings
June 23—July 28
7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Ladies, please join us for a book study this summer on Tuesday evenings, June 23—July 28, 7:00—9:00 PM. We will read and discuss *Screw Tape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis. No childcare will be provided for this study. Please sign up at the Events Kiosk. The book is \$10.50 and is available at the kiosk. The first three chapters will be discussed at the first meeting. If you have any questions, please contact LeeAnn McCaig, 770-714-0287 or Mia Stancil, 770-876-5308.

Important Notes

Worship Ministry Opportunity

The Worship Ministry is looking for additional volunteers, especially male singers. If you have a desire to sing with the Worship Team, please contact Charles Godwin at 770-962-9600.

Book Table

We have a book table located in the lobby with various books recommended for your further study and spiritual development. Inside the front cover of the books is an envelope labeled with the Book Category, Title, Author, and Cost. When purchasing a book, please enclose your cash or check in the aforementioned envelope and place the payment in the box on the table before taking the book.

Readers for Sunday Morning

We are looking for volunteers to be Scripture readers during the first and second worship services. For more information or if you are interested please sign up on the sheet located at the Events Kiosk or contact Jamie Cain at jcain@dominionclassical.org.

Meals Ministry

The Meals Ministry is a great opportunity to minister to someone in our church family! Anyone interested in providing meals for a specific need or just to sign up for the general meal rotation please send an email to: ivycreekmealsministry@gmail.com or call Joy Lynne Gosey (404-435-0707) or Susan Davenport (770-339-6849).

It is such a wonderful blessing to receive a meal during a time of need.

Life Groups

These groups are the basic way to be involved in the community at Ivy Creek, and the main structure we have for caring for each other and for mercy ministries. If you would like to find out more about home groups or find one that is convenient for you to attend please call the church office (770.962.9600).

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different opportunities for you to get involved at Ivy Creek. For information about and help finding a way that YOU can get involved, please call Carol Knight at 770-995-1807.

Baptisms At Ivy Creek

If you are a member of Ivy Creek Church and would like to have your child baptized, contact Denise Moor at dmoor@ivycreek.org or 770-962-9600. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis-please note that they have to be scheduled several weeks in advance.

Lawrenceville Co-Op

Thank you Life Groups for your participation in the May Challenge! The food that was donated will go a long way to help the Co-Op restock their shelves. The need will continue throughout the summer, so any donations you may have can still be dropped off in the collection box in the foyer.