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The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association Officers would like to take this opportunity to thank members and friends who made the 2010 year such a success.

The Forgotten Coast Lighthouse Challenge gave the participants an opportunity to visit and/or climb the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Cape St. George Lighthouse, Crooked River Lighthouse and St. Marks Lighthouse and attracted over 400 visitors!

The Coastal Blessing will become an annual tradition. The Fourth of July Birthday Celebration featured a free climb of the Crooked River Lighthouse and a birthday cake to celebrate the 115<sup>th</sup> year of the existence of the Crooked River Lighthouse.

The Lantern Fest attracted 400 lighthouse fanciers, who enjoyed entertainment, vendors and educational presentations. The multitude of colored lanterns turned the park into an enchanted forest.

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!



*Pastor Ron Barks, Father Joseph B. Ssemakula and Mother Terry Monica*

## Coastal Blessing from the Top

By Laurel Newman

On Sunday, May 30, the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association hosted the first Coastal Blessing at the Crooked River Lighthouse.

Three local church leaders attended and offered their prayers for a safe and uneventful hurricane season for our Gulf Coast.

Pastor Ron Barks of the Assembly of God Church in Carrabelle offered a heartfelt plea for the safekeeping of coastal residents and fishermen, calling for God's blessing and mercy during these most dangerous days



*Mike Kilgore installed our inscribed bricks in front of the lighthouse entrance for all to see.*



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of the year for those whose livelihood is affected by weather conditions.

Mother Terry Monica of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension also asked for blessings and safekeeping, and reminded the listeners that God's mercy is always available for those who will ask.

Father Joseph B. Ssemakula of Sacred Heart Church in Lanark Village added his pleas for coastal safety to those of his brethren, as well as his blessing in holy water for the lighthouse, dedicating it to another year of service to the vessels who may need its guiding light in days to come.

We may not yet rest easy, but continue to add our prayers for coastal safety during the remainder of this most unsettled season.



CLA Historian John Canetta and Bill Roberts author of *Lighthouses and Living Along the Florida Gulf Coast* chat about growing up at the Crooked River Lighthouse.



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Our flags make the entrance to the park easy to find.