



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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## APRIL 17, 2026

Friday	4/17	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. <b>12:00–2:00 p.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR <b>Clubs, Activities &amp; Volunteering Fair—SMR/DR</b> Crafty Crew—DH 1st Floor Solarium
Saturday	4/18	<b>5:45 &amp; 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: The Moanin' Frogs—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Sunday	4/19	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i> <b>VC Pal Meeting—RDR</b>
Monday	4/20	1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m. <b>3:00–4:00 p.m.</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS <b>Volunteer Appreciation Week Ice Cream Social—Lopin' Gopher Deli</b> Youth Handbells Practice <b>Scholarship Awards Banquet (Tickets Required)—SMR/DR</b>
Tuesday	4/21	8:30 a.m. <b>9:30–11:30 a.m.</b>  10:00 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <b>Volunteer Appreciation Week Indoor Seated Beachball Volleyball—SMR/DR</b> Model Train Club—CB <b>Garden Club Meeting—DR</b>
Wednesday	4/22	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <b>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</b> Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	4/23	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC Plan Ministry—CMH <b>Volunteer Appreciation Week Painting Party (Registration Required)—SMR</b>
Friday	4/24	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR <b>Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic—DR</b> Crafty Crew—DH 1st Floor Solarium <b>Live! at Dowling Park Artist Series: Amber Lee Abbott—BC</b>

**BOLD: ONE-TIME AND MONTHLY EVENTS — ITALIC: PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

BA	Butterfield Acres	CT/MT	Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace	IC	Information Center	POP	Park of the Pines
BC	Bixler Chapel	DH	Dowling House	JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library	RDR	Rumph Dining Room
CB	Chriss Building	DM	Dacier Manor	KC	Keepers Cottage	RV	Smith Riverview Apartments
CH	Carter House	DMA	Dowling Manor	LAP	Lake Aquilla Parking Lot	RW	Riverwoods
CCC	Copeland Community Center	DR	Depot Room	MS	Member Services	SMR	Sawmill Room
CMC	Copeland Medical Center	ET	Edgewood Terrace	OPR	Old Pavilion Room	VC	Village Church
CMH	Cleo's Meeting House	GSC	Good Samaritan Center	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VS	Village Square

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Carol Zdziera, who was a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, died April 11. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

## NEW MEMBERS

Rick and Barbara Phipps have become off-campus members. Their mailing address is 23154 104th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060.

## TRANSFER

George Brisbin has transferred from Park of the Pines to Smith Riverview. His mailing address remains the same.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Darleen's Corner

#### 110TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESUMES!

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign! It is exciting to focus on the future once again.

The anchor project of this campaign is the new Environmental Services Center. This facility is a critical need because the storms left the Grounds Department barn uninhabitable, requiring a new home. Once completed, this new facility will house our Maintenance, Grounds, and Housekeeping departments in one location. When all phases are complete, it will include offices, meeting spaces, supply storage, warehouse space, and vehicle bays for ACV's fleet. The result will be greater operational efficiency and enhanced security for some of our most valuable equipment.

The Johnson Hall Assisted Living project that was originally part of the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign has been placed on hold while we conduct marketing studies to ensure long-term viability. If you have previously given toward Johnson Hall, those funds will be held until the project resumes. However, if you would prefer to redesignate your gift to support current campaign priorities, please contact me at the number below, and we will be happy to do so.

Naming and honor/memorial opportunities for the capital campaign will be unveiled soon. Anyone giving a total of \$2,000 or more for this campaign will have a name of their choosing etched on the next lot of brick pavers in Cornerstone Park.

In addition, the campaign will once again include Cornerstone Projects. These are projects focused on strengthening and enhancing our infrastructure. While they are extremely important, these projects do not lend themselves to traditional donor recognition. Cornerstone Park provides a meaningful place to honor and acknowledge the generosity and lasting impact of these donors. Donors giving \$25,000 or more towards infrastructure projects will be honored at Cornerstone Park.

We invite you to be part of ACV's future with a gift to the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign. If you would like to discuss these options, please call me, Darleen Hinrichs, at (386) 658-5110.

## ACV EVENTS



#### CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING FAIR

**Friday, April 17, 12:00–2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

ACV offers clubs, activities and volunteering opportunities to add enjoyment, purpose and growth to each member's life here in Dowling Park. Perhaps you are brand new and don't know what's available. Perhaps you are already involved, but you have time in your

schedule for something else. Perhaps it's time to make a change.

Please plan to come to the Sawmill and Depot rooms on Friday, April 17, between noon and 2:00 p.m. to browse the tables of opportunities. Come see in what new ways you can be involved at ACV. Perhaps you'll join a new club or pick up a new activity that looks interesting. And ACV can always use more volunteers to help support our ministries.

#### **BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: THE MOANIN' FROGS**

**Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.**

**Florida Gateway College**

**Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center**

**149 SE College Place, Lake City**

**5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members**

Featuring all six saxophones from soprano to bass, The Moanin' Frogs play delightful versions of classical, ragtime, jazz, and pop favorites. They also sing together beautifully. Don't miss!

This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting [communityconcerts.info](http://communityconcerts.info). Individual ticket prices are \$30 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the Information Center.

#### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Monday, April 20, 3:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Lopin' Gopher Deli**

ACV loves its volunteers! As part of Volunteer Appreciation Week, an ice cream social has been scheduled for Monday afternoon, April 20, from 3:00 to 4:00. All ACV volunteers are invited to come to the Lopin' Gopher, pick up a free scoop of ice cream, and sit down to chat and enjoy live music in the Lopin' Gopher. Don't forget your coupon!

#### **VOLUNTEER RECOG. WEEK INDOOR SEATED BEACHBALL VOLLEYBALL**

**Tuesday, April 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m. -**

**SMR**

ACV loves its volunteers! As part of Volunteer Appreciation Week, an indoor seated beachball volleyball game has been scheduled. You may remember that this inclusive and safe way to play volleyball was included in the 2024 Spring Membership Fellowship. You can put together a six-person team, come to be added to a team, or just come to cheer on your fellow volunteers. The fun will begin at 9:30.

#### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK PAINTING PARTY**

**Thursday, April 23, 1:00 p.m. - SMR**

**RSVP to Mem. Svcs. by April 17**

ACV loves its volunteers! As part of Volunteer Appreciation Week, a step-by-step painting party has been scheduled. Liz, the same person who leads the Paint Along with Liz events at the JKPL will help our volunteers paint a beautiful keepsake. Everything will be provided; all you need is yourself.

In order to make sure we have enough supplies, we request that you RSVP to Member Services by Friday, April 17.

### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

The April 24 Dementia Support Group at the JKPL has been canceled. The group will resume in May.

### ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

**Fri., April 24, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - DR**

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm dedicated to the provision of quality legal assistance to the poor, abused, disabled and elderly, and empowerment through preventive legal education. They come to ACV monthly to provide assistance to those needing legal help. If you have generic legal questions, drop in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have specific questions about your own legal situation and want one-on-one help, please come to Member Services to pick up an application ahead of time.

### LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:

#### AMBER LEE ABBOTT

**Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. - BC**

Amber Abbott, a gospel singer-songwriter from Madison, Florida, is deeply rooted in the traditions of Southern music. Raised in Hamilton County, she began her musical journey singing with her grandfather's bluegrass band and later studied music at the Baptist College of Florida. Over the years, Abbott has released multiple albums, including a gospel collection featuring original songs co-written with her husband, Trent, and her mother, Angie Lee. She leads the praise team at Suwannee Station Baptist Church in Live Oak and is committed to using her music to share her faith and connect with her community.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV members and staff) and \$26 (non-member).



### SPRING FLING MARKET DAY

**Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

#### Village Square

Make plans to join us for our Spring Fling Market Day on April 25 at the Village Square for vendor booths, games, and fun! Vendors can sign up online at [acvmembers.net](http://acvmembers.net) or by calling the Village Lodge at 658-5200.

### GOSPEL SING

**Saturday, April 25, 1:00 p.m.**

#### Carter House Activity Room

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the Carter House activity room on Saturday, April 25.



### CANCER LUNCH & LEARN

**Monday, April 27, 12:00 noon - DR**

Recommended cancer screenings can make a life-changing difference, especially as we age. Early detection remains one of the strongest tools in improving outcomes and lowering risk. This month's lunch and learn will feature Laura Parra, MPH, CHES, TTS, Community Programs Specialist with the UF Health Cancer Institute Office of Community Outreach and Engagement. She will share guidance on which screenings are recommended for older adults, why they matter, and everyday lifestyle habits that can help reduce cancer risk. Join us on Monday, April 27, to learn practical steps for staying proactive about your health.

### WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

**Tuesday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. - DR**

Residents of Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens are invited to attend a new bi-monthly gather-

ing titled "Won't You Be My Neighbor," inspired by the familiar song from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

This relaxed, informal hour is designed to provide an opportunity for residents to visit, share thoughts, and discuss any questions or concerns in an open setting. There will be no formal presentation or structured agenda — simply unhurried conversation and fellowship.

The group will meet every other month on the last Tuesday of the month. The next gathering will take place on Tuesday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room.

All ACV residents are welcome to attend.

### BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO THE MOBILE STATION IN MADISON: WENDY'S, DAIRY QUEEN, AND SUBWAY

**Tuesday, April 28**

**5:00 p.m. - DH & 5:15 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members**

Whether you are in the mood for a Wendy's burger or baked potato, a Dairy Queen chicken basket or Blizzard, a sub or salad from Subway, or something from each, plan to ride on the bus to Madison, Florida, to eat at the "Triple Threat" on Tuesday, April 28. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the Information Center.



### BUS TRIP: 5TH WEDNESDAY SHOPPING IN LIVE OAK

**Wednesday, April 29**

**8:45 a.m. - CH & 9:00 a.m. - DH**

**Bus: Free for members, \$9 non-members**

On April 29, the fifth Wednesday of April, we will visit various stores around Live Oak such as Dollar Store, Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store, Melody Thrift Store and New Life Bible Book Store, South Oaks Square (Bealls Outlet, Farmers Furniture, and more), and the Save A Lot shopping center (Roses Express, Harbor Freight, and more). Dutch treat lunch will be at Live Oak Sub Shop for a salad or sandwich. The bus will leave from Dowling House at 8:45 a.m. and from the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Bus fee is free for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the Information Center.

### FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CART RACE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

**Friday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.**

#### Harmony Center

ACV members, staff and friends, you are invited to the fifth annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt. You may participate, spectate ... or both.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Harmony Center to register for the golf cart race or to pick your preferred spectating position. Beginning at 9:30, each participating duo (driver and passenger) will take turns navigating the course in an attempt to finish the quickest. This is a time trial against the clock and not a typical race, and there is one more twist: each driver will be blindfolded, and it will be up to the passenger to verbally tell the driver where to go! The route will be

### Weekly Game Schedule

#### Monday

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH

6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

#### Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

#### Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR

2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

#### Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room





marked by the morning of Wednesday, April 29, so you can practice. (Maps will be left on the picnic tables.)

Following the race, everyone who wants to participate is invited to join in on the scavenger hunt. How many of the 30 items on the list can you find around ACV? You'll have 30 minutes to find and take a picture of (with a cellphone or digital camera) as many as you can. Get back early? Bonus points! Get back late? Penalty! It'll be a race against time, observation and luck.

Feel like a winner? Perhaps you just enjoy participating in fun activities with other friendly people. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll plan to join us at the Harmony Center on Friday morning, May 1, for the fifth annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt.

## **EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

**Events in this section are not sponsored by ACV, even if they take place at ACV.**

### **ANTHONY RATINOV PIANO CONCERT Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Covenant First Presbyterian Church 421 White Avenue, Live Oak**

The final Friends of Music concert of this season will be on Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 421 White Ave. in Live Oak. Admission is free, and a reception will follow.

Anthony Ratinov, a young pianist who has won many awards for his playing, will perform for us. He was taught from the age of four by his grandmother who taught in a prestigious school of music in Moscow for 45 years. Anthony was born in Indiana and has a degrees in chemical engineering and music from Yale. He has also studied at Julliard. He will be playing Chopin and Debussy.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Lighthouse on CR 250**

Drug or alcohol problems? If you or a loved one is having a problem, help is available at the Lighthouse at 23594 NW CR 250 in Dowling Park on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call (305) 407-0895 for more information.

### **BIBLE STUDY: THE ANTICHRIST Tuesday, April 21, 9:30–11:00 a.m. - OPR**

On Tuesday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Bob Copeland will lead a Bible study titled "What Does the Bible Say About the Antichrist?" Join him for an eye-opening session that will help us understand the times we are in.

### **DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. 23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods**

If you are a caregiver to a family member, or have a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility with dementia/Alzheimer's, you are warmly invited to a "Meet & Greet" at the Campbell home (23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods) with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn from one another, and realize that we are not alone. Our policy is "What is said here stays here." We would love for you to join us!



### **Friday and Saturday Soup: Navy Bean with Ham and Bacon**

**Friday, April 17**

Lunch only: Ham and Provolone Melt on a Croissant with Homemade Chips, \$14.95  
All day: Chicken Pot Pie over Rice with a Biscuit, \$16.95

**Saturday, April 18**

All day: Beer-Battered Cod with Chips and Cole Slaw, \$18.95

### **WALKING WITH GOD**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla**

Join us at Lake Aquilla Tuesday nights at 6:30. Together, we will better our health and strengthen our relationship with Christ. Until May 26, we'll be meeting for devotion and a low impact walk around ACV! Bring a friend or come solo; either way we'd love to have you!

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. - CCC**

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. The next study will be on April 28. Come and join us. The Bible study is on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

### **WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**Heritage Park & Gardens**

**1004 Helvenston Street SE, Live Oak**

Live music, speakers, local vendors, food trucks, activities and games, and more!

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

**Wednesday, May 6**

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening will be at ACV on Wednesday, May 6, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, you can register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

Special pricing of \$129 for carotid artery disease screening, atrial fibrillation screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, peripheral artery disease screening.

To book, call 1-800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001, visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC), or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.



### **JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**386-658-2670**

**Website: [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.org)**

**Email: [dpark@neflin.org](mailto:dpark@neflin.org)**

**Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.**

**Closed Saturday & Sunday**

#### **What's Happening This Week:**

Chair Yoga, Level 2	Mondays	9:00 a.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Mondays	10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

#### **Pokémon Display**

One of our staff members, Jeremy, has brought his Pokémon collection for display! We welcome you to come enjoy the unique art on the rare cards, tins, and other items from his collection.

#### **Starbooks Café**

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We'll kick things off with the topic "Which band or artist — dead or alive — would play at your funeral?"

### Plant Swap

On April 16 and 17, during open hours, the JKPL will host a plant swap! Stop by to browse, trade, and take home new plants — just bring a few of your own to share. All plants will be community donations or ones brought in by other participants. Please label any plants you bring; labels and pens will be available at the swap table.

### Gnomes and Homes – Kids Craft

Decorate your own little friend to take home on April 16 at 4:00 p.m.! Stop by the JKPL with the kids for a special spring kids craft making a gnome and a home! All supplies will be provided. Seats are limited, and registration is required. Sign up today to save your seat!

### Tech Talk

Tech Talk will be held on April 17 at 2:30 p.m. and will focus on Microsoft Word Basics. This session is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to refresh their skills, covering essential tools like formatting text, creating documents, and saving your work. Join us to build confidence and improve your everyday computer skills!

### Cross-Stitch for Beginners

An encore presentation of the cross-stitch for beginners class is being offered on Monday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. If you missed the March class, be sure to catch this one. If you can follow a grid and write the letter "X," you can cross-stitch and create your own work of art.

### Paint Along with Liz

Join in the fun and enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step-by-step! The program will be held on April 21, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece as we did on April 14. You provide the canvas, we provide the rest of the materials. Sign up for your preferred time today to save your seat!

### Movie Matinee

It's supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! On April 23 at 4:00 p.m., there will be a showing of the beloved movie about a magical nanny who helps the Banks family reconnect and find true joy here at JKPL! Enjoy the movie on the big screen with freshly popped popcorn in our very own library "theatre." The film is rated G for general audiences.

### Save the Date

April 27 - SHINE Medicare Counseling  
April 30 - Financial Literacy by First Federal Bank  
May 4 - Living the Gluten-Free Life



## BUS TRIPS

**No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on either of ACV's buses. The only exception is plain water. Thank you for your cooperation.**

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the Information Center in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

### WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

There is no charge for Village members to participate in the regular weekly Live Oak shopping trips. If you have questions, call Member Services at 658-5400.

Please remember to bring your own bags on the weekly shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

Those who sign up for a weekly shopping trip will be put on the waiting list if they sign up for the same trip the following week. If seats remain available, those on the waiting list will move to the regular list.

Only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

• **April 22 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.

## ∞ At the Village Square ∞

Shop gift certificates are available in each shop. Bless someone with this special gift!

### Riverside Gifts

Mother's Day gifts are here! Select a meaningful item to let Mom know how much she's loved and appreciated. Fashionable earrings, necklaces, and accessories for fun or fancy are on display waiting to adorn a special someone. Spring handbags, tissue packs for hay fever sniffles, sun hats, and a myriad of gifts to mark special occasions are available. Who will graduate this year? A little person, teen, or adult? Express your faith and encourage theirs with a scriptural greeting card to congratulate them. Select a gift to give in honor of their accomplishment.

Tick-tock — do you need a clock? Two beautifully restored clocks are waiting to grace your home. Hostess gifts show your gratitude for those dinner invitations from friends. Bring something pretty from our inventory to help the host and hostess feel your appreciation for their hospitality.

Watch and clock repairs and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs, and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices.

658-5771. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### Rustic Shop

Wreaths from our spring collection are waiting to grace your front door this season. In the kitchen, make baking, preserving, and cleanup more convenient with Pyrex and Fire-King items. We have canning jars, kitchen utensils, pottery, and scrubbies in a rainbow of colors. Greeting cards, toys, vintage vinyl records, quilts, throw pillows, artwork, jewelry, and unique treasures are here waiting for you.

Watch and clock repairs and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs, and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices. Currently, no clothing alterations are being accepted.

658-5273. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### Twice Nice Shop

Is your spring wardrobe missing a specific color, style, or accessory for the graduations and weddings on the horizon? Gently used garments for those special occasions are waiting for you here at reasonable prices. Hiking, boating, gardening or tennis, anyone? A large assortment of casualwear is available to outfit you. **The half-price sale has been extended on winter clothes**, so stock up before these items are removed from the racks.

Books at bargain prices intrigue every reader, so visit The Book Nook and find your next treasure! Love music? Find racks filled with a variety of music. Love to sing? Choose your favorite songs from a wide selection of karaoke SoundTrax. Movies, documentaries, episodes of TV series, music videos, and recordings of spiritual training sessions, games and puzzles are on display. Visit the rare and free book special locations.

658-5271. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

## ∞ On CR 250 ∞

### Twice Nice Furniture & More

23353 CR 250 • 658-5871

For pick-ups, call Larry at 386-678-1219

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

First Saturday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We have four very nice bicycles; three desks just the right size for an apartment; a complete bedroom set, minus the bed; a large selection of greeting cards for only 25¢ each; and more. The Village bus will bring you if you ask.

- **April 22 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **April 29** — Fifth Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak
- **May 6 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **May 6 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 13 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at 12:00 noon.
- **May 13 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister  
Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314

**SERMON:** "A Poolside Miracle"

**TEXT:** John 5:1-18 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m., Regeneration and Young Musicians will present *The Born Again Identity*. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to join the intrepid spies of JI3 to discover if the mysterious encounter between Nicodemus and Jesus was just a simple conversation, or evidence of a supernatural plan to change the world!

Michael Saunders will be resuming his VCBI class on the **Book of Acts** on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Village Church Room 5. The schedule and topics for the next four weeks are as follows:

- April 22: How the Holy Spirit Works in Your Life (Acts 8)
- April 29: What Is the Purpose of Miracles? (Acts 9)
- May 6: What Is the Sign of Salvation (Acts 10)
- May 13: How Does Jesus Work in the World Today? (Acts 11)

### The following Village Church events are happening this week:

#### Friday, April 17

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

#### Sunday, April 19

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission, Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration

5:00 p.m. — ALIVE

5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Gene Peters (BC)

7:00 p.m. — Pal Meeting (RDR)

#### Monday, April 20

1:30 p.m. — VCBI, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

#### Tuesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (Room 5)

#### Wednesday, April 22

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Books of Acts, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice (VC)

#### Friday, April 23

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

## INFORMATION CENTER

Charlen Noble—386-658-3333

It's time again to update our records in preparation for printing a new ACV telephone directory. Please look for the form toward the back of this FNN and in future FNNs. The form must be turned in by May 27. We ask that you turn in a form even if there have been no changes to your listed information.

## MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

### We Love Our Volunteers!

We are celebrating our many wonderful volunteers from Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24. If you are a Village volunteer, you should have received a thank-you letter from us explaining what is happening next week. The three main events are also listed in this FNN. If you are a Village volunteer and did not receive a letter, you are still invited to participate in all scheduled events.

How do we know who volunteers for ACV? The most reliable way is through the blue sheets that volunteers turn in.

"What's a 'blue sheet'?"

Blue sheets are the Volunteer Hours Report forms printed on blue paper. They are available for volunteers to record their hours. Most departments that use volunteers should have some on hand, but if not, you can pick them up in the Information Center/Member Services waiting area or from Member Services.

"Do I have to fill out a blue sheet?"

No. Volunteers are not required to fill out blue sheets. If you find the task tedious, or if you prefer your volunteerism to go unrecognized, you may choose not to report your hours.

"Why would I want to fill out a blue sheet?"

We use these reports for several reasons. They help ACV know who is volunteering, how much they are volunteering, and where they are volunteering. We also file an annual volunteerism report with the IRS. In addition, blue sheets help us identify volunteers during recognition events like this one. Some departments also need this information for reimbursement purposes. We have, at times, applied for grants that require proof that our residents are invested in the community, and reporting volunteer hours helps demonstrate that commitment.

"How accurate do the blue sheets need to be?"

You may be as exact or as general as you prefer. Estimating your time per month is perfectly acceptable.

"Am I a volunteer?"

A volunteer is anyone who does something that benefits ACV without receiving compensation. It may be something you do regularly — serving on a committee, answering phones, sewing clothing protectors, delivering the FNN, working in a shop, or listening attentively to a hurting resident.

It may also be something you do occasionally — providing free transportation, cutting up fallen tree limbs on a trail, pulling weeds in front of your building, greeting worshippers at church, or preparing and leading a Bible study.

If it helps ACV function as an organization, and you are not paid for it, it counts as volunteering.

If you still aren't sure, speak with me, and I'll help you determine whether your service qualifies.

"I'm not a Village member. Can I be a volunteer?"

Yes. We may limit which tasks you can perform, but you do not have to be a Village member to volunteer at the Village.

"I don't fill out blue sheets, but I still received a letter about Volunteer Recognition Week. How did you know I volunteer?"

This year, because we are doing something more extravagant than usual for National Volunteer Month, we made an extra effort to identify as many of our fantastic volunteers as possible. We went beyond blue sheets to gather names. In future years, we will return to recognizing those who turn in blue sheets — one reason you'll hear more from me about reporting volunteer hours going forward.

"I volunteer, but I didn't receive a letter."

 **Remember to Wave** 

Even with our extra efforts, we know some faithful volunteers may have been missed, and we apologize. Please plan to participate in the three Volunteer Recognition events listed in this FNN, even if you did not receive a thank-you letter.

"I'd like to know more about volunteering at ACV."

Stop by our table at the Clubs, Activities, and Volunteering Fair on Friday, April 17, between noon and 2:00 p.m. You can also visit Member Services during regular business hours.

### Member Services Tip of the Week

It's time to submit your information for the next ACV telephone directory. There is a form included in this FNN. If you'd rather, you can submit your information electronically at [acvmembers.net/directoryupdate](http://acvmembers.net/directoryupdate).

We also use the information you submit for the telephone directory to update ACV's two online photo directories (the Instant Church Directory and the ACV Members app). Both photo directories are only accessible by those who are included in the directory, and only those ACV approves can be included. You do not need to worry about strangers gaining access.

You do have the right to choose to be excluded from all three directories, or, even if you want to be included in the telephone directory, you can choose to be excluded from the photo directories. If you do, you will also be excluded from the printed photo directory because it is generated from the online church directory.

If you're OK with being included in the photo directories, but you have certain information you would like to keep private such as your birthday, email, or telephone numbers, you can indicate that on the form (printed or online).

If you have further questions about the photo directories including the apps, please contact me at the phone number above or at [jsutter@acvillage.net](mailto:jsutter@acvillage.net).

### Scam Tip of the Week: Company Imposters

Similar to charity scams, some imposters seek to take advantage of trust placed into a long-standing or familiar business by sending communications that appear to be from the trusted business but are actually from a scam artist. If you call, they'll tell you to send payment or give personal information. They'll say you must pay with gift cards, cryptocurrency, or by wiring money, which no honest business will do. Or they'll ask for your Social Security number or access to your computer. Prior to providing a payment, ensure that you are doing business with the intended company; if you have any doubts, contact the company at the phone number or web address that appears on your billing statement.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com) or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State's consumer complaint clearinghouse, at [www.floridaconsumerhelp.com](http://www.floridaconsumerhelp.com). (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

### Member Benefit of the Week

Members receive a 15% discount at the Village Lodge and when renting one of the cottages for loved ones when registered by the member. The cottages are very helpful for family reunions and similar gatherings so the whole family can stay together under one roof. One cottage has five bedrooms and five bathrooms, and two have nine bedrooms and eight bathrooms. All three cottages are fully equipped with full kitchens, living spaces, and even laundry rooms.

### April Member Birthday Party

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the April member birthday party. We were entertained by Robyn Rennick, who is a storyteller. She told great stories that were funny and entertaining. We also enjoyed cake to eat.

We were blessed to have seven persons with April birthdays, and a total of 68 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Peggy Zachow, Carroll Polk, Phil Martin, Ann Perry, Donna Robb and Mary Jane Klements. The oldest birthday guest was Mary Jane Klements, and the youngest was Peggy Zachow. Both

received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

### TV2

When an individual who was interviewed for *Front Porch Conversations* dies, we like to air the episode soon after their passing as a memorial to the individual. The second episode of *Front Porch Conversations* in next week's double feature is an interview with Robbie and Virginia Robertson so that you may remember (or learn for the first time) what a wonderful person Robbie was. *Front Porch Conversations* airs Tuesday at 10:00 p.m., Thursday at 7:00 a.m., Friday at 4:00 p.m., and Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

In next week's episode of *What the Bible Says About ...*, the following questions are answered:

- In Isaiah 20:2-4, Isaiah walked naked and barefoot for three years. Why would God make him do this?
- Scientists tell us the universe is billions of years old. Should we believe them?
- Is there any scientific evidence for the existence of God?
- How can we know that the writers of the New Testament were reliable witnesses?

*What the Bible Says About ...* airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

## ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

### BRIDGE CLUB

#### Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our April 8 winners: 1st high was Dottie Stone, and 2nd high was Glenda Hamby.

### CONNECTING THREADS

#### Mondays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, April 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

### CRAFTY CREW

#### Fridays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

#### DH 1st Floor Solarium

Crafty Crew has a new meeting location in the Dowling House first floor solarium. Come join us there for some creativity and fellowship!

We will have a table at the Clubs, Activities & Volunteering Fair on April 17 with samples of some of the crafts we have made on display. Drop by and say hi!

Recently we made Easter cards for family and friends and were also able to make enough cards to give out to every attendee at Good Samaritan Center's Easter Service. It was a lot of fun to make them, and the residents appreciated our efforts.

This week some of us are going to make flowers out of colorful napkins and the use of magic markers to add highlights. Others will bring along their own projects to work on. Recently Connie showed us her beautiful wire-sculpted jewelry! Get in on the fun!

If you have questions, contact Sister Maria Ann at [sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly at [SueWDonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:SueWDonnelly@gmail.com).

**The Village Post Office**



**Monday-Friday**  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**658-5270**

## **GARDEN CLUB**

**Sue Riedel, Reporter**

The Garden Club is participating in the ACV Spring Fling on April 25 at the Village Square. We are requesting plants and other garden-related items to sell. Please plan to drop them off the evening of the 24th at Verna Piper's home — 11052 Dowling Park Drive — or call Verna at (386) 208-1967.

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

Two books were recently ordered at the request of two ACV residents. The first is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, which was featured in the Village Bookworm article in the March 13 FNN. The second book is *Glastonbury: The Novel of Christian England* by Donna Fletcher Crow.

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them.

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the schoolhouse room between the OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

## **PEN PAL PROGRAM**

**A Committee of the Membership Association**

**Monica Serlick, Reporter**

The next pick-up date is **Friday, April 17**. Get your letters to the Information Center or Carter House desk before 11:30 a.m.

Remember to keep the letters you receive. Please turn in all letters you received this school year to me by April 20 for assessing the winners for this year. My address is P.O. Box 4011. They will all be returned to you when we are done.

The school year awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium at the Ranch. The bus will leave Carter House promptly at 5:00 p.m. The cost to ride the bus is \$5.00, which must be paid to the Information Center by Friday, May 1. I must call in a final count of the number going by the following Monday. If you need more information, feel free to text or call me at the number listed below.

If you would like to be a pen pal please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" (Winston Churchill).

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

**Christ Caring for People Through People**

**Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

Is life more than you can handle alone right now? Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move — or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life? Could you benefit from having someone who would listen, care and walk with you through this difficult time? There is no need to struggle alone! Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, who will listen without judgment or pat answers, someone to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you

may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness.

If you or someone you care about could benefit from this type of care, please contact us. We'll tell you more about our Stephen Ministry and how you — or your friend — can be matched with a Stephen Minister. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Stephen Ministries is a worldwide Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential one-to-one emotional and spiritual support to care receivers who are going through some of the most difficult days of their lives. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is another way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve. Please keep Stephen Ministries and all involved on your prayer list. Questions? Call 386-658-5358 or speak to a Stephen Leader: Robin Copeland or Darleen Hinrichs.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

**Bob Copeland–919-753-3403**

On Saturday, April 11, Butterfield Acres gathered at the Harmony Center for a delightful covered dish dinner. Approximately 35 of us attended, enjoying an abundance of food and desserts. ACV's Vice President of Independent Living, David Klumpenhowe, along with his two sons, Samuel and Benjamin, joined us for this wonderful meal.

We started with a devotional focused on the Fruit of the Spirit, welcomed some of our newest residents into the community, and offered prayers for CrackerJack and Barbara as Jack recovers and rehabilitates after his hospital stay. After the meal, David shared updates on various happenings within the Village.

We look forward to another covered dish dinner in the fall.

James and Mary Jane Sutter recently returned from a trip to the N.C. mountains with James' oldest brother and his wife. They spent four nights in Laurel Park, south of Asheville. Two days were spent shopping, but they also visited Jump Off Rock and saw six waterfalls: Whitewater Falls, Silver Run Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Dry Falls, Quarry Falls and Cullasaja Falls. The temperatures were crisp, and the views, while not as delightfully colorful as in the fall, were fairly unimpeded because many of the trees were still leafless.

You may have noticed that the Sutters have replaced the windows in their bay window. The original windows, installed in the '80s when the house was built, were very cloudy and no longer opened. The new windows, installed by Suwannee Sunshine Services, are crystal clear, giving them beautiful views of our Suwannee County sunsets.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

**Monica Serlick–386-330-4865**

**Mary Gamble–334-790-9066**

I, Monica, am very pleased to announce that Mary Gamble will be taking over the weekly FNN column for Carter House. This change is effective immediately. If you have any news you would like to see in the FNN, please feel free to get in touch with her.

We have no anniversaries or birthdays to report for the remainder of this month.

Please remember to keep those who are ill or recovering in your prayers. "May you desire to be healed. May what is wounded in your life be restored to good health. May you be patient with the time it takes to heal. May you be aware of the wonders of your body, mind, and spirit and their ability in returning you to good health. May you keep hope in your heart. Amen" ("Out of the Ordinary" by Joyce Rupp, from womansday.com).

Please remember that with the warm weather and spring springing, wild animals are on the move. We

## **Do you have trouble reading the FNN in its print format?**

Get on the email list to receive the FNN each week digitally by contacting Member Services at [fnn@acvillage.net](mailto:fnn@acvillage.net) or 658-5400, and zoom in to your heart's (and eyes') content.

Or view it online at

**[www.acvillage.net/news/fnn/](http://www.acvillage.net/news/fnn/)**

or on the member app under Newsletters.

live in their natural habitat. Snakes have already been spotted down by the river. Some wildlife is nocturnal and only comes out at night. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking your fur babies.

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you believe they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that seems out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home — IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

**Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Hello, neighbor:

Another week ends, and a new one begins. This past weekend was a flurry of activity. My grandchildren and great-grands were visiting, so it was a busy time. When they're here, we try to make the most of every minute. When they go home, we fall into the recliner and stay there awhile — tired to the bone.

Owen, the youngest great-grandson, told his mother he'd been thinking: if he ever lost a leg, he already knew what he would do. She asked him what that might be. Without considering the trauma or pain of losing a limb, he looked on the bright side and said, "I would dress up as a mailbox at Halloween." You have to wonder where a little boy gets such ideas. No pity, no whining — just finding the positive. It makes you think how often we adults could take our own troubles and turn them into something hopeful instead of complaining.

I also want to say how much Owen and Riley love the Village library. Every visit, they can't wait to go. They rave about the "lady librarian" and how kind and helpful she is.

A quick reminder: when using grocery carts, please return them promptly so everyone has access.

I received sad news today. Carol Zdziera passed away last weekend. We have lost another friend and neighbor. Rest in peace. Over the past months, it seems we've said goodbye to many dear ones. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. I believe people come into our lives for a reason — sometimes for years, sometimes only briefly. Now, when I think of friends I've lost, I can say they brightened my life, made me laugh, encouraged me when I felt like quitting, or lifted my spirits when I was down. God has a purpose for all things that touch our lives. One day we will be there too, and hopefully our lives will have blessed someone along the way.

The past few days have been beautiful. The cool wind sent the whistling ducks back south, though I'm sure they'll return — they seem to like our Village. The cattails are spreading around the lake, and the water is getting low. I miss the flow from the far end and the pump spraying water up. It's been so dry. I pray the water table rises soon.

Our sweet neighbor Celeste Cook has moved to Dacier Manor. I miss seeing her on her morning walks. Another neighbor, Dee Weimann, moved to Jacksonville last week — right on the beach. We will miss you, Dee.

I hear the church will be featuring a youth handbell group. I love handbells, and I'll be there to hear them play.

Words of wisdom: "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

Lighter Side: A man comes into a town and sees a crowd gathered around a gallows. One man stands there wearing leaves for clothes. "Are you hanging him for his fashion choice?" he asks. "No," comes the reply. "We're hanging him for rustling."

Until next week, "be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of God cometh" (Matthew 24:36).

### **DOWLING MANOR AND DOWLING PARK NORTH**

**Gail Chapman—904-400-1333**

There will be a spring potluck on Friday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m. at Audrey Murray-King's house. The cost will be \$6.00 per person to be paid at the door. We will be having smoked/grilled chicken and ribs cooked by Don

Jenkins. He makes his own BBQ sauce. You MUST RSVP to Deborah Jenkins at (757) 585-5519 by April 21. We have to know how many are coming so that we can plan accordingly. Please bring a covered dish. Here are some suggestions: green beans, potato salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, rolls, desserts, etc. We will enjoy eating whatever you bring. Sweet tea, plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. After-dinner entertainment will be provided by Bryce Whiting who will see if he can stump us with more trivia.

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

**Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237**

Good morning, neighbors.

There are no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week. Might I suggest celebrating spring and new beginnings? Flowers are in bloom, birds are singing, and the fresh air is so invigorating.

Last week I wrote about the flag challenge between Taylor Commons and Millsite Lane. I'm pleased to see some new flags flying, and I'm anticipating the sight of a lot more in the neighborhood. Let's keep up the momentum!

If anyone has something they would like to share in the FNN, just give me a call. A funny story, an informative article, a tale to be told? Our article — our neighborhood!

### **GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR**

**Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550**

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Easter isn't just one Sunday of the year. We recognize the resurrection every time we gather for worship on Sunday, because Jesus rose and came out of the tomb on the first day of the week.

Peter wrote to believers — probably between A.D. 62 and 64 — as they faced persecution. In 1 Peter 1:3, he offers praise to God because of the living hope made possible through the resurrection of Jesus. That resurrection also brought about an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. Peter saw the risen Lord with his own eyes, and because of that eyewitness experience, he was able to encourage believers who later faced difficult times.

Nearly 2,000 years later, we hold to that same living hope and share in that same inheritance that will never perish, spoil or fade. Everything in this life eventually wears out, no matter how tightly we try to hold on. But thank God — because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord — our eternal destiny is secure as we put our trust in him. He is risen! It's not just an Easter saying; it reminds us of our hope every day.

For the past two years, GSC and DM have participated in Penny Crusade during March and April. This year we had a late start, beginning April 5, Easter Sunday. It is encouraging to hear how lives are touched through Advent Christian Missions and how even our smallest offerings support ministries such as Agape House in Japan. Residents are saving pennies, coins and bills to support the work of Advent Christian World Missions.

On Tuesday, the Doggie Dude Ranch visited GSC and brought two puppies, Buzz and Hamilton, to meet the residents. Later that day, we held a celebration recognizing our many volunteers. We are so thankful for these selfless people who give their time and energy. On Wednesday, we enjoyed visits from several farm animals, which is always a hit with our folks. With all this livestock around, we might soon be hearing a familiar tune: "Good Samaritan had a farm, ee-i-ee-i-o!"

We ended the week with the Randy Brown Band on Thursday, followed by music and a message from Joel and Charlotte Evans on Friday afternoon.

### **RIVERWOODS**

**Patty Gianceski—386-658-2024**

Hello from my view of the meadow. The next HOA board meeting will be Thursday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Copeland Community Center. Items on the agenda include the introduction of Craig Carter and David Klumpenhower; a Legal Committee update; unfinished business — including the fence discussions and the Water First update — and new business, such

as credit card approval, the TPAM update, and the mowing schedule. The weekly mowing schedule will begin in May and will run for 17 weeks.

Our board members are doing an excellent job tending to our neighborhood business. These friends are volunteers, so please take a moment to thank them for all they do — we want them to feel appreciated.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **MY HERO CROSSES**

Sgt. Howard Cleveland Barker American Legion Post 422 in Lee, Florida, is pleased to announce they are bringing the My Hero Crosses program to Dowling Park. The flag/cross combos seen in Live Oak and elsewhere will be positioned along Dowling Park Drive twice yearly for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day. The cost is \$50 per My Hero Cross for the first year and \$25 for each year thereafter.

To sponsor a My Hero Cross, please contact Billy Howard at (321) 794-8993 or [alpost422@gmail.com](mailto:alpost422@gmail.com), or Ken Forrest at (850) 371-6068.

### **VERIZON**

Verizon representatives come to the Village Square professional offices the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are available to answer questions about their products; offer technical support; perform account analysis; streamline your account; add new lines; and sell upgrades, home internet, and devices.

### **WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS**

A Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative representative is in the Village Square professional offices the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Residents can pay their bill or ask questions about their service. No appointment is necessary. Call (386) 330-5672 for more details.

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

For May Spa Days, May 2 and 5: Special offers for couples or groups of five or more! Whether you're relaxing solo, with a partner, or bringing your friends together, we've got the perfect facial treatment for you. Take \$5.00 off 30-minute facials, and \$10 off 60-minute facials for couples or groups of five.

We also offer spa pedicures, spa manicures, hot stone leg and foot massages, and our signature hand-wrapped treatment. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: April 24, May 8 and 22 and June 5 and 19. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114

### **FIRST FEDERAL BANK**

Float further with First Federal Bank's Visa credit cards, designed to keep your goals within reach. Proudly serving Dowling Park as your trusted community bank.

Located at 11035 Dowling Park Drive in the Village Square, the Dowling Park branch is open (lobby and drive-through) Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Our Interactive Teller Machine (ITM), where our highly-trained tellers can assist you with transactions that go beyond the standard ATM transactions, is open Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, BFA®, financial advisor with Pivotal Wealth Planning is at the Village on the third Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Village Square professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON** **Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** **12:15 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Open Friday 12:15 to 6:30 p.m.**

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Everything from shampoo and sets to perms, color, highlights, and specialty cuts like razor clipper, precision, regular men's and women's cuts.

Ladies, we do waxing as well! For appointments please call or text Amy at (386) 647-6240. Kindly give a 12–24 hours notice of cancellation. For any chemical service like perms, colors and highlights please give a 48-hours notice of cancellation, or extra charges will apply.

Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOR SALE:** Two oversized leather recliners, electric with built-in USB ports, deep blue. One year old. \$300 each. Counter-height dining table (36 inches) with four chairs, dark wood. Round (42 inches) without the leaf and oval with the leaf. \$350. Call or text 850-843-7733 for photos or questions. Buyer must pick up in Riverwoods.\*

**FOR SALE:** Spring Fling is April 25. Brighten your door or wall with a spring or summer wreath. I'll have several wreaths available, along with a few resin items. You can browse what's on hand, look through an album of past designs or order a custom wreath. Wreaths are made from deco mesh, clothespins or fabric. Prices range from \$20 to \$40. Hope to see you at the Spring Fling.\*

**HELP WANTED:** Shoppers needed at Twice Nice Furniture & More. There are way too many clothes for the shop to display. Where else can you find such a variety for only \$2.00 per item?\*

**FOR SALE:** 2021 Forest River Salem Hemisphere Travel Trailer: Light weight (~5,800 lbs.) and 29' in length for easy towing. Rear-living layout, slide-out dinette, walk-through bathroom with walk-in shower, queen-size bed, a fireplace, and a power awning. Newly installed power tongue jack, roof coating, and toilet. Sleeps 4. Asking \$26,500. Please contact Johnny Nicely at 386-658-3023 or 386-209-1316. Serious inquiries only.\*

### **VILLAGE BOOKWORM**

In both of our Village libraries, we have several books by Jacksonville author Charles Martin. His novels often appear on the *New York Times* best-seller list — and for good reason. At the heart of his writing you'll usually find deeply flawed characters, often men burdened by guilt, loss or past mistakes who are given a chance at redemption. He frequently explores how people can change, even after serious failures, and how healing often comes through sacrifice. His plots blend action with a strong moral center and often a Christian worldview, where love is shown through doing, not just words.

*The Keeper*, his latest novel, is a heartfelt and emotionally rich story built around themes of love, sacrifice and redemption. The book follows Murphy Shepherd, a man devoted to rescuing victims of human trafficking. His work is dangerous and deeply personal, shaped by his own painful past and guided by a strong moral compass. This thriller balances suspense with reflection, making it a powerful and moving read.

Martin has also written one nonfiction book, *What if It's True*, which is also available in our Village library. This thought-provoking work explores the deeper meaning of faith, truth and the message of Christianity. Through relatable language and storytelling, he breaks down complex theological ideas into understandable concepts. The book both inspires and challenges readers to wrestle with important spiritual questions and consider how belief in Jesus can transform our lives.

Prices effective 4/17-4/23



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday-Saturday • 9:00 am-6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!\* 658-3130

## GROCERY

La Preferida Green Chiles	4 oz.	\$ 2.00
Pillsbury All Purpose Flour	80 oz.	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Butterworth's Pancake Mix	32 oz.	\$ 3.50
Zatarain's Chicken Fry Mix	9 oz.	\$ 2.40
IGA Cream of Chicken Soup	26 oz.	\$ 3.10
Crystal Sriracha Sauce	16 oz.	\$ 5.20
Welch's Grape Juice	46 oz.	\$ 5.50
Crystal Light Lemonade	3.2 oz.	\$ 5.00

## DAIRY

Kraft White American Singles	12 oz.	\$ 6.00
Silk Almond Milk	64 oz.	\$ 4.80

## PRODUCE

Red Delicious Apples	per lb.	\$ 1.79
Fresh Navel Oranges	each.	\$ .69

## FROZEN

Stouffer's Mac & Cheese	12 oz.	\$ 4.00
Pictsweet Farms Leaf Spinach	10 oz.	\$ 2.20

## MEAT

Chicken Leg Quarters	per lb.	\$ 1.20
New York Strip Steak	per lb.	\$16.00
Lean Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Oscar Meyer Hotdogs	16 oz.	\$ 4.80
Boar's Head Pickle Spears	26 oz.	\$ 4.40
Holten Smashed Burgers	32 oz.	\$13.50

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Pepper Jack Cheese — \$5.80 per lb.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN**

Full chicken \$7.00, Half chicken \$4.00

\*\* Call 658-3130. Order by 11:00 a.m. for 2:00 p.m. pick-up! \*\*

## This Week's Verse

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

ACV TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please complete the form below and return to the Information Center by **May 27, 2026**. You may drop it off, send it through Village mail to PO Box 4304 (mailing the form on campus requires no postage), or send the information via email to [cnoble@acvillage.net](mailto:cnoble@acvillage.net). **Please complete this information even if you believe there have been no changes.**

☞ **If you'd rather type in the information, visit [acvmembers.net/directoryupdate](http://acvmembers.net/directoryupdate)**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you want it/them to appear in the directory)

Landline Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (his if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (hers if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

911 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Building/Area/Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Email (his if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (hers if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

If you email your information, **please indicate whether you want your email address listed in the directory. If you do not list an e-mail, and I have one already listed, it will be removed.**

Please do **NOT** call the IC with any information.

Thank you for your help in making sure we have the correct information for our directory. The ACV Telephone Directory is free to all ACV members and Village Church members. Non-members can be added to the directory for a fee of \$8.00.

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN  
ACV'S PRIVATE ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORIES  
UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE BELOW**

**Remove me completely** from ACV's private online photo directories. I understand this means I will not be included in ACV's photo directory app, the ACV Members app photo directory, nor the printed photo directory.

If you'd like to be included, you may indicate any specific information you'd like EXCLUDED from the online photo directories:

- Landline number\*
- 911 street address
- Email address(es)\*\*
- Cellphone number(s)\*
- Mailing address

\*Currently in the Member app, you can either show both numbers or neither number.

\*\*You must have an email address included in your online listing to access the directories, but the address can be hidden from view. Simply note this preference above.

**April 17–24, 2026**

**FRIDAY, 4/17**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Chicken and Dumplings, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Broccoli, Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 4/18**

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Loaded Baked Potato (Bacon, Shredded and Nacho Cheese, Onions, and Sour Cream) or Sweet Potato, Chili, Corn Bread, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 4/19**

**Lunch Buffet**

**Members \$14.00 | Non-Members \$20.00 | Beverage Included**

- Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, Roast Beef, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Malibu Vegetable Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli, and Orange and Yellow Carrots), Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Apples, Macaroni and Cheese, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 4/20**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Ham Bean
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Ham and Swiss on Sourdough, Chicken Livers
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, and Peppers), Pickled Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 4/21**

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$2.75 Soup:** Chicken Noodle
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Chicken Tenders, Chicken Tenders, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** Asparagus, Five-Way Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**NOTE:** Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$2.35.

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

April 17–24, 2026

## WEDNESDAY, 4/22

- \$2.75**     **Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95**     **Entrées:** GF Pot Roast, Turkey, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40**     **Sides:** GF Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potato Souffle, Stuffing, Au Gratin Potatoes
- \$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 4/23

- \$6.95**     **Entrées:** GF Hungarian Paprikash Chicken, GF Polish Kielbasa Sausage with Peppers and Onions
- \$1.40**     **Sides:** GF Zucchini, GF Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 4/24

- \$2.75**     **Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95**     **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Torpedo Coconut Shrimp, Vegetable Lasagna, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40**     **Sides:** California Vegetable Blend (Carrots, Cauliflower and Broccoli), Mixed Greens, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,  
and a fountain drink.



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Friday and Saturday: Navy Bean, Ham and Bacon**

**Friday, April 17**

Lunch only: Ham and Provolone Melt on Croissant with  
Homemade Chips, \$14.95

All day: Chicken Pot Pie over Rice with a Biscuit, \$16.95

**Saturday, April 18**

All day: Beer-Battered Cod with Chips and Cole Slaw,  
\$18.95



**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm



**658-5259**

**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm