



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

24/7/365 Assistance/Operator	658-3333	Housekeeping	658-5374
Cashier's Office	658-5343	Maintenance	658-5155
Copeland Medical	658-5300	Post Office	658-5270
Finance Department	658-5450	Security/Emergency	658-3333
Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Friday	2/16	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Gainesville Shopping—DH & LAP <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	2/17	No Village Grocer home deliveries today.	
Sunday	2/18	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby Pal Banquet—RDR <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	2/19	The Village Cashier is closed today. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	VCBI: Studies in First Peter—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	2/20	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Voice of the Martyrs—OPR</i> Garden Club Meeting—DR GriefShare—VC Room 5 SongFarmers—SMR/DR Prayer Meeting—BC
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Thursday	2/22	9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	AARP Driver Safety Course—OPR Village Artists Guild—KC Dementia Support Group—JKPL
Friday	2/23	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Sit 'N Stitch—CH

 **Remember to Wave** 

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Trecia Wade (wife of Carl), who was a resident GSC, died Feb. 10. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBER

Joy Evans-Russ of Sevierville, Tennessee, has moved to DH. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4244.

NEW CENTENARIAN

Happy 100th birthday to Lillian Shuman on Feb. 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Messages from the
President's Office
-Craig Carter*

WINTER RETREAT 2024

Those of us who live at ACV may not feel the need to retreat from winter. However, we all need seasons of spiritual refreshing in our lives. Winter Retreat is a bi-annual event at the Village set aside for just that. The program this year is exciting, and I want to encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity.

Winter Retreat 2024 is scheduled to begin Saturday, March 2, with comedian Ross Bennett. Rev. John Tate is our keynote speaker. There are also Bible studies, workshops, entertainment, activities, fellowship and fun. Additional information is included in this edition of the FNN.

I encourage you to attend all of the services, activities, and events that you are able. It promises to be a wonderful retreat filled with personal enrichment, learning, fellowship and fun.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with feelings of sadness and gratitude I share that Rev. Frank Hall has informed the Pastoral Care Committee of his intention to retire from his position as Minister of Pastoral Care. Frank has most capably and lovingly served in this position for five years, and his retirement will be effective March 31, 2024. Frank began his ministry on Easter Sunday 2019 and thought it fitting to conclude on Easter Sunday as well.

The Pastoral Care Committee of the Village Church is therefore initiating the process of seeking God's will for a new minister of pastoral care. The constitution details the process the Committee is to follow for guiding the congregation in filling all vacancies on the pastoral staff. The Pastoral Care Committee consists of the current elders of the church (Dick Grillo and George Waterman); representatives of the Advent Christian Village (Steven Hett and Craig Carter); and a member-at-large appointed by the Board of Directors of Advent Christian Village (Barbara Bertolino).

The first step in this process got underway on Sunday, Feb. 4. The congregation was provided the duties of the Minister of Pastoral Care and invited to nominate persons for consideration for this position.

For those who are unable to attend Sunday services, copies of the duties and the nomination form may be obtained at the church office during regular office hours. Completed nomination forms are due back to the church office by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Please pray for this endeavor as we seek God's will in searching for a new Minister of Pastoral Care for the Village Church. Any questions regarding this process may be directed to members of the Pastoral Care Committee.

WINTER RETREAT 2024

Winter Retreat is a time to gather for fellowship, fun, worship, and spiritual renewal. The fun begins on

Saturday evening, March 2, with comedian Ross Bennett. He is a 30-year veteran of comedy featuring clean humor that is both clever and politics-free. His witty banter, dry humor, and clever observations about everyday life are as hilarious now as ever. Tickets are just \$8.00 for ACV members. Be sure to pick yours up at the Village Cashier's office or VC office today!

Sunday through Tuesday, Rev. John Tate will teach us from God's Word. John serves as the Senior Pastor of the Emmanuel Advent Christian Church in Rochester, NH. He and his wife, Lisa, and three children, Bryn, Ingrid and Brooks, will all be joining us. John has been a pastor for over 25 years and has often served as evangelist and Bible teacher at camp meetings, conferences, and revivals throughout the country. In 2022, he published his first book, *What We Knew in the Light*. TV2 airs recordings of Emmanuel's Sunday morning worship services, so you may have heard him before.

Tuesday evening, VC Minister of Music Traci Nissley will present an artist series concert. Traci is an accomplished musician who skillfully plays numerous instruments. She will share both classical and Christian music as part of this concert. If you're not a season ticket holder, be sure to purchase a ticket for this special event, or you may pay at the door.

Monday morning, Garrett Hill, Assistant State Attorney, will help us Avoid the Sneaky Schemes of Scam Artists. Today's scams are so convincing that even cautious people have been taken in. We will learn what to look out for and what to do if we are targeted.

Tuesday morning, ACV member Barbara Bertolino will talk about the best gift you can give to your family. Compiling information that loved ones need when we cannot speak for ourselves makes a difficult situation much easier for them, as well as protecting our own interests. Barbara is a gifted teacher who will simplify this important topic.

There will be many opportunities for fellowship, fun activities, and much more. A detailed schedule will be available closer to the date. Make plans now to join us for this special retreat.

Darleen Hinrichs, Sr. Director of Donor Relations

TWO NEW MANAGEMENT HIRES

Cindy Beaver

When ACV looked for someone to take over Donna Johnson's role as she retired, we were lucky to find someone right here in our own community! Cindy Beaver and her husband, Lee McGauley (and their dog, Willy), moved to RW two years ago, thinking it was time to retire. But with more than 30 years in public service, Cindy found she just wasn't quite ready to hang up her hat.

Her background in various roles within emergency services, including as a firefighter/EMT, paramedic, and Director of Emergency Services made her an ideal candidate to help ACV combine its emergency services and security into a new department and become our **Director of Safety and Security** here at ACV.

Cindy has extensive hands-on experience in emergency response, including fire suppression, patient assessment, basic and advanced life support, critical care interventions, and rapid decision-making in high-pressure situations. She will provide the leadership and strategic direction in managing our emergency response teams, implementing training programs, and optimizing resource allocation for effective emergency preparedness and response.

As a lifelong resident of Suwannee County, she knows the area well and has contacts with the key agencies we partner with daily. She has already helped us secure a donated vehicle for our security team and is off and running on many new projects.

In her time off, Cindy and Lee enjoy fishing, arts and crafts, attending church at Harvest Fellowship Church in Jasper, and helping out anyone in need. We are excited to have Cindy on board and look forward to implementing her many new ideas.

Michael Gordon

We are pleased to welcome Michael Gordon as ACV's new **Director of Environmental Services**. This newly restructured role oversees maintenance, grounds, water and wastewater, and housekeeping services, and ensures all parts of the ACV environment are running smoothly.

Michael and Heather, his wife of 36 years, were raised in Largo, where they grew up together and were high school sweethearts. Michael worked as the Solid Waste Manager for the city of Largo for 33 years, overseeing the 58 employees and 45 vehicles that keep the city clean. They had bought five acres in Live Oak 15 years ago as their "getaway" place, coming up on vacations with their sons, Josh and Jesse. Last May they decided it was time to retire and move here permanently, so they brought Heather's mom, Susan, with them (she moved into GSC) and lived in a camper until their house was finally complete.

"We absolutely love it here," says Michael. "It's such a refreshing change from the city, having the peace and quiet, and people who are so friendly."

Michael quickly got bored with retirement, however, and in October when he saw an opening for a part-time job at ACV, he jumped on it. "We knew the Village from our trips and really liked it here — how you have everything you need in one convenient place."

When Mark Edquid learned of Michael's background and skill set, he realized he had found the ideal person to manage the new department.

"Michael's got the most essential skill — customer service — knowing what our members want and the best way to give it to them," says Mark. "His knowledge gained from managing the larger city services adapts well to our smaller scale and helps us improve our efficiency."

Dreams of a quiet retirement visiting his four grandchildren are on hold now, but Michael is excited by the challenge of leading the team in a post-Idalia world toward a fully restored and streamlined environment for all of us.

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: GAINESVILLE SHOPPING

Friday, Feb. 16

8:45 a.m. - DH & 9:00 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$9.00 members, \$16 non-members

A bus trip to Gainesville to shop, eat lunch, and shop some more is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m., and then from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Gainesville restaurant. Bus cost is \$9.00 for members and \$16 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2:00 p.m. - DR

The Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the DR. The guest speaker will be Carolyn Saft with UF/IFAS. She is the Environmental Horticulture Agent for Suwannee County. Carolyn's presentation will address native pollinators and their value to gardening. Carolyn is a fifth generation Floridian and passionate about preserving the Native Environment in Florida. The meeting is open to all.



VC PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:00 p.m. - BC

Please note that prayer meeting is being held Tuesday night and not Wednesday night this week.



Driver Safety

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE
Thursday, Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Old Pavilion Room

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Course held on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a 30-minute lunch) in the OPR. Those interested in attending should contact MS. Many who complete the course receive a discount on their auto insurance. Everyone attending will need to bring their AARP card (if a member), valid driver license, lunch, snacks, drinks, a sweater, and a pen. The fee per person is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Bring your payment to the class. Checks and money orders *only* accepted for payment; absolutely no cash or credit cards. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP
Thursday, Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

Being a caregiver for a loved one with dementia can be a huge commitment and come with many struggles. Come meet, share and listen to others that share the same challenges.

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO CORNERSTONE CAFE
Thursday, Feb. 22
Rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27



BUS TRIP: FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH OPEN HOUSE AND HORSE SHOW
Saturday, Feb. 24

9:15 a.m. - DH & 9:30 a.m. - LAP

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

We have once again been invited to attend the annual Open House and Horse Show at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak. The bus will arrive in time for the 11:00 Grand Entry at the arena. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon. Tours and other events will take place including a tractor parade.

The bus will leave DH at 9:15 a.m. and LAP at 9:30 a.m. There is a bus fee of \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members, and the Boys Ranch will cover the cost of entry and lunch for those who ride on the bus. (If you drive yourself or ride in another vehicle, you will have to pay the regular prices.) The bus will leave the Boys Ranch by 4:00 to return to ACV by 4:30. Sign up at the IC.



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Tom's chili all week!

Friday, Feb. 16

Mojo Pork Tenderloin with Confetti Rice and Vegetable

Saturday, Feb. 17

Stuffed Shells with a Meatball and Garlic Bread



BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

Tuesday, Feb. 27

10:45 a.m. - DH & 11:00 a.m. - LAP

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

The dine-out bus trip to Cornerstone Café originally scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 22, has been rescheduled for a lunch dine-out on Tuesday, Feb. 27. For lunch, Cornerstone offers wings, salads, ribs, chili, burgers and sandwiches, a salad bar, and more ranging from \$4.99. The lunch special on Tuesdays is a chicken and rice plate for \$10. Sign up at the IC to try out Cornerstone Café on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

BUS TRIP: FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT: LAWSON ENSEMBLE

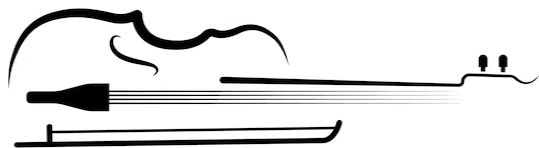
Friday, March 1

6:15 p.m. - DH & 6:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla

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

The 2023-24 Friends of Music concert season continues with the Lawson Ensemble, a strings ensemble from Jacksonville, Florida. They will perform a concert at Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Live Oak on Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

All Friends of Music concerts are free to attend. A reception will follow. Ride the bus for \$3.00 (members) or \$6.00 (non-members). Sign up at the IC.



EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

LEARN "S'MORE" ABOUT ITMs Friday, Feb. 16 - First Federal Bank

Learn "s'more" about our ITM (Interactive Teller Machine) at First Federal Bank in Dowling Park. Come see us on Friday, Feb. 16, to get your s'more kit!

ANDRE RIEU CONCERT: LA VIE EST BELLE

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2:00 p.m. - OPR

This time around, Rieu is globetrotting with his musical motto — "Life is Beautiful" — and hummable and danceable Argentine, Russian, Hungarian, French and American melodies that will bring us joy. Come join us on this coming Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR! Everyone is welcome.

HYSSONG FAMILY GOSPEL CONCERT Monday, Feb. 25, 6:00 p.m.

**Bethel Creek Baptist Church
8945 CR 53, Mayo, FL 32066**

Bethel Creek Baptist Church will be hosting the Hyssong Family on Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m. The concert will be in the church on Hwy. 53. A love offering will be taken. Snacks will be served after the concert. Please come and enjoy a wonderful time enjoying the music and fellowship.

Have you taken some activity photos at ACV you'd like to share? Send them to mpollina@acvillage.net with a little description. They may be featured on ACV's Facebook page.



VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, March 1, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, March 1, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military MEMENTO. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Would You Like a Kiss?!

With an educated guess, one lucky patron will be the recipient of kisses and hugs of the Hershey's variety! Come in daily and guess how many hugs and kisses are in the candy jar, and, while you are here, take a look at the framed Disney prints displayed on our walls, as well as the hot air balloon memorabilia in our display case. One entry per person, per day, and the winner will be announced on Feb. 29.

Hot Topics: A Search for Solutions

Are you tired of discussing the problems of the world around us, and would like to talk about possible solutions? Join on alternating Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. to scrutinize the problems faced and give your thoughts as to the key to solving them. The topic being discussed on Feb. 22 will be the future of Social Security.

Department of Health High Blood Pressure Class

Join the representatives from the Department of Health on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. as they focus on the dangers of high cholesterol. Learn the difference between "good" (HDL) and "bad" (LDL) cholesterol, and the eating and exercise changes that could help reduce the chances of having a major event, such as a heart attack or stroke. Get your questions ready and let the professionals give you the answers and advice that will empower you to improve your health!

Senior Survival Workshop

Morgan and Getzan Elder Law and Estate Planning will be presenting a free Senior Survival Workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:00 a.m. Learn about preparing for the possibility of long-term nursing home care expenses, how to pass your land or money to your loved ones at your death as inexpensively and quickly as possible, and the documents you will need to protect your financial and physical health if you become mentally incapacitated. Find out what Morgan and Getzan can do to help you plan for your future and your family's future.

SongFarmers

SongFarmers will return to SMR/DR at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and you won't want to miss it! Go to watch the show, or to release your creative side by joining them to play a tune or sing a song. Enjoy some free quality entertainment in a relaxed atmosphere, but without the long drive. An evening with SongFarmers is a great way to break free from the mundane and revive your senses!

Dementia Support Group

If you are a caregiver or relative of someone suffering with dementia, join Ginger Calhoun on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. as she gives support and resources to help you navigate through these difficult waters and a heads-up on what to expect next. Get some expert advice to deal with the current issues and prepare for the future. Don't struggle on your own; come in and get the assistance that you need.

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in navigating your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to

senior services? On Monday, Feb. 26, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. No need to struggle through on your own. Come in and ask the experts. Call to schedule an appointment or walk in!

Just a Small Collection of Words

"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting" (*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho).

Starbooks Café Topic

If you could return to school, what would you study?

Weekly JKPL Meetings:		
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Hot Topics	2nd & 4th Thurs.	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.



BUS TRIPS

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC 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 Wednesday shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

- **Feb. 21, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 21, Wednesday p.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **Feb. 28, Wednesday a.m.** — Save A Lot and Winn-Dixie — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Save A Lot at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon. The bus will drop off Winn-Dixie on the way to Save A Lot, park at Save A Lot, and pick up at Winn-Dixie on the way home
- **Feb. 28, Wednesday p.m.** — Walmart — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **March 6, Wednesday a.m.** — Walmart — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **March 6, Wednesday p.m.** — Publix — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Publix at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- Feb. 16 — Gainesville Shopping
- Feb. 24 — Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show
- Feb. 27 — Dine-Out to Cornerstone Café in Lee
- March 1 — Friends of Music Concert: Lawson Ensemble
- March 8 — Valdosta Shopping

VALDOSTA SHOPPING

Friday, March. 8

8:45 a.m. - DH & 9:00 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$8.00 members, \$14 non-members

The trip bus will be going to Valdosta to visit the mall and surrounding shopping centers on Friday, March 8. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m. and from LAP at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Valdosta restaurant. Bus fee: \$8.00 for ACV members and \$14 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SERMON: "Authentic Ministry"

TEXT: Isaiah 40:28–31 NIV 84' & Colossians 1:21–29
 NLT

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

Spring Cleaning Event: We will be spring cleaning the church interior on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be a list of tasks that need to be done; you can choose the task(s) that you would like to do. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship as we work together.

Carwash: The church youth will be holding a carwash at First Federal Bank in Dowling Park on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring your cars or golf carts that are in need of cleaning. Donations accepted.

The next **Men's Fellowship breakfast** will be on Saturday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The ladies will be joining us for this meeting. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bryce Whiting. He will share his testimony and some life experiences. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, Feb. 16

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

Sunday, Feb. 18

- 9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. — Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m. — Youth meet in RDR
- 6:00 p.m. — Pal Banquet (RDR)
- 6:00 p.m. — Evening Worship, Rev. Frank Hall (BC)

Monday, Feb. 19

- 1:30 p.m. — VCBI, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)
- 6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells Practice
- 7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells Practice

Tuesday, Feb. 20

- 8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (VC Room 5)
- 2:00 p.m. — GriefShare Class (VC Room 5)
- 6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC); **Note change of day** — this week only

Wednesday, Feb. 21

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Friday, Feb. 23

- 10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)
- 1:00 p.m. — Bible Study, Michael Saunders (CCC)

Saturday, Feb. 24

9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon — Spring Cleaning Church Interior

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Michael Gordon—386-658-5155

As some of you may know, there are several dumpsters in the Maintenance yard. These dumpsters are allocated for different types of materials and are to be used only by ACV Staff. Despite what you may have been told in the past, please do not bring any household trash to the dumpsters at Maintenance. The company who supplies the dumpsters will not remove them if household trash is in them, and ACV will incur extra fees. If your household trash was missed on your trash day, please call the Maintenance office before 3:30 p.m. so we can get in touch with staff to come pick it up before they leave for the day.

Alarm Testing: Friday, Feb. 16, ACV

Maintenance staff and Wood's Electrical Services staff will begin testing the in-home alarm systems across campus. They will begin in RW and will continue throughout the Village over the coming weeks.

Telephone Issues: For residents who live in RW, ET (including Taylor Commons and Lawrence House), POP, and CT/MT, a telephone landline is required as this is how the in-home alarm system connects to the IC. If you are having an issue with your

home landline, please contact Windstream directly at (386) 364-2400.

VILLAGE GROCER

Tony Harmon—386-658-3130

Due to circumstances out of our control, the Village Grocer will not be doing home deliveries on Saturday, Feb. 17.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

The dine-out bus trip to Cornerstone Café originally scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 22, has been rescheduled for a lunch dine-out on Tuesday, Feb. 27, due to new information. Thursday nights, Cornerstone serves only steak dinners for \$25 a plate. We may schedule a trip to enjoy that in an upcoming month (the steaks are good!), but for our first visit to the café, we will go at lunchtime when they have several options to choose from. We are sorry if the new date and time is an inconvenience for anyone planning to go originally.

There are two flyers attached to this FNN that I hope you will pay attention to. The first is an overview of Winter Retreat, which is coming up the beginning of March. There is a lot planned. We'll have a full schedule in next week's FNN.

The second flyer is a form to fill out to update the telephone directory (on the front) and the online photo directory (on the back). Please pay attention to this form. It will appear in several FNNs because we want to make sure everyone sees it. Please help us out to make sure the information we have for you is correct.

February Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. The theme was Valentine's Day, and Candy Hall and her brother, Robin Buchanan, sang familiar love songs.

We were blessed to have 24 persons with February birthdays and a total of 86 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Dick Grillo, Frank Hreha, Ken

Wood, Carl Daniels, Nelda Hodek and Annabel Christiansen. The oldest birthday guest was Lillian Shuman, and the youngest was Alisa Staats. Both received fresh fruit baskets prepared by the Village Grocer.

Birthday cake and ice cream was served. We appreciate the assistance of the Village Housekeeping and Dining Services staff.

The March birthday party will be on March 14.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Did you know that members of the woodworking shop will do repairs and refinishing of small furniture items? Contact the Woodworking Shop, and they will arrange to see your item and determine if they can take on the job and determine a cost for the work.

Scam Tip of the Week: Charity Scams

While there are numerous legitimate, worthy charities doing great work, some scam artists seek to take advantage of the charitable spirit of others. Imposters will pose as representatives of a legitimate charity or promote a fictional charity in order to solicit funds, which they then pocket. Be sure you know that the charity soliciting money is legitimate before donating. Check to see if the charity is registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at www.floridaconsumerhelp.com or by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA. You may also contact the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org or Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org to determine whether the charity has any complaints against it.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at 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. (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call Betsey Ruehl by noon on Monday at 658-1766.

Lessons are scheduled for Friday afternoons at 1:00 in the OPR. If you would like to learn how to play bridge or would like a refresher, call Betsey.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

A new feature has been added to our library: a cookbook exchange in which you leave one and take one. Several cookbooks in good condition have been donated by an ACV resident, so if you have a couple of cookbooks you don't use, bring them in for a trade. It is located on the shelf under the crewel embroidery flower picture in the large print fiction section.

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**

We have set the date for hosting the youth here at ACV for a luncheon, bingo party and walk around Lake Aquilla on March 11, in the SMR/DR, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The annual 66th FSyr Open House and Rodeo will be held on Feb. 23–25. The village is invited and is going for the day on Saturday, Feb. 24. Only the people on the bus will have complimentary admission and lunch. If you go by car you will have to pay the entry fee of \$10 per car and you will have to buy your

At the Village Square

Riverside Gifts

Riverside Gifts had fun with Valentine's Day. Now come in and check out new items: horse-themed jewelry, books and more. Solar powered light up wind chimes. New clip, stud and dangle earrings. It's still cool enough for a pashmina scarf or a knit hat and gloves.

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

Rustic Shop

If you have any family weddings coming up, we have beautiful crystal and China gifts. Our river side room features handmade items, and our new floral arrangement studio. We appreciate our customers, and we appreciate your precious donations.

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

Twice Nice Shop

The Twice Nice Shop is closed for renovations until sometime in March.

On CR 250

Twice Nice Furniture & More

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

Saturday, March 2, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

There's always something new! This week, it's shoes! We've received lots of NEW shoes, sizes 6½–8½, average valued at \$100, now \$20. Also new clothes, small.

lunch ticket. Please pay your bus fee of \$5 at the IC and reserve your seat (note: the price increased). If you go by car, PLEASE do not tell the gate people that you are with the bus from the village and would like your free entry and lunch tickets. They won't have any available as this is pre-arranged. If you would like to be a pen pal please contact Monica Serlick at 386-330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Rev. Robin Copeland, Reporter

Stephen Ministries offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team — called Stephen Ministers — to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing life difficulties. I invite you to check out Stephen Ministries St. Louis (headquarters) website at stephenministries.org for more information about the ministry.

An information meeting about how to become a Stephen Minister will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR. Stephen Minister applications will be available at this meeting. If you have any questions before then about becoming a Stephen Minister, feel free to contact me at (386) 658-5378 and/or stephenministries@acvillage.net.

VILLAGE VOICES

Nancy Seale, Reporter

Strength and Courage is the theme of the upcoming *Village Voices*. I pretty much write an article each week so I am comfortable with that. However, it's been much, much longer since I have spent time with my nemesis, "Publisher"! Just it's name messes with my tummy. I'd rather clean the bathroom any day!

This is the final step in the *Village Voices* process. It is time for me to muster the strength and courage to do what is inevitable. The only one that I pitied more was my tutor. So as not to give any identifying information, I will say, "bless its heart".

My senior brain forgot what it knew the last time that program was needed and used. We had agreed to meet for a refresher course. All was well until I had control of the mouse. The mouse was functional; my brain was not.

Finally, I began to remember steps one and two, however, it became quite evident that the need for a Publisher cheat sheet was the only way this task was going to get done. My ever-so-patient helper/tutor said that it was time for me to take some notes. Which I did and when finally alone to continue with the help of the notes, I was successful, slowly so, but successful nonetheless.

At one point in our time together, I was asked if I taught my students this same stuff. "Are you kidding? I taught kindergarteners. At first I had to put a picture of a mouse on the 'thing that moves' so they could remember!" Oh, for pictures!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

If you are like me, Sunday evening had you sitting on the edge of your chair epically in the last few minutes of overtime. What a thrilling last few minutes. If you are a Kansas City fan you are delighted; if you are a 49ers fan you are disappointed. As we know there can only be one winner in a game like this and this was definitely a nail biter. I hope your team won. Ours did.

We have a huge birthday in BA this week. Long time ACV resident Lillian Shuman will be celebrating her 100th birthday this Saturday the 17th with an open house type party in the DR. Lillian was a long time resident of POP. Some years ago she moved to Maine with her daughter and now she is back in BA with her son, Steve, and daughter-in-law, Dot. Please stop in with your well wishes and help make her day. Please no gifts but if you would like to bring a card that would be

fine. That will be from 2:00 p.m. until? We hope to see you there. OH WOW I just discovered that Steve's birthday is also Feb. 17! So we will be celebrating two birthdays at one party. Ken Wood turned a year older on the 7th of this month and Pat Matthews will be celebrating on the 20th of this month. Blessings go out to you all from the Lord up above.

I have found if we could sell experience for what it cost us, we would all be rich! I have also found most people do some pruning before they brag about their family tree! I heard a passenger complaining to the driver about the road being so rough; The driver says, it is not my fault, it is not the car's fault, and it's the asphalt."

We have quite a few prayer requests on hand. Our BA resident Mike Hitchcock will be going into surgery soon. The doctors are very optimistic and we know our Lord is the great healer. Let us pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. Also Allan Smith, our neighbor across 136 is also looking at surgery in the near future. We need to lift him up in prayer as well as his wife, Beth, and mother-in-law Arlene Williamson who is now a resident of GSC. We also need to lift up Dorothy Morey, also a resident of GSC. I hope we don't have any more prayer requests in BA, but if we do and I don't print them it is because you have not notified me. Again I can be reached at 658-2113 (please leave a message) or by email at jackwdixonis@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you.

From the veranda overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Faith is not about everything turning out ok. Faith is about being ok no matter how things turn out. Never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless!

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have no anniversaries and no birthdays coming up for the rest of February. Please continue to keep all those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your thoughts and prayers. If you know they may need a helping hand be the first to show your kindness to them. If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

Last week I wrote about several things folks could do to make things better in the laundry room and trash rooms. If you know of someone who may have difficulties with their trash, please let management or the service coordinator know. It seems unimaginable that people would have so little respect for their neighbors and continue to attract bugs to the building, unless there was a deeper issue. Please be kind and help out your neighbor. The warmer weather is coming and that means air conditioners will start working to cool down different areas in the building. Remember that the air conditioner in the laundry room WILL break down if you constantly leave the door to the laundry room open. They cannot cool the hallways and the compressors will burn up. If you want your laundry rooms cool while doing your laundry, please keep the doors closed during the summer.

Peace to everyone and remember KINDNESS STARTS WITH YOU.

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the IC 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

Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter

Greetings fellow villagers! We have two more birthdays, Carmen Doncel-Whitney on the 20th, and Scarlett Petroff on the 28th. Hope you both have a blessed birthday.

Kenneth and Ethel Randolph moved from Wisconsin to DH in November 2023. They have two children. Ethel spoke at the Women's Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 10, and told us all about growing up on a 40 acre farm. It was a great presentation. Ethel is a

published author and she read excerpts from her book which will be available soon as she has ordered more copies. I have claimed a copy. We all welcome you to ACV and pray you enjoy many years here.

Just as I myself, and Kenneth and Ethel, have been led by the Lord through the Holy Spirit, to come to ACV to live, so too have many others. And I have come to the understanding that following Christ is not some idealistic process. When Christ said, "Follow Me," He meant it literally, and on His terms, not ours.

When we leave everything to follow Jesus, in reality we lose nothing. Jesus gives us everything. He gives us what truly matters in our lives, what our hearts truly desire and yearn for. If we leave everything to receive all that we need from Jesus, we will be filled and overflow to give ourselves to others. (Luke 14:25-35; Matt 6:33)

EDGEWOOD TERRACE Sandra Kelly, Reporter

Hello again, ET! Happy birthday to Mary Ann Reach and to Carolyn Wadsworth on Feb. 16. Joyous Natal Day to Lynda Thurston on Feb. 18. Felicitations to Sandra Hooter on Feb. 21. May your next year's journey be filled with special moments and with the gift of love from all you meet along the way.

Happy 51st anniversary to Gary and Carole Kueppers on Feb. 18. They met on a blind date after Gary's sister gave him Carole's number with the instructions, "Call her!" He did. They went out to eat and to a movie. Six months later, they were married. May you remember the joys of the past and continue to create joyous memories as you cherish one another during the coming year.

I didn't really make any New Year's resolutions, but I knew I had to update my list of birthdays and residents in the ET area. I worked on it today and boy did I have a mess. My apologies if I missed your birthday or anniversary date, misspelled your name, kept you on my list even if you had moved to a different location, or congratulated you on more than one date not realizing I had doubled up. Recognition is important to us all and a birthday or anniversary is a special occasion. Recognition on these special dates gives us validation that we are important to others. This recognition meets a core human need for esteem, confidence, and respect. We are wired to crave a sense of belonging and a sense of accomplishment. Much of our self-identity is derived from the response we obtain from others. Congratulating someone on a birthday or on an anniversary is a way for us to help fulfil those needs and enhance personal self-esteem. It also conveys love and respect to the recipient. Waving when we see others and sharing smiles with those we meet are also easy ways to improve the outlook of both donor and beneficiary.

Thoughts to ponder: If you are searching for that one person who can improve your life, look in the mirror. (unknown). If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow, imagine what speaking kindly to others can accomplish. Make someone smile every day. (Don't forget, you are someone too.) silksandsonder.com. Katie Kahn gave me a thought to ponder. We are all on a journey. There are rough spots along the way we'd rather not face, but at the journey's end, we get to live in total love, joy, and peace with God and with one another.

I hope you had an enjoyable Valentine's Day. Remember: "Without Valentine's Day, February would be...well, January." — Jim Gaffigan

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Leviticus may not be the first book people may turn to for daily reading. There are places in Leviticus where we may wonder just how God's Word applies to our lives. Yet, if we seek the Lord in our daily walk, and ask God to speak to us through His Word, God opens our eyes to the beautiful work of His salvation throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Leviticus 4 we can see the regulations for the sin offering. As I have read this chapter a couple of thoughts came to mind. First there was a lot of blood shed for the sins of God's people.

Imagine how many times a bull, goat, ram or a lamb was slain and blood was shed for sin? Imagine how often the priest sprinkled the blood on the horns of the altar, and poured out blood at the base! There were many Israelites, and if each one was required to bring a sacrifice for sins, that's a lot of blood shed! If each person on earth today was required to bring a sacrifice for sin, imagine how many animals would die today because of our sins! Another thought, every time a sin occurred, an innocent animal that had nothing to do with the sin died. Some lamb, or goat, or bull was innocently grazing, and was taken to its death, because of something it didn't do. Recently, my friend, Bob Copeland shared at GSC concerning a scarlet thread which runs through every book of the Bible. In Leviticus 4 we can see that scarlet thread very clearly. Today, each person who lives on this earth can find cleansing from sin, without any sacrifice of any animal, because the innocent Son of God who never sinned, the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world, laid down his life for our sins. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Thank God today for the blood of Christ which cleanses us from sin. Have you trusted in the Lamb of God today to take away your sin?

There will be a Memorial Service at GSC on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room. We will remember and thank God for the lives of Wilma Cox, Elvena Johnson, Rosa Strumbeck, Richard Hersey and Trecia Wade.

Pastor Darren Gay and members of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church came to share with the residents of GSC on Saturday, Feb. 10. Pastor Gay and his congregation come once a month to share the Word of God with us; we're thankful for this ministry.

Wednesday was not only Valentine's Day, but it also was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. The residents of GSC and DM were invited to take part in an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time of reflection and seeking the Lord as we contemplate the great price God paid through His Son, Jesus for our sins.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

RW Social Committee members are finalizing our next activity. Check here next week for the details. We saw several of our neighbors at the Humdingers show (part of the Artist's Series) last week. The performers were delightful and everyone we spoke to afterwards stated they thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Music and giggles – what more could we ask for?

It seems there has been an uptick in Covid or Flu and colds in the neighborhood. There are 13 things you can do to improve your immune system according to an article on WebMD. Basically, you can help yourself by relaxing, sharing loving affection, having a furry friend and a social network. Looking on the bright side, laughing, eating the rainbow in foods, taking herbs and supplements, exercising, getting a good night's sleep, using hand sanitizer and washing your hands frequently will help you also. You can access the whole article at <https://www.webmd.com/diet/ss/slideshow-strengthen-immunity>.

To finalize the Valentine's theme, the phrase "Wear your heart on your sleeve" means to be honest and open about your feelings. It is generally believed to have originated in the Middle Ages. The custom then was for jousting knights to wear some sort of insignia on their arm that indicated the ladies for whom they were hoping to triumph, thus proclaiming their love to the world. If being "head over heels" is to be in love, you might think we walked around all day soaked in romance, because when was the last time anyone's head wasn't over their heels? In the 1300s, this phrase was used more literally to describe someone tumbling through a handstand or cartwheel, but by the 1800s writers had begun to use the phrase idiomatically to describe someone who had fallen hopelessly in love.

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society. Mark Twain

May your hands always be busy / May your feet always be swift / May you have a strong foundation /

When the winds of changes shift. "Forever Young," 1974

MEMBER BENEFITS

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

This week's member benefit of note:

ACV members receive a 10% meal discount at RDR, Lopin' Gopher deli, and River Landing Bistro when they present their membership badge. Sales tax is also removed at RDR and the Lopin' Gopher for on-campus members with their ID.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HEART HEALTH MONTH AT ACV

This month we're focusing on heart health here at ACV. Here are the facts.

- Heart disease is the **leading cause of death** in the United States, claiming 695,000 lives last year — that's one in every five deaths.
- Heart disease cost about **\$239.9 billion** each year in health care services, medicines, and lost productivity.
- About **one in 20 adults** age 20 and older have coronary artery disease.
- Someone in the U.S. has a heart attack every 40 seconds — that's about **805,000 people a year**. Of those about 75% are first time attacks, and 25% are repeat heart attacks.
- About **one in five heart attacks are silent** — the damage is done, but the person is not aware of it.

The major symptoms of a heart attack are:

- **Chest pain or discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center or left side of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back. The discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.
- **Feeling weak, light-headed, or faint.** You may also break out into a cold sweat.
- **Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck or back.**
- **Pain or discomfort in one or both arms or shoulders.**
- **Shortness of breath.** This often comes along with chest discomfort, but shortness of breath also can happen before chest discomfort.

Other symptoms of a heart attack could include unusual or unexplained tiredness and nausea or vomiting. Women are more likely to have these other symptoms.

If you notice the symptoms of a heart attack in yourself or someone else, call 9-1-1 immediately. The sooner you get to an emergency room, the sooner you can get treatment to reduce the amount of damage to the heart muscle, and the better your chances of survival. At the hospital, health care professionals can run tests to find out if a heart attack is happening and decide the best treatment.

Know Your Risk Factors

For heart disease, there are two types of risk factors — those you can't change and those you can. Fortunately, most of the heart disease risk factors can be changed.

Risk factors you can't change include:

- Age — 45 or older for men; 55 or older for women
- Family history of early heart disease — father or brother diagnosed before age 55, or mother or sister diagnosed before age 65

Risk factors you can change include:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Overweight/obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Diabetes

Next week we'll look at what you can do to minimize your risk factors.

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

Good day, everyone! Today, Thursday, Feb. 15, there is no meeting for plann due to membership meeting. The turnouts for plann have not been good so I am testing a suggestion. Do a different day every other week. I also adjusted the time. With that being said, we will meet next Thursday, Feb. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at Cleo's Meeting House. The following week, Tuesday, Feb. 27 we will meet from 10:00 a.m.–12 noon, at Cleo's Meeting House. I know it is difficult to accommodate everyone with all the activities ACV has to offer, but if you are interested and have any suggestions, I am open to them. Any questions, you can reach me at (904) 484-8796. Thank you for your time.

Linda Warner (Douglas)

NANCY HARRISON, CPA

Nancy Harrison, CPA will be holding office hours — by appointment only — for meeting with tax clients and for document drop off on the following dates: Feb. 20, March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Clients should contact Nancy at (386) 249-2944, (850) 212-6799 or nfharrisoncpa@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Nancy welcomes any tax questions you might have either by phone, text (850-212-6799 only) or email.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is now making appointments. You can make your appointment at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park. Volunteers will be at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park on Saturdays during income tax season to assist people who make less than \$75,000 per year.

VITA volunteers make tax returns simple. Any help you can give would be appreciated for this calling. For information, contact Jim Broten at (386) 209-6831 or JMB013@live.com.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment.
Kindly give 12–24-hour notice for cancellations
or extra charges will apply.

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 VS professional offices: Feb. 16; March 8 and 22; April 12 and 26. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, CRPC®, CDFIA®, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC 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 VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

HAIR CROPPERS

Need a hair service, manicure or pedicure? Call or text (386) 205-3791 and schedule an appointment! Thank you for choosing Hair Croppers.

 **Remember to Wave** 

RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour of some kind, call MS at 658-5400.

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Did you see something curious or hear something you'd like confirmed? Submit your question to Member Services, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here. You must include your name with the question because follow-up information may be necessary.

Q: Do we have a certain location where we can drop off old dead batteries instead of throwing them into the garbage?

A: If you have dead batteries that you'd like to recycle, bring them to MS. The batteries will be taken to the Recycling Center in Live Oak.

THANK YOU

This overdue letter of appreciation is in response to the outpouring of all of your love, kindness, generosity and support, which I have received from back in last October (after the hurricane) until up to this point.

Forgive me, please; it was not my intention to be rude. I had been going through a period of hardships. And the moving and transitioning process was a bit overwhelming for me. I do want all concerned to know how much I am deeply touched by all of your caring and support. This has been a much needed experience. Thank God for all of you. YOU MATTER! With much gratitude and appreciation,

Lisa Moore

Dining Services, you are amazing! From the RDR with tasty chicken parmesan, lo mein, meat loaf, salad bar, ribs, etc. WOW!

The veggie omelet at Lopin' Gopher and Bistro is good stuffed with juicy vegetables. I have to mention the many soups: Tuscan, tomato tortellini, chicken tortilla, and cowboy soup ... the possibilities are wonderful.

I will brag about two meals that I love at the Bistro. First, their luscious crab cake dinner, which is awesome. The other is the grouper francaise — the lovely, velvety lemon sauce is perfect. The wild rice and broccoli, and carrot squash is so good. Can't forget the raspberry, white chocolate brûlée cheese cake.

The burgers at all three locations are legendary. The dining at ACV is great. See you at one of these hot spots soon.

Thank you, Arlene, and your wonderful A-team. ALOHA!

Jeanne Florence

I want to thank all my family, friends, neighbors, and strangers for your prayers, thoughts, cards, gifts and food deliveries — for taking over my volunteer responsibilities, and other kindnesses before, during and after my recent surgery. I could not have been blessed more, and I felt the love all around. I am well on my way to total recovery. Prayers have been answered. There is not a place on Earth that I would rather be than here at ACV.

Liz Reynolds

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

FOR SALE: 1991 mobile home in POP. Two bedrooms, two baths, large screened-in porch on front, small porch, and wheelchair ramp on back. House has been well cared for; not fancy but move-in ready. Three-year-old heat pump, lots of storage, laminate floors.

New price of \$35,000. Best neighbors you will ever meet. Call for showing. Contact Steve at 386-688-2233.**

FREE: Old hymnals and Christian songbooks collected by David Northup: 40 different titles, plus a thick book about hymnology. 20th century and a few older ones. Looking for a new home. Call JKPL at 658-2670 and ask for Wayne.*

LOOKING FOR: A ride to Lake City with someone going to see the movie *The Chosen*. Call 386-249-1072.*

NEEDED: I have a small white end table that I need refinished. If you are interested in doing this please call Dottie at 352-316-5161.*

GARAGE SALE: Yard Sale, Part II, at 23366 River Birch Lane, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17. There wasn't room to show everything last week. Come see what's new. Antiques, tools, giftables, collectibles, and household goods.*

MOVING SALE: King size sleigh bed with frame \$100, log bed frame \$30, kitchen table with a bench and 2 chairs \$50, and dining room buffet \$50. Prices are negotiable. Call 850-692-8959.*

LOST AND FOUND: Items that have been found and turned into IC: six canes, a bag with SDA Church info and CD, two pairs of hearing aids, and a beaded necklace. If you have lost any of these items, stop by the IC to claim them.*

FOR SALE: Indoor/outdoor sofa. Seats two and is upholstered in waterproof fabric. \$100. Call Ann at 386-208-2764.*



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Show Boat Pork & Beans	15 oz.	\$ 1.49
Jif Natural Peanut Butter	16 oz.	\$ 3.19
Ragu Pizza Sauce	14 oz.	\$ 1.99
Folgers Instant Coffee	3 oz.	\$ 3.89
Mueller's Lasagna Noodles	16 oz.	\$ 2.99
IGA Vegetable Oil	16 oz.	\$ 1.99
IGA Cream of Mushroom Soup	10.5 oz.	\$ 1.29

DAIRY

Dutch Farms English Muffins	12 oz.	\$ 1.89
Dutch Farms Half & Half	32 oz.	\$ 4.19

PRODUCE

Sweet Potatoes	per lb.	\$.89
Cutie Oranges	3 for	\$ 1.00

FROZEN

Swanson Hungry Man Dinners	16 oz.	\$ 4.29
Banquet Chicken Tenders	24 oz.	\$ 5.99

MEAT

Boneless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 4.29
Boneless Beef Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 6.99
Lee's Smoked Picnic Ham	per lb.	\$ 2.49
D.L. Lee Market Style Sliced Bacon	per lb.	\$ 4.99
Oscar Mayer Thick Sliced Bologna	16 oz.	\$ 2.49
Nathans Bigger than a Bun Beef Franks	12 oz.	\$ 3.99
Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches	15 oz.	\$ 4.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Colby Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

This Week's Verse:

I will be your God through all your lifetime, yes,
even when your hair is white with age.

I made you and I will care for you.

Isaiah 46:4

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

2024
WINTER

Retreat

at ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**PASTA DINNER
BUFFET**



Rumph Dining Room
prior to the show



**ROSS
BENNETT**

COMEDY SHOW, 7 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 3



REV. JOHN TATE

Dynamic Bible Teacher
*Speaking from God's Word
at 9:40 am and 6 pm services*

Afternoon Activities
Ice Cream Social



MONDAY, MARCH 4



- Bible Studies with Rev. Tate
- **Workshop:** Organizing your Final Papers
- Afternoon Activities
- Evening Social Gathering

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- Bible Studies with Rev. Tate
- **Workshop:** Avoiding Scams
- Afternoon Activities



Live! at Dowling Park

**TRACI
NISSLEY**

IN CONCERT 7 PM

***Spiritual Enrichment, Dynamic
Speakers, Uplifting Music,
Fellowship, Activities & Fun!***

Visit www.ACvillage.net for
more information. Tickets
required for Comedy Show &
Concert. Bible Study &
Workshops are free!



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

**Tickets available at the
Village Cashier, Lodge,
Church or on our website**

February 16–23, 2024

FRIDAY, 2/16

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Stuffed Peppers, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Cheese Grits, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 2/17

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Two Slices of Cheese, Pepperoni or Supreme Pizza, Side Salad, Fruit, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 2/18

Lunch Buffet

Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included

- Entrées:** GF Chicken Alfredo, Roast Beef, Fried Chicken
Sides: Italian Green Beans, California Vegetable Medley, Side Salad, Fruit, Rice, Macaroni and cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 2/19

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Croissant Chicken Salad Sandwich with Chips, Chicken Livers
\$1.21 Sides: Three Bean Salad, Chuck Wagon Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 2/20

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: Chicken Broccoli Quiche, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
\$1.21 Sides: Zucchini and Squash Medley, Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Fruit, Cold Salads, Potatoes Au Gratin
\$2.76 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: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

February 16–23, 2024

WEDNESDAY, 2/21

\$2.53 Soup: Soup of the Day

\$6.44 Entrées: Mojo Pork, Fried Chicken

\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Cheesy Cauliflower, Super Cole Slaw, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 2/22

\$6.44 Entrées: Roasted Turkey, Chicken Paprikash

\$1.21 Sides: Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Baked Potato, Cold Salads, Fruit, Stuffing

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 2/23

\$2.53 Soup: Clam Chowder

\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Chicken Alfredo, Fried Catfish

\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Beets, Fruit, Cold Salads, Baked Beans, Rice, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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

For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, Feb. 16

Mojo Pork Tenderloin with Confetti Rice
and Vegetable

Saturday, Feb. 17

Stuffed Shells with a Meatball and Garlic Bread



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



ACV TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

FILL OUT THIS SIDE FIRST

Please complete the form below and return the information to Charlen Noble at the Information Center by **APRIL 1, 2024**. You may drop it off at the IC, mail it to P.O. Box 4304 (mailing the form to this address requires no postage on campus), OR send the information via email to cnoble@acvillage.net. Please **complete this information even if there have been no changes** to your listed information since the blue 2022 telephone directory.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Home Telephone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

911 Street Address _____

Building or Neighborhood _____

Apartment Number _____ P.O. Box _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

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, even if we have one already listed, it will be removed.**

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

Thank you for your help in making sure we have the correct information for our telephone directory. The ACV telephone directory is free to all ACV members and Village Church members. Those who are not ACV members or Village Church members who wish to have their information listed in the directory may pay \$8.00 to do so, and they will receive a complimentary copy.



ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

FILL OUT THE FRONT SIDE FIRST

We will use the information you provide for the telephone directory (the front side of this form) to update the online photo directory as well. If you have already opted out of (asked to be removed from) the online photo directory, we will **NOT** add you unless you request to be added back.

Fill out any blanks below that you want to appear differently from the telephone directory, otherwise we will update the photo directory to match what you have submitted to be published in the telephone directory. Any information you would like included in the telephone directory but not in the photo directory, write REMOVE on the blank below.

The photo directory is free to use, and can only be accessed by those whose email address appears in the directory. (It is possible to list your email address for access purposes, but hide it from view if you would prefer to keep your email address private.) For more information on the online photo directory, visit Member Services or call 658-5400.

Check this box if you would like to be **removed from the online photo directory**.

Name(s) _____
(As you want it/them to appear in the photo directory)

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Cell Phone Number _____

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Email Address _____

Email Address _____

If you would like one or more of the listed email addresses to be hidden from view, write **HIDE** beside the email address. For you to access the online photo directory, at least one email address must be listed, but can be hidden.

Birthday(s) (indicate whose) _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Printed versions of the online photo directory can also be ordered from Member Services for those who wish to purchase one. Only those included in the online photo directory will be included in the printed version.