



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	Environmental Svcs.	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 20, 2026

Friday	2/20	The Village Cashier is closed today. There will be no Village Grocer deliveries today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i> 5:45 & 6:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: Duo Beaux Arts—DH & LA
Saturday	2/21	There will be no Village Grocer deliveries today. 10:00 a.m.	Bus Trip: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch 68th Anniversary Open house and Horse Show—DH & LAP
Sunday	2/22	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—BC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	2/23	<i>1:00–3:00 p.m.</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>2:00–4:00 p.m.</i>	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	2/24	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Won't You Be My Neighbor—DR
Wednesday	2/25	<i>8:15 & 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>9:00–11:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>1:15 & 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Workshop—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Easter Cantata Rehearsal—SMR/DR
Thursday	2/26	<i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:30 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plann Ministry—CMH <i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i> Dementia Support Group—JKPL
Friday	2/27	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. <i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic—DR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	2/28	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Sing—CH Activity Room

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

Bruce Locke, who was a resident of Smith Riverview, died Feb. 18. His memorial information will be provided when available.
Carol Coates, who was a resident of GSC, died Feb. 16. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
Ruth Sawyer, who was a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Taylor Commons, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Feb. 11. Her service will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park.

NEW MEMBERS

Lisa and Gary Purchase of Butterfield Acres have become off-campus members. Their mailing address is 22913 104th St., Live Oak, FL 32060.

**Sunday morning worship at the Village Church will be held in Bixler Chapel this week.
There will be no live broadcast on TV2.
It is unknown at this time whether there will be a live YouTube stream.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WINTER RETREAT 2026 IS NEAR!

An exciting lineup has been planned for Winter Retreat 2026. The event will begin on Saturday, March 7, with a special concert by Endless Highway, the vocal band for Christian speaker Mark Lowry. Tickets are required for admission to this concert.

The evangelist and Bible teacher for the retreat, Rev. Dr. Adrian Dixon, is the founding/lead pastor of Northside Community Church as well as the Director of Church Planting for the Advent Christian General Conference. Rev. Dixon also serves as Director of Chaplain Services and Education at Duke Raleigh and Duke Regional Hospitals.

A Live! at Dowling Park artist series performance by Willing Heart, a Southern Gospel trio, is scheduled for Monday, March 9. Workshops are planned for the mornings of Monday and Tuesday featuring our own Barbara Bertolino and Dr. Natasha Ritsma from Aurora University.

Winter Retreat is always an inspirational and enjoyable time at Advent Christian Village. I hope you will take advantage of this special time and participate in all of the events this retreat has to offer.

CAT FEEDING STATION

Recognizing the concerns expressed regarding the relocation of the cat feeding station, I felt it important to share some of the reasoning behind the change.

First, please know that David Klumpenhower is not operating in isolation. This has been an issue that we attempted to address prior to the emergency status we entered following the hurricanes. As we now reset the campus and operations, I have asked David to work on this issue.

Second, please know that over the years a number of kindhearted resident volunteers have devoted their time, energy, and personal resources to care for the outdoor and feral cats. Their compassion has helped provide stability for the animals and has been an expression of the generosity that is evident across this campus. I extend our heartfelt thanks to these volunteers for all they have done.

At the same time, as our community has evolved, concerns about the cats and the impact of feeding areas near residences have increased. Concerns shared have ranged from safety issues to sanitation, mobility hazards, and the presence of wildlife attracted to the food. With the wellbeing of those we serve continuing to be our top priority, it was recognized that a new approach is needed to balance these concerns while still allowing compassionate care for the cats to continue.

After thoughtful consideration, the decision was made to relocate the cat feeding station to a more remote and contained area within the property. I want to emphasize that this change is not a reflection on the dedication of our volunteers or the compassion many residents feel toward the cats. Rather, it is an effort to ensure the safety, comfort, and wellbeing of our entire community — while still allowing for the care of the cats that is so dear to so many.

It is recognized this change has limitations and is not ideal for all; it is a compromise. At the same time, we will continue to work to improve access and enhance the feeding station. The trail has been graded for easier golf cart use, and a bench has been located nearby. Moreover, a cover is being constructed over the station to provide shelter for the cats.

Thank you for your understanding, your cooperation, and the kindness you show to one another every day. I am grateful to everyone who has shared their thoughts on this issue and for those who have worked with the cats over the years.

Medical Moment

-VP for Health Services Keri Hilliard

COPELAND CLINIC WELCOMES NEW PROVIDER!

Copeland Clinic is happy to announce that Lynda Lanier, APRN has joined the team of medical providers at the clinic. Lynda is from Live Oak and is a familiar face at the clinic. She trained under our own Cheryl Collins for several months while preparing to become a nurse practitioner. After gaining experience at another clinic in Live Oak, Lynda returns to ACV to serve the patients at Copeland Clinic. To schedule an appointment with Lynda, please call the clinic at 658-5300. Welcome, Lynda!

Klump's Komments

-VP for Independent Living David Klumpenhower

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR: FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS WITH VP DAVID KLUMPENHOWER

Hello, neighbors from Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens! "It's a beautiful day in your neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?"

You are warmly invited to join me for a relaxed, informal hour — a time to visit, talk, and get to know one another better. You may have questions, concerns, or things on your mind that you would like to discuss. Well, this is a time just for you! There will be no presentation and no formal agenda. We will simply enjoy some

unhurried conversation. We will meet every other month on the last Tuesday of the month. Our first "Won't You Be My Neighbor" gathering will be on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. "So, let's make the most of this beautiful day. Since we're together; we might as well say, would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?"

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: DUO BEAUX ARTS

Friday, Feb. 20, 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

Experience the husband-and-wife piano duo of Dr. Catherine Lan and Steinway Artist Tao Lin playing classics with four hands on one piano! This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting 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.



BUS TRIP: FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCH 68TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE AND HORSE SHOW

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:00 a.m. - DH & LAP

Two buses will be going to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch 68th Anniversary Open House and Horse Show on Saturday, Feb. 21. If you signed up (the deadline was the 16th), don't forget that the Ranch will send their school bus to pick up a load, which will depart the Lake Aquilla parking lot precisely at 10:00 a.m. for all folks who don't use any mobility devices; it is not handicap accessible. The ACV trip bus will also go for those who need extra help. It will also leave at 10:00, but from Dowling House. The school bus will leave the ranch at 3:00 p.m. to bring everyone back by 3:30 p.m., and the ACV bus will most likely return earlier than 3:00 p.m.

Those traveling on the buses will be allowed complementary entry and a free ticket for the barbeque lunch. Anyone going in their own car will have to pay the entry fee and will have to buy their lunch.

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2:00 p.m. - DR

Residents of Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens are invited to attend a new bi-monthly gathering 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 first gathering will take

place on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room.

All residents of Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens are welcome to attend.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Feb. 26, 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.

ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

Friday, Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

SMR/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.

GOSPEL SING

Saturday, Feb. 28, 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, Feb. 28.

COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

Monday, March 2, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

Our monthly support group brings people with vision loss together to share challenges and celebrate successes. The individuals who attend are in all stages of vision loss. Some still have most of their sight, while others have lost their sight completely. Together, they foster a warm, inviting place to help one another overcome barriers to living independent, vibrant lives. Join Wayne Warner from Lighthouse of the Big Bend for this monthly support group and meeting.

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thurs., March 5, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. - VS

Closed 12:00—1:00 for lunch

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are normally in the Village Square professional offices on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile

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

Friday Soup: Don's Hungarian Mushroom

Saturday Soup TBD

Friday, Feb. 20

Lunch only: Jalapeño Cheddar Burger with Fries, \$13.95

All day: Grouper Francese with Rice Pilaf and Garlic Spinach, \$18.95

Saturday, Feb. 21

All day: Baked Manicotti Parmesan with Garlic Toast, \$16.95



tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at suwtax.com.



STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thurs., March 5, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS
The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

- Change from out-of-state driver license to Florida license
- Renewals
- Duplicates for lost or stolen license
- Address/name changes ID cards
- Reinstatements
- Emergency Contact Information registration

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need the following items (there are a few other options, which are not listed — visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring for the entire list).

Primary Identification

Bring one (original or certified):

- U.S. birth certificate, or
- Valid U.S. passport.

Social Security Number

Bring one (must display all nine digits):

- Social Security card,
- W-2 form (not handwritten),
- Paycheck/stub, or
- Any 1099 (not handwritten).

Residential Address

Bring two (must include your Florida residential address):

- Deed, mortgage agreement, recent monthly mortgage statement, or rental or lease agreement;
- Florida vehicle registration or title; and/or
- Recent utility or medical bill or financial statement.

For your convenience, the department accepts the following payment methods: cash, check, and credit cards.

Winter Retreat

Saturday–Tuesday, March 7–10

Winter Retreat 2026 begins Saturday, March 7, and ends Tuesday, March 10. See the flyer included with this FNN for all of the details.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

HYSSONG FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m.

Bethel Creek Baptist Church

Bethel Creek Baptist Church at 8945 Hwy. 53 invites you to come enjoy a Christian music concert by the Hyssong family on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a love offering received. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

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.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods

Anyone who is a caregiver to a family member with dementia, OR has a family member with dementia in assisted living or skilled nursing care, is invited to a "meet and greet" every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Jackie Campbell's home (23379 Elmwood Lane). This is a venting and discussion group to help us realize we are not the only ones out there with these feelings and experiences. Come every week!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

We will meet Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10:00 a.m., at Copeland Community Center. Come and join us. The Bible study is the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

END TIMES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m. - OPR

Rev. Bob Copeland has been leading an enlightening four-week Bible study focused on the end times titled "Signs of the End and Hope for the Future." This engaging series will end on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Old Pavilion Room.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC:

**UNF CHAMBER SINGERS AND
THE OSPREY TREBLE CHORUS**

Friday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant First Presbyterian in Live Oak

Prepare to be moved, inspired and uplifted as the University of North Florida Chamber Singers and the Osprey Treble Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Cara Tasher, present an evening of exceptional choral artistry on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 421 White Ave., Live Oak. Free admission. A reception follows.

The concert will offer a rich tapestry of sound, taking you on a journey through the serene beauty of modern compositions to the powerful energy of traditional spirituals.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

10:00 a.m. - OPR

Gaye Martin will lead a Bible study each Tuesday morning in March at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. The topic will be "Who is studying your style?" Everyone is welcome.

**AURORA UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI GATHERING**

Thursday, March 12, 2:00–3:30 p.m. - RDR

Attention Aurora (College) University alumni, you are invited to an alumni gathering at ACV on Thursday, March 12. It promises to be a warm and memorable reunion filled with stories, laughter, and camaraderie as you reconnect, share memories, and celebrate special traditions. Honor the past and look forward to the future together as Spartans! Light refreshments will be served.



JOHNSON'S BAKERY DONUT SALE

Friday, Feb. 27, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Pick up from the lobby of GSC.

\$2.00 each or \$20 for a dozen. Glazed only.

Order ahead of time, please: 658-5573.

Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 20, to alumni@aurora.edu or 800-377-2782.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed.–Fri. 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

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Yoga	Mondays	9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Wednesdays	3:00 p.m.
Yoga	Fridays	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

February is Library Lover's Month

Express your love for your public library by coming to visit during February, Library Lovers Month! Snag a good book to read, meet someone new at one of the many programs, and take advantage of the numerous free resources available here. Thank you to all the lovely library lovers who make JKPL what it is today!

Olympic Poster Exhibit

The Winter Olympics are underway! Celebrate the excitement with our Winter Olympics Poster Exhibit, now on display at the JKPL! Explore fascinating facts, learn about thrilling winter sports, and keep up with the medals standings on our medals tracker, updated daily. Stop by and enjoy this fun educational exhibit, and cheer for Team USA!

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, "What is a funny or embarrassing story you can share about yourself?"

Tech Talk

Have you found yourself unsure how to use technology like smartphones and computers? Twice each month Jeremy presents on different tech-related topics! On Friday, Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m., the Tech Talk topic will be Windows.

Canva for Beginners

Join Amber Waters from the Live Oak Public Library here at JKPL on Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m. or Feb. 26 at 10:00 a.m. to learn how to use the popular graphic design tool Canva! Canva is a free tool you can use to easily make presentations, flyers, graphics, and more! Sign-ups are required, and laptops are available, so save your seat today!

Shine Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, Feb. 23, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. Due to the number of counselors available, they will only be taking walk-ins at this time!

Dungeons and Dragons Club

On Feb. 24 at 5:00 p.m., enter into a world of adventure at the D&D club here at the JKPL! Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy adventure tabletop game where you create your own story. Whether you have never played or you've completed several quests, all are welcome to attend! Sign up today and start your journey!

Dementia Support Group

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with dementia? The dementia support group is a space for you to share your experience with others and learn more about the resources that are available to you. This month's meeting will be on Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

As the Page Turns Book Club

The book for next month's book club is *A History of Wild Places* by Shea Earnshaw. *A History of Wild Places*

At the Village Square

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

Riverside Gifts

Check out our variety of Bible covers. All have inside pockets to hold your Bible, a pen, notes, and other personal items. There is a good selection of Bibles. Creativity is front and center with the many adult coloring books, markers, and artist coloring pencils.

Looking for a rain gauge now that the rains are coming? How about one held by a frog on a rock? New gifts for gardeners include sturdy sneaker plant pots and cute ladybug and frog flowerpots. **Work/garden gloves are still \$3.00 per pair.**

The children's department keeps growing as fast as the children do. Here you'll find Bibles, scripture-filled workbooks, games, stuffed animals, and puzzles.

Watch and clock repair 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

Congratulations to Roxanne Zureich, the winner of the Valentine's marshmallow guessing game! The total marshmallows was 922, and she guessed 902.

New items in the shop include a set of three apple mixing bowls, Kovack pottery cups, and a collectible basket and bowl from Seagrove, S.C. Other new items include cobalt blue bowls and a seven-piece Broadway Amber juice set.

Choose from a variety of artificial spring flowers to brighten your home. Look for wreaths to be arriving soon.

Highly collectible and unique vintage jewelry pieces are on display. You can find bracelets, necklaces, pins, and watches in the jewelry section.

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

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

Wondering how to improve your health, spiritual well-being, or how to get things done that need doing? Want to fill your life with poetry, Westerns, inspirational Christian fiction, or spy novels? Visit The Book Nook for these and so many other books, cookbooks, magazines, and free books! There are also great deals on highly collectible books.

Check out the many clothing items for children, teens, and adults. These include colorful T-shirts, dress shirts and blouses, pants and slacks, jeans, dresses, and scrubs. All at great prices!

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.

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Perhaps you don't know about the variety of things we have. We also get surprised every week. We always have household items, linens, clothing, and knickknacks. We now have recliners, bureaus, leather jackets and boots, and even a fishing pole holder, a horse collar, a washboard, and a marble sink. Come and look; it's almost like a trip to the museum.

is a moody, atmospheric thriller following a seemingly peaceful isolated commune and the disappearance of two outsiders. Grab your copy today! The next meeting will be March 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Save the Date:

Pirate Escape Room Adventure

Arrrrrr you ready for a pirate adventure? Gather your friends and transport yourself into the golden age of piracy, and escape a dastardly pirate ship before time runs out! Collect clues, solve puzzles, and see if you have what it takes to make it out! Open to all ages! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Groups can be a maximum of five people. The escape room will be up March 9 and 10. Call today to reserve your spot!

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

We are excited to announce a partnership with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled! Through this partnership, those who are eligible can have access to talking books, descriptive DVDs, braille materials, large print materials, and more. Come in to the JKPL for more information or to get a demo of one of the talking book machines.



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.

- **Feb. 25 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.
- **Feb. 25 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.
- **March 4 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.
- **March 4 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.
- **March 11 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 noon.
- **March 11 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: "The Lamb Who Was a Lion"

TEXT: Jeremiah 7:1–11 and John 2:12–25 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

Sunday morning's worship service will be held in Bixler Chapel this week. There will be no live broadcast on TV2. There may or may not be a live stream on YouTube.

Filled **baby bottles** for the Pregnancy Care Center fundraiser are to be returned to the church by Sunday, March 1.

The **Penny Crusade** fundraiser for Advent Christian missions begins this week. Coins, bills and checks are welcome. Checks should be made out to the church with "Penny Crusade" on the memo line.

The next Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service will take place on Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Bixler Chapel.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Feb. 20

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

Sunday, Feb. 22

9:40 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship Service (Chapel)

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Peter Ard (Chapel)

Monday, Feb. 23

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells (Choir Room)

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells (Choir Room)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

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

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

Wednesday, Feb. 25

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice (SMR/DR)

Thursday, Feb. 26

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

Friday, Feb. 27

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

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed February 20. There will not be anyone available to cover at the Cashier's Office.

VILLAGE GROCER

Jordon Harmon—386-658-3130

The Village Grocer will not make deliveries on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

February Member Birthday Party

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the February member birthday party. We were entertained by the Johnson family: Pastor Shawn, Librarian Susie, and their daughter, Rebekah, who works in Dining Services. We also enjoyed cake to eat.

We were blessed to have 20 persons with February birthdays present, and a total of 80 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Carol Rainsberger, Pamela St. Onge, Glynn Dasher, Frank Hreha, Carl Daniels and Jay Dresser. The oldest birthday guest was



Ken Wood, and the youngest was Alisa Staats. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

If you lose power, do not call the Information Center to get updates. The most direct information will come from Suwannee Valley Electric. They maintain a 24-hour trouble line: (800) 752-0025. If you download the SmartHub app, you can view many aspects of your SVEC account including outage information.

Scam Tip of the Week: Arrest Warrant Scam

Similar to the jury duty scam, imposters pose as law enforcement officers and call or email a potential victim claiming that they have a warrant out for their arrest or are otherwise being pursued by law enforcement. The imposters will claim the victim must pay them immediately or they will be arrested. Know that a law enforcement or court official will never ask for you to wire money or ask for your confidential information over the phone or via email.

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)

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 Virginia 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:

- A verse of "Amazing Grace" states, "'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear." What does it mean? Where in the Bible do we find this idea?
- Did Jesus really rise from the dead?
- If Jesus was God, he would have known that Judas would betray him. Why didn't he get rid of him as a disciple?

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.

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV members have access to ACV services and facilities if the campus is closed due to outside dangers. If a situation (such as a pandemic) necessitates the closing of ACV to outsiders, ACV members, including off-campus members, still have access to the Village and all of its services and amenities that are still in operation.

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 Feb. 11 winners: 1st high was Dottie Stone, and 2nd high was Glenda Hamby.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, Feb. 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. - CH Activity Room

You are invited to come Friday and use your imagination and air dry clay to create whatever you can dream up. You can also bring along your own craft projects to

work on while enjoying the fellowship. Get in on the fun! If you have questions contact Sister Maria Ann at sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com or Sue Donnelly at SueWDonnelly@gmail.com.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

There are five more small paperbacks in our New to Us section. Each has a round green sticker on its spine signifying that it is in larger print (which is in between regular and large print).

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 Old Pavilion Room and Information Center. 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, Feb. 20**. Get your letters to the Information Center or Carter House desk before 11:30 a.m. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 3, when ACV will next host the youth here from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a luncheon, games, and one-on-one time with your pen pal. There will be a short meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., which will include collecting funds for the year-end awards banquet so we can present prizes to the most improved pen pals.

REMEMBER: The 68th FSYR Open House and Horse Show is this weekend. There will be two buses going on Saturday. The Ranch will be sending their school bus for all folks who don't use any mobility devices. It will load at the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 10:00 a.m. This bus will leave the ranch at 3:00 p.m. to return by 3:30 p.m. The ACV bus will also be available leaving from Dowling House and the same time as the big bus.

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 MINISTRIES

Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

Equipped and Ready to Serve

What started with a commitment to learn ends with a calling to serve. Although it is much more of a beginning than an ending.

We are pleased to announce the "commencement" of our latest cohort of Stephen Minister trainees. These special people have invested their time and honed their gifts to prepare for the role of Stephen Minister. Upon completing 50 hours of training, they are nearly ready to join the current team of Stephen Ministers that was commissioned last March.

Please join us for a special Commissioning Service on Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Bixler Chapel.

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday–Friday • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ACV is one of more than 13,000 organizations and churches worldwide, representing 160 Christian denominations, that offer Stephen Ministries in their communities.

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. (Michael is on sabbatical.)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

From the Shuman clan comes news that Steve's mother, Lillian Shuman, formerly of Park of the Pines and Butterfield Acres, celebrated her 102nd birthday this weekend in Maine with more than 50 children, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and their families. She is still sharp as a tack! Also, Linda DiBenedetto will celebrate another trip around the sun Feb. 22. We wish both of you the very best and thank the Lord for your longevity.

At last month's men's breakfast, Carroll Polk stepped down as president of the men's group, and fellow Butterfield resident Bob Copeland has taken his place. Congratulations, Bob — you have the talent to do a great job. We would also like to recognize and thank Carroll for the two years he served in that position and for the stellar job he did. Carroll continues to serve as treasurer of the Butterfield Acres community.

We are planning another Butterfield potluck dinner April 11 at the Harmony Center. Please mark your calendars.

Time for JAXFAX: Last week's question was, "In what year did the Pony Express make its first run between Missouri and California?" The answer is April 3, 1860. After just 18 months of daring rides across the American frontier, the Pony Express ceased operations Oct. 26, 1861. Though short-lived, it became one of the most legendary chapters in the history of the American West.

This week's JAXFAX question is: Which state capital does not have a McDonald's, a Starbucks or a Walmart? And I thought we were isolated in Dowling Park!

Scientists say one out of four people is crazy. Check three of your friends — if they are OK, you are it! You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. Always remember you are unique, just like everyone else, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick—386-330-4865

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to report for the rest of February. Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim Powell would like to remind residents that **no one is permitted to enter empty or unlocked apartments or units** where work is being performed. Some apartments may have been treated with chemicals, and maintenance staff may be using tools or equipment. This policy is in place for everyone's safety.

If you see maintenance staff working on a project, please do not interrupt them to chat or

request repairs. If you need service, contact the maintenance department at 658-5155 to schedule an appointment.

Management is also asking residents to review the ACV "House Rules for Dowling Park Apartments," which are part of your lease agreement. A few key reminders:

- Alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the property except inside a resident's apartment.
- Do not leave personal items in hallways, in front of apartment entrances, or in other common areas.
- Residents and their guests must conduct themselves in a manner that does not interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of others. Abusive, disruptive or harassing behavior is not permitted.
- Management is not responsible for theft or damage to door decorations, and door mats are not allowed in hallways due to safety concerns.

As temperatures rise, please keep hallway windows closed so the air-conditioning units can function properly. Open windows strain the system and can cause breakdowns. The laundry room unit is designed to cool that space only; if the door is left open, it may fail. If you notice a unit not working properly, report it promptly to the manager or maintenance.

Pet owners are reminded to clean up after their pets at all times while on ACV property. Always carry appropriate cleanup supplies, securely bag pet waste and dispose of it in designated receptacles. Pet litter must not be placed down the trash chute or flushed.

All vehicles and golf carts must display a current ACV registration sticker. Parking spaces are not assigned, and residents may not reserve spaces using cones, walkers or other items. Mobility devices should not be left in parking lots, as residents are responsible for any damage caused by or to those items.

Finally, residents should not confront one another regarding lease or house rule violations. Doing so is considered resident-on-resident harassment. If you observe a concern, contact a staff member or call the Information Center at 658-3333. Rules are enforced for the health and safety of all residents.

Please continue to be respectful of neighbors and visitors. This is your home. If you see something, say something.

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Good morning, friends and neighbors.

"The Lord will light my lamp; enlighten my darkness" (Psalm 18:28).

I hope you are doing well. The past few days have been sad, as my friend Bernie O'Donnell passed away. I will miss him dearly.

It has been a trying week. I started writing this post several days ago on my phone. I would get so far along and — poof — it would disappear. I would start over, and it would vanish again. I need to find a better way to write on my phone. These devices can be tricky.

Last week was busy with Valentine's Day preparations and the Roaring '20s party. There were many well-dressed flappers and dappers. The ladies sparkled with fringe and sequins, and some even danced the Charleston. The food and beverages were very good, as always. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve.

The elevator is still a work in progress. Some of the ladies come by most mornings to check on the completion date. I know they are ready to be back to normal routines.

I had a rough start Monday morning. Some people talk about "blue Mondays," but mine felt more like a deep purple. I needed to do some seam work on a pair of slacks, but my sewing machine locked up. It is only 40 years old, and I suspect it may have gotten too much water during the fire. I searched for a needle and thread, which was not easy. I finally found a needle — thankfully, it already had thread in it.

After a few stitches, I checked my progress and realized I had caught extra fabric that did not belong. Out came the stitches. I knew there would not be enough thread, and time was short. After about five

minutes of trying to thread the needle again, I finally succeeded and finished the job. All I could think was, this must be because of the shampoo.

I have never quite understood why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last image that comes to mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237

Good morning, neighbors.

Happy birthday to Sandra Hooter on the 21st, Barbara Hagler on the 22nd and Ronnie Beckham on the 24th. May the sun continue to shine on you, and may your lives overflow with blessings.

Happy anniversary to Joel and Charlotte Evans on the 20th. May your love continue to shine as you are blessed with happiness together.

Our "Breakfast for Dinner" gathering is only a month away. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Youth Lodge behind the Village Grocer. It will be a time to relax, welcome new residents, and catch up with neighbors.

Pull out your favorite breakfast recipes and start planning what you would like to share. Please RSVP by calling (575) 229-8402 and leaving a message so we can plan accordingly.

I am so thankful to see the sunshine and feel its warmth. Spring cannot be far behind. It is time to stroll outdoors, look for signs of new beginnings, enjoy some fresh air, and take in all of God's creation. Take care and enjoy this wonderful village we call home.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DOWLING MANOR

Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).

I heard this on the radio program *Grace to You* with Dr. John MacArthur. Here are several ways we can show love to one another:

- Mend a quarrel.
- Search out a forgotten friend and make a phone call.
- Replace suspicion with trust.
- Let an old bitterness die through the power of God.
- Write a letter to someone who loves you and will not expect it.
- Encourage someone you know well by telling them how much they mean to you.
- Keep a promise.
- Ask God to help you forgive a wrong done to you.
- Reduce your demands on the people in your home.
- Say thank you throughout the day.
- Tell someone you love them — again and again.
- Pray for an enemy.
- Send a check to someone you know is in need.
- Ask God to help you love the way Jesus loved.

The GSC Valentine's Day party was held Friday, Feb. 13. Kings and queens were elected on each court and crowned at the party. Dogwood Court crowned Kenny Reynolds and Beth Faerber. Magnolia Court crowned Tommy Combass and Elizabeth Hodges. Camellia Court crowned James Harvin and Elizabeth Abaño.

Dacier Manor also held a Valentine's Day party and crowned Stan Hall as king and Vilma Oman as queen.

Tuesday was a celebration at GSC for Mardi Gras, and on Wednesday we entered the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Greetings, friends, from my view of the meadow.

We have a fun new neighbor. His name is CJ, short for Chip Jr., and he is Sharon Wilson's new puppy. She recently rescued him, so his background is a bit of a mystery, but he is as cute as can be. Welcome to Riverwoods, CJ!

The board meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 26, at 2:00 p.m. at the Copeland Community Center. Agenda items include a declaration consolidation discussion and vote, a 2025 audit and tax return update, a check signers discussion and vote, a fence discussion, House Bill 657, an insurance discussion and vote, Riverwoods directories, Senate Bill 908, and a TPAM visit in March.

Is it possible we are beginning to see signs of spring? I spotted blooms on a redbud tree near the woods. Judy Hatch has seen finches, a few cardinals, and occasionally a red-breasted woodpecker at her feeders. Another friend reported seeing 12 robins in her backyard.

It may be just an old wives' tale, but I have heard that once you see green buds on pecan trees, there will be no more frost that year. So far, I have not seen that promising sign.

"Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:13-14).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SUPPER POTLUCK

The potluck for March must be cancelled due to events occupying the dining room. So sorry! Keep a look out for April 4's potluck. Details will be put into the FNN later in March.

DONNA HAGAN, EA

Tax Preparation Services by an Enrolled Agent are available March 27 and April 10 at the Village Square professional offices, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Call (850) 253-5400 to make an appointment.

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: Feb. 20, March 6 and 20 and April 10 and 24. 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 also 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.

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.

TAXES PREPARATION

A team from Tina Singletary, CPA in Mayo, Florida, will be at the Village Square once a week until Tax Day to allow area residents to meet with a tax expert and have their taxes filed. The dates they will be in the professional offices at the Village Square are as follows: Feb. 26; March 3, 12, 19, 26, and 31; and April 9 and 13. They will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 March and April Spa Days: Special offer 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. Upcoming spa days are March 3 and 7, and April 4 and 7. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour or pleasure ride, call Member Services at 658-5400.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Large tan cloth-upholstered electric recliner, \$100. Twin adjustable bed with mattress and remote, head and foot elevated, \$150. At Dacier Manor, Room 1106. Call Bonnie at 321-720-3899.**

FOR SALE: Uline industrial packing table with steel top and castors, size 96x36. Asking \$1000. Contact Ron at 727-364-4066.**

IN SEARCH OF: Bill Harney needs a ride to St. Francis in Live Oak for 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. If someone is able to take him please call him at 352-440-2657.**

FOR SALE: King box spring and mattress on frame. Head and foot rise with remote. Must be taken Feb. 21. \$100. Please call 716-698-1716.*

VILLAGE BOOKWORM

You might think that by our age we would have life figured out. Reality, however, tells a different story.

Alistair Begg's *Ecclesiastes: Chasing the Wind* is a thoughtful and accessible Bible study that walks readers through one of Scripture's most challenging and honest books about real life. Rather than offering quick answers, Begg respects Ecclesiastes' probing tone, allowing its questions about meaning, work, pleasure and mortality to speak plainly to modern readers.

The study is organized as a chapter-by-chapter exposition of Ecclesiastes. Each section follows a consistent format: careful explanation of the biblical text, clear identification of its main theme, and practical application for everyday life. Begg writes with clarity and warmth, making ancient wisdom understandable without oversimplifying its depth. His teaching style blends pastoral insight, biblical scholarship and relatable illustrations drawn from contemporary life.

Key themes include the futility of pursuing fulfillment apart from God, the limits of human wisdom, the fleeting nature of success and pleasure and the call to live with reverence for God in a broken world. Rather than leaving readers in despair, Begg shows how Ecclesiastes points toward humility, gratitude and joy rooted in God rather than circumstances.

Overall, *Chasing the Wind* is a valuable study for individuals or groups seeking honest engagement with life's big questions and a deeper appreciation for biblical wisdom that remains strikingly relevant today.

Thank you to Doug and Margi Nichols for recommending and supplying the book. Please send your recommendations to sgermaine720@gmail.com.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY Submitted by Sue Donnelly

This February marks a very special anniversary for me! Fifty-five years ago, when I was not quite 20 years old, I finally understood the message of salvation, received Christ as my Savior, and dedicated my life to Him. A revival was sweeping across the country during that time and an army of hippies became what was known as "The Jesus People." So many young people became Christians during that time and now they can be found all over the country, looking and acting much different and serving the Lord.

I will be forever grateful to God for working in my heart and mind, setting me free from a life caught up in drugs, alcohol, occult practices, and more. From the outside, I must have seemed quite unapproachable, but I needed to hear the Word of God so desperately. I heard bits and pieces of the Gospel over the years, but during what must have looked like the absolute lowest I could go in life, God used an article in a *Guideposts* magazine to finally lead me to Him. The article said to write down the date because I would want to celebrate it in the future — and so I did — Feb. 4, 1971 — and I do celebrate. Not just once a year but in thankfulness every day of my life.

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FREE App for iPhone,
iPad & Android



Our photo directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our ACV and Village Church households better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please call 658-5400.



Prices effective 2/20–2/26



THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

Hamburger Helper	5.5 oz.	\$ 3.20
La Choy Chicken Chow Mein	42 oz.	\$ 8.00
Carnation Evaporated Milk	12 oz.	\$ 2.50
Honey Nut Cheerios	10 oz.	\$ 7.80
Lipton Cold Brew Tea Bags	4.8 oz.	\$ 6.00
Polar Mandarin Oranges	11 oz.	\$ 1.20
Crystal Sriracha Sauce	16 oz.	\$ 5.20
Comet with Bleach	21 oz.	\$ 1.60

DAIRY

T.G. Lee Half Gallon Milk	32 oz.	\$ 3.50
Daisy Sour Cream	8 oz.	\$ 1.80

PRODUCE

Local Florida Grapefruit	2 for	\$ 1.00
Baking Potatoes	each	\$.99

FROZEN

Lean Cuisine Dinners	10 oz.	\$ 4.50
Glazed Apple Fritters	13.4 oz.	\$ 8.40

MEAT

Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs	per lb.	\$ 4.00
Boneless Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.50
Lean Pork Spare Ribs	per lb.	\$ 3.00
Boars Head Breakfast Sausage Patty	6 oz.	\$ 3.50
Bar-S Lunch Meat	12 oz.	\$ 3.70
31/40 Count EZ Peel Shrimp	16 oz.	\$ 7.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar Cheese — \$6.30 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

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy ... it is not rude,
it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no
record of wrongs ... Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 5 & 7

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only



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Report Healthcare Scams

Medicare: 1-800-633-4227 or www.medicare.gov
Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 or www.ssa.gov
Florida Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at your local AAA: 1-800-963-5337
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or www.ftc.gov

Report Money Transfer Scams

MoneyGram: 1-800-666-3947
Western Union: 1-800-448-1492
Green Dot: www.moneypack.com
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or www.ftc.gov

Report Mail / Email / Online Scams

FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov
OnGuardOnline: www.onguardonline.gov
U.S. Postal Inspector: 1-877-876-2455 or www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or www.ftc.gov

Report / Detect Check Fraud Scams

Postal Money Order Verification System: 1-866-459-7822
Florida Attorney General: 1-800-966-7226 or www.myfloridalegal.com
National Consumers League Fraud Center: www.fakechecks.org

Report Fundraiser / Charitable Scams

Florida Attorney General: 1-800-966-7226 or www.myfloridalegal.com
Better Business Bureau: 1-703-276-0100 or www.bbb.org/us/charity
National Association of State Charities: www.nasconet.org

Protect Yourself Against Scams

Get Your Free Credit Report Annually: 1-877-322-8228 or www.annualcreditreport.com
Sign-up on the “Do Not Call” List: 1-888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov
Seniors vs Crime Project: 1-800-203-3099 or www.seniorsvscrime.com

Report Telemarketing and Healthcare Scams

- Medicare: 1-800-633-4227 or www.medicare.gov
- SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program: 1-800-963-5337 or www.floridashine.org
- Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or www.ftc.gov
- Do Not Call List: 1-888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov
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Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 7–TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Dinner buffet — Italian — \$10 for members and Winter Retreat registrants; \$12 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Concert by Endless Highway

7:00 p.m., VC

Tickets required: \$10 for members and registrants;
\$15 for non-members

Endless Highway is a family group made up of Jason and Vanessa Griggs and their two children, Jay and Allison. The group has consistently placed singles in the Top 40 Gospel Music charts and is currently opening for Mark Lowry. Endless Highway is a regular featured artist on the National Quartet Convention main stage, at the Ark Encounter, and through other national concert promotions. They have also appeared on the Daystar Television Network, 3ABN, and Gospel Music USA.

Blending Southern Gospel, Bluegrass Gospel, and acoustic music, Endless Highway delivers concerts that range from beloved hymns to energetic bluegrass favorites. Their performances combine live instrumentation and vocal-driven arrangements, creating an engaging experience for audiences of all ages. While the group brings warmth and joy to every appearance, their mission remains focused on exalting Christ, strengthening the church, and sharing the gospel.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Breakfast buffet — \$5.00 for members and registrants;
\$7.00 for non-members
7:30–9:00 a.m., RDR

Morning Worship Service with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon
10:00 a.m., VC

The guest speaker invited to Winter Retreat 2024 is Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon. Adrian is the Founding/Lead Pastor of Northside Community Church. In this role, Adrian is responsible for the overall preaching and teaching ministry at Northside. He also provides ministry oversight for all staff. In addition to his role at Northside, he is also the full-time Director of Chaplain Services and Education at Duke Raleigh and Duke Regional hospitals. He has worked for the Duke University Health System since 2003. Adrian was raised in the Raleigh area and has earned degrees from Campbell University, Duke University and Virginia Theological Seminary.

Adrian is married to Shoshannah and together they have three children. He's a fan of the NC State Wolfpack and loves Cincinnati Reds baseball.

Lunch buffet — \$14 for members and registrants; \$20 for non-members

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., RDR

Afternoon activities (see Activities section on back)
2:00 p.m.

Dinner buffet — Chili and Salad — \$10 for members and registrants; \$12 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Evening service with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon
6:00 p.m., VC

After-service refreshments, RDR

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Breakfast buffet — \$5.00 for members and registrants;
\$7.00 for non-members
7:30–9:00 a.m., RDR

Bible study session with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon

9:00 a.m., SMR/DR

Coffee break (time to sign up for afternoon activities)
10:00 a.m., Hallway in front of SMR/DR

Workshop with Barbara Bertolino

10:30 a.m., SMR/DR

Lunch buffet — cafeteria style

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., RDR

Afternoon activities (see Activities section on back)
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Dinner buffet — Taco/Taco Salad Bar — \$10 for members and registrants; \$12 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Concert by Willing Heart

7:00 p.m., VC

Tickets required: \$18 for members and registrants;
\$25 for non-members

Willing Heart has been singing for more than 25 years. This Wilmington, N.C., group has sung from New York to Florida and many places in between. Tight Southern Gospel harmonies are part of the heritage and style of this trio. The current group consists of Laurie Kelly, soprano; Gail Heath, alto; and Joey Gore, baritone. You will be blessed and encouraged in your walk with the Lord from this inspiring night of Gospel music.

After-concert refreshments, RDR

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Breakfast buffet — \$5.00 for members and registrants;
\$7.00 for non-members
7:30–9:00 a.m., RDR

Bible study session with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon

9:00 a.m., SMR/DR

Coffee break (time to sign up for afternoon activities)
10:00 a.m., Hallway in front of SMR/DR

Workshop with Dr. Natasha Didos Ritsma

10:30 a.m., SMR/DR

Natasha Didos Ritsma, PhD is the Director of the Schingoethe Center of Aurora University and an Instructor in Museum Studies. In her leadership role, she oversees the museum's operations, exhibitions, and educational programming, guiding its mission to foster inquiry, celebrate artistic excellence, and connect visual arts with cultural and historical learning.

Lunch buffet — cafeteria style
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., RDR

Afternoon activities (see Activities section on back)
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Dinner buffet — Baked Potato Bar and Soup — \$10 for members and registrants; \$12 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Evening service with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon
7:00 p.m., VC

After-service refreshments, RDR

Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 7–TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Activities

Please sign up to take part in the following activities taking place the afternoons of Winter Retreat. Sign-up sheets will be available during the 10:00 a.m. coffee breaks on Monday and Tuesday. You may also sign up and register for Winter Retreat online at www.acvmembers.net/winter-retreat-2026/. (Explanations of each activity are in alphabetical order following the schedule.)

SUNDAY

- 2:00 Ceramics, PCS
- 2:00 Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal, VC

MONDAY

- 1:30 Ceramics, PCS
- 1:30 Scrabble, CMH
- 1:30 Windows for Worship Tour, BC
- 3:30 Guided Walking/History Tour of ACV, IC
- 3:30 Village Archives Open, JKPL

TUESDAY

- 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game, CMH
- 1:30 Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal, VC
- 3:30 Art Café, SMR
- 3:30 Village Archives Open, JKPL
- 3:30 Wonders of Creation Program, DR

Art Café: Led by Dr. Natasha Ritsma of Aurora University at 3:30 on Tuesday afternoon, the Art Café will give you an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and therapeutic time painting a geometric pattern on a coaster you can keep.

Ceramics: ACV has an active ceramics shop. You are invited to the Polk Ceramics Shop located on Aquilla Circle to choose a piece to paint or stain and fire. The shop will be open both Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and Monday at 1:30, so a larger piece could be chosen

Sunday if you plan to return on Monday. Volunteer ceramics helpers will be on hand to guide you through the process. Prices vary by piece.

Guided Walking/History Tour of ACV: If you'd like to get a little exercise while learning more about the history of ACV, a guided walking/history tour has been arranged. The walk will begin at the Information Center at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon.

Hand and Foot is a card game enjoyed by Village members weekly. You are welcome to join them at Cleo's Meeting House on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30.

Scrabble is played on a weekly basis at ACV. Join the Scrabble group at Cleo's Meeting House and get in on the fun on Monday afternoon at 1:30.

Village Archives, staffed by volunteers, will be open Monday and Tuesday beginning at 3:30 p.m. for those who would like to learn more about ACV's history, Advent Christian history, and more. The Brooks Archive is located in a wing of the Jo Kennon Public Library on the corner of Dowling Park Drive and Marvin Jones Blvd.

Windows for Worship Tour, led by Candy Hall. Monday at 1:30 beginning in Bixler Chapel. Enjoy an inspirational tour of the stained-glass windows in the Village Church and Bixler Chapel. Learn about the choices of subject matter for these unique works of art and other information, including some "hidden" windows you may not have seen before.

Winter Retreat Choir, led by Traci Nissley, Minister of Music. Sunday at 2:00 and Tuesday at 1:30 in the Village Church sanctuary. Everyone welcome. After participating in these practices, the Winter Retreat choir will sing in the Sunday and Tuesday evening Winter Retreat services.

Wonders of Creation is a monthly program held in the Depot Room and hosted by resident paleontologist MaryAnn Stuart. Each program focuses on an aspect of the wonder of God's creation and usually includes both video presentations and object lessons.

Tickets

Purchasing tickets ahead of time is suggested.

Tickets for the Sunday lunch buffet are available at the Lopin' Gopher to speed up entry on Sunday. You may also pay when you arrive for lunch.

Tickets for the other buffet meals and the two concerts are available at the Village Cashier's office to speed up entry. You may also pay when you arrive.

All meal and concert tickets may be purchased online at www.acvmembers.net/winter-retreat-2026/.



Buy Winter Retreat concert and meal tickets online by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.

Village Tours

If you would like to take an informal tour of the Village, the Ride-About, ACV's 10-person golf cart, is available. Call Member Services at 658-5400 if you would like a tour. Tours will begin at the Information Center.

Booklets

Winter Retreat 2026 booklets will be available starting Saturday at the Village Church and during the coffee breaks Monday and Tuesday mornings. The booklets will contain all of this information and more.

BC	Bixler Chapel
CMH	Cleo's Meeting House
DR	Depot Meeting Room
IC	Information Center

JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library
PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop
SMR	Sawmill Meeting Room
VC	Village Church

Feb. 20–27, 2026

FRIDAY, 2/20

- \$2.75 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
\$6.95 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Broccoli Chicken Casserole, Fried Catfish
\$1.40 Sides: Mixed Greens, Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, Cheese Grits
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 2/21

- \$2.75 Soup:** Italian Wedding
\$8.50 Whistle Stop Special: Homemade Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Knot, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 2/22

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Peppers, Onions and Mushroom Quiche, GF Turkey, Fried Chicken
Sides: Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Sweet Corn, California Normandy Vegetable Blend, Oven Baked Peaches, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Turkey Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 2/23

- \$2.75 Soup:** Ham and Split Pea
\$6.95 Entrées: GF BBQ Pork, Liver and Onions, Roast Beef on a Hoagie Roll
\$1.40 Sides: Peas and Carrots, Cauliflower with Cheese, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Rice Pilaf with Gravy
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 2/24

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
\$2.75 Soup: Cook's Choice
\$6.95 Entrées: GF Oven Roasted Chicken Wings with Sauces on the Side, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
\$1.40 Sides: Broccoli, Capri Vegetable Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes
\$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

Feb. 21–27, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 2/25

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Chicken Gumbo
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Beef, Bean and Cheese Burrito; Fried Chicken
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Cabbage, Honey Glazed Carrots, Pickled Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 2/26

- \$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Huli Huli Hawaiian Chicken, GF Pork Chops
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Asian Vegetable Blend, Yellow Squash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cilantro Rice
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 2/27

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Broccoli Chicken Casserole, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Mixed Greens, Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Okra and Tomatoes, Fruit, Cold Salads, Baked Beans, 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: Don's Hungarian Mushroom Soup
Saturday: Soup TBD

Friday, Feb. 20

Lunch only: Jalapeño Cheddar Burger with Fries, \$13.95

All day: Grouper Francese, Rice Pilaf,
and Garlic Spinach, \$18.95

Saturday, Feb. 21

All day: Baked Manicotti Parmesan with Garlic Toast,
\$16.95



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Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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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



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Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm

Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm