



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
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FEBRUARY 27, 2026

Friday	2/27	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<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
Sunday	3/1	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—BC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> WHFMS Council Meeting—VC Room 5 Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service—BC
Monday	3/2	1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Coping with Low Vision—OPR <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	3/3	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.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>
Wednesday	3/4	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Easter Cantata Rehearsal—SMR/DR
Thursday	3/5	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS Plarn Ministry—CMH <i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i>
Friday	3/6	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	3/7	9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Twice Nice Furniture & More Open Endless Highway Concert—VC

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



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

- Jackie Christenson, who was a resident of Dowling House and Dacier Manor, died Feb. 21. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Bruce Locke, who was a resident of Riverview, died Feb. 18. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Ruth Sawyer, who was resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Taylor Commons, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Feb. 11. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Bernie O'Donnell, who was a resident of Dowling House and GSC, died Feb. 7. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Woody Sapp, who was a resident of Dowling House and GSC, died Feb. 6. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- David Currier, who was a resident of Riverwoods, Park of the Pines, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Feb. 5. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Glen Gavell, who was a resident of GSC, died Feb. 5. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Howard Tower (husband of Patricia), who was a resident of GSC, died Feb. 3. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Sunday morning worship at the Village Church will be held in Bixler Chapel again this week. There will be no live broadcast on TV2. There should be a YouTube live stream.

ACV EVENTS

ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

Friday, Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - DR
 Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm dedicated to the provision of quality legal assistance to the poor, abused, disabled and elderly, and empowerment through preventive legal education. They come to ACV monthly to provide assistance to those needing legal help. If you have generic legal questions, drop in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have specific questions about your own legal situation and want one-on-one help, please come to Member Services to pick up an application.



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 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 to bring specific items to prove your identify. Visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring for the entire list.

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.

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday	1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH	
	6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH	
Tuesday	2:00 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	

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

ENDLESS HIGHWAY CONCERT

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. - VC

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.

Endless Highway will perform on Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Church. Tickets are \$10 for ACV members and staff and Winter Retreat registrants, and \$15 for the general public.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: WILLING HEART

Monday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. - BC

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.

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



ART CAFÉ

Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. - SMR

Dr. Natasha Ritsma of Aurora University will lead an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and therapeutic time painting a geometric pattern on a coaster you can keep. Space is limited. If you call Member Services at 658-5400, we will make sure there is space for you.

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, March 12, 3:00 p.m.
Sawmill/Depot

Join us for the March member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with March birthdays will receive special recognition. Sue Donnelly has agreed to present a special musical program for your enjoyment. See you there!



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

Friday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. - DR

On Friday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion concerning biblical topics.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. The guest speaker will be Debbie Hoffman. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for the ladies' and Men's Fellowship breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The speaker will be Ted Crownover. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for the Men's Fellowship and ladies' breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

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.

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.

Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Mexican Street Corn Chowder

Friday, Feb. 27

Lunch only: Turkey, Bacon and Swiss Melt on a Croissant with Lettuce, Tomato and Mayo with a Side of Chips, \$13.95

All day: Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$16.95

Saturday, Feb. 28

All day: Glazed Ham with Pineapple, Scalloped Potatoes, and a Vegetable, \$17.95



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!

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.

COFFEE WITH A VET

Friday, March 6, 9:00–11:00 a.m. - DR

In lieu of the regular monthly Veterans Lunch Meeting, CareerSource North Florida and African Baptist Church will host and sponsor Coffee with a Vet Friday, March 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Depot Room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. In March, that will be the 10th and 24th. Come and join us. The Bible study is the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

WONDERS OF CREATION

Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. - DR

Come to the March Wonders of Creation viewing of several "Incredible Creatures." Samples of Florida fossils of two of these creatures, horses and manatees, will be available for viewing, along with MaryAnn Stuart's personal stories about the fossil finds, and about life near living manatees. Bring someone along on Tuesday, March 10, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. For more information, call (863) 558-1395.

Looking ahead: The April Wonders of Creation meeting will feature the 1980–82 eruptions of Mount St. Helens and marvelous discoveries of God's handiwork since then.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.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.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to spring forward for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8! Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night so you'll be right on time Sunday morning. A little less sleep ... but a little more sunshine!

Did You Know?

Did you know the JKPL offers more than just books? From free Wi-Fi and digital resources to community programs and our Seed Library, there's something here for everyone. Stop in and discover a space where learning, creativity and community grow together!

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 would be your death row meal?"

Seed Library

Spring is the perfect time to plant something delicious! The JKPL Seed Library has a variety of vegetable and herb seeds, and patrons may take up to three seed packets. Stop by, pick your favorites, and grow fresh goodness right at home!

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.

History of Suwannee County

Eric Musgrove will visit the JKPL on Thursday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. to captivate us with local history! This month's theme is Live Oak. If you enjoy his presentations, grab one of Eric's books while you are here: *Reflections of Suwannee County* or *Lost Suwannee County*. Miss a session? Check out the SRRL's YouTube page and look for the History of Suwannee County playlist.

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* 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.

Tech Talk

Have you found yourself unsure how to use technology like smartphones and computers? Twice each month Jeremy will present different tech-related programs. On Friday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m., the theme will be iPad basics.

Pirate Escape Room Adventure

Monday & Tuesday, March 9 & 10

Arrrrrr you ready for a pirate adventure? Gather your friends, transport 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.

Regular Programs Paused for Escape Room Event

Please note that all regular programs normally scheduled for Monday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 10, will not meet due to our upcoming Escape Room event. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at their next regularly scheduled time. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you'll join us for the fun!

Save the Date

Join us at JKPL for three great upcoming programs: Indoor Worm Composting on March 12, Painting with Liz on March 17, and Avoiding Scams with First Federal Bank on March 19. There's something for gardeners, artists, and anyone wanting to stay financially savvy — watch for more details in upcoming FNN issues!



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.

- **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.
- **March 18 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 18 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix 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: "When an Insider Finds Out He's an Outsider"

TEXT: Ephesians 2:1-9 and John 3:1-15 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

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

The **WHFMS Council Meeting** will be on Sunday, March 1, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 5. All members are welcome to attend.

The **Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service** will be Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Bixler Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Feb. 27

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

Sunday, March 1

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 (Bryce Whiting's class will not meet this week)

4:00 p.m. — WHFMS Council Meeting (Room 5)

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration

5:00 p.m. — Alive

6:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service (Chapel)

Monday, March 2

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells (VC)

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells (VC)

At the Village Square

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

Riverside Gifts

This shop specializes in fine gifts and cards for all occasions for family and friends. It also has a wide range of jewelry and watches.

Dig deeper into the word by choosing from Bible studies for either individual or group study. There are a variety of Bibles of print sizes and Bible covers that have pockets inside for pens and paper. The detailed animal and flower coloring books, colored pencils, and markers make fine gifts.

More rings, bracelets and necklaces have arrived in the shop! Some of the bracelets expand so no clasp is needed. Want new earrings? Choose from the huge selection of pierced and clip-on earrings in a variety of lengths and colors. Many have that wonderful sparkle we all adore!

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

Spring has come to the shop! Choose from the many cheery spring flower arrangements that will look great in vintage vases. There are new dish towels in many colors.

Other new additions include a Beauty Bake cornbread dish, a collection of carved soapstone animals from Kenya, and beautiful sets of bone China dishes. Looking to change your dinnerware at a fraction of the cost? Stop in to see the wonderful displays of settings. If you need a particular piece to complete your set, the clerks may be able to help you.

The vintage collectible jewelry has many interesting pieces in the display box. You can also find a wide variety of 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

Looking for your next great read? The Book Nook has many genres to choose from: biography, cooking, crafts, devotional, fiction, how to, mystery, plays, poetry, and religion. Need down time? Check out our many puzzles and games. Enjoy a freebie? Treasure hunting? **Search among our rare books — all are on sale now.**

Warm spring weather is coming, but until it really gets here, come check out the great prices on warm sweaters, winter-weight nighties, and cozy socks. There are also jeans in many sizes. Update your scrubs wardrobe at a fraction of the cost.

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.

Tuesday, March 3

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, March 4

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice (VC)

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

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

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will close at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 27. It will be closed all day Friday, March 13, and Monday, March 16.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

Member Services Tip of the Week

Did you know we have a lost and found area in the Village? The Information Center currently has a wide selection of items waiting to be claimed. Please come by the Information Center to see if your lost item has been turned in. All unclaimed items will be donated to Twice Nice.

Scam Tip of the Week:**County Records/Deed Scam**

Order forms from County Records Office, LLC out of Tampa, Florida, offering to send copies of recorded deeds for a \$98 or some similar amount service fee are being received. These forms are a scam.

In Suwannee County, the Official Records Division of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller is responsible for maintaining property records, such as deeds, mortgages, liens, notices of commencement, declarations of condominiums, judgments, and plats. The documents are categorized based on name, document type, recording date, consideration amount, parcel ID, and address.

With the indexing information above, these records can be accessed online through the county's Official Records Search database (<http://records.suwgov.org/landmarkweb>), where document images can be viewed and printed with an Adobe Reader.

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 Bruce Locke so that you may remember (or learn for the first time) what a wonderful person Bruce 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:

- What does the Bible say about women preachers (proclaim openly)? Does it condemn or encourage?
- What does the Bible say about the Sabbath?

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

Each ACV member has membership privileges at Copeland Community Center at no additional charge. The facility boasts both indoor amenities — heated lap pool that is handicap accessible, a Jacuzzi, weight machines, stationary bicycles, treadmills, billiard room, game room, and reading room — and outdoor ameni-

ties — lighted tennis court, shuffleboard courts, horse-shoe pits, screened pavilion, and a bocce court.

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. 18 winners: 1st high was Glenda Hamby, and 2nd high was Jim Varnell.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, March 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

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

We had great fun playing with clay last week. Some amusing creatures and beautiful flowers were made, while two people crocheted, and another knitted. Our time together flew by as we created and chatted.

Spring will soon be here in the Village, and so this Friday we'll be working on a very springy craft. Please join us and feel free to bring along your own projects to work on. 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, March 6**. 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. There will be a short pen pals 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. We will host the youth here at ACV from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a luncheon, games, and one-on-one time with your pen pal. Please confirm your attendance with me by phone or text message at (386) 330-4865.

If you would like to be a pen pal please call me 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

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658-5343

Monday–Friday • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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.

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

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household" (John 16:31, NIV). Know God, know peace. No God, no peace. It really is that simple. Without God in your life and heart, you will not experience true peace.

I have noticed that someone else has been leaving fresh vegetables out for the two tortoises on 102nd Trail. Thank you, whoever you are. We provide food as supplies allow. We have named them Stella and Clifford, though I do not think it matters which name belongs to which! Please be cautious when traveling along 102nd Trail in front of our house and toward the corner, as they may be nearby.

The speeding problem on 102nd Trail seems to have settled down, and we truly appreciate that. However, I have seen more than one stray dog wandering around Butterfield Acres. This concerns me and others who care about their safety. Please keep your dogs in a fenced area or on a leash. Do not misunderstand me — I love dogs. The more I work with people, the more I love dogs. I just do not want to see them hurt.

Speaking of dog walkers, we are blessed in Butterfield Acres to have several who walk daily. I like to think of them as "neighborhood watchers." They are out on our streets once or twice a day and often notice when something does not look right. We appreciate these residents and their dogs making their rounds. I also appreciate being contacted about unusual concerns. Feel free to call me at 658-2113 with anything that seems out of the ordinary, and I will follow up with the Sheriff's Department or our security department as needed.

We recently tried the new Italian restaurant in Madison, Florida, a sister restaurant to Mama's Italian Family Restaurant in Perry, Florida. We have visited several times and have found it delightful, with flavorful dishes and generous portions. Check it out — I think you will enjoy it.

It is always a pleasant experience to dine in Rumph Dining Room when Joan Wittman is sharing her God-given talent at the piano. Her music truly enhances our meals. Thank you, Joan, for using your gift to make such a meaningful difference in our dining experience.

Remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick—386-330-4865

We have one birthday to report as we head into March. Best wishes to Sheldyn Stamler on Thursday, March 5, as he celebrates another trip around the sun. We hope you have a wonderful day and that the year ahead is filled with blessings.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments, especially as their activities may be limited. "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise" (Jeremiah 17:14).

A safety reminder: If you ride a scooter or power chair in the evening or after dark, please turn on your lights. Many residents travel on the roads rather than sidewalks, and drivers may not see you in low light. If you see headlights approaching, move to the side of the road or onto the sidewalk. Some cars and trucks sit higher and may not see you, even if you have small lights on. Whenever possible, use the sidewalks and familiarize yourself with ramp locations to avoid preventable accidents. Always stay aware of your surroundings.

It was wonderful to see so many ACV residents at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches Open House and Horse Show. The barbecue lunch was delicious, and many of us left quite full. The youth competing in events such as buddy pick-up and the hairpin race were impressive. A great time was had by all, and we are already looking forward to next year.

We are blessed to live in a community designed with seniors in mind, offering several levels of care, including independent living, assisted living, and nursing care. Residents who remain in independent living but need occasional assistance are encouraged to contact their building manager or service coordinator when issues arise. It can be frustrating to feel unheard, but management cannot address concerns they do not know about. Reaching out to management or maintenance typically results in prompt assistance. Few communities provide the level of support available to independent residents here at ACV. We are truly blessed to call this place home.

Please continue to be respectful of fellow residents and visitors. Do not confront anyone if you believe they are violating ACV rules or policies. If you observe something unusual or inappropriate, contact the Information Center at 658-3333. They will ensure someone responds to the situation. This is your home: If you see something, say something.

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Good morning, friends and neighbors.

Winter has crept up on us again. It's like a bad coin — just keeps popping up. I hope all of you are feeling well and ready to face the day.

Focus today on what you can do right now. Try not to worry about tomorrow or what it may bring. Our Father provides what we need for each hour. He has sent a guardian angel just for you. "For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways, lest you dash your foot against a stone" (Psalm 91:11). If you've ever wondered how you've survived challenges in your lifetime, now you know — we have an angel watching over us.

The elevator is back in motion, and residents are home and happy. The repairs didn't take as long as expected. Many neighbors stopped by in the mornings to check on progress, which added to the sense of anticipation. There is joy in the house once again.

Today is National Taco Chip Day — enjoy a chip!

Signs point to an early spring. The wild plums are blooming, along with yellow jasmine and tulip trees.

My granddaughter Lorrie invited friends of her two sons over for Sunday lunch and an evening of play. Owen is seven and Riley is 10. Riley had one friend, and Owen had two. Owen said, "We will not be doing this again." When Lorrie asked why, he said, "I cannot keep two friends happy. One wants to do something different

than the other, then they get upset. I just can't make two friends happy at once, and we are not doing that again."

Have you ever had friends upset because you gave more attention to someone else? The wisdom of a seven-year-old speaks volumes: you can only keep one person happy at a time. This applies to adults, too.

Owen is very perceptive. Once he told his mother he didn't think he belonged in the family. Naturally she asked why. He replied, "He was a funny person, and all of them were not fun at all."

Jane, a mother of four, spends a lot of time shuttling them to football, dance class, soccer games, and more. She didn't realize how much time she spent on the road until someone asked her four-year-old son where he lived. He said, "In my car seat."

Until next week, be kind, smile often — you might be on camera. Love you all.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237

Good morning, neighbors.

Happy birthday to Errol Gillette on March 1 and to Carole Kueppers on March 4. May the sun shine, flowers bloom, and your days be filled with joy.

Feeling bored or suffering from a case of winter doldrums? Check the FNN for activities, clubs or games. Can't find what you're looking for? Member Services may be able to help. There may be others interested in the same activity, and you could connect with them to get started. Sometimes it only takes one person to get the ball rolling!

Only three more weeks until our "Breakfast for Dinner" potluck. I've heard rumors of some delicious recipes being considered, from casseroles of all kinds to cheesy grits. Don't forget to RSVP to me and let me know what you're bringing. I also need a headcount for setup so everyone has a seat.

This will be a fun evening of great food, good conversation, and a time of relaxation with neighbors. We'll see you Saturday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Lodge behind the Village Grocer.

As you are out and about this week, please remember to be a conscientious neighbor and check on those around you. Report anything unusual so that proper help can be sent. Let's keep Edgewood Terrace the wonderful community we've come to love.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DOWLING MANOR

Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

As I write this, my brother in Rhode Island is experiencing whiteout conditions. A blizzard is blowing outside.

This morning, I was reading about the time Jesus and His disciples were in a boat during a storm (Mark 4). Jesus calmed the storm simply by speaking to it. The disciples were terrified, but when the wind stopped (Verse 39), they realized they were in the presence of the living God, and recognized their own sinfulness. Their fear didn't discourage them from following Jesus; instead, it deepened their desire to turn from sin and trust Him more. When we face storms in life, we can thank God for a Savior who knows us, receives us, and calms our storms.

While I was away this past week, we had some special guests for Sunday morning worship and devotions. On Thursday, Feb. 19, the Randy Brown Band came to GSC, and Rev. Gene Peters and his wife, Sandy, visited Dacier Manor that afternoon to share in song and word, followed by Dick Grillo. On Sunday, Richard Johnson led worship at GSC, and Rev. David Bryant delivered the morning message. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Rev. Bob Copeland shared at GSC in the morning and Dacier Manor in the afternoon. We are grateful to all who take the time to share with us.

The GSC Senior Olympics were held Friday, Feb. 20. Let the games begin! Court versus court, winner takes all! The torch was lit, the courts were ready, and it was time for bragging rights, glory, and Olympic greatness. Residents participated in events including Puff the Magic Hairdo, Power Pop-Up, Footsie Frenzy, Dump and Deliver, Pasture Bedtime Derby, Soar and Score, and Marksman Madness. Next week's FNN will reveal who took home the gold!

The next GSC memorial service will be Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. Staff, residents, family, and friends are invited to attend as we remember and give thanks for the lives of Howard Tower, Glen Gavell, David Currier, Elwood "Woody" Sapp, Bernard "Bernie" O'Donnell, Ruth Sawyer, and Bruce Locke.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianceski—386-658-2024

Greetings from my view of the meadow. The board meeting was held Thursday, Feb. 26, so I'll have the details in next week's FNN.

We welcome Gary and Lisa Purchase to Riverwoods. They moved to Dowling Park a couple of years ago from Vero Beach. We hope you enjoy your new neighborhood!

More spring sightings: azalea and loropetalum bushes and Japanese maple trees are beginning to bloom. Spring is such a fun and beautiful season. It's when people start spending more time outdoors. We can sit on the front porch and wave to passersby — who knows, we might even meet someone new.

We are blessed to live in a place where people are not only friendly, but also helpful. I've been the recent beneficiary of a great deal of help, which has prompted me to think about ways we can minister to others. People assist others by bringing a meal, driving them to a doctor's appointment or the grocery store, feeding a pet, praying with someone who's hurting, or picking up their mail. God has given us different gifts and abilities to serve those around us. There are as many ways to help as there are people with needs.

"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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: 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

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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.

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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: 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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

I want to personally thank Doug Mabey and all his staff for taking care of us elevator refugees. The staff was great.

I would also like to thank Arlene and staff for the great service in the Lopin' Gopher for breakfast, and all the extras during the elevator crisis.

Paul Nettles

A HUGE thank you to ACV management and staff who took such good care of us Dowling House residents during the major renovations of our elevator. The lodging and meals were so appreciated as well as coordinating our moves to and from our apartments. The lady in the elevator for decades was finally able to retire!

Thank you again for all you did to make this major project so much less stressful than it could have been.

Jean Snyder

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: 2020 Platinum Nissan Altima or 2012 Dodge Challenger Coupe. Choice of one to purchase. Call 910-305-6037 or email smithfield25@gmail.com.*

FOR SALE: Single sleeping bag liner, new, in stuff bag, \$15. Stainless steel Origo alcohol stove. Campers, boaters prefer alcohol as fires — can be put out with water. Like new, \$100. Vintage Coleman Sportster gasoline stove, \$50. Free with stove, Katadyn Steri-Pen. Never used. (386) 658-1586.*

FOR SALE: Street legal electric golf cart, \$2800. Leather bucket seats, all weather enclosure, oversized tires with lots of tread, seat belts, headlights, horn, turn signals, rear storage, hitch, and more. Contact Debbie Hoffman at 954-309-9475.*

IN SEARCH OF: Looking for Mahjong players. If you are interested call Jo England at 658-3733 and leave a message. We play with the National Mahjong card.*

FOR SALE: Golden compass sport center wheel drive power chair (GP605). Gray seat and red body. \$3895 new, asking \$2000. Contact Rob at 386-688-2421.*

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SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 31
Spring Membership Fellowship
SOCK HOP/'50S DRIVE-IN

SAVE THE DATE
May 7
Theme Dinner

HOEDOWN

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Duncan Hines Double Fudge Brownie Mix	17 oz.	\$ 4.30
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Margaret Holmes Triple Succotash	14 oz.	\$ 2.00
IGA Chicken Noodle Soup	10.5 oz.	\$ 1.50
Quaker Instant Grit Packets	9.8 oz.	\$ 5.00
Chinet Platters	24 ct.	\$ 5.20
Mt. Olive Sweet Salad Cubes	8 oz.	\$ 3.00

DAIRY

Simply Lemonade	52 oz.	\$ 3.50
Dozen Large Eggs	each	\$ 2.00

PRODUCE

Lemonade Apples	each	2/\$3.00
Fresh Button Mushrooms	8 oz.	\$ 2.00

FROZEN

Marie Callender's Dinners	12 oz.	\$ 5.40
Gorton's Fish Sticks	11.4 oz.	\$ 7.00

MEAT

Sanderson Farms Chicken Wings	per lb.	\$ 4.00
Boneless New York Strips	per lb.	\$15.00
Boneless Bottom Round Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.00
Carolina Pride Cubed Ham	10 oz.	\$ 3.00
Boars Head Hotdogs	12 oz.	\$ 7.00
Curly's BBQ	16 oz.	\$ 6.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$5.30 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

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

This Week's Verse

Don't act like the people who make horoscopes and try to read their fate and future in the stars! Their ways are futile and foolish.

Jeremiah 10:2-3

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

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IT WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK ONLY.

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Lot 11 Wildwood Cir.: \$15,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS #120450.

23329 Live Oak Ln.: \$265,000; 1,238 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom/2-bath on .19 acre; beautiful backyard with screened back porch, and 1-car garage. MLS #126218.

10425 River Wood Dr.: \$279,000; 1,270 sq. ft.; built in 2018; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1-car garage. Granite countertop, security system, generator. MLS #128029.

23350 Meadow View Dr.: \$289,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. Large brick home on large lot; 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and attached 2-car garage. MLS #123514.

10498 Wildwood Dr.: \$279,000; 1,111 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom, 2-bath on .26 acres. 2 car garage, screened in breezeway with newer roof/carpet/paint and D/W. MLS #129695.

Lot 16 Wildwood Cir.: \$22,500; extra-large .66 acre, pie shaped, wooded lot. MLS #123899.

10624 Wildwood Dr.: \$299,900; 1,728 sq. ft.; beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 baths with bonus room on .34 acres. Screened and heated back porch and new roof (2025). 2 plus car garage with a golf cart bay. MLS #129777

10491 Wildwood Dr.: \$319,000; 2,011 sq. ft.; nice 3-bedroom/2-bath on .24 acres; appliances included. Many upgrades including new roof. MLS #127137.

23321 Live Oak Ln.: \$260,000; 1,254 sq. ft.; lots of upgrades in this 2-bedroom/2-bath home, including newer roof, A/C, hot water tank, cabinets and appliances. MLS #127730.

10271 Wildwood Cir.: \$295,000; 1,812 sq. ft.; spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bath with sun room and screened-in back porch overlooking the common area, newer furnace and A/C, and whole-house generator. New on the market.

Birthdays

- 1.** Errol Gillette, Mary Jane Holler, Cheryl Massengill; **2.** Larry Black, Albert Osteen Sr.*; **3.** Elizabeth Abano*, Sally Carnley*; **4.** Frank Hall, Carole Kueppers; **5.** Sheila Edenfield, Sheldyn Stamler; **6.** J.T. Peeks; **9.** Cindy Beaver, Charles Blalock, Jan Hendrickson, India Van Brunt; **12.** Bill Nickerson; **13.** Lucy Hine; **15.** Meg Burden, Mike Elder; **18.** Karen Thomas; **19.** Robert Lutz, Robin Robinson, John Rollins; **20.** Sue Donnelly, Barbara Kile; **22.** Patricia-Adele Lyons; **23.** Sylvester Bryant*, Susie Lewis, Barbara Richards, John Richmonds; **24.** Paul Cochrane, Arthur Lawrence; **25.** Vince Damiani, Phyllis Rand, Jean Wigal*; **27.** Bruce Harris, Kathy Kemp, Verdell Smith, Donna Willberg; **28.** Carmeta Clement; **29.** Debbie Davis, Mary Lou Forsythe, Marilyn Yale; **30.** Sue Whitmore; **31.** Iris Wiley*.

Anniversaries

- 4.** Jim & Dottie Frassetto; **8.** Michael & Patricia Saunders; **15.** Sarah & Jack Sisk; **17.** Maureen & Allan Wittmeyer; **23.** Larry & Kathy Black; **24.** Kathy & Steve Straub; **29.** Richard & Evelyn Gillette and Ron & Martha Capallia; **31.** Tommie & Mary Jo Stanaland.

*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.

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**Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Sam St. John**

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DON'T BE A VICTIM

FRAUD PREVENTION TIPS

If you can answer “Yes” to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a fraud or are about to be scammed!

- x Are you sending money, gift cards, checks or any money orders to anyone you met online or over the phone?
 - x Have you been informed that you are the winner of a lottery, Publisher's Clearing House, or any other prizes?
 - x Have you been instructed to wire, send or ship money as soon as possible to pay for a debt or arrest warrant, to bail a family member out of jail, or to take care of an IRS tax debt?
 - x Did you respond to an unknown email, text message, or phone call asking to verify any of your personal banking or credit account information or provide your personal information such as name, date of birth, etc.?
- ➔ The IRS, FBI, or any form of U.S. government will not call you, message you, or request that you pay them over the phone or through gift cards, or by mailing cash.
- ➔ If you receive a call stating a loved one or friend is injured, arrested, or in an accident, do not provide any information. Obtain detailed information and call the appropriate authorities to determine if the contact is real or fraudulent.
- ➔ Never provide your personal or any banking information to anyone online or over the phone, or to anyone you do not personally know and can trust with said information.

Sheriff St. John and the deputies of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office want you to stay informed on the many ways criminals work to scam their victims. Should you have any concerns or questions please contact the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office at (386) 362-2222 and ask to speak with a deputy.

Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 7–TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Dinner buffet — Italian — \$12 for members and Winter Retreat registrants; \$15 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.–1:30 p.m., RDR

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

Dinner buffet — Chili and Salad — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 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 — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 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 — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 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. 27–March 6, 2026

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

SATURDAY, 2/28

- \$2.75 Soup:** Broccoli Cheese
\$8.50 Whistle Stop Special: Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Cream Cheese Sandwich; Fruit; Pasta Salad; Assorted Desserts; Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 3/1

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Pork Loin Roast, Beef-Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Chicken
Sides: Caribbean Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Yellow Carrots, and Red Peppers), Honey Glazed Carrots, Parsley Potatoes, Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 3/2

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chicken and Dumpling
\$6.95 Entrées: Chili, Loaded Baked Potato, Liver and Onions
\$1.40 Sides: Peas and Carrots, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf with Gravy
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 3/3

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
\$2.75 Soup: Cook's Choice
\$6.95 Entrées: Carne Beef Asada on Cilantro Rice, Country Fried Steak with White Country Gravy
\$1.40 Sides: Lima Beans, Broccoli, Pinto Beans, 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. 27–March 6, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 3/4

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Garden Vegetable
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Loaded Hot Dog (Chili, Cheese, Onions and Relish), Fried Chicken
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Cabbage, Five-Way Vegetables, Cheesy Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 3/5

- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Greek Beef, BBQ Chicken
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Okra and Tomatoes, Grilled Yellow Squash, Greek Rice, Cold Salads, Fruit
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 3/6

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Smoked Sausage, Fried Cod
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Mixed Greens, Malibu Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots), Green Beans, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits, Hush Puppies
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Friday and Saturday Soup:
Don's Mexican Street Corn Chowder**

Friday, Feb. 27

Lunch only: Turkey, Bacon and Swiss Melt on a
Croissant, with a Side of Chips, \$13.95
All day: Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$16.95

Saturday, Feb. 28

All day: Glazed Ham with Pineapple, a Vegetable,
and Scalloped Potatoes, \$17.95

Ann & Quinton
Rumph
DINING ROOM

658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm

THE LOPIN' GOPHER
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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