



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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JANUARY 12, 2024

Friday	1/12	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS Bus Trip: Santa Fe Planetarium—DH & LAP VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	1/13	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR Senior Adults Gospel Festival—VC
Sunday	1/14	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	1/15	Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day First Federal Bank, the JKPL, and the post office are closed today. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	VCBI: Studies in First Peter—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	1/16	8:30 a.m. <i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Lake City Shopping—DH & LAP <i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: Removing the Shadows From the Book of Hebrews Part 3—VC Room 6 <i>Voice of the Martyrs—OPR</i> GriefShare—VC Room 5 Garden Club Meeting—SMR/DR SongFarmers—SMR/DR
Wednesday	1/17	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Watkins Hobby Shop Meeting—SMR/DR VCBI: Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity—VC Room 5 Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Save A Lot & Winn Dixie—CH & DH RW HOA Meeting—SMR/DR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	1/18	The Village Cashier's Office is closed today. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC VCBI: What's the Reason and Purpose for Missions in Our Church?—VC Room 5 Membership Association Meeting—RDR
Friday	1/19	The Village Cashier's Office is closed today. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Sit 'N Stitch—CH Live! at Dowling Park: Tiffany Coburn—VC

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

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

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: SANTA FE PLANETARIUM

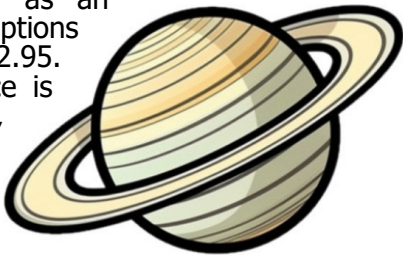
Friday, Jan. 12

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

Bus: \$14.00 members, \$21 non-members

A private showing at Santa Fe College's Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Gainesville, Florida, has been arranged for Friday, Jan. 12. Our group will watch *Planets in the House 4.0*, a live presentation that explores the eight planets and five dwarf planets of our solar system. "Discover the unexpected places where life might possibly exist and find out what really happened to Pluto! *Planets in the House 4.0* is always up to date with the latest planetary discoveries being made by NASA spacecraft and Earth-based observatories." The cost for the 55-minute show is \$5.00 per person and is included in the bus fee.

Prior to arriving at the planetarium, the bus will stop at Pomodoro Café for lunch. Pomodoro Café offers a variety of Italian dishes featuring seafood, chicken, steak, and veal, as well as an extensive pizza menu. Options range from \$6.00 to \$22.95. Since the planetarium price is collected with the bus fee, you only need to bring money for lunch. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.



LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in SMR/DR. Our speaker will be Jan Cuddy. In 1984, while on staff at a graduate school in Tennessee, she was selected as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the community. She continues that passion here at ACV. 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 \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The guest speaker will be VC senior pastor Rev. Sam Worley.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration and breaking bread together!

BUS TRIP: LAKE CITY SHOPPING

Tuesday, Jan. 16,

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

Bus: \$7.00 members, \$12 non-members

Tuesday, Jan. 16, the trip bus will be going to the Lake City mall area. Some of the stores at the mall are Belk, JCPenny, T.J. Maxx, Cato Fashions and Bath & Body Works. Nearby are stores such as Big Lots, Ross Dress for Less, and Hobby Lobby. Dutch treat lunch will be at an area restaurant. The bus will leave DH at 8:45 and LAP at 9:00 a.m. The trip bus cost is \$7.00 for members and \$12 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.



GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2:00 p.m. - DR

The next Garden Club meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the DR. Everyone is welcome.

Have you often wished you had more space in your plot? Have you often wanted to alternate vegetables and flowering plants but were unsure what to pair? Have you wanted to assist garden ecology by partnering plants that attract beneficial insects or repel those that might be harmful? Have you ever wondered why some plants just will not flourish in the same plot?

Companion Planting might be your answer. Planting different vegetables and/or flowers in proximity can assist weed suppression and pest control, provide a habitat for useful insects, maximize use of space, and help increase crop productivity. Come to the Jan. 16 Garden Club meeting to hear Master Gardner Betsey Martin give details on plants that can complement each other or can be harmful to one another. Learn what varieties balance and pair with others.

WATKINS HOBBY SHOP MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 9:00 a.m. - SMR/DR

A meeting of the members of Watkins Hobby Shop has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 9:00 a.m. in SMR/DR.

RIVERWOODS HOA MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

A RW HOA meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in SMR/DR.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2:00 p.m.

If you are an ACV member, please plan to join us at the first Membership Association Meeting of 2024 on Thursday, Jan. 18, to hear more about ACV's Home Care Agency. The speaker will be Candace Lawson, RN, the director of nursing over the agency. She will review the different services that are offered, pricing, and which insurance companies they accept. Whether you need home care now or might need it in the future, plan to come learn more about this important service offered right here at ACV.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:

TIFFANY COBURN

Friday, Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. - VC

Tiffany Coburn has been called a singer's singer! Her love of music is undeniable. Whether you hear her singing with Disney's Voices of Liberty, a capella sensation Voctave, or performing her own concerts, your heart will be moved by her voice. She has toured with Larnelle Harris and Sandi Patty, just to name a few. She has appeared at the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. She represented the U.S. at the April Spring Friendship Festival in Pyongyang, North Korea, against 40 other countries and brought home First Place honors. And she recorded the theme song, "Share a Dream Come True" for Disney's 100 Years of Magic, EPCOT's "Tapestry of Dreams Parade" and Sea World's "Turtle Trek".

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$120 (ACV member) and \$180 (non-member). Those with season passes may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



ANNUAL TAX UPDATE

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2:00 p.m. - DR

Nancy Harrison, CPA, will be presenting her annual tax update on Jan. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the DR. All area residents are invited. Nancy will be available to answer any questions you might have after the presentation.

Residents are always welcome to call Nancy at (386) 249-2944 or (850) 212-6799 if they have any questions.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

SENIOR ADULTS GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m. - VC

Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends are coming to Dowling Park for a fun afternoon of Gospel music and clean comedy. Tickets are only \$20 per person for all three shows. Tickets can be purchased at the VC office with cash or check, or with credit card at <http://bit.ly/senioradultsgospel>. Call (863) 875-8191 for groups of 20 or more.

ISRAEL TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m. - SMR

Do you have questions about Israel, the Jewish people in Israel and America, the war that is happening right now, and what the Bible says has happened and will happen to the Jews? Rev. Stephen Atkinson, Director of Christian Witness To Israel (North America), will be here to share with us the answers to these questions and any others you may have about Jesus and Israel. Christian Witness to Israel is an evangelistic ministry to the Jewish people in America, sharing the unconditional love of Jesus with them. Come have some fellowship and refreshments and learn how Romans 9–11 is being fulfilled today.

This event is being hosted by the Harbinger Bible Conference and Dr. G. Michael Saunders (former evangelist to the Jewish people).

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

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

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Closed

The JKPL will be closed Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Crochet Creations

There will not be a Crochet Creations group this Thursday, Jan. 11.

Hot Topics Discussion Group

The new Hot Topics: Search for Solutions discussion group will begin meeting at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, Jan. 11. The group will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The topic will be shared in the FNN so that you can be prepared for a terrific discussion. The main goal of this group is to promote critical thinking and respectful discussion about topics that are relevant to today's world. This week's topic will be the space program.

SongFarmers

Start the new year off with a fun evening full of music and laughs. Join the SongFarmers on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:00 p.m. in SMR/DR for a great time. Clap your hands, sing along, and enjoy the shared musical experience!

Gallery Wall and Display Case

A beautiful display of black and white artwork is on the gallery wall and the wall adjacent to the biographies

this month. These stunning pieces prove that you don't always need color to capture beauty. In contrast, gorgeous colors that only nature can make are displayed in the glass case. From petrified wood to natural stone and even a cutaway view of an ammonite fossil.

Department of Health Education Classes

Get off to a healthy start in the new year by attending a health education class presented by the Department of Health. On Jan. 23, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., come learn all about high blood pressure. You might be surprised at some of the myths surrounding this condition!

New Books for a New Year!

Check out (we mean that literally) the new books at JKPL! From Dolly Parton's new biography, *Behind the Seams, My Life in Rhinestones*, and B. Bradford's *The Wonder of it All* to the 2024 Old Farmer's Almanac and a new large print James Patterson. Maybe you'd like to try a new author; we have plenty of recommendations! Looking for something new to watch? Try one of the new movies like *Hot Seat* (Mel Gibson), *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* (Harrison Ford), and *No Hard Feelings* (Jennifer Lawrence). It's all here for you at the JKPL!

Starbooks Café Topic for Jan. 16

What do you miss most about your working years? What do you enjoy the most about your retirement?

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

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



BUS TRIPS

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

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

- **Jan. 17, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 17, Wednesday p.m. — Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Save A Lot at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m. The bus will drop off Winn-Dixie on the way to Save A Lot, park at Save A Lot, and pick up at Winn-Dixie on the way home.
- **Jan. 24, Wednesday a.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **Jan. 24, Wednesday p.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 31, Wednesday** — Fifth Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- Jan. 12 — Santa Fe Planetarium
- Jan. 16 — Lake City Shopping
- Jan. 29 — Dine-Out to Big Nick's
- Jan. 31 — Fifth Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak
- Feb. 3 — All Aboard Festival in Live Oak

☞ *At the Village Square* ☜

Riverside Gifts

The Christmas items continue to be on sale at a huge discount for one week only. It's good to stock up now or treat yourself.

A new-to-us grandfather clock is now in our store. Stop in to hear its gorgeous tones. (Delivery details can be discussed if needed.)

The cooler weather continues, which means soups and stews are on the menu. Stop in to see the large mugs with their bigger handles. Some mugs even come with covers.

One item carried here that is rarely mentioned is the pocketknife. There are a number of these in different styles and sizes, with a variety of knives and other tool attachments. Ask the store clerk for details on these.

Reminder: Watch batteries can be replaced for a reasonable price. Stop in for details.

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

Rustic Shop

If you are looking for substantial mugs, check out the Amsterdam pottery mugs with their strong handles. If you are looking for smaller mugs for smaller hands, you'll find beautifully decorated mugs.

This store has Lenox plates, a candy dish trimmed in red, and unity candles for weddings and other special occasions. The prices on these beautiful items are reasonable.

New dignity covers (worn over one's clothing while eating) are in stock in a variety of colors and sizes.

Don't forget to restock your kitchen with those useful scrubbies, which come in a variety of colors and sizes. They are great for dishes, glassware, and in other areas that need non-scratching scrubbing.

Special note: Unfortunately, clothing alterations will not be continuing. We thank our seamstress for her wonderful work.

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

Twice Nice Shop

Hooray! Shop days have expanded; it is now open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m!

All ladies' blouses and slacks are on sale through Jan. 13! You'll find many blouse styles, sleeve lengths, and colors to coordinate with the slacks.

Cookbooks are still on sale at a phenomenal price. The variety will amaze you and encourage you to try new recipes or go back to well-remembered ones. **DVDs are still 50¢ and CDs are 25¢.**

Children's clothing for toddlers and children will surprise you with the low prices.

Remember, Bibles and hymnals are always free in the Book Nook!

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

☞ *On CR 250* ☜

Twice Nice Furniture & More

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

First Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Baby, it's cold outside! Check out our "Winter Things" shelves for snowman trinkets, sweaters, blankets, heating pads, and more.

DINE-OUT TO BIG NICK'S BBQ

Monday, Jan. 29

4:15 p.m. - DH & 4:30 p.m. - LAP

Bus: \$6.00 members, \$11 non-members

Monday, Jan. 29, the trip bus will be going to Big Nick's BBQ, Soul Food and Wings in Valdosta, Georgia. Big Nick's offers a variety of dishes of wings, BBQ, seafood, salads and southern dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$30. Bus cost is \$6.00 for members and \$11 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

5TH WEDNESDAY LIVE OAK SHOPPING

Wednesday, Jan. 31

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

Bus: members free, \$9.00 non-members

On Jan. 31, the fifth Wednesday of January, we will start the day at the Old General Store in Branford, and then will visit various stores around Live Oak such as Dollar Store, Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store, Melody Thrift Store and New Life Bible Book Store, lunch at Live Oak Sub Shop for a salad or sandwich, South Oaks Square (Big Lots, Bealls Outlet, Farmers Furniture, and more), and the Save A Lot shopping center (Roses Express, Harbor Freight, and more). The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m. and from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Bus fee is free for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

ALL ABOARD FESTIVAL

Saturday, Feb. 3

9:45 a.m. - DH & 10:00 a.m. - LAP

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

All aboard! Suwannee Festivals presents the All Aboard Festival on Feb. 3 featuring music, food, vendors, and more at Heritage Square and the Suwannee County Museum. Dick Grillo is also scheduled to perform. Please sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314

SERMON: "Celebrating Christ's Church"

TEXT: Ephesians 1:3–10 and Colossians 1:1–8 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

Saturday, Jan. 13, starting at 1:00 p.m. enjoy an afternoon of good music and great laughter with **Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends.** Tickets of \$20 per person can be purchased from the VC office.

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, Jan. 12

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study is cancelled

1:00 p.m. — VCBI, Michael Saunders (CCC)

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

Sunday, Jan. 14

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

4:00 p.m. — Alive (VC), Younger Youth (Lighthouse)

5:00 p.m. — Musical Practice (VC)

6:00 p.m. — Older Youth (Lighthouse)

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

Monday, Jan. 15

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth Hand Bell Practice

7:00 p.m. — Adult Hand Bell Practice

Tuesday, Jan. 16

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

10:00 a.m. — VCBI, S. Storey & M. Elder (VC Room 6)

2:00 p.m. — GriefShare Class (VC Room 5)

Wednesday, Jan. 17

10:00 a.m. — VCBI Class, Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 18

10:00 a.m. — VCBI Class, Paul Cochrane (VC Room 5)

Friday, Jan. 19

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

VILLAGE CASHIER

Lynn Mabey-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Thursday, Jan. 18, and Friday, Jan. 19.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter-658-5400

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is returning to First Baptist Church of Dowling Park. Volunteers will be at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park on Saturdays during income tax season to assist people who make less than \$75,000 per year. They need volunteer greeters, preparers and reviewers to help those who have simple returns to get their taxes done for free. Free training will be provided. VITA volunteers make tax returns simple. Any help you can give would be appreciated for this calling. For information, contact Jim Broten at (386) 209-6831 or JMB013@live.com.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Did you know that Stephen Foster made our Suwannee River famous by his song and he never even saw the Suwannee River? Stephen Foster was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, in 1826 and died in NYC in 1864. He has become one of the most famous musical composers in the United States. He was not well known to the public during his lifetime as he did not perform his own music professionally. He composed more than 200 works in his lifetime. Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park is located nearby in White Springs, Florida.

**Scam Tip of the Week:
Social Security Scam**

The No. 1 thing Social Security scammers do is solicit information from people over the phone by posing as representatives for the Social Security Administration (SSA). They trick people into giving them personal information including their Social Security numbers and bank transfer information. These con artists prey on unsuspecting victims by claiming the authority of the agency and then telling them there's a problem with their account.

The following are facts to keep in mind about the SSA:

- Social Security accounts are never suspended.
- The SSA will never ask for your Social Security number over the phone.
- Anytime someone calls claiming a citizen owes the SSA money, this is a lie and a scam.
- The SSA will not call you regarding issues with your account. Their first and most common method is always by letters in the mail.
- The SSA will not pressure recipients to respond with deadlines and payments.

People should never give out personal information over the phone, and if they believe a call might be legitimate they should hang up, check their account online, and then initiate a call to the SSA if need be. (Source: Daily360.com)

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call Betsey Ruehl by noon on Monday at (386) 658-1766. If you cannot reach Betsey, call Betty Driggers at 658-1043.

Congratulations to our Dec. 3 winners: 1st high, Betsey Ruehl, and 2nd high, Cindy Hett.

Those who would like to learn how to play or would like a refresher should call Betsey.



HIDDEN GARDEN FRIENDS

Ellie Foerste, Reporter

Happy New Year, Epiphany and Three Kings Day (Jan. 6)! The year starts with blustery cold air. I'm a Florida native and wear long sleeves when the temps drop below 70! We so appreciate the help of Beth Bauer, Andy Durance and Jay Dresser who have been moving and covering tender plants on cold nights. Anyone interested in playing in the dirt or learning about north Florida plants and growing seasons is welcome to join us in the Hidden Garden.

During winter, we meet 8:00-10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. if it is too cold!) to plant, harvest, trim, and plan for future activities. It is a good social time and time to learn and play together. The raised beds are designed for easy access for anyone with a walker, wheel chair or motor chair.

The space used to be a therapy garden when the nursing home was located in the J. Ralph Smith building. Now it is a therapeutic garden. Come anytime to watch birds at the feeders or butterflies come to the flowers. I saw a hummingbird at the native red honeysuckle flowers the week before Christmas!

We plant vegetables and herbs for food for humans and flowers for hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators. It is a great place to watch the sunset, write poetry, sketch, paint, read a book, or call a friend. An outlet on the pergola post next to the bench is a convenient place to recharge your phone or tablet.

Enjoy the tranquility and recharge your mind and your soul in the Hidden Garden. We are in need of a few volunteers who are available one hour, one day each week and are able to use the hose to hand water new plants and flowers in containers where we have no sprinklers. Call Marge Reach at (706) 897-2965 or myself at (407) 908-4379 for a tour or more information.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday-Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Two books were recently donated and are now ready for check-out: *Operation Joktan* and *By Way of Deception*, both by Amir Tsarfati and Steve Yohn. Amir Tsarfati is a former major in the Israeli Defense Forces and the founder and president of Behold Israel, a source for information about Israel from a Biblical and prophetic standpoint. The books can be found to the right of the card catalog.

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

**A Committee of the Membership Association
Monica Serlick, Reporter**

The pen pal meeting was informative, and we are all delighted for Debbie Hoffman and the award she received from the FSyr, presented by Sheriff Sam St. John. See details on the ACV website. Congratulations, Debbie!



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Tom's Chili all Week!

Friday, Jan. 12

Chicken Francese with Wild Rice and Vegetable

Saturday, Jan. 13

Beer Battered Cod with Homemade Chips and Cole Slaw

We are looking at the possibility of hosting the youth here at ACV in mid-March. More details will come when we set a date. Additionally, for those who did not attend the meeting, please feel free to mail me your contribution towards the award we will be presenting.

The annual 66th FSyr Open House and Rodeo will be held Feb. 23–25. The Village is invited and is going for the day on Saturday, Feb. 24. Those who ride on the Village bus will receive complimentary admission and lunch. If you go by car you will have to pay the entry fee of \$10 per car, and you will have to buy your lunch ticket. Please pay your bus fee of \$5.00 at the IC and reserve your seat. If you go by car, PLEASE do not tell the gate people that you are with the bus from the Village and would like your free entry and lunch tickets. They won't have any available as this is pre-arranged.

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Rev. Robin Copeland, Reporter

What is going on with Stephen Ministry? ACV was officially enrolled effective Dec. 27. Stephen Minister Training will begin in September 2024. The trainings will be on Mondays, 5:00–7:30 p.m. The Stephen Ministry office is located in MS. If you have any questions about Stephen Ministries, feel free to contact me at stephenministries@acvillage.net.

VILLAGE VOICES

Nancy Seale, reporter

The following words were spoken by a very wise and compassionate man: "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

Jimmy Carter, the 76th governor of Georgia (1971–75), the 39th president of the United States (1977–81), and the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 spoke the above words. Here are two more of his quotes that I love: "You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can." "And once more: The only failure is not trying."

Building on the above quotes from Pres. Carter, I want to share a "wee bit" of encouragement with you in hopes of inspiring you as the submission window is soon closing for the upcoming publication of *Village Voices*.

The very best way to be successful in writing is to pick up a pencil or pen and begin writing. It's just that simple. You will never be successful in writing if you don't try. The current theme, "Strength and Courage", is a wonderful opportunity to be just that — strong and courageous. Give it a try.

My precious Daddy used to say to me, "Nancy, can't never could!" All my life, I tried to win playing checkers with Daddy. I never did, not ever, not even once. But I never stopped trying. Then I decided that we should reverse the strategy, and we would play what we called "Give Away", where the goal was to get rid of all your checkers. Yep, you probably guessed the result of that. I never once was successful at winning, no matter which way we played. Did I have fun? Absolutely! (The fun was in the trying and being with Daddy.)

Because of the holidays there were two issues of the FNN with no article giving *Village Voices* updates. Therefore, we are extending the deadline to Friday, Jan. 19. This gives you the chance to finish what you have started; get into "high gear" and "git-r-done".

The *Village Voices* submission envelope is still on the counter in MS. It's awaiting your submission. The clock is ticking, "tick-tock, tick-tock." My email address is basketcasenan51@gmail.com if that is easier for you.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

My goodness, since they gave us two weeks off, I think I need to be retrained on reporting to you all. It was nice not having to worry about a report, but I am glad I am back at the keyboard again.

The biggest news is that Thursday, Jan. 11, is our potluck dinner. I do hope you remembered and set the date aside. We will meet at the Harmony Center at 5:00 p.m. for good food and good fellowship. Remember to bring a gift to trade in our "white elephant" gift exchange. Our annual dues are due: \$5.00 per person (\$10 max per household). These funds go to pay for our streetlight at the corner of 102nd Trace and CR 136. I wonder if anyone has asked for a quote to have streetlights installed throughout our neighborhood. That is something to think about. Lights are the biggest deterrent to crime, it has been proven.

Have you sent in your birthday and anniversary dates? Well, these folks have and are celebrating accordingly: Steve Hett's special day was Jan. 6. Following him is Benson Nissley who will turn another year older on the 15th of the month. Next we see Keith White will be getting a year older on the 21st, with Wayne Casey celebrating on the 28th, and Dorothy Morey who I believe has moved to DM will celebrate her birthday on the last day of the month, the 31st of January.

Have you ever wondered why February has fewer number of days in it? Well I have, and come to find our February used to be the last month of the year, which is the reason it has the shortest number of days.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

Happy New Year to everyone! It has been quite a busy holiday season and much travel hither and yon. Welcome back to all our travelers who were away visiting family and friends and those that had visitors

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staying with them. Hopefully everyone has been able to get back into their regular routines.

We have three birthdays coming up this week. Happy birthday wishes go out to Barbara White on Jan. 14, Linda Randall on Jan. 15, and Jane Harrison on Jan. 16. Blessings for all to have a wonderful and memorable day. "Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years" (Shutterfly.com).

If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details. Please continue to keep those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your prayers.

Did you know that Jan. 13 is the observance of Stephen Foster Memorial Day? If you get the chance to visit the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit the museum there. It is just a short drive away. Jan. 15 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is a state and federal holiday. No mail will be delivered. We run into a flurry of holidays coming up in February, and then we look at the coming of the Easter holidays.

I would like to let folks know that I am moving from Apt. 613 to Apt. 516 — down one floor, and staying in CH. My mailing address and all other contact information remains the same.

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

DOWLING HOUSE

Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter

Don't forget to wish a happy birthday to your neighbors: June Hreha on Jan. 7, Carolyn Ward on Jan. 14, and Lisa Moore on Jan. 16.

Alisa Staats enjoyed a visit from her sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Dan Hodge. They arrived in time on Christmas Eve to attend the VC service, and they all ate dinner in RDR with Nancy Lange and Jeannine Stephens. Then on Tuesday, they all drove to Jasper to reminisce about growing up there, and then stopped at Derrick's BBQ in Live Oak for a late lunch on the way back to ACV. Tuesday night, Alisa hosted a small get-together in the fourth floor solarium so Judy and Dan could visit with ACV friends. Everyone enjoyed the time together. Judy and Dan left Wednesday morning to head back to Des Moines, Iowa, and arrived safely back home Thursday night.

Scarlett Petroff had a great car journey from here to the Michigan shores of Lake Michigan. "Amongst the places, family and friends, the lake sunsets were God's greatest gift," she says.

Thursday, Jan. 4, Lisa Moore and I went for a hike on the white trail along the river. In walking the trail, we could see by all the damage, debris, and downed trees just how blessed we were when Hurricane Idalia came through here. God is faithful to protect us, and that He did. If you walk the trails, please be careful as there are leaning trees; one big tree (newly fallen across the trail) is suspended about four feet off the ground; and large branches high up are hanging loose on other branches, ready to fall on a windy day. It's a whole new landscape, like when the Lord comes into our heart and changes the landscape there.

In closing, with the new year already upon us, remember the past is full of lessons learned, the present is where we are to apply those lessons learned, and the future is where we meet Jesus Christ, to give an account of it all.

Trust God, walk in Christ, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in all truth. I wish you all a blessed year in Christ.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Sandra Kelly, Reporter

I have been out of commission recently so I have a lot of birthday congratulations to tender. Happy belated birthday to Phyllis Hollister on Dec. 3, Karen Pulhar on Dec. 7, Bruce Forinash on Dec. 8, Gloria Williams on

Dec. 17, Joann Singletary on Dec. 21, and Herschel Kelly on Dec. 23! Women with December birthdays are warm, spirited and beautiful inside and out. Men with December birthdays are among the coolest! It takes a lot of guts to celebrate a birthday amid all the holiday hoopla with no chance of having the limelight to yourself. So, a thousand happy returns to you all.

December always has so many happy events to look forward to. The Village was all decked out with lights and colorful decorations that lifted the spirits and brought joy to the heart. The sacredness of the season offered peace to the soul, calmed our anxieties, and offered hope for the future. We celebrated with socials, luncheons, parades, and worship.

How nice it was to get together with family and neighbors to renew friendships, catch up on all the happenings, and get to know each other on an expanding level. And the food! Who didn't enjoy the varied recipes that gave us something new to try at home?

Celebrating the holidays creates memories and builds traditions. It fosters togetherness and bonding; it promotes peace and unity. But it is also a little sad: the end of the year, the letdown after all the excitement, the cleanup, and the repacking of memories and mementos. And the returns! And then we are off on another adventure, beginning a new year. How nice it is to live in a community where we are revitalized by our continued creation and renewal of friendships.

Our August storm changed the physical aspect of the Village landscape but did not dampen our spirits. How exciting to see the blue tarps disappear and the new shingles appear. And how nice it is to visit River Landing Bistro and enjoy the meals available there, to visit the shops again, and find hidden treasures. The beginning of a new year gives us another opportunity to count our blessings. Even though we encounter roadblocks and sometimes we seem to take a dozen steps backward for every two forward, the support and care shown by the community is the biggest blessing of all.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Recently on a cold Sunday morning I saw a number of vultures sitting atop the water tower at ACV. As the vultures ringed the water tower, they perched with their wings spread apart toward the rising sun. I have seen other birds do this, especially water fowl, like cormorants, which do this to dry their wings. My first thought was that they were opening their wings to catch whatever rays of sun they could so they could warm up after a cold night! I read about vultures and found that on some nights they can lose up to four degrees of their body heat. I would think this was a good reason for them to sit atop the ACV water tower as soon as the sun came up! The sun brings heat, and though on a cold day it may not seem to bring too much heat, it's amazing to see how quickly ice on a windshield melts when the rays of sun hit it, so these big birds wanted to get as much exposure to the warmth of the sun as they were able.

Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." God's people can warm up in this cold world by reading and knowing God's Word. The world can drain us of our spiritual warmth, that's why we need much exposure to the light of God's Word. Open up and let the light of God's Word shine into your life.

Sunday, Dec. 31, Rev. Gene "Coach" Peters and his wife, Sandy, came to GSC to minister for the morning worship service. Thanks to Coach and Sandy for singing and sharing God's Word with our wonderful residents. I hear they even want you to come back! We can make that happen!

Over the Advent season we had a number of people help with the Advent readings each week at the beginning of our Sunday morning worship as we lit the candles. My wife, Evelyn, joined me in reading one Sunday, Dick McClaine and Barbara Marcum, Jack and Barbara Dixon, and Arlene Hodge and Arlene Williamson also took part in making the Advent season meaningful. Thanks for taking time to share with us.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, GSC held a memorial service in which we remembered the lives of our residents who had passed in December. Those we honored were Aleta Bingman, Walter Howell Jr., William Hunter, Christle "CJ" Holzman, J.C. Crews, Betty Jacobs and Marilyn Smigill. My apologies for not getting this in before the service.

I have a number of used Bibles of various versions and some Giant Print KJV Bibles available for anyone who would like one. Please contact me at (386) 249-2792 or barnold@acvillage.net.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

As we start a new year, we have the opportunity to make changes in the way we see things or do things. Our choices can take us in directions we might not otherwise have taken. Resolutions have a way of either freeing us or trapping us. For instance, if you did not keep all of last year's resolutions, now is your time to try again, or admit it wasn't attainable or choose not to make resolutions in the future. It really is nothing more than a promise you make to yourself. You can do that any day.

In RW we are seeing some new faces. As a reminder to those who have moved in recently or are moving in soon, there are certain procedures to follow if you want to make any changes to your new home. The documents specify those processes. As an aid to newcomers, I started two lists. The first list is of contractors and medical professionals used and recommended by your neighbors for all kinds of work or services. The second is a list of the pets owned by your neighbors.

Sometimes, something attracts our pet's attention when we are least prepared to explore. Should your cat or dog decide to go sightseeing in its new neighborhood, it is a good idea for someone to recognize him or her. I keep a photo directory of those pets with the pet's name, the owners' names, and their address, just in case. If you are new to RW, just send an e-mail to me with a picture and that information to betseywr@yahoo.com

When Gary and I moved here at the end of 2020, COVID was hampering everyone's ability to meet and greet. Dog walking was a great way for us to do that. We also joined in on whatever activities we thought could introduce us to like-minded people. It is fun to meet those who have been here almost to the very beginning of the neighborhood and to learn what changes have occurred. It is also fun to plan new activities. We have formed the RW social committee to do that. We would love to have your ideas. We are still looking for those who want to play cornhole once the weather gets a little warmer. It might be time for a potluck also.

MEMBER BENEFITS

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

This week's member benefit of note:

ACV members enjoy free use of conference, event and community spaces for personal and family events based

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



on availability (indoor and outdoor). Common areas and several facilities are available for members' enjoyment without charge. When reserved for private or group use, a charge may be added for set up and clean up. To begin the reservation process, call James Sutter in MS at 658-5400. Some exclusions apply.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ACV COMMUNICATION UPDATE

We are expanding our communications with members this year to keep you up to date with everything happening at ACV. Many of you noticed this on Tuesday when we sent two emails giving updates about the storm and our siren system. We will be using email more frequently to send you news about activities and events, weather, and project updates, and even birthday cards!

A letter has gone out to all members asking for your updated email addresses and also your mobile phone numbers. For urgent communications, we will send text message updates to those who have provided mobile phone numbers, especially those who do not have email. We will continue to use the emergency information line (208-1770) with recorded messages for those who do not use email or cell phones.

Please send your email and mobile phone information to Michelle Pollina at mpollina@acvillage.net or drop off the form at the IC. Thank you!

Michelle Pollina, Communications Specialist

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

Verna Piper, Reporter

There are two more work days scheduled for this month: Fridays Jan. 12 and 26. Come to my home in Taylor Commons any time between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., at 11052 Dowling Park Drive next to Cleo's Meeting House.

HAIR CROPPERS

We are now featuring our winter basic pedicure. Our winter basic pedicure allows you to relax and get away from this hectic time of year while enjoying the beautiful view of the river. You'll soak your feet in a warm foot bath, then enjoy an aromatic foot scrub, detoxifying foot mask, and warm paraffin dip. Finish with a tension-relieving foot massage.

Our winter basic pedicure costs \$50 and is the perfect solution for anyone who doesn't want polish but loves to feel pampered.

Schedule your appointment today by calling or texting (386) 205-3791.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment.

Kindly give 12-24-hour notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the VS professional offices: Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT

The dock used to board the Suwannee Belle is damaged and needs to be repaired before we can offer pontoon boat rides again. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

RIDE-ABOUT

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

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

Q: Is there anything planned for Valentine's Day?

A: Yes. ACV is planning a special dinner, but it's too early to release details. Stay tuned.

THANK YOU

Dear family in Christ and friends, Tom and I would like to praise God and thank all of you for your kindness in giving to us. My recent episode with a compression fracture and stays in the hospital were not fun but have shown us how much we are loved and cared for.

Thank you for the meals, calls, cards, thoughts, prayers, and on and on. It is a joy to live in ACV and know that people do care for us and think about us.

In Him, Sandy (and Tom) Spannagle

I'm astonished. Thank you. God bless you.

Pat Moseley

Evelyn and I would like to thank all who have prayed for us through these past couple of years. Many have asked me how I'm feeling, and I can say this: I feel the best I have in a long time. I finally got the PICC line out of my arm the day after Christmas! Merry Christmas to me! The Lord has worked in many ways (along with good doctors and antibiotics), and I thank God that I am completely pain free. Someone asked me if they should still pray, and I said yes, pray and thank God for all He has done! We're trusting God for good health for 2024!

Bruce Arnold, GSC/DM Chaplain

MISCELLANEOUS

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

FOR SALE: So Lite SL mobility scooter, used only once in the Gainesville mall. Price reduced 33% below Amazon price to \$1353. Contact Lew at 334-200-6331.**

FOUND: Will the person who found my purse in the post office lobby please call me at 658-3271.**

FOR SALE: Oster Roaster Oven (red); never been used. Call 386-249-5141.**

FOR SALE: Men's shoes, new, size 8½ wide. Two pairs of Rockford 7100 black walkers, leather uppers. One pair of Rockford tan dress shoes, leather uppers, plain toe. All are brand new in the boxes, asking \$55 each pair, OBO. Steve Banks, Village Lodge, 209-777-4818.*

MOVING SALE: Friday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan. 13, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Sony 32" flat screen, \$70; furniture; pictures; bric-a-brac. Contact Yvonne at 386-219-8675. CH 406.*

FOR SALE: China service for 12, Platina by Sango. Compare on Ebay, Etsy. Many extra pieces. \$150 firm. Brother Laser printer HL2240. Scan Snap 5150. \$50 each OBO. Student computer desk with pull-out keyboard shelf, \$25. Leave message at 386-658-1586.*

FOUND: Two phones have been turned into the IC. If you've lost your phone, call 658-3333.*

A NEW YEAR TO GROW

We of course are saddened by the landscapes and natural woodlands changed by Hurricane Idalia. However, we know there is a greater plan for all of us in our Village community. There are new opportunities for us to grow daily through so many activities here. We can also grow our new natural surroundings in a more sustainable way.

Select native trees, shrubs, and ground covers that are adapted to our North Florida climate and the new sun patterns in your yard. Drought-tolerant Florida-native plants in the "right place" can usually thrive without fertilizer or extra water after three to six months of establishment.

While we have access to water when we turn on a faucet, it is prudent to select plants that are native and naturally drought-tolerant and save well water for critical needs as the Village plans to expand. Also choose trees and shrubs to fit the desired height and available space. No need to plant tall growing shrubs under windows or by doorways that require endless trimming. Select small trees for our small yards.

University of Florida IFAS Extension has great resources, books, computer databases and classes to help you select replacement small tree, shrubs and groundcovers. Additional information on Florida-friendly landscaping is available at <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu>. This includes information for home and community landscapes, and groundskeeping and landscape professionals.

The free online video sessions are a great resource! The Village library and computer lab also has reference Florida plant books for use in the library. UF IFAS Suwannee County Extension is located in Live Oak at the Coliseum building. Ask about plant problems, soil testing, and classes. They also offer very practical workshops and the Florida Master Gardener Certification training. You can call the office at (386) 362-2771.

Submitted by Ellie Foerste

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

May God make the coming year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes. Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path. Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart. Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows. Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

Submitted by Betsey Ruehl

FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS

"As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, forgetful delight, nor with the quickness of impulsive thoughtlessness. But let us go out with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays hold broken and irreversible things for us. It is true that we have lost opportunities that will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past rest, but let it rest in the sweet embrace of Christ. Leave the broken, irreversible past in His hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him."

Submitted by Patricia-Adele Lyons



"Yes?"

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Armour Corned Beef Hash	14 oz.	\$ 2.79
Kleenex Facial Tissue	160 ct.	\$ 3.39
Musselman's Apple Sauce	64 oz.	\$ 3.79
European Grilling Bread	16 oz.	\$ 3.99
Quaker Life Cereal	13 oz.	\$ 4.99

DAIRY

Dutch Farms Sliced Cheese, all varieties	6 oz.	\$ 2.99
Dutch Farms Ricotta Cheese	15 oz.	\$ 2.99

PRODUCE

Fresh Cucumbers	each	\$.50
Large Sweet Onions	per lb.	\$ 1.09

FROZEN

Coles Mini Garlic Loaf	8 oz.	\$ 2.79
Healthy Choice Café Steamer Dinners, all varieties	9 oz.	\$ 4.49

MEAT

Eckrich Meat Franks	12 oz.	\$ 1.49
Lee's Smoked Picnic Ham	per lb.	\$ 2.49
Gwaltney Thick Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 3.99
Boneless Pork Roast	per lb.	\$ 3.99
Boneless Beef Shoulder Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.99
On-Cor Chicken Patties	27 oz.	\$ 6.99
Legacy Foods Shrimp Grillers	9.5 oz.	\$ 6.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Colby Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

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Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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This Week's Verse:

And Christ became a Human being and lived here on earth among us
and was full of loving forgiveness and truth.

John 1:14

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Midday Dining Menu

Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

January 12–19, 2023

FRIDAY, 1/12

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

SATURDAY, 1/13

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Italian Sub, Cheddar Sun Chips, Jello Fruit Cup, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 1/14

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** GF Roast Beef, Vegetable and Ham Crustless Quiche, Fried Chicken
Sides: Mushrooms, Honey Glazed Carrots, Salad, Fruit, Sweet Corn, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 1/15

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Chicken Livers, Chicken Alfredo
\$1.21 Sides: Steamed Asparagus, Side Salad, Corn, Egg Noodles, Rice
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 1/16

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole, Country Fried Steak
\$1.21 Sides: Prince Edwards Vegetable Mix, Fruit, Beets, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes, Brown and White Gravy, French Fries
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

NOTE: Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

January 12–19, 2023

WEDNESDAY, 1/17

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Stuffed Broccoli Chicken, Fried Chicken
\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Italian Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cold Salads, Fruit, Fried Apples, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 1/18

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Pork Loin, Shepherd's Pie
\$1.21 Sides: Zucchini, Yellow Squash and Tomatoes; Peas and Carrots; Fruit; Cold Salads, Red Roasted Potatoes, Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 1/19

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Side Salad, Baked Beans, Corn, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,
and a fountain drink.
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, Jan. 12

Chicken Francese with Wild Rice and Vegetable

Saturday, Jan. 13

Beer Battered Cod with Homemade Chips and
Cole Slaw



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Sun: 10:45 am–1:30 pm
Mon–Sat: 11 am–1 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