



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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

JULY 17, 2026

Friday	7/17	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR What Does the Bible Say About ...?—DR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Sunday	7/19	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians Class—VC Room 5</i>
Monday	7/20	1:00–3:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	7/21	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	7/22	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>
Thursday	7/23	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH
Friday	7/24	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Suwannee County Veterans’ Service— Member Services Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

NEW MEMBER

Diane Straughan of Canton, Georgia, has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4099.



JOHNSON’S BAKERY DONUT SALE
Friday, July 24, starting at 10:00 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.

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	GSC	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VS	Village Square

ANNOUNCEMENT

Darleen’s Corner

ACV’S MOST WANTED

Many people enjoy giving towards tangible items that enhance our ability to serve but are not included in our current operating budget. If you’ve been looking for a practical way to support ACV, here are some of our current needs.

Campus Operations

- Golf carts (7) (new at approximately \$5,000 each, or reliable used)
- Dump trailer (We’ve received \$500 of the \$8,500 needed)
- F-150 truck for the Grounds Dept. (new or reliable used)
- New fencing along the sidewalk behind Dowling House to Village Square - \$23,000
- Replacement decking for the river overlook behind Carter House

Transportation

- Car for Transportation Services (new or reliable used)
- Van for Medical Transportation (new or reliable used)

Accessibility

- Automatic door opener for the family restroom outside Rumph Dining Room - \$5,000

Good Samaritan Center

- Air mattress (prevents bedsores) - \$1,500
- Bladder scanner (eliminates the need for residents to be transported for this scan) - \$7,500
- Portable vital sign machines - \$2,000 each

If you wish to give toward a specific item, note it in your gift and we will reserve those funds until all funding for that item is raised.

In addition to these immediate needs, we continue to seek support for the **Environmental Services Center**, the featured project of our **110th Anniversary Capital Campaign**. This much-needed facility will provide a permanent home for our Maintenance, Grounds, and Housekeeping departments, improve operational efficiency, and better protect equipment.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact me at **(386) 658-5110**.

ACV EVENTS

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

Friday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. - DR

You are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions. The host and guests will share their thoughts and listen to yours.

- 1) Should Mark 16:9–20 be in the Bible? Why do some translations not include it?
- 2) In Matthew 27:52–53 some people were raised to life at Jesus’ death. Why did God do that? What is its meaning?

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday

- 1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH
- 6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

Tuesday

- 1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

Wednesday

- 1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR
- 2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



- 3) Exodus 7:16 says, “And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear!’” Did God and Moses attempt to deceive Pharaoh by saying they were only going to the desert to worship?
 - 4) In John 6 what is meant by the “Last Day”? When is it? Could it be more than one day?
- Bring your questions and comments!



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

The Dementia Support Group is cancelled for July. It will resume in August.

SUWANNEE COUNTY VETERANS’ SERVICE Friday, July 24, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Member Services

Suwannee County Veterans’ Service Officer (CVSO) Terrence Allen will be in Member Services from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, to discuss VA benefits. He is also available by phone at (386) 364-3403.

CVSO Allen is planning to come to ACV weekly on Friday afternoons starting July 24.



BUS TRIP: LUNCH DINE-OUT TO OLIVE GARDEN AND LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE Saturday, July 25

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

Whether you are in the mood for pasta or a good steak, plan to ride on the bus to Lake City on Saturday, July 25. The bus will park in the lot shared by Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse to allow riders to eat at either establishment. Please sign up at the Information Center.

GOSPEL SING Saturday, July 25, 1:00 p.m. Carter House Activity Room

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



DESSERT POTLUCK AND DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT Sunday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. Harmony Center

A summer drive-in movie night is coming to the Harmony Center on Sunday, July 26. Bring a dessert to share for a dessert potluck or swim in the pool from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and settle in as the movie — *Family Camp* — begins at 8:00. (CVLI License: 505518458)

SAUNDERS’ CORNER Exploring the People, Places, History and Truths of the Bible Monday, July 27, 10:00 a.m. - OPR

Join Rev. Dr. Michael Saunders each month for Saunders’ Corner, a fascinating journey through the people, places, history and truths of the Bible. Each presentation stands alone, so come whenever a topic interests you. We will meet in the Old Pavilion Room on the last Monday morning of each month at 10:00. Come join us!

**BUS TRIP:
5TH WEDNESDAY SHOPPING IN PERRY**

**Wednesday, July 31
8:45 a.m. - CH & 9:00 a.m. - DH**

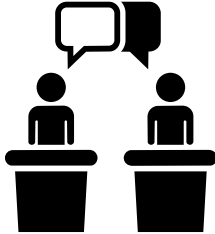
On the fifth Wednesday of months that have one, the schedule deviates from the regular Wednesday shopping schedule to include other stores. On July 31, the fifth Wednesday of July, we will be shopping in Perry. We will visit stores such as Walmart and Goodwill. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Perry restaurant (most likely C&J Buffet). The bus will depart Carter House at 8:45 a.m. and Dowling House at 9:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center.

POLITICAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, July 30, 2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

We have invited both local candidates who are asking for your vote to attend the candidate forum we have scheduled for Thursday, July 30. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear what they have to say. (Those running unopposed were not invited.)

After the candidates have a time to speak, we will host a question-and-answer period. Written questions will be submitted to the moderator who will decide whether to ask the question or not. You may come with written questions, and/or write down questions during the event.



**THEME DINNER:
'70s NIGHT IN CHICAGO**
Rumph Dining Room

\$10 members, \$20 non-members

You are invited to the next theme dinner — '70s Night in Chicago — on Thursday, Aug. 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Rumph Dining Room. Era-appropriate attire is encouraged.

The menu will consist of Chicago dishes from that decade. During dinner and following, live '70s music will heighten the experience.

Some fun activities are also being planned.

Tickets will be available at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours starting Monday, July 20.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

The Lighthouse on CR 250

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

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods

If you are a caregiver to a family member, or have a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility with dementia/Alzheimer's, you are warmly invited to a "Meet & Greet" at the Campbell home (23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods) with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn

from one another, and realize that we are not alone. Our policy is "What is said here stays here." We would love for you to join us!



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386-658-2670

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Email: dpark@neflin.org

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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday & Sunday

What's Happening Each Week:

Chair Yoga, Level 2	Mondays	9:00 a.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Mondays	10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	11:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

Summer Reading Program

June 3—July 17:

Elementary Program	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Tween and Teen Program	Wednesdays	1:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Movie Matinee	Fridays	2:00 p.m.

**Summer Reading Program —
Fun for All Ages**

Thank you so much for making this a summer reading program to remember! We had over 35 participants this year, and over 400 tickets earned! The reading program may be over, but there's still time to redeem all the tickets you worked hard to earn! Our prize store will be open until the end of July, and it has fantastic prizes like gift cards, purses, stuffed animals, and more!

Tech Talk

Discover how today's technology is transforming everyday life at Tech Talk on Friday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m. Jeremy will explain how smart home devices — from thermostats and refrigerators to stoves and washing machines — work, and what their new features can do. He'll also offer helpful troubleshooting tips. Whether you're curious about upgrading your home or simply want to better understand today's technology, this informative class is a great place to start.

Movie Matinee

This summer, join us for Movie Matinee Fridays at 2:00 p.m. in the JKPL! Our next feature is on July 17; can you guess which movie it is? Featuring Jack Black and Jason Momoa, the film follows a band of misfits who get sucked through a portal to find themselves in a place called the Overworld. Guided by the mysterious Steve, they embark on a magical quest to make it back home. The movie is rated PG for violence, action, and crude humor. Enjoy the adventure complete with fresh-popped popcorn.

End of Summer Bash

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Wrap up a fantastic summer at the JKPL with our End of Summer Ice Cream Celebration on Wednesday, July 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon! Everyone is invited to stop by for a delicious ice cream sundae bar, carnival

Alert Suwannee

Use the QR code to sign up for weather alerts, traffic alerts, and more from Suwannee County. You choose what you hear about through phone call, text message, and/or email message. Or visit member.everbridge.net/892807736725570/login



The Village Post Office



Monday–Friday

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Saturday

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

658-5270

games with prizes, and plenty of summer fun. It's the perfect way to celebrate a season of reading, learning, and making memories together!

Meet Mary

Step back in time on July 22 at 2:00 p.m. as local author P. Lynne Hutchins brings history to life at the JKPL! Through a captivating first-person portrayal of Mary, a character from her historical novel *Letters Unposted*, Hutchins will transport audiences to the 19th century. Join us to meet Mary, hear her story, and gain a fascinating glimpse into everyday life during a bygone era. This is the encore presentation from June 11.

Starbooks Café

Come join everyone at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee and conversation. Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. we sip coffee, chat and share thoughts and experiences in a casual, friendly environment. This week, we'll kick things off with the topic "Is there a place in the world that you feel most represents who you are?"

Paint Along with Liz

Enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step by step! The program will be held on July 21 and 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The 2:00 p.m. classes on the 21st and 23rd are full and have a waitlist, but there are seats available for both of the 5:30 p.m. sessions. We will be painting the same piece in all four classes. You supply your canvas; we will provide everything else. Sign up for your preferred date and time today to save your seat!

SongFarmers

Love music? Join the SongFarmers for an evening of live acoustic music, community, and fun! Whether you enjoy singing along, listening to familiar favorites, or simply spending time with fellow music lovers, this welcoming gathering is sure to entertain. Bring a friend and enjoy the music-making tradition on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms.

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, July 27, walk-ins are welcome between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.; representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions.

CPR Class

Come learn the life-saving skill of CPR on July 30 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.! The class will be taught by Shawn Hillengas from Suwannee County Fire Rescue. Registration is required as seats are limited. Sign up today!

Dementia Support

The Dementia Support program has been canceled for July.

Save the Date

July 21 — SongFarmers
July 21 and 23 — Paint Along with Liz
July 22 — *Meet Mary* by P. Lynne Hutchins



BUS TRIPS

No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on any 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

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 a 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.

- **July 22 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **July 22 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **July 29 — Fifth Wednesday Shopping in Perry** — Leave CH at 8:45 and DH at 9:00. Shop and eat lunch in Perry. Return to the Village in the afternoon.
- **Aug. 5 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.
- **Aug. 5 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SERMON: "What Do You Think About Jesus?"

TEXT: John 7:1–41 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The next **Summer Golf Cart Drive-in** is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, at the Harmony Center. A dessert potluck will be from 7:00 to 8:00, and the pool will be open. At 8:00 p.m. the movie, *Family Camp*, will start. Bring your golf cart or a chair.

During the month of July, the choir will consist of only men to help lead the music on Sunday mornings. **All men (including those who don't normally sing in the choir) are invited to participate.** If you would like to help, please come at 9:00 Sunday morning to practice before the 9:40 service. You can participate in as many July services as you like.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, July 17

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

Sunday, July 19

9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)

11:00 a.m. — 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Room 5)



Friday and Saturday Soup: Navy Bean with Ham and Bacon

Friday, July 17

Lunch only: Old Fashioned Patty Melt on Grilled Marble Rye with Caramelized Onions, Swiss Cheese, and Thousand Island Dressing with a Side of Shoe String Fries, \$14.95

All day: Teriyaki Salmon with White Rice and Garlic Spinach, \$17.95

Saturday, July 18

Lunch only: Crispy Chicken Cutlet BLT on a Brioche Bun with a Choice of Side, \$13.95

All day: Baked Ham with Pineapple, Scalloped Potatoes, and a Vegetable, \$16.95

Tuesday, July 21
8:30 a.m. — Men’s Bible Study (Room 5)

Wednesday, July 22
6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

Friday, July 24
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Peter Ard (Room 5)

VILLAGE CASHIER’S OFFICE
Lynn Mabey—386-658-5344

The Village Cashier’s office will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31; Thursday and Friday, Aug. 6 and 7; and Friday, Aug. 14. Please note this extended altered schedule.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT
Doug Mabey—386-658-5200

If you are accustomed to walking or riding through Camp Suwannee, please alter your route until Monday, July 27, due to camps in progress.

is open for the season. Open swim is (with a few exceptions) Monday–Friday, 12:00–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Refer to the monthly published schedule for swimming times.

Aquilla Pool (the outdoor pool) will closed for maintenance Monday–Friday, Aug. 3–7.

MEMBER SERVICES
James Sutter—386-658-5400

Our next theme dinner will be held Aug. 6. The theme is ‘70s Night in Chicago. We had a big crowd at our last theme dinner, the Hoedown. Did you attend and have a good time? One of the reasons we had such a big crowd is because so many people were talking about it beforehand. Please do that again! We’d love to have a big group for this one as well. We’re keeping the low-low price of \$10 for members. You can’t hardly eat at McDonald’s for \$10 anymore. Talk to your friends and plan to attend together. Thursday, Aug. 6. Put it on your calendar!

July Member Birthday Party

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the July member birthday party. We enjoyed a program of patriotic music by Mary Jane Sutter, flute, and Rosemary Humbles, piano. They did a great job at entertaining everyone. We also enjoyed cake to eat.

We were blessed to have 16 persons with July birthdays present, and a total of 60 attendees. Six guests won door prizes: Heather Appell, Louise Johnson, Kathy Bochow, Betty Ulitsch, Doug Nichols and Alice Rumbaugh. The oldest birthday guest was Betty Ulitsch, and the youngest was Heather Appell. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The deadline for submission of articles or ads for the FNN is noon on Tuesday of the week of the publication, and may be sent by email to FNN@acvillage.net or left in the FNN box near the Information Center.

Scam Tip of the Week:
Misleading Search Results

Many of us rely on Google, Bing and similar search engines to look up phone numbers for banks, insurance companies, pharmacies, or technical support. But everyone should be aware that search results can sometimes show misleading or even false information, including scammer phone numbers that appear above the real ones.

Scammers buy ads or create fake websites that look official. Their phone numbers may appear at the top of the search page, and the listing may look legitimate. When you call, the person on the other end may pretend to be from the company, ask for personal information, or try to gain access to your computer or bank account.

To protect yourself:

- Use the official website — Type the company’s web address directly into your browser instead of searching for it, e.g., www.acvillage.net instead of Advent Christian Village.
- Check your statements — The correct phone number is usually printed on your bill, card, or account paperwork.

- Be cautious with ads — The first result on Google is often a paid advertisement and may not be the real company. Look for the words “sponsored” or “ad” within or near the search result.
- Hang up if something feels wrong — Legitimate companies will never pressure you, demand immediate payment, or ask for sensitive information over the phone.

If you’re unsure whether a number is real, ask a trusted friend, family member, neighbor, or Village staff member to help verify it. A few extra seconds of checking can prevent a costly mistake.

Member Benefit of the Week

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

☞ *At the Village Square* ☛

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

Riverside Gifts

There’s a big sale on items related to USA’s 250th birthday! **Save 40% on remaining items that read 250 years. 10% off other patriotic items.** Celebrate our country all summer!

Add fresh charm to your home with our new selection of home décor featuring honeybees, gnomes and mushrooms.

Just in — new Christian living books by favorite authors like Max Lucado.

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

Don’t miss our new collection of hand-blown glass paperweights in different sizes, shapes and colors. Many are vintage. Some are stamped with St. Clair Glass, which started in 1888 and continued under the same family for generations.

We also have Fenton bells, fairy lamps, and baskets. They may be just the right touch for your home, or a perfect gift for a loved one.

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

Did you know that when you buy pre-owned, you help the planet? Your next outfit can come from Twice Nice instead of the department store — and who will ever know? The prices can’t be beat! New styles are added regularly, so stop by often.

Is it too hot to spend time outdoors? Our July promotion caters to screen watchers who enjoy entertainment in air conditioning. This month **\$1.00 buys five films from the Book Nook’s extensive DVD inventory. Shop music videos, TV series, movies, and documentaries, available at this bargain price.**

Would you rather pick up a good read? Peruse our fiction and nonfiction titles. Your favorite author may be hidden among them. Hardbacks are \$1.00 and paperbacks are 50¢. Bibles are always free.

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

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

First Saturday of the Month

Shopping for a man? We don’t sell them, but we have a good selection of gifts they might like; lots of golf and fishing gear have been donated. As always you can find all kinds of tools, carpentry supplies, and BBQ equipment.

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 Member Services at 658-5400. Some exclusions apply.

TV2

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

- Can a person become saved apart from faith in Jesus?
 - In Matthew 8:21–22, why wouldn't Jesus let his disciple go bury his father?
 - In what way is circumcision related to baptism?
- What the Bible Says About ...* airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB
Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday. Congratulations to our July 8 winners: 1st high was Cindy Hett, and 2nd high was Dottie Stone.

CONNECTING THREADS
Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry meets on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage. All are welcome to come sit and stitch on your own project, and enjoy the fellowship.

CRAFTY CREW
Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Carter House Activity Room

Each week craft lovers gather to work on a variety of interesting projects. It's a relaxing time of sharing our creativity and enjoying fellowship. Come join us, and get in on the fun! For any 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

If you are a resident of Carter House, Dowling House, Wilson Gardens or Riverview Apartments, this library can be a place to visit without going out into the hot or rainy weather. Perhaps you will find a book or a movie through which you can travel to other places, real or imaginary.

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them. Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the schoolhouse room between the OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

PEN PAL PROGRAM
Cathy Oberg, Reporter

We are starting to gear up for the new school year with our pen pals at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Please contact me at (574) 229-8402 or Monica Serlick at (386) 330-4865 if you would like to become a pen pal and to obtain an application form. Folks, if you think you're writing is messy, no worries — you can type your letters on your computer. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact on a child's future. Please watch the FNN for the scheduled upcoming meeting, where we will welcome everyone back for

the year and review the rules — both for those who are new and as a refresher for those who have participated before. Thank you, everyone, for encouraging and inspiring the youth, our future generation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Christ Caring for People Through People
Robin Copeland, Reporter

Our Stephen Ministry team is currently recruiting ACV and Village Church members for the next Stephen Ministry training that begins Monday, Sept. 14. This distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief — focusing on how to provide care while God cures. Stephen Ministers are caregivers equipped to provide one-to-one care to someone going through grief, job loss, divorce, long-term illness, or many other life difficulties. Several individuals in our community have received care from a Stephen Minister, and God has worked through these caring relationships to give them the hope and healing they needed.

Being a Stephen Minister is an exciting, life-transforming experience. Through reading, class discussion, and interactive activities, you will be equipped with skills you can use not only in your ministry but in other relationships with family, friends and coworkers. There's amazing spiritual and personal growth that happens.

"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer" (Ezra 8:23). Finding Stephen Ministers is the next step for ACV Stephen Ministry, and we are currently praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers. Please include this need in your prayers — and if you're interested in the opportunity to serve, contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Robin Copeland, Michael Saunders or Darleen Hinrichs.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES
Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon–386-658-2113

Sorry for such a short message this week, as I am traveling and don't have the time to create. Barb is holding down the fort, and I am visiting my 98-year-old aunt and her son and daughter-in-law in Port St. Lucie. Pastor Bruce took me to the Greyhound bus station in Live Oak (yes, we do have a Greyhound station in Live Oak), and that is where the "flight of the old man on a bus trip" began.

Let me say this: in my opinion, this mode of travel for an octogenarian is not recommended. I should have known better, but my memories of traveling on Greyhound between Miami and Naples as a preteen faded in my current mind (or what is left of it).

When we were young, my dad took up residence in Naples in the early '60s, working after Hurricane Donna destroyed most of the town. Mother would put my sister and me on the bus in Coral Gables for \$4.00 each. We could ride across the Tamiami Trail to Naples to spend the weekend with my dad when my mom couldn't make the trip.

Well, needless to say, things have changed over the last 50 years. The buses have gotten bigger and better, but it is still a bus — stopping at every podunk place along the route. Too much to say at this juncture; I will pick up here next week. I've got to get this in the mail.

I trust you are having a good week and look forward to a bigger and better article next week. Remember that smiling and waving are acts of kindness and should be executed as often as possible. And never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–32. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE
Mary Gamble–334-790-9066

Greetings, everyone! I hope you have all had a blessed week. We don't have any birthdays or anniversaries to report this week. We do, however, have a new neighbor

in Carter House. Let's all give a warm welcome to Diane Straughan in Apt. 212. Welcome, Diane! I hope you receive many blessings and much enjoyment from living here.

There are some exciting events coming up here at ACV. Stay tuned to the FNN for more information. I encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible so you can get firsthand information. I know it's not always possible, so I will try to share as much information with you as I can.

With all this heat, remember to stay hydrated.

Did you attend any events here at ACV this week? If you did and you'd like to tell us about it, please let me know. I'll be happy to share it with everyone. I attended the member birthday party. It was a fun time, and the music was beautiful. If you missed it, you missed a good time — and some delicious cake. Happy birthday to all who celebrate in July.

If there is anything you would like to see or share with us all, please contact me by phone no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Please remember to watch out for each other and to keep each other in your prayers. Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week!

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbor! It's that time again to bring news for Dowling House. I pray you are all well. Let us continue to pray for those having problems in the hospital and at GSC.

"I will sing a new song to you, O God; on a harp of 10 strings I will sing praises to you — the one who gives salvation" (Psalm 144:9).

Scoots and I went walking this morning around Lake Aquilla. It was pretty quiet. Only one duck, Huey, came to meet us. Luey and Dewey were gone — just disappeared like the two drakes a few months back. Someone saw two men feeding them late Saturday evening. I sure miss them, along with a lot of other people. No squirrels were running around, and no fish came up to eat. The blue heron was having breakfast, and a few whistling ducks were at the edge of the water, but no Luey or Dewey.

July 16 is National Corn Fritters Day. Corn fritters are fried thin and crispy. You can eat them with green beans and soup. In fact, come to think about it, they are good with anything — or by themselves. I think I will go cook some!

Donna Carbaugh had her 80th birthday party in Dowling House, in the sitting room. It was decorated by her sister and friends. Many of her friends attended and enjoyed cupcakes, drinks, chocolate pretzels, and a beautiful cake. Guests received little gift bags. Thanks for the invite!

Someone left a pretty hat on my door some days ago. Thank you — I love it.

When I was younger, we made it a point not to hang around those who talked about people behind their backs. Some folks never grow out of that, and they still carry stories from person to person. As Christians, we are called to refrain from gossip and hurtful talk. "Ye shall not go about as a tale bearer among your people, nor take a stand against the life of your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:16).

Editor's note: We ask you to not stay silent when something truly needs ACV's attention. If someone is doing something unsafe or inappropriate, the right thing is to report it to a staff person so it can be handled. Gossip tears people down; responsible reporting protects our community.

A senior moment: I got in the shower this morning with my clothes on. It turned out okay because I forgot to turn the water on. Aging is like a cute puppy — it's a little hairy, but we might as well embrace it.

A little more laughter: A friend passed away so I texted his family, "I pray God comforts you and Fred." They replied, "We are not ready yet." I didn't understand, so I reread my text. Autocorrect had changed what I wrote to "I hope God will come for you and Fred." Always check that message!

Until next week: "The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others" (Martin Luther King Jr.).

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianceskis-386-658-2024

Hello, Riverwoods neighbors, from a porch with a pretty meadow view. We want to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbor, Debbie Hoffman. Enjoy your new home!

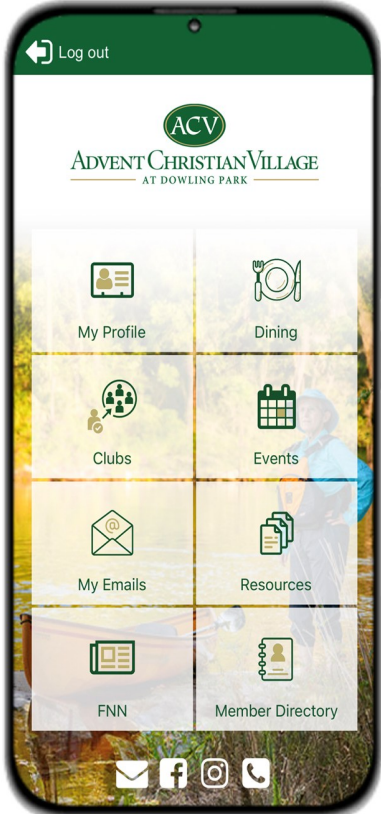
Please remember that the HOA board meeting is Thursday, July 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Copeland Community Center. They will continue to discuss the management of Riverwoods. The agenda will be posted next week.

Have you ever wondered what the "summer doldrums" are? The term comes from maritime language referring to being on the ocean when there is no wind — just heat and oppressive humidity. It later became a generalized reference to days like the ones we're experiencing now: hot and stagnant.

The absence of a breeze makes the atmosphere feel heavy and listless, consistent with the sluggishness that can settle in. Even though we walk early in the day, Gretchen Tanner and I both come home feeling "icky and sticky" (to quote our favorite meteorologist).

We all know it's important to stay hydrated, especially when we have heat advisories. There are some other ways to help mitigate the discomfort. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing (think Lawrence of Arabia), and eat lightly and include plenty of foods with high water content such as cucumber, lettuce and watermelon. In addition, you can apply cold compresses to pulse points like the neck, armpits and wrists.

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Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday-Friday • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please be careful out there. My Auntie Bess used to say, "Old age isn't for sissies." Neither is a hot Florida summer.

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ladies, we do waxing as well!

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

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

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

Tuesday is spa day (by appointment only). Enjoy our signature spa experience featuring spa hand treatments, hot stone foot massages, and nail enhancements. The first Tuesday of every month is dedicated to facial appointments and full spa services.

Thursday is hair day, and walk-ins are welcome.

Also available by appointment only are nail enhancements, manicure-and-pedicure combination services, and semi-luxury nail appointments.

Friday, by preferred appointment, we offer hair services, essential nail appointments, and additional nail services.

Saturday is hair day from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., by appointment only.

Book your appointment by calling or texting Danielle at (386) 205-3791. To confirm Saturday appointments, call Brenda at (386) 249-1323.

We look forward to helping you look and feel your best. Reserve your appointment today!

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: July 24, Aug. 7 and 21, and Sept. 11 and 25. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the person who picked up my glasses in a parking lot and took them to the Information Center. I had retraced my steps three times to no avail. I prayed for you that you would find them. Fortunately they suffered only minor scratches. May God bless you abundantly. I am very thankful.

Charlotte Evans

In January I broke my ankle and fractured a vertebrae as the result of two falls. I have received many, many cards of encouragement and much, much food during the ensuing months. Many of you have also told me of your prayers for my recovery. I have made remarkable progress in that regard, but still have a ways to go. I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your kindness, and ask for your continued prayers.

Arthur and I would also like to thank all who attended and generously supported our granddaughter, Logan Brendle, as she recently presented a concert at Bixler Chapel.

Ann Lawrence

To everyone who had anything to do with putting the 2026-27 telephone directory together: awesome job and thank you.

Betty Mae Gaitor

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: New pair of 24" Schwinn tricycle rear-wheel fenders with reflectors, \$75. New Schwinn tricycle/bicycle seat, 11" wide, \$25. Call or text 386-688-6610.**

FOR SALE: Over-bed table still in shipping box, never used, needs assembly, \$15. Folding wooden TV tray table, \$5. Box of Double 12 dominoes, \$5. Contact Pam in Carter House at 386-344-4566.*

FOR SALE: Two Canon XA50 4k video cameras with 15x zoom lens, \$500 each. One Canon XA11 HD video camera with 20X zoom lens, \$300. Call Tom at 912-507-9552 for more information.*

FOR SALE: Tankless water heater, new in box, 3.5 w, 120 v, .026 GPM for boat or camper, \$20. Barigo Weather Station, glass dome, giftable instrument, \$300 new, asking \$150. Garbage disposal, ½ hp, new in box, \$85. Hookup kit, \$10. 658-1586.*

IN SEARCH OF: Need to purchase a full-size pick-up truck with rear seats and a trailer hitch to haul an 18-foot RV. Contact Marilyn at 386-688-9981.*

FOR SALE: Three working DVD players in good shape, \$10 each. Mini keyboard still in the box, \$10. New pair of digital weight scales, new in the box, \$10. Contact Cora: 850-464-7113 or corahuck1936lee@gmail.com.*

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GROCERY

Maruchan Yakisoba Noodles	4 oz.	\$ 1.40
Duke’s Real Mayonnaise	18 oz.	\$ 7.00
Prego Pasta Sauce	24 oz.	\$ 4.00
Nature Valley Granola Bars	9 oz.	\$ 5.70
Progresso Breadcrumbs	15 oz.	\$ 3.50
Mott’s Applesauce	24 oz.	\$ 3.80
Country Time Lemonade Mix	19 oz.	\$ 6.80
Select Paper Towels	1 roll	\$ 1.00

DAIRY

Chobani Oat Milk	32 oz.	\$ 5.00
Oikos Plain Greek Yogurt	32 oz.	\$ 8.00

PRODUCE

Ripe Bananas	per lb.	\$.80
Baking Potatoes	each	\$ 1.00

FROZEN

Big Daddy Pizza	41 oz.	\$12.00
Chef Pierre Boston Crème Pie	33 oz.	\$13.00

MEAT

Chicken Drumsticks	per lb.	\$ 1.80
Lean Cubed Steaks	per lb.	\$ 7.00
Eye of Round Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.00
Boar’s Head EverRoast Deli Chicken	per lb.	\$ 6.70
Armour Lunch Maker	2.5 oz.	\$ 1.20
Sugardale Pepperoni	8 oz.	\$ 3.50

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar Cheese — \$6.50 Per Pound

DON’T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken - \$7.00; Half chicken - \$4.00

CALL 658-3130 - Order by 11:00 am; pick up after 2:00 pm

This Week’s Verse

Never criticize or condemn – or it will all come back on you.

Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you.

Luke 6:37

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

July 17–24, 2026

FRIDAY, 7/17

- \$2.75 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Creamy Macaroni with Smoke Sausage, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Five-Way Vegetables, Mixed Greens, Side Salad, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 7/18

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Corn Dogs, Chili, Loaded Potato Salad, Fruit, Italian Ice Cool Refreshing Dessert or NSA Vanilla or Chocolate Cup, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 7/19

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Chicken Caprese, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Plain or Cheesy Cauliflower, Carrot Salad, Italian Antipasto Salad, Cantaloupe with Grapes, Lemon Garlic Pasta, Au Gratin Puffs
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 7/20

- \$2.75 Soup:** Broccoli Cheddar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Broccoli Chicken Casserole, Open-Faced Sandwich with Turkey and Veggies or Veggies Only
- \$1.40 Sides:** Five-Way Mixed Vegetables, Beets, Side Salad, Fruit, Bow Tie Pasta, Macaroni Salad, Dirty Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 7/21

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Chicken (Oven Roasted Rotisserie), Country Fried Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** Yellow Squash, Caribbean Vegetable Blend, Fruit, Creamy Cucumber Salad, Potato Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 7/22

- \$2.75 Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Sweet Corn, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad, Fruit, Broccoli Slaw, Macaroni and Cheese, Roasted Potatoes
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 7/23

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Pork Loin, Cheeseburger
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Carrots, Garbanzo Salad, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Fruit, Baked Potato, French Fries
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 7/24

- \$2.75 Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Cauliflower, Mushrooms and Onions, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad
- \$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