



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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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
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Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

MARCH 6, 2026

Friday	3/6	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	3/7	9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Twice Nice Furniture & More Open Endless Highway Concert—VC
Sunday	3/8	Daylight Saving Time Begins — “Spring” Forward One Hour 10:00 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Winter Retreat Worship Service—VC</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal—VC <i>Winter Retreat Worship Service—VC</i>
Monday	3/9	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Winter Retreat Bible Study—SMR/DR</i> Winter Retreat Workshop: The Best Gift You Can Leave Your Family—SMR/DR Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Ceramics—PCS Live! at Dowling Park: Willing Heart—VC
Tuesday	3/10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Winter Retreat Bible Study—SMR/DR</i> Model Train Club—CB Winter Retreat Workshop—SMR/DR Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal—VC Art Café—SMR <i>Winter Retreat Worship Service—VC</i>
Wednesday	3/11	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Easter Cantata Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	3/12	9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 3:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plann Ministry—CMH <i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i> Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR
Friday	3/13	The Village Cashier's office is closed today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 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

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Jackie Christenson, who was a resident of Dowling House and Dacier Manor, died Feb. 21. A celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, in Bixler Chapel. Visitation will be held at the church from 12:30 until service time. She will also be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Bruce Locke, who was a resident of Riverview, died Feb. 18. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Ruth Sawyer, who was resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Taylor Commons, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Feb. 11. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Bernie O'Donnell, who was a resident of Dowling House and GSC, died Feb. 7. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Woody Sapp, who was a resident of Dowling House and GSC, died Feb. 6. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

David Currier, who was a resident of Riverwoods, Park of the Pines, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Feb. 5. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Glen Gavell, who was a resident of GSC, died Feb. 5. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Howard Tower (husband of Patricia), who was a resident of GSC, died Feb. 3. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

NEW MEMBERS

Hilary McIndoo of Fair Hope, Alabama, has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4042. Buck and Nadine Lombard of Arlington, Massachusetts, have moved to Riverwoods. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4718.

ACV EVENTS

Winter Retreat

Saturday–Tuesday, March 7–10

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

ENDLESS HIGHWAY CONCERT

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

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

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

**GOSPEL
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MEMBERS**

exalting Christ, strengthening the church, and sharing the gospel.

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

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:

WILLING HEART

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

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



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

ART CAFÉ

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

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

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, March 12, 3:00 p.m. SMR/DR

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

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

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

Join us for the next What Does the Bible Say About ...? event on March 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. You are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Why is it so hard to understand the Bible?
2. Matthew 5:43–44 is "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH

6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR

2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



persecute you!" Why would God want us to do that?

3. Explain Luke 13:27, "But he will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'"
4. What trials did Jesus face before His crucifixion?

Jan Cuddy will host, and guests Sharon Germaine and Mike Cuddy will share their thoughts and listen to yours. Bring your questions and comments!

LADIES' BREAKFAST

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

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

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

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

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

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

TOCCOA FALLS COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

Monday, March 16, 7:00 - VC

The Toccoa Falls College Choir will sing at the Village Church on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. The choir has performed at Carnegie Hall, and ministered in Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Israel, Germany, Poland, and Bulgaria. Benson Nissley, Pastor Traci Nissley's son, is a member of the choir. The concert is free. A love offering will be received for Toccoa Falls College.



GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 p.m. - DR

The next Garden Club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m. Please note the new time. Everyone is welcome.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2:00 p.m. - RDR

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the

dining room. All ACV members are encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be a representative from Live Oak Pest Control. He will speak on the topic of Common Pests, focusing mainly on roach treatment and prevention.



**Friday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Sawmill/Depot Room**

Annually, ACV invites local agencies, health service providers, and various ACV departments to the annual Health & Wellness Fair at ACV. It's time for the next fair. We expect to have another good group of exhibitors who will provide the latest educational information on matters of health and wellness including finances, safety, and senior services. There will also likely be health screenings offered by various area health providers. You will have the chance to learn more about the services available in our area.

Come enjoy a continental breakfast in the dining room from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will also be door prizes. (Register at the door to enter for a door prize; you do not have to be present to win.)

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

COFFEE WITH A VET

Friday, March 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m. - DR

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

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!

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31

10:00 a.m. - OPR

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

Friday and Saturday Soup: Tomato Tortellini

Friday, March 6

Lunch only: Ham and Provolone Melt on a Croissant with Dijonnaise Spread, Served with Homemade Chips, \$13.95

All day: Shrimp and Grits with a Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$18.95

Saturday, March 7

All day: Slow-Roasted Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, \$17.95



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

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

WONDERS OF CREATION

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

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

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

BILL NICKERSON BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sat., March 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Please join us to celebrate the 90th birthday of our dad, Bill Nickerson! There will be refreshments served in the Sawmill and Depot rooms from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14. No gifts, please. (In lieu of gifts you can make a donation to Advent Christian Village in honor of Bill if you wish.) We hope to see you there! Debra and Kirby.

GIVE BLOOD

Mon., March 16, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - VS

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked at the VS Monday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donating blood is a selfless act by one person to help save the lives of others. Blood cannot be manufactured, and local hospitals rely on LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is on the shelf. LifeSouth provides 100% of the blood needed for patients at HCA Florida Lake City Hospital, all UF Health hospitals, North Florida Regional Medical Center, the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, South Georgia Medical Center, the Lake Butler Hospital, Starke ER, and Suwannee ER.

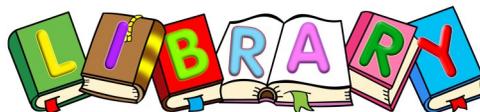
This month, all blood donors will receive a T-shirt, and platelet and double red cell donors will receive a \$40 e-gift card.

THE REAL ST. PATRICK

Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 p.m. - SMR

Tom Spannagle will once again present the story of the real St. Patrick on Tuesday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sawmill Room. Come hear Tom's dramatic retelling

of this very interesting individual — his history, the development of his faith, and how he was so much more important than you might realize.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

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

Closed Sunday

What's Happening This Week:

Scrabble	Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Wednesdays 3:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays 11:00 a.m.

Pirate Escape Room Adventure

Ahoy, mateys! Are you ready for a pirate adventure? Gather your crew and step into the Golden Age of Piracy as you race to escape a treacherous pirate ship before time runs out. Hunt for clues, crack clever puzzles, and prove you have what it takes to break free! Open to all ages; children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Crews are limited to five participants. The escape room sets sail March 9 and 10; call today to reserve your spot!

Regular Programs Paused for Escape Room Event

Please note that all regular programs scheduled for Friday, March 6, and Monday, March 9, will not meet due to our upcoming Escape Room event. See the Starbooks Café spotlight to find out what's happening on Tuesday, March 10. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at their next regularly scheduled time. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you'll join us for the adventure!

Shipwrecked at the JKPL!

Gather the family and come down to the JKPL to be a pirate for the day! Practice your pirate speech, play games, enjoy snacks, and more! Get underway on March 12 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee

Find your sea legs on March 13 at 2:00 p.m. with the showing of *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl!* Enjoy the big screen and fresh popped popcorn at our own public library "theatre". The film is rated PG-13 for adventure/action violence.

Your New Digital Helper:

An Intro to AI Tools

Curious about AI (Artificial Intelligence) but not sure where to start? Join us on Monday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. for Your New Digital Helper: An Introduction to AI Tools, presented by Dr. Shawn Johnson. He'll share practical, everyday ways to use platforms like ChatGPT, Claude, Grok, and Gemini — showing how these tools can help with daily tasks, creative projects, planning, and so much more.

Starbooks Café

Starbooks Café will meet a little earlier than usual at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, for a special adventure! Join the group as they take on the JKPL's Pirate Escape Room and see if they can crack the clues and make it out in time. It'll be fun with a dash of high-seas excitement! Everyone is welcome!

As the Page Turns Book Club

The book for next month's book club is *A History of Wild Places* by Shea Earnshaw. *A History of Wild Places* is a moody, atmospheric thriller following a seemingly peaceful isolated commune and the disappearance of two outsiders. Grab your copy today! The next meeting will be March 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk

Join Jeremy on Friday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the Archives Room for a Tech Talk focused on iPad Basics. This session will cover essential features, navigation, settings, and helpful tips to build confidence using your iPad. Bring your device and follow along as you learn.

Village Cashier's Office

Monday-Friday

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

658-5343

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



UF/IFAS Lunch and Learn — Indoor Worm Composting

Raymond Balaguer from the UF/IFAS Extension Office will be at JKPL on March 12 from noon to 1:00 p.m. to present on Indoor Worm Composting. This program is part of a monthly Lunch and Learn series hosted by UF/IFAS at the JKPL. Lunch will not be provided, but attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch to enjoy during the presentation.

Seed Library

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

Save the Date — Upcoming Programs

Mark your calendars for three great programs coming your way! Join us for Financial Scams Awareness on March 19 at 2:00 p.m., Email Basics on March 20 at 2:30 p.m., and Beginning Cross-Stitch on March 31 at 1:30 p.m. More details are coming soon — save the dates and plan to learn something new at the JKPL!



BUS TRIPS

No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on either of ACV's buses. The only exception is plain water. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

Those who sign up for a weekly shopping trip will be put on the waiting list if they sign up for the same trip the following week. If seats remain available, those on the waiting list will move to the regular list.

Only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

- **March 11 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **March 11 afternoon — Walmart**— Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 17, 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.
- **Tuesday, March 17, afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **March 25 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **March 25 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

∞ At the Village Square ∞

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

Riverside Gifts

This shop specializes in fine gifts and cards for all occasions. There is an excellent supply of Bibles, study guides, and Bible covers.

Proclaim Easter with a new lawn/door flag and holder. There are also cute little bunnies dressed in their Easter best, and Highland cows in hats and boots. We have Easter and other seasonal cards.

New smaller handbags in a variety of fashionable designs and colors have arrived. Some have delicate chain handles, others have wallets, and all are stunning when paired with your spring outfits. Choose a new lightweight scarf to complete your look.

The jewelry department has items for all ages: Necklaces, bracelets, and earrings in a variety of styles and colors will fit your outfits all spring long.

Beautiful ceramic spring mugs make wonderful gifts. Tall seasonal metal mugs and tall men's mugs make great gifts.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices.

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

Rustic Shop

Celebrate the glory of our risen Savior! Choose from crosses of all sizes in ceramic, crystal and wood. Surround your cross with a lovely bouquet of spring flowers in one of our baskets.

The new guessing game is here! Guess how many eggs are in the vase, leave your name and number, and you just might win the gift basket.

Handmade quilts, baby blankets, and doilies are just some of the unique items in the sewing room that overlooks the Suwannee River. There are also unique jewelry items for men, women, and children. Vintage and collectible jewelry is on display at the front. Ask the clerk for help with these unique items.

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

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

Twice Nice Shop

Enter this shop for great clothing bargains for all ages. Lovely spring outfits for women include blouses, skirts, dresses, slacks, and sweaters. There are lightweight jackets for cooler nights. The men's department has an excellent selection of suits, shirts and ties. Choose a pair of shoes to match a new outfit. Need a belt or a hat? We have those!

Menu planning? Money management questions? Struggling with health issues? Looking for a good devotional or book of biblical advice? Answers are just around the corner at the Book Nook! Check the inventory of good reads. Don't forget to shop the rare books shelf. There are also DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games.

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

∞ On CR 250 ∞

Twice Nice Furniture & More

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For pick-ups, call Larry at 386-678-1219

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

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

Open this Saturday! Come and shop for "Saturday Spring Specials." You will find some special-priced items, some half priced — maybe even some BOGOs.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

SERMON: "Keeping Our Eyes on the Kingdom"
TEXT: Haggai 1:1-15
SPEAKER: Rev. Adrian Dixon

Filled **baby bottles** for the Pregnancy Care Center fundraiser need to be returned to the church office by Sunday, March 8. Thank you to all who participated.

Toccoa Falls College Choir will be singing at the Village Church on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Tom Council has been the director of the choir for 25 years. Over the years, under his direction, the choir has performed at Carnegie Hall, and ministered in Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Israel, Germany, Poland, and Bulgaria.

Toccoa Falls College is a Christian College nestled in the foothills of Northeast Georgia that has been in existence for over 100 years. The Mission of the college is to cultivate a Christian learning community that integrates the pursuit of truth with godly character to produce graduates prepared both personally and professionally for service. Benson Nissley, Traci Nissley's son, is a student at TFC and a member of the TFC choir. A love offering will be received for TFC.

Creation Arts Camp 2026 will be June 8-12. It's that time again! We need teachers. We need helpers. We need prayer. Do you have a passion for painting, sewing, cooking, photography, woodworking, sculpting, science, writing, and/or arts and crafts? Anything is a blessing for these children. Campers are in kindergarten through fifth grade. Assistants are in sixth through 12th grade. Your obligation would be to teach one 50-minute class to the same children each day, and on Friday night they will share what they did throughout the week. Please contact pastors Traci Nissley or Randy Lamb if you are interested in participating this year.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7, Winter Retreat Begins

7:00 p.m. — Concert by Endless Highway, Tickets Required (Church)

Sunday, March 8

10:00 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship Service (Church)

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission, Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)

11:00 a.m. — No Sunday School

2:00 p.m. — Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Adrian Dixon (Church)

Monday, March 9

7:00 p.m. — Concert by Willing Heart, Tickets Required (Church)

Tuesday, March 10

1:30 p.m. — Winter Retreat Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Adrian Dixon (Church)

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice (Church)

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Friday, March 13, and Monday, March 16.

DINING SERVICES

Arlene Yow—386-658-5260

Due to Winter Retreat, a visiting group from Aurora University, and reduced staffing, the decision was made to alter some dining operations March 8-13. Please note:

- Sunday, March 8, through Friday, March 13, breakfast will only be served in the dining room. The Lopin' Gopher will be closed. The cost for the buffet will be \$5.00 for members. The buffet will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, March 8, through Tuesday, March 10, supper will only be served in the dining room. The Lopin' Gopher will be closed. The cost for the buffet will be \$12 for members. The buffet will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m.
- All other meals will be business as usual.
- For the breakfast and supper buffets, tickets are available to purchase ahead of time at the Village Cashier's office. Pre-purchased tickets are not required.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

Save the dates were included in last week's FNN for two upcoming events: the next annual Spring Membership Fellowship and the next theme dinner.

For Tuesday, March 31, a committee of creative ladies and I are planning a sock hop theme reception for all ACV members. This is a free event we hold annually in the spring. It will be from 3:00 to 5:00. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and fun will be had. Costumes are encouraged but optional. This is one of the events we hold annually to say thank you to our wonderful members.

Thursday, May 7, will be the next theme dinner. It will have a hoedown theme and will be held in the evening at the pavilion at Camp Suwannee. (Shuttle bus transportation will be provided.) Plans are in the works to make this event fun and affordable.

Stay tuned for more information about these two events.

I am excited to let you know that this year, ACV is planning a weeklong celebration of our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Month (April). Some of these events will be drop-in events announced in the FNN, but some will be by invitation. All of you who turn in your blue volunteer hours sheets will be included in the invitation-only opportunities. If you volunteer for ACV and have not been turning in blue sheets, please consider doing so to ensure you also have the opportunity to participate fully in all that we are planning. Call 658-5266 with questions.

Please note that the weekly shopping trips to Live Oak for Wednesday, March 18, have been moved to Tuesday, March 17, due to driver availability.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Booklets have been created to help you navigate Winter Retreat. The booklets will be available at the church starting at Saturday night's Endless Highway concert. They will also be available at the morning Bible studies and workshops in Sawmill and Depot starting Monday morning.

Scam Tip of the Week:

Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams

Imposters claiming to be with the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, or a private law firm will call or email a potential victim and tell them they have won the Publisher's Clearing-house sweepstakes, a foreign sweepstakes, or a foreign lottery. Victims are told they need to pay customs duties or taxes before the win-

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1:00-3:00 p.m.

Saturday
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

658-5270

nings can be sent to them. Legitimate sweepstakes do not require you to pay anything to receive the prize you have won. If you are told that you must pre-pay taxes, you are probably being scammed. Taxes can either be withheld from a cash award or, more commonly, are reported by the company to the IRS, and you declare the prize on your annual tax return. Also, know that participating in a foreign lottery is against federal law.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at www.myfloridalegal.com or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State's consumer complaint clearinghouse, at www.floridaconsumerhelp.com. (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

TV2

When an individual who was interviewed for Front Porch Conversations dies, we like to air the episode soon after their passing as a memorial to the individual. The second episode of Front Porch Conversations in next week's double feature is an interview with Jackie Christenson so that you may remember (or learn for the first time) what a wonderful person Jackie was. Front Porch Conversations airs Tuesday at 10:00 p.m., Thursday at 7:00 a.m., Friday at 4:00 p.m., and Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

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

- What does the Bible say about how we should treat people who are mentally handicapped?
- Cremation vs. traditional burial: Which is correct?

What the Bible Says About ... airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV's licensed home care agency offers a discount per hour to ACV members for companion services. A companion does light household chores, including cooking and shopping, and may keep you company at home or go with you to scheduled appointments or other outings by way of a vehicle you provide. A companion cannot provide hands-on, personal care services.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our Feb. 25 winners: 1st high was Dottie Stone and Jim Varnell, and 2nd high was Glenda Hamby and Henry Simonds.

CONNECTING THREADS

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, March 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

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

Last week we made big, bright, multi-colored flowers with smiling faces out of pipe cleaners! Sister Maria Ann taught someone to knit. Cora showed us her imaginative creations made largely from nature — pine cones, seed pods, feathers, and more, and they were amazing!

This Friday we will be working on an Easter craft. Please join us, and feel free to bring along your

own projects to work on. We love to see what others are making. Get in on the fun!

If you have questions, contact Sister Maria Ann at sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com or Sue Donnelly at SueWDonnelly@gmail.com.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Need some new recipes? Come see our cookbook exchange.

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them.

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association

Monica Serlick, Reporter

The next pick-up date is **Friday, March 6**. Get your letters to the Information Center or Carter House desk before 11:30 a.m. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

Sadly, due to many ranchers and teachers sick with the flu, we had to cancel the pen pal luncheon scheduled for March 3. However, on the bright side, we can still plan to attend their Awards Banquet in early May. I will let you know the date soon.

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.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" (Winston Churchill).

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

**When "Pull Yourself Together"
Doesn't Work**

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. Tough it out. Pray more. Stay positive." People may have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you; listen to you; and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

Stephen Ministries is a worldwide Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential one-to-one emotional and spiritual support to care receivers who are going through some of the most difficult days of their lives. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is another way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve. Please keep Stephen Ministries and all involved on your prayer list. Questions? Call 386-658-5358 or speak to a Stephen Leader: Robin Copeland or Darleen Hinrichs. (Michael is on sabbatical.)

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26).

Yesterday, Barbara and I took a delightful trip to Lake City for appointments with our neurologist. We were 15 minutes early — something I was quite proud of, since that rarely happens. Being on time, that is.

Much to our chagrin, when we checked in, the receptionist informed us we were not only 15 minutes early — we were 15 minutes and two weeks early. Our appointments are later in March. With a humble "thank you," we relocated to the waiting room to double-check our calendars. Sure enough — wrong again.

Oh well, it was the perfect excuse for a lovely lunch at one of our favorite restaurants. We never miss an opportunity for a nice meal out of town. Situations like this can be a blessing if we let them be. We took it in stride; enjoyed lunch; and had a pleasant, safe ride home. Whew — time for a nap!

I've noticed that our "speeders" on 102nd Trail seem to have calmed down. Coincidence or not, thank you for observing the rules of the road. We appreciate it very much.

Last week's JAXFAX question asked which U.S. state capital is the only one without a McDonald's, Starbucks or Walmart. The answer is Montpelier, Vermont.

We've all heard that breaking a mirror brings seven years of bad luck — a belief dating back to Roman times. The Romans believed a mirror reflected not only your face, but also your soul. Since they thought life renewed itself every seven years, the curse was believed to last exactly that long.

Have you ever considered how poor you might be if you followed every television commercial promoting pills, ointments and hair remedies? There are so many products promising more hair or better health, it's impossible to list them all.

Living here in the Village, I find that friends become family. We are truly grateful for our family of friends here at ACV. The other day I opened the freezer and asked my wife what I should take out for dinner. She replied, "Me."

Remember, the kinder you are to others, the better you will feel about yourself — and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick—386-330-4865

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to report for the coming week. Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments, especially as their activities may be limited. "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise" (Jeremiah 17:14).

This newsletter is an important way to keep everyone informed about what is happening in our community. If you have a friend or neighbor who does not regularly read the FNN, please encourage them to look at their copy or share the news with them so they can stay up to date.

Jim Powell would like to remind everyone of the following: One of the benefits of living here is our daily check-in system, which helps ensure residents' health and safety. Volunteers staff the front desk to record your daily call-in. It is **your responsibility** to call in before 11:00 a.m. If the phone lines are busy or no one answers, please try again a few minutes later.

If there is a power outage, you must go to the front desk and check in in person. Residents should **never** knock on a volunteer's door or call their personal cellphone to request a check-in, especially if they are not on duty. If you do not check in, safety and security will be contacted to make sure you have not fallen or experienced a medical emergency overnight.

Our volunteers generously give their time to serve in this role, and we are grateful for their commitment. Please respect their privacy during their time off.

As always, be respectful of fellow residents and visitors. Do not confront anyone if you believe they are violating ACV rules or policies. If you observe something unusual or inappropriate, contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone responds appropriately.

This is your home: If you see something, say something.

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Good morning, friends and neighbors. I pray all is well with you in body and spirit. Each day is a new beginning and a clean slate. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. When you think about it, that is truly awesome.

We can choose to do something productive, or we can choose to do nothing. We can cause someone to smile, laugh, cry, or even become angry. It is our choice. By God's help and grace, I want to make mine a good one.

I was deeply saddened by the news of Jackie Christenson's passing. She was a lovely lady whose laughter brought joy to my heart. We have lost a jewel. She made each day brighter for everyone around her. We will miss you, Jackie. Please pray for her family, and for others who have recently lost loved ones. God's loving embrace will comfort them. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

Ed Smith is back home, and I sure missed him at the table. He is regaining his strength so he can once again be in the lobby across from Jerry, taking care of "monkey business." Be a good neighbor and check to see if he needs anything. Welcome back, Ed! If you know of others who have returned home or have news to share, please let me know.

Plans for the sock hop are underway. It's going to be a grand event, so grab your socks, poodle skirt, and rolled-up jeans. Mark your calendar for March 31 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., and hop on down. See you there!

I had the pleasure of spending Sunday with my daughter, Peggy Newman. We had a great time playing cards (I won!). Lunch was delicious — cube steak, baked sweet potato, and pear salad for dessert. Thank you, Peggy.

I also appreciate the person helping me with the foyer decorations, moving things around to give it a fresh look. You have such talent. With my back and knees giving me trouble, I am not able to do as much as I once did. Thank you for your help.

A few months ago, I found a pair of earrings tucked into my door wreath. I had forgotten about them, but I truly love them. What a thoughtful gift — thank you.

I'm seeing more blooms each day. This season always inspires me to plant, so I repotted two of my plants. I spotted beautiful yellow daffodils blooming, so perhaps spring is not too far away.

Until next week, may you walk in the light of the Lord and find favor in His sight. Love you all.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Verna Piper—386-658-3753

"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is" (Brooklyn National Anthem)? This "old" mind of mine remembers the strangest things. I am thoroughly enjoying the spring weather and have been working on my flowers. My fellow gardeners have been busy as well; the community garden is thriving.

There are no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week. However, we do have an area gathering coming up soon. I hope you have Saturday, March 21, on your calendar. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Youth Lodge for a potluck, "Breakfast at Dinner."

Cathy Oberg would appreciate a call at 658-3237 to let her know you plan to attend. Please invite new neighbors to join us — it's the perfect opportunity to get better acquainted.



GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

Early Tuesday morning, around 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., I stepped outside and caught a glimpse of the beginning of the total lunar eclipse. By the time it reached totality, however, it had disappeared behind the clouds. In our area, we would not have been able to see the entire event from beginning to end because the moon was setting. Meanwhile, those in the western United States and parts of the Asia-Pacific region were able to witness the full eclipse.

This was the first total lunar eclipse since September 2025, and the last one until New Year's Eve 2028, though partial eclipses will occur in between. The next partial eclipse is scheduled for August of this year. Even though we could not see the entire event, we know it continued. And we know future eclipses will also take place in their appointed times.

Whether we see them or not, these events still occur. In the same way, we can trust that God is near and working out His plan even when we do not see visible evidence. The book of Esther provides a powerful example. Not once is God's name mentioned in Esther, yet as the story unfolds, His hand is unmistakable. The timing of events — Esther being crowned queen and the king's acceptance of her when she approached him unsummoned — point clearly to God's presence and purpose, even when His name is not spoken.

When seasons arise in our lives and God seems silent, we can remain confident that He has not forsaken us. He is working out His will in His time.

As promised, here are the results of the 2026 GSC Olympics. Individual results will be posted at a later date, but Dogwood Court collected four gold medals, making it the top court. Magnolia earned two gold medals, and Camellia Court earned one. Residents gave their best effort and had a wonderful time participating — which is what it is all about.

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

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Hello from my view of the meadow! We have another new neighbor, Gisele Altman. She is currently living on Millsite Lane while continuing to renovate her new home on Wildwood Circle. Welcome, Gisele — we look forward to having you in Riverwoods!

The board meeting was held on Feb. 26. Going forward, HOA meetings will be scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month. A newly revised Request for Modifications form is now available on the TPAM portal (tpam.biz) under "Documents."

The Board also shared that the Suwannee River Water Management District has issued a water shortage advisory. Residents are asked to limit lawn irrigation to one day per week, avoiding the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Watering days are based on your address:

- Odd-numbered addresses water on Saturday.
- Even-numbered addresses water on Sunday.

This advisory is in effect through July 31, 2026. We are currently in "Extreme Drought" conditions, so let's all do our part and work together.

The Riverwoods Social Committee is planning our next gathering on Saturday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in Rumph Dining Room. The theme is St. Patrick's Day! This is a potluck dinner, so start planning your dish. I'm considering Irish Pea Salad, Colcannon, or Bubble and Squeak.

TPAM, our management company, will be present for the next Board Meeting on Thursday, March 26. If you would like to set up autopay, they can assist you at that time. Payments drawn from a checking account have no service fee — just bring your checkbook. Credit card payments are subject to a service fee. Our meeting ended with somber news. Mary Ann Wilson, our secretary, has resigned due to serious

illness. She and her husband, George, are in our prayers.

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HAIR CROPPERS

For March and April Spa Days: Special offer for couples or groups of five or more! Whether you're relaxing solo, with a partner, or bringing your friends together, we've got the perfect facial treatment for you. Take \$5.00 off 30-minute facials, and \$10 off 60-minute facials for couples or groups of five.

We also offer spa pedicures, spa manicures, hot stone leg and foot massages, and our signature hand-wrapped treatment. Upcoming spa days are March 7 and April 4 and 7. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: March 6 and 20 and April 10 and 24. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114.

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

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

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

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

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:15 to 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

VERIZON

Verizon representatives come to the Village Square professional offices the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are available to answer questions about their products; offer technical support; perform account analysis; streamline your account; add new lines; and sell upgrades, home internet, and devices.

TAXES PREPARATION

A team from Tina Singletary, CPA in Mayo, Florida, will be at the Village Square once a week until Tax Day to

allow area residents to meet with a tax expert and have their taxes filed. The dates they will be in the professional offices at the Village Square are as follows: March 12, 19, 26, and 31; and April 9 and 13. They will be available 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–3:00 p.m. Call (386) 294-1040 to make an appointment. Be prepared to leave this year's and last year's tax forms. They take two weeks to file. You pay when they finish; fees start at \$125.

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.

DONNA HAGAN, EA

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

THANK YOU

I wish to express my gratitude to Craig Carter, David Klumpenhower, and Maintenance and Housekeeping staff for all services rendered in restoring my apartment and having my heating unit repaired following the freeze that caused the breakage of a water pipe. My accommodations at the Lodge with breakfast and lunch were greatly appreciated! I am so thankful for the Village support I received!

Betty Bird

When I moved over to Dacier Manor, I received many beautiful get-well cards and many kind visitors, which I truly enjoyed. I want to thank you all for your kindness; it is/was a pleasure that I will always treasure.

Vilma Oman

Thank you to each and all for the blessings I received by the birthday cards, phone calls, and personal visits. They were very much appreciated. It is a privilege and great pleasure to live and serve here in ACV. With smiles and praises,

Errol Gillette

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

FREE: About 50 sheets of carbon paper. Black 63XL HP ink cartridge that has never been used. Call CrackerJack at 386-658-2113 if you are interested.*

FOR SALE: Books, books and more books. Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., in Dottie Stone's apartment, DH 110. None over \$2.00. Excellent condition.*

FOR SALE: 2020 Nissan Altima and 2012 Dodge Challenger. Serious inquiries only. 919-455-5049.*

MOVING SALE: Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, at 10271 Wildwood Circle. Collectable salt and pepper shakers, Depressionware, rocking chair, wicker pieces, household items, Christmas, and more.*

Prices effective 2/27–3/5

THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day to on-campus ACV members!

GROCERY

17 oz. Duncan Hines Double Fudge Brownie Mix		\$ 4.30
Ortega Taco Dinner Kit	9 oz.	\$ 4.00
Jif Natural Peanut Butter	16 oz.	\$ 3.50
Margaret Holmes Triple Succotash	14 oz.	\$ 2.00
IGA Chicken Noodle Soup	10.5 oz.	\$ 1.50
Quaker Instant Grit Packets	9.8 oz.	\$ 5.00
Chinet Platters	24 ct.	\$ 5.20
Mt. Olive Sweet Salad Cubes	8 oz.	\$ 3.00

DAIRY

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

PRODUCE

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

FROZEN

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

MEAT

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

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$5.30 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

This Week's Verse

Don't act like the people who make horoscopes and try to read their fate and future in the stars!
Their ways are futile and foolish. Jeremiah 10:2–3

March 6–13, 2026

FRIDAY, 3/6

\$2.75 Soup: Lobster Bisque

\$6.95 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Smoked Sausage, Fried Cod

\$1.40 Sides: Mixed Greens, Malibu Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots), Green Beans, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits, Hush Puppies

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 3/7

\$8.50 Whistle Stop Special: Vegetable Lasagna, Green Beans, Side Salad, Garlic Knots, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 3/8

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

Entrées: GF Roast Beef, Homestyle Meatballs with Gravy, Fried Chicken

Sides: Caribbean Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Yellow Carrots, and Red Peppers), Honey Glazed Carrots, Parsley Potatoes, Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese

Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 3/9

\$2.75 Soup: Chef's Choice

\$6.95 Entrées: Pot Roast, Chicken Tenders, Italian Hoagie Sandwich with Chips

\$1.40 Sides: California Normandy Vegetable Blend (Carrots, Cauliflower and Broccoli), Zucchini, Cold Salads, Fruit

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 3/10

\$8.50 Special: Salad Bar

\$2.75 Soup: Cook's Choice

\$6.95 Entrées: Vegetable Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan

\$1.40 Sides: Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Carrots, Green Beans, Broccoli, and Red Peppers), Cheesy Cauliflower, Mushrooms, Fruit, Cold Salads, Rice

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

NOTE: Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$2.35.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

March 6–13, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 3/11

\$2.75 **Soup:** Garden Vegetable

\$6.95 **Entrées:** Loaded Hot Dog (Chili, Cheese, Onions and Relish), Fried Chicken

\$1.40 **Sides:** Green Beans, Yellow Squash with Tomatoes, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potatoes, Tater Tots

\$3.00 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 3/12

\$6.95 **Entrées:** Pork Loin BBQ Ribs, Philly Chicken on a Hoagie Roll

\$1.40 **Sides:** Five-Way Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Lima Beans, and Carrots), Catalina Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Yellow Carrots, Broccoli, and Peppers), Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato

\$3.00 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 3/13

\$2.75 **Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder

\$6.95 **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish

\$1.40 **Sides:** Malibu Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots), Mixed Greens, Green Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Cheese Grits

\$3.00 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Tomato Tortellini

Friday, March 6

Lunch only: Ham and Provolone Melt on a Croissant with
Dijonnaise Spread, with Homemade Chips, \$13.95

All day: Shrimp and Grits with Fresh Baked Biscuit,
\$18.95

Saturday, March 7

All day: Slow-Roasted Pot Roast
with Potatoes and Carrots, \$17.95

Ann & Quinton
Rumph
DINING ROOM

658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm

THE LOPIN' GOPHER
D E L I

658-5259

Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



658-5777

Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm

Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm

Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 7–TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Dinner buffet — Italian — \$12 for members and Winter Retreat registrants; \$15 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Concert by Endless Highway

7:00 p.m., VC

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

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

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

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

Lunch buffet — \$14 for members and registrants; \$20 for non-members
11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m., RDR

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

Dinner buffet — Chili and Salad — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

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

After-service refreshments, RDR

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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

Bible study session with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon
9:00 a.m., SMR/DR

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

Workshop with Barbara Bertolino
10:30 a.m., SMR/DR

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

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

Dinner buffet — Taco/Taco Salad Bar — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

Concert by Willing Heart
7:00 p.m., VC

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

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

After-concert refreshments, RDR

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

Bible study session with Dr. Rev. Adrian Dixon
9:00 a.m., SMR/DR

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

Workshop with Dr. Natasha Didos Ritsma
10:30 a.m., SMR/DR

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

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

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

Dinner buffet — Baked Potato Bar and Soup — \$12 for members and registrants; \$15 for non-members
5:00–6:30 p.m., RDR

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

After-service refreshments, RDR

Winter Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 7–TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Activities

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tickets

Purchasing tickets ahead of time is suggested.

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

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

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

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



Village Tours

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

Booklets

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

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

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