



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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MAY 8, 2026

Friday	5/8	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	5/9	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR
Sunday	5/10	Happy Mother's Day National Skilled Nursing Care Week Begins Today 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Mother's Day Brunch—RDR Mother's Day Ice Cream Social—RDR
Monday	5/11	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Pre-Concert Reception—SMR/DR Morning Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—VC Room 5 Piano Concert—VC Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	5/12	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Evening Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—OPR
Wednesday	5/13	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH <i>VCBI: How Does Jesus Work in the World Today?—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	5/14	9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 & 5:15 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plann Ministry—CMH Community Shred-It Event—VS Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR Bus Trip: Dine-Out at The Live Oak Gathering—DH & LAP
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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

Helen Kent, who was a resident of GSC, died May 5. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
 Betty Burnett, who was a resident of GSC, died May 2. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
 Solanges LaFleur, who was a resident of GSC, died May 2. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
 Marian Stauffer, who was a resident of Riverwoods, died April 30. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
 Marie Brian, who was a resident of Riverwoods, Dacier Manor and GSC, died April 29. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak.

NEW MEMBER

Deb Wolever of Palm Harbor, Florida, has moved to Edgewood Terrace. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4474.

TRANSFER

Ruth Slane has transferred from Riverwoods to Smith Riverview. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4623.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE

Over the past several weeks, our team has had some difficult conversations with residents about Medicare supplemental plans. These conversations are especially hard when they happen unexpectedly — such as when a bill is due or when we are unable to accept a particular insurance plan for services.

Medicare plans have changed a great deal in recent years. While many plans may look similar, there can be important differences that are not always clear. Medicare Advantage plans often operate within provider networks and may require prior authorization for certain services. Additionally, though we have tried, ACV is unable to accept some plans. For example, Humana limits how many providers they allow in a certain geographic area, which has prevented ACV from being approved as an in-network provider. We continue to work on this issue, but at this time, there has been no change.

For residents with plans we do not accept, this means you are unable to return to ACV for rehabilitation following a hospital stay and instead may need to receive care at another facility farther from home and family.

Some Medicare plans advertise attractive benefits up front such as low premiums, over-the-counter allowances, and lower prescription drug costs. However, when more extensive care is needed, such as skilled nursing care, out-of-pocket costs can be much higher than expected. In some cases, deductibles may be as high as \$200 per day.

As the saying goes, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. What matters most is how your plan supports you when you truly need care.

We understand that Medicare open enrollment is still months away. Even so, now is a good time to review and understand your current coverage. Knowing what your plan does and does not cover can help prevent unpleasant surprises, especially during times of illness or recovery.

As open enrollment approaches, ACV plans to promote informational sessions to help you better understand your options and make confident, well-informed decisions. Until then, if you have questions or concerns about your coverage, please reach out to your service coordinator. We are here to help and support you every step of the way.

ACV EVENTS

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Terry Fall. 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, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Joel Evans. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together! We will be taking offerings for camp scholarships for Camp Suwannee.

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.

RECEPTION & PIANO CONCERT

Monday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Reception - SMR/DR

10:00 a.m. Concert - VC

ACV's Coffee Concerts began in 2006 as a community tradition inspired by the Jacksonville Symphony's Friday Coffee Concerts. These morning programs offered

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



refreshments, fellowship, and great music — a tradition we're proud to continue with pianist John Beggs.

Madison native John Beggs has performed at ACV a few times in the past few years, most notably as part of the 2022-23 artist series, and as a replacement artist series performer last June. He is an award-winning young musician who is currently in school to further his talent.

A fellowship reception will begin the event in the Sawmill and Depot rooms at 9:00 a.m., and the concert will follow at 10:00. The reception and concert are free, and you are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors.

Donations will be accepted for the artist.

COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT

Thursday, May 14

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - VS

Shred-it will be at the Village Square from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. This service is complimentary for members. Please plan to drop off the paper you wish to be shredded — in boxes or bags. Remove all paper clips or binder clips; staples are OK. Your safety and that of your neighbors is important, so always patiently follow the parking lot's traffic patterns. Shred-it will only be collecting paper to shred.



MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, May 14, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the May member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with May birthdays will receive special recognition. The entertainment guest will be local award-winning musician Joe First. You won't want to miss it. See you there!

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT AT THE LIVE OAK GATHERING

Thursday, May 14

5:00 p.m. - DH & 5:15 p.m. - LAP

Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

Thursday, May 14, the trip bus will be going to the Live Oak Gathering restaurant. The Live Oak Gathering is a family-style restaurant serving a variety of American dishes ranging from \$9.00 to \$22. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the Information Center.



LUNCH & LEARN: STROKE AWARENESS

Friday, May 15, 12:00 noon - DR

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, a reminder that recognizing the warning signs of a stroke — and acting quickly — can make all the difference. This month's lunch and learn will focus on the essentials: what a stroke is, the symptoms that signal a medical emergency, and what to do the moment you suspect one. You'll also learn what happens after calling 911 and practical steps you can take to lower your risk.

Join us on Friday, May 15, for a clear, easy-to-understand overview designed to help you stay informed and prepared.

BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: PROJECT TRIO

Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.

Florida Gateway College

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center

149 SE College Place, Lake City

5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP

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

Project Trio is an electrifying chamber music ensemble that includes a beat-boxing flutist, a bass player, and a cellist/sax player. They combine the virtuosity of world-class artists with the energy of rock stars.

This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386)

365-8488 or visiting communityconcerts.info. Individual ticket prices are \$30 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the Information Center.



BUS TRIP: VALDOSTA SHOPPING

Saturday, May 16

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

Bus: \$8.00 members, \$16 non-members

The trip bus will be going to Valdosta to visit the mall and surrounding shopping centers on Saturday, May 16. The bus will leave from Dowling House at 8:45 a.m. and from the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Valdosta restaurant. Bus fee: \$8.00 for ACV members and \$16 for non-members. Sign up at the Information Center.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2:00 p.m. - RDR

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room. All ACV members are encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be Cindy Beaver, ACV's Director of Safety and Security. Come for the information; stay for the fellowship and refreshments.

ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

Friday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - DR

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



VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 23, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Mark your calendars; it's time to start spring cleaning as we prepare to hold the annual Village-Wide Yard Sale. You may host the sale in your driveway, building lobby, or with neighbors.

Would you like to host a sale? If you are an on- or off-campus ACV member, please contact Member Services at 658-5400 or by email at fnn@acvillage.net to take advantage of this free advertisement, and have your sale added to the list. If you are interested in letting people know ahead of time what you will be selling, submit an ad as well that we will place in the Miscellaneous section for up to two weeks.

Also, don't forget that the Village shops will also be open.

There is no cost to participate. If you need tables, they are available to rent from the Village Lodge (658-5200).

The ACV shuttle bus will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for ACV members.

GOSPEL SING

Saturday, May 23, 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, May 23.

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!

WALKING WITH GOD

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla

Join us at Lake Aquilla Tuesday nights at 6:30. Together, we will better our health and strengthen our relationship with Christ. Until May 26, we'll be meeting for devotion and a low impact walk around ACV! Bring a friend or come solo; either way we'd love to have you!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. Meeting days this month are May 12 and 26. Come and join us. The Bible study is on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

WONDERS OF CREATION

Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 p.m. - DR

One of the Wonders of Creation that our grandkids are being taught in school is dinosaur evolution. Have they been told the Biblical truth of these marvelous animals that God created on the same day that He formed Adam and Eve? Come see a video of Dr. Gary Parker and Tribal Trails ministry discussing dinosaurs and their fossils. His wife, Mary, developed the first creation science museum. We will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on May 12 in the Depot Room. Contact MaryAnn Stuart at (863) 558-1395 with questions.

GIVE BLOOD

Tues., May 19, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. - VS

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked at the VS Tuesday, May 19, 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 free appetizer coupon to Texas Roadhouse, and platelet and double red cell donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$25 e-gift card.

PIZZA PARTY

Friday, May 22, 5:15 p.m. - SMR/DR

There will be a pizza party Friday, May 22, at 5:15 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. You can come at 5:00 p.m. to get your drinks and salad and have a seat. Pizza will arrive at 5:15 p.m. As soon as the pizza is set up on the tables, everyone can start eating. There will be cheese, all meat, garden veggie, and supreme. There will possibly be pepperoni or their deep dish special. Those needing gluten-free should let the Information Center know when you buy your ticket. Be sure to give your name as well. Tickets are available at Information Center for \$9.00 **until noon on Monday, the 18th.** You can eat as much as we have, but we will start with three squares for the first plate so everyone has choices. If you have questions, contact Debbie at (719) 464-3639.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday & Sunday

What's Happening This 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	10:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Kids Corner	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

Railroad Display and Presentation

Courtesy of the ACV Model Railroad Club, we have a beautiful model train exhibit in the JKPL for the month of May! Come in to enjoy the meticulously made miniatures and to learn some local history. Interested in more information? On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., a club member will be available to provide information on different aspects of model railroad building, the history of the LOP&G (Live Oak, Perry and Gulf), and to answer any questions you may have.

Starbooks Café

Come join everyone at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee and conversation. Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., we sip coffee, chat and share thoughts and experiences in a casual and friendly environment. We'll kick things off with the topic "What was the proudest moment in your career?"

History of Suwannee County

Due to unforeseen circumstances, History of Suwannee County with Eric Musgrove is canceled for May 7. Meetings will return in June! Miss a session? Check out the SRRL's YouTube page (www.youtube.com/@srllib) and look for the History of Suwannee County Playlist.



Friday and Saturday Soup: Vegetable Beef

Friday, May 8

Lunch only: Old Fashioned Patty Melt on Grilled Marble Rye with Sautéed Onions and Melted Swiss, Served with Fries, \$14.95

All day: Chicken Enchiladas with Black Beans and Rice, \$16.95

Saturday, May 9

Lunch only: Turkey, Bacon, and Provolone Melt on a Croissant, Served with a Choice of Side, \$13.95

All day: Teriyaki Salmon with Sautéed Squash Medley and Wild Rice, \$18.95

As the Page Turns Book Club

The book for next month's book club is *Chaos* by Iris Johansen! *Chaos* is a high-stakes thriller that follows a rogue CIA agent as she tries to save kidnapped schoolgirls in Africa. Grab your copy today! The next meeting will be May 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Craft

Come one, come all! Prepare a Mother's Day gift for someone special in your life on May 7 at 4:30 p.m. Open to all ages, you may choose from several different craft options with all the supplies provided.

Intermediate Canva

Live Oak library's Amber Waters will be back to teach more Canva skills and know-how on Monday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m. Learn how to make a simple video, how to edit a photo with Canva's apps, and more. Participants should have a Canva account (free or paid) and a basic understanding of the platform. Attendance at the Canva for Beginners program is not required. Seating is limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

UF/IFAS Lunch and Learn: Homesteading with Livestock

Erin Dasher from the UF/IFAS Extension Office will be at JKPL on May 14 at noon to present on Homesteading with Livestock. This program is part of a monthly Lunch & 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.

Tech Talk

Do you have a smartphone but keep running into roadblocks while using it? Join us on May 15 at 2:30 p.m. for Tech Talk, where Jeremy will hold a smartphone refresher! Renew your knowledge on smartphone usage, and learn some new tips and tricks.

Paint Along with Liz

Join in the fun and enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step by step! The program will be held on May 19 and 21 at 2:00 and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece during all four classes. You provide the canvas; we provide the rest of the materials. Sign up for your preferred time and day today to save your seat!

SongFarmers

The SongFarmers, a local acoustic grass roots collection of artists known for their warm, welcoming style, will be sharing their love of folk music on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Audience members are invited to sing along or even bring an instrument, and play along with the group. It's a casual, joyful event that you don't want to miss!

SongFarmers never cancels, so mark your calendar for every third Tuesday of the month so you never miss a gathering!

Save the Date

May 26 — Pokémon
May 28 — Dementia Support Group



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

☞ At the Village Square ☜

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

Riverside Gifts

Honor someone special this Mother's Day with a gift from our wide array of mugs, music boxes, jewelry, books, and much more.

This shop features gifts for all ages, cards, jewelry, and household items. The children's section has new games, art projects, toys, stuffed animals, and a new drawing board to encourage creativity.

Choose a gift and card to honor a graduate or teacher. There are travel mugs and pottery mugs.

We have the USA 250 Years anniversary flags, seasonal flags, wall or ground display holders, and a large packet of monthly flags for the entire year.

Be prepared for warmer weather and pesky insects by getting Deet-free insect repellent spray, a wide-brimmed adjustable hat, sunglasses, and a cooling towel. Choose a small fan to wear around your neck, ACV-branded umbrella, and a one-size-fits-all poncho for rainy days.

A large variety of goat milk soaps is back. These are available in both fragrance-free and a variety of lovely scents. There is even soap for your dog!

The vintage chiming wall clocks are here, and one is on sale. 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

Mother's Day is almost here, and it's the perfect time to stop in and browse our unique gifts and cards to honor her. You'll find everything from vintage jewelry, charming trinkets, and springtime shawls to magnificent flower arrangements.

New arrivals include a Brownlow Heritage China teapot and a Baker Brothers egg platter. We also have cheerful dishtowels and lovely flower paintings to brighten any wall. And for a touch of nostalgia, our collection of '60s and '70s 45-RPM records offers tunes sure to lift your spirits.

Two tables are set up with vintage dinnerware. If you are looking for a specific pattern, talk with the very helpful staff.

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

You can't beat our prices on clothing for all ages and every occasion, whether you need something casual or dressy. There are swimsuits and bathing trunks, sleepwear, shoes, and scrubs at excellent prices.

Shoppers, alert! **All Book Nook shelf items — except those in the Collectible section — are buy one, get two free. The overstock sale runs through the end of May. Buy one paperback and chose two softbacks or two hardbacks free. Buy a DVD and get any two additional shelf items free. Select five CDs for \$1.00 and receive five more free.** And remember, 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 Month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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.

- **May 13 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 12:00 noon.
- **May 13 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.
- **May 20 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 12:00 noon.
- **May 20 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.
- **May 27 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.
- **May 27 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: "Witnesses for the Accused"

TEXT: John 5:31-47 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

10:00 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

Sunday, May 10

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

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

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

6:00 p.m. — Mother's Day Ice Cream Social (VC)

Monday, May 11

9:30 a.m. — Vesta Clothey WHFMS Meeting (Room 5)

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

1:30 p.m. — Christina Baker WHFMS Meeting (OPR)

Wednesday, May 13

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

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 15

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 17

6:00 p.m. — High School Graduation Recognition:
Landon Chapman and Jordan Coombs (RDR)

Sunday, May 24

12:00 noon — Memorial Day Potluck (Camp Suwannee Pavilion)

CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Wednesday, May 20, through Friday, May 29. Please plan to add money to your meal cards, and pay any statements before the 20th. If you need assistance during that time, you may call the Finance Department at 658-5450, and someone will be able to help you. All ACV offices will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Doug Mabey—386-658-5200

It's that time of year again. Aquila Pool (the outdoor pool) will open for the season on Saturday, May 30. Open swim will be (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 for various groups and open swim times.

The pool is reserved for use by the following:

- Wee Care, Day Camp and Camp Suwannee campers;
- ACV members and guests;
- ACV employees;
- Guests staying in the Village Lodge, in one of ACV's cottages, at Camp Suwannee, or at Tresca Park;
- Family members of a family with a Family Pass (family members refers to a spouse and children who are 17 years of age or under and living in the same household); and
- Those who have purchased a pool pass.

The following are eligible to purchase a pool pass:

- ACV Board members, and
- ACV employee family members.

Due to the size of our pool, we cannot open membership to the Dowling Park or Live Oak community. Any exceptions to this policy requires the approval of the pool manager.

Use of a Pool Pass:

- A pool pass or ACV membership ID must be brought to the pool each time the pool is used.
- Pool passes are the property of ACV and may be revoked if rules and regulations are not adhered to.
- Persons without a pass may swim only as the guest of a pass holder or ACV member when accompanied by the pass holder or member.

Cost of Passes:

- Family Season Pass \$50
- Individual Season Pass \$25
- Month Pass \$20
- Weekly Pass \$10
- Day Pass \$5.00
- Replacement of a lost pass \$5.00

Passes may be purchased at the Village Lodge office.

Supervision at the Pool:

- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- An adult over the age of 18 may supervise children at the pool when the lifeguard is notified by the parents of the children. Lifeguards cannot babysit your children. They already have the responsibility to all swimmers using the pool.
- Lifeguards may ask children under 13 to leave the pool if they are not being supervised.
- When the lifeguard is on duty, he/she will enforce all rules and can dismiss anyone from the pool area who does not observe his/her instructions and the rules as posted.

NO ONE MAY SWIM ALONE.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER **Kathleen Johnson—386-658-5573**

Friday, May 15, is our last day of Nursing Home Week. We need volunteers to help with the snow cone machine, popcorn machine, and the cotton candy machine. Or, if you are more comfortable, bringing residents out to play games with you. The children from the Wee Care will be there to join us as well. We will begin to set up around 9:00 a.m. and the games will begin at 10:00 a.m. COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME!!!

Call me if you have any questions: Kathleen Johnson at 658-5573.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

If you missed last Friday's golf cart race, you missed a great time of laughter. We ended up with nine racing pairs (three pairs raced twice after switching seats) for a total of 12 tries! We split the racers into two categories: staff and non-staff. The staff winners were: In third place, Joseph Boyer and Doug Mabey; in second place, Tim O'Sullivan and Tim Portbury; and in first place, Cindy Hitchcock and Jayden Hook. The non-staff category winners were: In third place, Noah and Robbin Chapman; in second place, Naume Nanuseski and Dale Whitmore; and in first place, Jean Ard and Katie Nanuseski.

Following the race, the scavenger hunt took place. The winners were: In third place, Phyllis Doty and Lynn Paulsen; in second place, Joseph Boyer and Doug Mabey; and in first place, Anne Bessette, Jay Dresser and Ellie Foerste.

Congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to everyone who showed up to cheer on the racers.

Member Services Tip of the Week

If you have outdated or unwanted medications in your home, they can be deposited into the MedSafe collection kiosk located at the Village Pharmacy. MedSafe is an unused and expired medication disposal system. This easy-to-operate system accepts controlled (Schedules II-V), non-controlled, and over-the-counter medicines.

Scam Tip of the Week: Spoofed Bank Calls

Across the country, consumers are reporting a surge in spoofed phone calls from scammers posing as banks, payment services, or even law enforcement. These callers often use technology that makes their number appear identical to the one printed on your debit card. They may also recite real account details — balances, routing numbers, or partial account numbers — to appear legitimate.

Once they gain your trust, the scammer's goal is simple: convince you to move your money. They may claim your account is compromised, urge you to "secure" your funds in a new account, or pressure you to send money through Zelle or another service. After the transfer, the funds disappear.

Red flags to watch for:

- A caller claiming to be from your bank, Zelle, or law enforcement
- Pressure to act quickly or warnings that you're "in trouble"
- Requests to move money to a "safe" or "temporary" account
- Instructions to send money through Zelle, wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or gift cards
- Requests for PINs, passwords, or remote access to your device
- A caller who already knows some of your account information and uses it to build trust

What you should do:

- Hang up immediately if someone asks you to move money
- Call your bank back using the number on your card or statement
- Never share PINs, passwords, or verification codes
- Do not allow remote access to your phone or computer
- Report suspicious calls to your bank and to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov)

Banks emphasize that they will never call you and ask you to transfer money. If a call feels urgent or

unsettling, trust your instincts and disconnect. Staying cautious is the best protection.

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV's first responders are available for consultation and triage in non-emergency medical situations 24 hours a day, seven days a week to all on-campus members and to off-campus members who live near ACV. First responders are also available to provide some campus security services and to assist members in other ways during nighttime and weekend hours. Again, these services are available to all on-campus members and to off-campus members who live nearby. To contact a first responder, call the Information Center at 658-3333.

TV2

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

- What does the Bible say about sexual orientation?
- Explain Revelation. Is it symbolism or future predictions?

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.

CONNECTING THREADS

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, May 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Carter House Common Room

This Friday, Kathy Loftus will be teaching a pine cone flower class! We've seen some of her imaginative use of pine cones and are looking forward to learning from her.

Come join us for creativity and fellowship! Feel free to bring along your own projects to show us and to work on as well. 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

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

A Committee of the Membership Association **Cathy Oberg, Reporter**

The bus will be going to the FSJR awards banquet on Tuesday, May 12. We will be leaving from Carter House promptly at 5:00 p.m. Please do not be late as the bus will leave without you. See you at the banquet.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Christ Caring for People Through People

Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the

comfort we ourselves have been comforted by God" (II Corinthians 1:3-4).

Every volunteer in Stephen Ministries has walked through seasons of struggle or deep emotional hurt. It is often through those very experiences — combined with a love for the Lord and for others — that they feel called to serve in Stephen Ministries. They live out the truth of Scripture, offering comfort to those "in affliction" with the same comfort they themselves have received from God.

Their own journeys have cultivated a genuine empathy for others who are hurting. Along the way, God has also equipped them with spiritual gifts — such as compassion, attentive listening, and prayer — that uniquely prepare them for this ministry.

We are not meant to walk through life alone. If you are in a difficult season, resist the urge to withdraw. Allow someone to come alongside you and share in God's comfort.

To learn more or to connect with Stephen Ministries, please reach out.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There will be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Oh, happy day when Jesus washed our sins away. As I continue to make progress in my health and attitude, I can feel your prayers and kind thoughts. I thank God for you, my faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

On a not-too-sad note, much to my chagrin, I report that Bob and Robin Copeland are making plans to leave our humble neighborhood and move to Park of the Pines once their home here sells. I'm sure they will have no trouble selling their "new home," as it is just barely two years old. Yes, they will be missed, but they won't be far away.

James Sutter informed me yesterday that Helen Bowen, daughter of Debbie Bowen, passed away on April 27. Helen was a 20-year winter resident and at times worked for ACV in various capacities.

I am using a borrowed laptop to write this report and do not have access to my birthday files, so please forgive me for missing your special day this week.

I have a four-year-old, 5,500-watt Troy-Bilt gas generator for sale, with only about 60 hours on it. It has always been kept under cover and starts easily —

usually on the third pull. If you are interested, please call me at (239) 404-0329.

I am also planning an open-house sale in my sheds on the day of our community garage sale. There is too much to list — tools, Christmas items, gardening supplies, and plenty of miscellaneous treasures. Come by, and if you see something you like and we agree on a reasonable price, it's yours. Prices will be very good, as I MUST clear things out. There will also be some free items available. Come one, come all, and seek the treasures CrackerJack has gathered over the years. It's time to unload. I understand many folks will be participating in the sales this year.

We are in National Nurses Week, so if you see a nurse, thank them for doing a job not everyone is cut out to do. In my recent hospital stay, I saw firsthand how short-staffed, overworked and underpaid they are.

And now for a little humor: What kind of birds stick together? Velcrows!

Remember, whenever you are feeling down and out, the only way out is up — and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Mary Gamble—334-790-9066

Hey, everyone! I hope you've had a wonderful week.

Thank God for the rain we received this past weekend.

We don't have any birthdays or anniversaries to report this week, but Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 10. Happy Mother's Day!

Please feel free to contact me with any information you'd like to share in our FNN.

Remember, you can contact the Information Center at 658-3333 regarding any issues you believe are not in line with ACV regulations.

I recently learned about the "ACV Vial of Life Medical Information Form." If you're not familiar with it, this form is important to have in case of an emergency when our medical team needs quick access to your information. If you don't have one, they are available on the bulletin board beside the office of Cindy Beaver, Director of Safety and Security. Cindy recommends placing the completed form on your refrigerator with a magnet. She also suggests making a copy to keep in your vehicle or to carry with you. These forms are specifically designed for ACV residents.

Thanks, everyone. Have a blessed week.

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Dear God, let today not be a time of loss but of gain in laughter and understanding. Let today not be a time of regret, but of increase in forgiveness and grace.

Good morning, friends and neighbors. It's time once again to share our community activities. While I haven't received many updates from neighbors recently, I do have a few notes to share.

Lake Aquilla is full of activity. The whistling ducks and the white "home boys" are mingling together, splashing and preening in the beautiful weather. It likely won't be long before nesting season begins. Speaking of ducks, my granddaughter Lea in Alabama has some new baby ducks and is very proud of them.

These sights bring back beautiful memories. Before my husband passed, we lived on 13 acres in Northwest Florida with ducks, peacocks, chickens and aviaries full of parakeets, finches, lovebirds, canaries and cockatiels. I enjoyed every day of caring for them and watching the babies hatch and grow. It was always hard to see them go when people bought them.

We have some new neighbors in Dowling House: Molly Cox and Murwin Bevis. Help them feel welcome with a smile and a friendly hello.

While walking Scoots, I met Donna Carbaugh and Delia on their way to visit friends at GSC. I know that visit made their day. Additionally, it is wonderful to see Michael Saunders back at the desk after being away for a while.

Please keep Jeanne Florence, who is recovering from a fall, and others who are suffering or have concerns in your prayers.

Thank you for joining in unified prayer; we received a good rain recently. Work also continues on

Alert Suwannee

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the cat compound past the grapevines. Those who have seen it say it is very nice; the cats are well fed and have a building to stay out of the weather. Thank you to everyone involved in this project.

To close with a bit of laughter: Two newborns were lying side by side in the nursery. One asked, "Are you a girl or a boy?" The other replied, "I don't know, what are you?" The first baby pulled back his blanket and said, "I'm a boy — look, blue booties!"

Until next week, take things one step at a time. It isn't just a choice, it's a necessity.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE Verna Piper—386-658-3753

We have no birthdays or anniversaries coming up next week. Pooh celebrated an *un*birthday! Sounds like a possibility: lemonade, iced tea, and some goodies. Call me when it's ready; it might make the news, at least the FNN.

Kudos to Taylor Commons. They are "flagged up". It's a beautiful sight when entering the Village from the CR 250 entrance. The My Hero flags will soon be added as the plan is to place them across from the Village Square.

As most know, I volunteer at Twice Nice Furniture & More. Last Saturday it was raining. It was amazing to see all our wet, but happy, customers so delighted to see the rain. It was a very upbeat and happy crowd. It made our job so worth it.

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

It seems that whenever we're asked, "Who are you?" we respond with information about what we do, who our parents are, or where we're from — details that may describe us but don't fully define us. In 1 Peter 2:9–10, we read who we are as believers in Christ: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." We all have our own personalities, but when we receive God's mercy, He makes us people He can use to bring Him glory.

GSC and Dacier Manor have been participating in Penny Crusade for the past five weeks, and so far we've raised \$298.51. We've heard stories of lives impacted through the ministry of Agape House in Japan. Many have heard the gospel, and their lives have changed as God has set them free from despair, bondage to sin and deception, bringing them into a Christ-centered community. We have one more week to collect for Penny Crusade, and next week we will post the final total. Every penny given supports Advent Christian World Missions.

GSC is celebrating Nurses Week May 6–12. As I go about my days at GSC, I see and hear the compassion of our nurses. These dedicated workers care for residents not only in their immediate physical needs but also as whole persons. It's a joy to hear them talking with, laughing with, and caring for those they serve.

A few guests come regularly to GSC and Dacier Manor each month. Pastor Darren Gay of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church visits once a month on Saturday to share the Word. Dick Grillo visits both GSC and Dacier Manor monthly, and Joel and Charlotte Evans also share at both locations. Chaplain Judy brings the joy of the Lord each month, and she returns with the Randy Brown Band as well — keeping tempo on the drums. Joe First comes to help us celebrate birthdays each month. Others visit regularly to encourage our residents. You know who you are, and we appreciate you.

RIVERWOODS Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Hello from my view of the meadow! Thanks to the wonderful rain we received last weekend, our little meadow looks a bit greener. The weatherman says we may have more rain soon, and we certainly need it. Please remember that local drought conditions remain

"extreme to exceptional," and lawn-watering restrictions are still in place.

The open house event held the same day as Spring Fling seems to have stirred some activity in Riverwoods. We're happy to see the possibility of new neighbors, and we pray that everyone with a home on the market will soon have successful endeavors.

Recently, a friend has been hearing a summer tanager, though she hasn't seen it yet. I've been hearing a kite but haven't spotted one either. I love watching kites as they fly overhead — such graceful birds with a beautiful silhouette and that distinctive forked tail. The hummingbirds have been back for more than a month. The other day, one hovered about two feet from my face while I was standing on the front porch. That's always a delight.

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth, who hast displayed thy splendor above the heavens! ... All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth" (Psalm 8:1, 7–9)!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE HIDDEN GARDEN AND BUTTERFLY DISPLAY Donna Robb, Reporter

You will not want to miss what's happening at ACV in the hallway by the Smith Riverview Apartments mailboxes. Come see the butterfly display!

New life is unfolding every day at the Hidden Garden and the butterfly display in Riverview. Last week was especially exciting as our first monarch butterfly completed its metamorphosis — from a tiny egg to a beautiful monarch.

On Tuesday, those who gathered watched with delight as our first monarch soared into the bright blue sky, framed by the beauty of the Hidden Garden. Ellie Foerste, our tireless leader, led us in singing "I'll Fly Away."

Where else can you observe the transformation from egg to the living beauty of a butterfly? "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and everything in it." God is in all things. We have an amazing God who created us and loves His creations.

Thank you to all who work in the Hidden Garden. We especially thank Louise Johnson, who faithfully comes from Riverwoods to fill bottles with water for the garden's beautiful flowers. And thank you to the team caring for the butterfly display: Ellie Foerste and Janna Shamlaty, who set up the display; and Anne Bessette and David Anewalt, who provide food for the caterpillars and share their knowledge of butterfly care. Anne also keeps watch over the butterflies and keeps us informed of their progress and any needs that arise. We appreciate each of you.

MY HERO CROSSES

Deadline for Memorial Day: May 15

Sgt. Howard Cleveland Barker American Legion Post 422 in Lee, Florida, is pleased to announce they are bringing the My Hero Crosses program to Dowling Park. The flag/cross combos seen in Live Oak and elsewhere will be positioned along Dowling Park Drive twice yearly for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day. The cost is \$50 per My Hero Cross for the first year and \$25 for each year thereafter.

Village Cashier's Office

Monday–Friday

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

658-5343

To sponsor a My Hero Cross, please contact Billy Howard at (321) 794-8993 or alpost422@gmail.com, or Ken Forrest at (850) 371-6068.

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: May 8 and 22 and June 5 and 19. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

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

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

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON

Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:15 to 7:00 p.m.

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

For June Spa Days, June 2 and June 6: Special offers 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. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Ryobi portable gasoline-powered generator, 6500 running watts, 8125 starting watts. Excellent condition. Call Earl Skidmore at 304-268-5589.**

FOR SALE: F150 Ford pickup, low mileage, make an offer. Contact Ken at 386-208-2961.*

WANTED: Any size moving boxes. I will pick up. Call 252-269-1452.*

FOR SALE: New electric piano keyboard and books. Paid \$190 and would like to get at least \$100. Contact Sue at 937-999-9170.*

YARD SALE: Everything-is-a-quarter sale. This Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 23392 Live Oak Lane. There will be books; women's clothes; kitchen, Christmas and décor items; etc.*

LOST AND FOUND: An over-the-sun-visor case with CDs. Has character on case. Please identify the character at time of pick-up to receive. Also, the book *God's Promises for Your Every Need* with a brown leather cover. Contact the IC at 658-3333 to claim.*

VILLAGE BOOKWORM

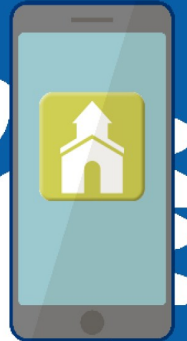
Jean Snyder and Ethel Stenzel are huge fans of author Max Lucado. They share his books and love his grandfatherly advice and warm humor. The Village library has a good selection of his writings and one audiobook. If you haven't already, treat yourself to one of America's best-selling inspirational authors.

A new Lucado title has been added to our library, and this book might save you a visit to the psychiatrist. If you want to change your life, change your thoughts (Romans 12:2). Do you get stuck in your head? Overthink every issue? Get ticked off at the world? Weighed down with worry? Max Lucado's *Tame Your Thoughts* offers tools for renewing your mind and transforming your life. He addresses anxiety, guilt and rejection in a compassionate, Scripture-based way. The message is simple: be intentional about your thoughts and what you allow to take up space in your mind.

How do you put that into practice? Take God at his word: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV). With Scripture as our anchor and Lucado as our guide, discover a new way of thinking and a better way of living.

VIEW OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

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

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

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



Prices effective 5/08–5/14



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GROCERY

Duncan Hines Brownie Mix	17 oz.	\$ 4.00
IGA Elbow Macaroni	16 oz.	\$ 1.20
Vigo Extra Virgin Olive Oil	8.5 oz.	\$ 6.00
Bush's Baked Beans	28 oz.	\$ 3.50
Libby's Pear Halves	15 oz.	\$ 3.60
Good Seasons Italian Dressing Mix	1 oz.	\$ 2.00
Mario Sliced Black Olives	2.2 oz.	\$ 2.00
Solo Squared Plates	15 ct.	\$ 5.80

DAIRY

Boars Head French Onion and Ranch Dip	12 oz.	\$ 3.60
T.G. Lee Sweet Tea	128 oz.	\$ 3.30

PRODUCE

Fresh Green Cabbage	per lb.	\$.80
Iceberg Head Lettuce	each	\$ 2.80

FROZEN

Pictsweet Farms Sweet Peas	10 oz.	\$ 3.50
Ore-Ida Extra Crispy Tater Tots	28 oz.	\$ 7.20

MEAT

Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Lean Ground Chuck	per lb.	\$ 7.00
Prairie Fresh Pork Loins	each	\$10.00
Sunset Farms Breakfast Ham	14 oz.	\$ 5.30
Sunset Farms Babyloop Sausage	16 oz.	\$ 5.50
31/40 ct. Cooked Shrimp	16 oz.	\$ 8.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Pepper Jack Cheese — \$5.70 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$7.00, Half chicken \$4.00

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

This Week's Verse

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you ... I have called you by name;
you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

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ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

ACV TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please complete the form below and return to the Information Center by **May 27, 2026**. You may drop it off, send it through Village mail to PO Box 4304 (mailing the form on campus requires no postage), or send the information via email to cnoble@acvillage.net. **Please complete this information even if you believe there have been no changes.**

☞ **If you'd rather type in the information, visit acvmembers.net/directoryupdate**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) _____
(As you want it/them to appear in the directory)

Landline Number _____

Cell Phone (his if couple) _____

Cell Phone (hers if couple) _____

911 Street Address _____

Building/Area/Neighborhood _____

Apartment Number _____ PO Box _____

Email (his if couple) _____

Email (hers if couple) _____

If you email your information, **please indicate whether you want your email address listed in the directory. If you do not list an e-mail, and I have one already listed, it will be removed.**

Please do **NOT** call the IC with any information.

Thank you for your help in making sure we have the correct information for our directory. The ACV Telephone Directory is free to all ACV members and Village Church members. Non-members can be added to the directory for a fee of \$8.00.

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN
ACV'S PRIVATE ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORIES
UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE BELOW**

Remove me completely from ACV's private online photo directories. I understand this means I will not be included in ACV's photo directory app, the ACV Members app photo directory, nor the printed photo directory.

If you'd like to be included, you may indicate any specific information you'd like EXCLUDED from the online photo directories:

- Landline number*
- 911 street address
- Email address(es)**
- Cellphone number(s)*
- Mailing address

*Currently in the Member app, you can either show both numbers or neither number.
**You must have an email address included in your online listing to access the directories, but the address can be hidden from view. Simply note this preference above.

May 8–15, 2026

FRIDAY, 5/8

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish; GF Garlic Butter Shrimp; Rice, Beans and Cheese Taco Casserole; Fried Catfish
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Chuck Wagon Corn, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 5/9

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Beef Tacos or Taco Salad, Rice Pilaf, Black Beans, Sweet Corn, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 5/10

♪ **Piano music provided by Joan Wittman.** ♪

Mother's Day Brunch

Members \$18 | Non-Members \$25 | Beverage Included

Brunch: Mini Waffles and Pancakes with Fresh Berries and Whipped Topping, Bacon Quiche Bites, Chef's Garden Vegetable Quiche, Frittata with Savory Spring Vegetables, Coffee Cake, Beignet Croissant Bites, Mini Danishes, Greek Yogurt with Fruit and Granola, Fresh Fruit, Raspberry Glazed Ham, Chicken Caprese, Chopped Italian Sandwich, Creamy Cheese Soufflé au Gratin, Green Beans Almondine, Asparagus Caprese Salad, Mousse Cups, Pudding with Fruit and Whipped Topping, Virgin Mimosa and Apple Juice.

MONDAY, 5/11

- \$2.75 Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken Tenders, Turkey BLT Croissant with Chips, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Rice Pilaf with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 5/12

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$2.75 Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** California Mix, Succotash, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$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

May 8–15, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 5/13

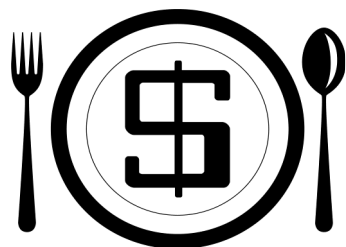
- \$2.75 Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Homemade Meatloaf, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Cabbage, GF Five-Way Mixed Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Boiled Potatoes
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, /14

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Tuscan Shrimp, Marinara Meatballs
- \$1.40 Sides:** Garlic Spinach, California Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Noodles, Pasta Noodles
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 5/15

- \$2.75 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Baked Catfish, Torpedo Coconut Shrimp, Old School Hamburger Hash, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Mixed Greens, GF Broccoli, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, 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: Vegetable Beef

Friday, May 8

Lunch only: Old Fashioned Patty Melt on Grilled Marble Rye with Sautéed Onions and Melted Swiss; Served with Fries; \$14.95

All day: Chicken Enchiladas, Black Beans and Rice, \$16.95

Saturday, May 9

Lunch only: Turkey, Bacon and Provolone Melt on Croissant, with a Choice of Side, \$13.95

All day: Teriyaki Salmon with Sautéed Squash Medley and Wild Rice, \$18.95

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