



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

JANUARY 17, 2025

Friday	1/17	9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 5:45 & 6:00 p.m.	Veterans' Services—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: Jukebox Joes—DH & LAP
Sunday	1/19	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 7:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i> Pal Night—RDR
Monday	1/20	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY The post office, JKPL, and First Federal Bank are closed today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	<i>VCBI: Stranger on the Road to Emmaus—OPR</i> Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	1/21	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:15 & 6:30 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> New Members' Website Workshop—OPR Model Train Club—CB Garden Club Meeting—DR WHFMS Presentation: Christian Witness to Israel—BC Bus Trip: Friends of Music: Astralis Chamber Ensemble—DH & LAP
Wednesday	1/22	9:00–11:00 a.m. <i>1:00 p.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> <i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC</i>
Thursday	1/23	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House Spiritual Life Discussion Group—Stephen Ministry Office Dementia Support Group—JKPL Annual Tax Update—SMR/DR New Members' Website Workshop—OPR
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BOLD: ONE-TIME AND MONTHLY EVENTS — ITALIC: PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michele McPherson, who was a resident of CH, DM and GSC, died Jan. 13. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Mildred Smith, who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 9. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Brenda Chreitzberg of Fanning Springs, Florida, have moved to RW. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4783.

TRANSFER

Dale Luzzi has transferred from CT/MT to GSC. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

MOVE OUT

Ann Grove has moved from ET. Her new mailing address is 663A NE Old Blue Springs Road, Lee, FL 32059.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PET OWNERSHIP AT ACV: A BALANCING ACT OF LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Pets offer unparalleled companionship and joy to many residents at ACV. We understand that having a furry friend by your side can make every day brighter, providing comfort, reducing stress, and they can even contribute to better health and well-being.

In acknowledging the profound benefits pets bring, we are dedicated to making our community pet-friendly. However, we also have a responsibility to ensure that everyone enjoys a peaceful and harmonious environment. Therefore, we kindly ask that all pet owners adhere to our community rules.

Why Pets Are Great:

- **Companionship:** Pets can help combat loneliness and offer constant companionship.
- **Health Benefits:** Owning a pet can lower blood pressure, reduce stress levels, and increase physical activity.
- **Emotional Support:** Pets provide emotional comfort and can improve mental health.

Community Rules for Pet Owners (Please refer to your Residency Agreement Documents):

1. **Pet Registration:** All pets must be registered with management. This helps us keep track of pets in the community and ensures that all pets are in compliance with established guidelines.
2. **Leash Policy:** All pets must be on a leash when outside of the resident's home.
3. **Waste Management:** Pet owners must clean up after their pets immediately.
4. **Noise Control:** Pets should not disturb neighbors. Please ensure your pet is quiet, especially during night hours.
5. **Health and Safety:** Pets must be up-to-date on vaccinations and free from fleas and ticks.
6. **Size Limits:** Certain restrictions apply based on the size and breed of pets.

Feral Cats and TNR Guidelines:

We are committed to maintaining a humane and effective approach to managing the feral cat population through the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. This is a volunteer-run program that helps control the population while ensuring the well-being of the cats. If you wish to volunteer, please contact MS at 658-5400. Our TNR guidelines include:

- **Humane Trapping:** Feral cats are humanely trapped using safe and effective methods.
- **Neutering/Spaying:** The trapped cats are neutered or spayed by licensed veterinarians to prevent further reproduction.
- **Return and Monitoring:** After recovery, the cats are returned to their original location and monitored to ensure their continued health and safety.

For more information on the TNR program, visit www.alleycat.org.

Responsible Wildlife Feeding:

To maintain the delicate balance of our local ecosystem and ensure the safety of both residents and wildlife, we

kindly request that you adhere to our guidelines regarding the feeding of wild animals:

- **Prohibited Feeding:** Please refrain from feeding wild animals on the property, as it can lead to dependency, health issues, and potential safety concerns.
- **Permitted Feeding:** Feeding of fish and fowl in our ponds is permitted. Please do so responsibly using appropriate food and quantities to avoid overfeeding and pollution.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all residents, pets, and local wildlife. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in making ACV a harmonious and thriving community.

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: JUKEBOX JOES

Friday, Jan. 17, 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

Take a trip back in time with the Jukebox Joes! This pop quartet puts a modern twist on timeless hits from the '50s through the '80s. 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 \$29 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.



NEW MEMBERS' WEBSITE WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00 a.m. - OPR

Thursday, Jan. 23, 3:00 p.m. - OPR

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 3:00 p.m. - OPR

Thursday, Jan. 30, 10:00 a.m. - OPR

We have a new member website! If you've been using our member website, www.ACVMembers.net, you've probably noticed it looks different. We are now using a new platform for the website, which will include a companion app for your smartphone and tablet. We'll be hosting some workshops to help you navigate this new website — learn how to log in, save events to your calendar, and much more. You can sign up online for these workshops at that website: Check out the calendar and click on the event to see details and sign up. That will be your first lesson! The workshop will be offered on the following dates in the OPR:

- Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 23, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 30, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2:00 p.m. - DR

Hurricane winds have changed our Village forever. Yes, we should replant trees in our yards! New trees can provide spring flowers; summer shade; fall color; and resting, nesting and food for birds. Learn about the best wind-resistant trees that will not grow too large. Tree planting and care instructions will be given. If you haven't guessed, this month's Garden Club Program topic is Best Trees for Replanting. The meeting is open to all, so if you have friends whose yards are now bare and they would like to replant, please invite them to attend. The presentation will be given by ACV resident Ellie Foerste, retired UF-IFAS Extension faculty, Osceola County. Ellie comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience, so come and learn on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the DR. See you there!



CHRISTIAN WITNESS TO ISRAEL PRESENTATION

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2:00 p.m. - BC

Rev. Stephen Atkinson, Director of Ministry for Christian Witness to Israel, will share with us at the Village on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 2:00 p.m. in BC. Christian Witness to Israel is an interdenominational evangelist ministry proclaiming the gospel of Jesus the Messiah to the Jewish people. They seek to assist and challenge the Church to fulfill this task with a particular focus on the USA and neighboring countries.

You are invited to attend this presentation and learn about this organization and how it is working to fulfill its mission. They state, "The greatest resource for evangelizing the six million Jewish people in the USA is the tens of millions of evangelical Christians who live beside them."

Your WHFMS groups are pleased to be assisting with providing this presentation. A freewill offering will be taken to support this ministry.

BUS TRIP: FRIENDS OF MUSIC: ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Tuesday, Jan. 21

6:15 p.m. - DH & 6:30 p.m. - LAP

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

The Astralis Chamber Ensemble is an innovative and dynamic ensemble performing with much acclaim across the globe. Through creative programming and presentations on the works performed, Astralis aims to make classical music more accessible, and for audiences to make a lasting connection to the music. Concert tours are arranged to include rural communities and reach audiences without access to classical music.

The trio that will be performing Jan. 21 will be violin, flute and piano.

All Friends of Music concerts are free to attend and are held at Covenant First Presbyterian Church at 421 White Ave. in Live Oak. A reception will follow. Ride the bus for \$5.00 (members) or \$9.00 (non-members). Sign up at the IC.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

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

The Dementia Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

TAX UPDATE

ANNUAL TAX UPDATE

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Nancy Harrison, CPA, will be presenting her annual tax update on Jan. 23 at 2:00 p.m. in SMR/DR. All area

residents are invited. Nancy will be available to answer any questions you might have after the presentation.

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

WATKINS HOBBY SHOP MEETING

Friday, Jan. 24, 2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

A Watkins Hobby Shop meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 25, at 2:00 p.m. in SMR/DR. All current and prospective members of the Shop are encouraged to attend.

Watkins Hobby Shop is ACV's woodworking shop. Located beside the PCS on Aquilla Circle (by Aquilla Lake), the woodworking shop is a well stocked workshop available to all ACV members and Lifestyle Club members who are members of the Watkins Hobby Shop.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: WILMINGTON CELEBRATION CHOIR

Saturday, Jan. 25, 5:00 p.m. - VC

The Wilmington Celebration Choir is based out of Wilmington, N.C. WCC is not a church choir, but a touring gospel choir comprised of 48 members. It is multi-generational and multi-denominational. The diversity of this group lends to its unique blend of harmony and its passion for spreading the gospel through song. The diversity of the choir also lends to the diversity of styles and arrangements: Southern gospel, praise and worship, traditional hymns, inspirational, Black gospel, and beautiful anthems. Each concert is unique, but is always a life-changing experience.

An Italian buffet will be served in RDR following the concert for those who attend the concert and would like to dine with the choir. The cost of the buffet is \$15 per person (those who pay at the door with a credit or debit card will be charged a processing fee).

Individual concert tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$140 (ACV member) and \$210 (non-member). Those with season passes get in free to this concert, and they may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO MORI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE

Tuesday, Jan. 28

3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - Lake Aquilla
\$6.00 for members; \$11 for non-members

A trip is planned to Mori Japanese Steakhouse in Valdosta, Georgia, for Tuesday, Jan. 28. Mori offers teppanyaki table shows where a chef cooks the food on a large griddle in front of you. Options include chicken, steak, shrimp, lobster, vegetables, and (of course) rice. Sushi is also available. Bus cost is \$6.00 for members and \$11 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.



BUS TRIP:

5TH WEDNESDAY LIVE OAK SHOPPING

Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

Bus: members free, \$9.00 non-members

On Jan. 29, the fifth Wednesday of January, we will visit various stores around Live Oak such as Dollar Store, Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store, Melody Thrift Store and New Life Bible Book Store, lunch at Live Oak Sub Shop for a salad or sandwich, South Oaks Square (Big Lots, Bealls Outlet, Farmers Furniture, and more), and the Save A Lot shopping center (Roses Express, Harbor Freight, and more). All Big Lots stores are closing, so

this may be your last chance to visit the store. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m. and from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Bus fee is free for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

TREE PLANTING AND GIVEAWAY Friday, Jan. 17, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon 1004 Helvenston St. SE, Live Oak

The Florida Forest Service is working with Suwannee Parks & Recreation to celebrate Arbor Day in Suwannee County. We will plant a tree at Heritage Park and then give away tree seedlings — slash pine, longleaf pine, bald cypress, red cedar, southern Live Oak, and southern magnolia, red maple. Supplies are limited; come early for best selection.

FOUR-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: SECRETS IN THE SAND

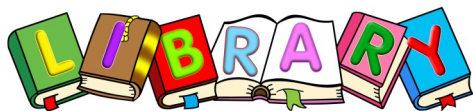
The Four Tuesdays of February, 10:00 a.m.
Old Pavilion Room

The four-week Bible study *Secrets in the Sand* will be held the four Tuesdays in February at 10:00 a.m. in the OPR. Gaye Martin will conduct the class. Come and join in studying the map God drew for us in the wilderness.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10:00 a.m.
CCC Conference Room

Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the CCC conference room.



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

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
ATPT Book Club	1st Thurs.	2:00 p.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

Library Closed

JKPL will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

American Sign Language Class

Jenny Dickerson-Holloman continues the conversational sign language class on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6:00 p.m. No supplies are needed; just bring your hands! Call the JKPL for more information. Registration is suggested. Walk-ins are welcome.

Intro to Cyber Security

Join us for a special event with cybersecurity authority Jeff Richard on Jan. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the JKPL. This free session is designed specifically for seniors and offers a simple and informative introduction to online safety. Learn essential tips on how to protect your

personal information, avoid scams, and navigate the digital world with confidence. Whether you're new to the internet or just want to refresh your knowledge, this is a great opportunity to ask questions and get practical advice.

Yarn Painting

Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. for some colorful, sticky, textured, artistic fun! Bring in a simple image that you like and a small canvas or piece of wood to adhere the yarn to and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. We will also have tracing paper and examples available to help you make your masterpiece. Spaces are limited, so call, come by, or register online.

SongFarmers

Begin the year with an acoustic performance by SongFarmers on Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m. in SMR/DR. SongFarmers plays every third Tuesday of the month, and you are welcome to join in by playing or singing, or just tap your feet and enjoy watching this talented group of musicians!

Dementia Support Group

Are you a caregiver or loved one of someone suffering from dementia? There is no better New Year's resolution than to plan time out to care for yourself. Join the Dementia Support Group on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 1:30 p.m. to share your struggles and concerns with a professional and others who have similar challenges. Get helpful coping tips and information about the resources available to you, as well as some comfort in the awareness that you are not alone.

Winnie the Pooh Birthday Bash

What better way to celebrate the birthday of A.A. Milne than a party in honor of his most endearing character, Winnie the Pooh, and his many friends from the Hundred Acre Wood? Join us on Friday, Jan. 24, at 4:30 p.m. for crafts, snacks, and party games! Bring the kids and enjoy this hour of family fun!

CareerSource

CareerSource of Florida is dedicated to helping Floridians find jobs. Are you or someone you know looking for work? Come talk to a CareerSource of North Florida representative on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No appointment is needed. CareerSource can help with job search, career and training services, and more.

Starbooks Café

Start the new year with a new social group! Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., the Starbooks Café gang get together to sip coffee and talk about whatever subjects are currently of interest. The atmosphere is relaxed, and the discussions are kept light and non-controversial. We look forward to seeing you!

Save the Date

The Healer or *The Witness* by Dee Henderson are the selections for the As the Page Turns book club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 2:00 p.m. Copies of each title can be found at the main desk.

Just a Small Collection of Words

"I speak the truth not so much as I want, but as much as I dare, and I dare a little more as I grow older" (Michel de Montaigne, *The Complete Works: Essays, Travel Journal, Letters*).



BUS TRIPS

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC in person or by phone at 658-3333 to



Friday, Jan. 17

Lunch only: Grilled Rueben on Marble Rye with Chips \$14.95

All day: Grouper Francese with Wild Rice, Garlic Spinach \$18.95

Saturday, Jan. 18

Slow Roasted Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots \$17.95

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 MS 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 be moved to the regular list.

- **Jan. 22 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 29** — Fifth Wednesday shopping in Live Oak.
- **Feb. 5 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- Jan. 17 — Community Concerts of Lake City: Jukebox Joes
- Jan. 21 — Friends of Music: Astralis Chamber Ensemble
- Jan. 28 — Dine-Out to Mori
- Jan. 29 — Fifth Wednesday Shopping to Live Oak
- Feb. 7 — Community Concerts of Lake City: Lawson Ensemble

BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: LAWSON ENSEMBLE

Friday, Feb. 7, 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

A violinist, violist, and cellist from Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and University of North Florida will play a delightful concert. The audience will feel the immediacy, intimacy, and beauty of some of the best chamber music works. 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 \$29 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "Amazing Love"

TEXT: Luke 5:27-32 & 15:1-10 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, Jan. 17

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

Sunday, Jan. 19

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School Classes for All Ages

3:00 p.m. — Discovery Class (Room 5)

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration

5:00 p.m. — ALIVE

5:00 p.m. — Youth Meeting (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Donald Wrigley (BC)

7:00 p.m. — Pal Night (RDR)

Monday, Jan. 20

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus, Ken Randolph (OPR)

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells

Tuesday, Jan. 21

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

At the Village Square

Riverside Gifts

ID badge holders are important here at ACV. Choose a retractable lanyard, a traditional lanyard, a sparkly cord, Florida college designs, and more! Each comes with a plastic ID holder.

The cold and rainy weather continues so pick up gloves, hats, nonskid socks, long stockings, and scarves. You'll also find lip gloss near the socks. Umbrellas and wide-brim hats are in the Florida travel section.

Large mugs for soup and stew will come in handy for this cold weather. Choose smaller mugs in a variety of designs. Add your choice of tea bags and have a get-together with a friend.

The grandfather clock, wall clocks, and desk clocks are faithfully ticking away while they wait for their new owners. There are also many watches (some vintage ones) for men and women.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very 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

Come see the many items made by our Connecting Threads folks! A strapped cellphone carrier with room for a phone and small items, potholders in a gingerbread design, soup bowl cozies, and crocheted dish cloths are just some of the useful items.

There are beautiful earring sets, necklaces, bracelets, and pins in the jewelry department. Dress up your wardrobe at a fraction of the cost!

Beautiful cards for all occasions and ages are \$1.00 each. Stock up now for those future events!

Clothing repairs and alterations can be dropped off here. Bag your items and attach your name and phone number.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very 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

Fantastic sales are ongoing in the men's and women's departments. Check out the shoes, nighties, robes and undergarments. There are also bathing suits in a variety of sizes and colors.

Medical scrubs are still \$3.00 each. Choose from plain colors or bright patterns.

In The Book Nook, the five-for-\$1.00 sale has ended. Thanks for helping clear the shelves to make room for the addition of new arrivals. A new sale will begin as soon as the shelves are cleaned and reorganized. Meanwhile, look for the shelf labeled Christian Literature where you will find both fiction and nonfiction stories.

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

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Did you catch our fashion show at the birthday party? Come in to see what else we have available: clothes, home goods, furniture and more!

2:00 p.m. — WHFMS Presentation: Christian Witness to Israel (BC)

Wednesday, Jan. 22

1:00 p.m. — VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible ..., Michael Saunders (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 23

12:30 p.m. — Spiritual Life Discussion Group, Michael Saunders (Stephen Ministry Office)

Friday, Jan. 24

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

**CONFERENCE AND RETREAT
Doug Mabey—386-658-5200**

If you've lived at ACV the last few summers, you are aware that we have struggled to get lifeguards to man the pool. This year is looking like even more of a challenge as many places are struggling to find them. I'm asking for your help in getting the word out to anyone you might know that might like a summer job. They must be 16 by May 2025, have their own transportation, and be already certified or be willing to take the course in April at their own expense (approx. \$250). See the information below and contact me if you know of someone.

Lifeguard Job Description:

- Current lifeguard certification required or willing to get one by May 1, 2025. (Must meet minimum requirements to be considered a serious applicant.)
- Observe swimmers of all ages at in-ground pool within fenced area during their pool use.
- Offer aid or rescue to swimmers as needed.
- Season is from Memorial Day weekend to the end of September — 35 hours a week in June and July.

DINING SERVICES

Arlene Yow—386-658-5260

There has been some confusion concerning the member discount at ACV's three dining locations: RDR, the Lopin' Gopher, and River Landing Bistro. All ACV members receive a 10% discount at these locations, but ONLY ACV members. The discount only applies to ACV members, not the whole bill. If you are an ACV member, and you have guests with you, even if you are paying for your guests, your guests will not receive the discount.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

If you ride the shuttle on a regular basis or have ridden the trip bus recently, you may have met our newest part-time bus driver, Bobby Hickox. Bobby is a natural and is already making friends with those Villagers he's driven. Please be patient with him as he learns his new duties.

Another "new" staff member in our neck of the woods is Dennis Duncan. Dennis has transitioned from Residency Services to Social Services and will be the designated service coordinator for CH. Dennis has a heart for ACV's residents and is excited to step into this new role.

January Member Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. We were entertained by a fashion show put on by Twice Nice Furniture & More volunteers. We had delicious coconut cakes as refreshment.

We were blessed to have 16 persons with January birthdays, and a total of 89 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Hellmut Seidenberg, Verna Piper, Ron Oberg, Evelyn Walden, Sarah Sisk and Tommie Stanaland. The oldest birthday guest was Barbara White, and the youngest was Pam Hurley. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The new year brings the reminder that it is time to update our calendars. MS maintains the master calendar for room reservations at the Phillips Center meeting areas and Cleo's Meeting House. If your activity or

group uses space on a regular basis or occasional basis, please let us know the meeting time and dates. We want to keep the reservations up to date so we don't have room-scheduling or event-scheduling conflicts.

Scam Tip of the Week: Amazon Scams

A top scam this year is the "Suspicious Activity Scam". The scammer sends you an email or text saying they have suspended or deleted your account due to suspicious activity. They'll want you to verify your account by giving away your login and password or your payment information.

Another scam is the "Fake Order Confirmation" message. It refers to a purchase that you actually didn't make. The scam message says you need to click a malicious link to confirm or cancel the order.

How can you protect yourself against these kinds of impersonation scams? Here are a few tips from Amazon:

- Verify your purchases on Amazon: If you receive a message about a purchase, don't respond to the message or click any link. Instead, log into your Amazon account or go on your Amazon app to confirm the purchases you've made or not made.
- Use Amazon first: No matter what the message or call says, use Amazon's website or app to verify what's going on.
- Don't give away your information: Amazon doesn't ask for payment over a phone call, text or email. It will only ask for payment through the app or on the website.
- Be wary of urgency: Scammers will try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they're asking without you thinking twice about it.
- Don't be pressured to buy a gift card: Amazon will never ask you to purchase a gift card to make a sale or a transaction.
- Research it: If you get a message or call that strikes you as out of the ordinary, type it into Google or your preferred search engine. See if anyone else has reported a similar situation. You can also look it up on Amazon's website or the Better Business Bureau. There is a scam tracker on the website.
- Contact Amazon: If you're unsure of what's being sent to you, stop engaging completely. Contact Amazon directly through the website or app. Do not use an email or phone number that's in the suspicious message.

Even if you do not have an Amazon account, these same steps work for any online retail store.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at ACV in the following opportunities or in any others, please come to MS to fill out an application.

1. **Outdoor beautification volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV's grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
2. **CH front desk attendants.**

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call me at 658-1766 or Dottie Stone at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

We really need more bridge players. We are at the point where we now have to ask two players to sit out each week. If you need a refresher or want to learn bridge or Mahjongg call me at 658-1766, and we can set up a schedule.

Congratulations to our Jan. 8 winners: 1st high, James Varnell, and 2nd high, Henry Simonds.

BROOKS ARCHIVE

Millie Griswold, Reporter

Did you know that there was a resort across the Suwannee River from ACV from 1900 to 1930? Dowling's Resort was developed at the same time as the Dowling

Lumber Company sawmill on the east side of the river. The LOP&G (Lopin' Gopher) Railroad reached the Suwannee River by 1898, and the community grew.

Visit the History Window at the VS (across from the entrance to the Village Grocer) for an overview of Dowling's Resort. You'll be surprised to see how this peninsula across the river has transitioned through the years. Today, it is a resort of another type — a primitive camp site along the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail.

This presentation is brought to you by the Village Brooks Archive. If you have questions following viewing the presentation, talk with me or visit the Village Archive, which is connected to the JKPL, for more information.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The sewing center at KC will be open on Monday, Jan. 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Connecting Threads Ministry is open to anyone with an interest in sewing, needle crafts, embroidery, crocheting, quilting, etc. You do not need to join, and there are no dues, but you do need to be an ACV member or Lifestyle Club member. There are sewing machines for your use if you want to mend something or sew for yourself. Or borrow one for a short time to use in your home. There is also a large counter-height cutting table that makes it easy to get a sewing project started. Come and see what is available. Stay and enjoy the fellowship.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

One of our volunteers has added up our visitor count for last year, and the total is 2,356!

Seven more books are now available for check out, and all are Christian fiction. The names of the authors are Patricia Hickman, George MacDonald, Angela Hunt, Tessa Afshar (who wrote three of the books) and W. Dale Cramer.

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
Monica Serlick, Reporter

The next letter pick-up and delivery date is Friday, Jan. 24. Make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon. Envelopes are available at the IC so pick up three or four and have them handy when you write.

The FSYR Open House will be Friday, Feb. 21, till Sunday, Feb. 23. ACV is planning to take a busload on Saturday, Feb. 22, to watch the Opening Parade and Rodeo. Everyone on the bus will get in for free; anyone driving themselves will have to pay an entrance fee, generally \$10 per car. A tour of the ranch is available to anyone who wants one, and those who arrive on the trip bus will also be provided a ticket for a free lunch. Everyone else will need to purchase a lunch ticket. The cost for members will be \$5.00 for the trip bus; sign up at the IC no later than Feb. 17 as I need to report the total number going.

ACV will be hosting the Youth Ranch pen pals for our 2nd annual luncheon on Tuesday, March 4, 11:15 a.m.–2:30 p.m. in SMR/DR. There will be an ACV pen pals meeting at 9:30 a.m. before the luncheon. Please mark your calendars. Funds will be collected at that time for the awards we present to the most improved pen pal. The luncheon is free for all pen pals.

Should you want to become a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact in a child's future.

Thank you everyone for encouraging and inspiring the youth of our future generations. "I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions" (Stephen R. Covey).

"One of the differences between some successful and unsuccessful people is that one group is full of doers, while the other is full of wishers" (Edmond Mbiaka).

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Robin Copeland, Reporter

Here is what our Stephen Ministers are studying this week. Continue to pray for them as they grow in their ability to bring Christ's love and care to people as a ministry of our congregation. Session 13: Caring for Those with Depression. This week, our Stephen Ministers learn the characteristics and symptoms of mild, moderate, and severe depression. They learn when a mental health professional needs to be involved and how to connect a depressed person with a mental health professional. They also practice skills appropriate to giving care to those who are mildly to moderately depressed.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"Yours, oh Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as one who is over ALL things" (1 Chronicles 29:11).

Having spent a stay in two different hospitals at different times in the last two months, and having worked for a total of 10 years in a south Florida hospital, I feel very confident in saying: (A) Do not think by going to a hospital you will receive rest, (B) Not all people there will be nice and kind to you, and (C) Not everyone there will treat you like you were their grandma or grandpa! Now don't get me wrong. I did encounter some very soft, loving, caring nurses and dietary staff who were "top shelf".

I think all hospital room call buttons should be fixed to an electrical system that sends a light shock to the person on duty every 15 seconds till they disarm the alarm in the patient's room. I am not unreasonable. I do know I am not the only patient on their floor, but really, you know as well as I do the response time is not always acceptable. I can well understand why some folks say they dislike very much having to stay in the hospital.

I am on the mend now and have an appointment with the cardiologist who implanted my three stints on the 24th and do pray it will go well for my heart.

January 2025 has brought us several birthdays starting with Steve Hett who celebrated his day back on the 6th. Sorry about the late posting. Benson Nissley, one of our young neighbors, turned 18 on the 15th. Closing out the month will be our resident librarian Wayne Casey on the 28th. Gentlemen, I pray that your new year ahead of you will bring good health and great wealth to you and yours.

It is with much sorrow that I report the passing of a former resident of BA, Louis Morse. Lou and his wife, Gail, moved into their new triple wide on 102nd Trail about 12 years ago. They were both active at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park and ACV. Barbara and I purchased their home in the summer of 2021 or 2022 (I can't be sure). The Morses moved to Massachusetts to live with their daughter, Cindy, where they were residing at the time of Lou's passing. I will have more information next week on his services that will be in Massachusetts. Please keep Gail and Cindy in your prayers during this difficult time.

We are still experiencing some speeding up and down 102nd Trail, and the Sheriff's Department has been asked to patrol more frequently. Feel free to call them at (386) 362-2222 and make your feelings known to the dispatcher. All I say to them is I would like to file a complaint of unlawful speeding up and down 102nd

Trail in BA, night and day. If they ask you your name, you have my permission to give them mine, Jack Dixon 22934 102nd Trail, phone 658-2113.

Please be on the lookout for our gopher tortoises in BA. They have just as much of a right to be here as we do. Occasionally they will venture out on the roadway and never seem like they are in a hurry. Please be respectful of their existence.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Please know that our God is love — the only love we will ever need — and He is always in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have one birthday this coming week. We extend happy birthday wishes to Karen Waterhouse on Jan. 23. May your special day be filled with many celebrations: Remember that calories don't count, and hangovers will evaporate, so eat the cake and drink the wine. "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come" (William Shakespeare).

Please continue to pray for those who are sick or under the weather. This cooler weather has given rise to more residents falling ill, so a reminder to everyone to maintain hygiene and to cover your cough or sneeze. "Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen" (Cope by Faith, womansday.com).

The holiday season is over and we see all the decorations coming down and being put away as we start a new year. Hopefully folks will keep the spirit of peace and forgiveness in their hearts throughout the coming year. I would like to thank ALL the staff of ACV for everything they do to ensure that we all live in a beautiful environment with most of our needs being met on a daily basis. Remember to say thank you as you see them diligently performing their duties. Special thanks to MS, Dining Services, Housekeeping, and Environmental Services as they are the folks we see and interact with most often.

The next holiday is Jan. 20, which is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The day is in honor of him and the work he did as a minister and prominent leader in the civil rights movement in the United States. He was born in 1929 and rose to the forefront of the civil rights movement in 1955 after Ms. Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger. He advocated for social change with the philosophy of non-violence in trying to end racial segregation. He was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for all his hard work. He sadly was assassinated in 1968.

This building and this campus was chosen by you to be your home. It's unlikely that you would let your dog poop outside your front door, or that you would throw your trash on the floor of your home. Please don't do it outside our main entrance, or in the hallways or laundry rooms. Dryer sheets and lint thrown behind dryers become fire starters; please use the trash bins provided, and if you spill something, wipe it up.

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate please contact the IC at 658-3333 and

report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

DOWLING HOUSE

Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

We have two birthdays this week, Carolyn Ward on the 14th and Lisa Moore on the 16th. We all pray you both have a happy and blessed day.

With the new year comes resolutions and change. But our Lord Jesus never changes. He remains faithful and true to His Word. Even though we are entering into a season of many changes on a global scale, take heart, and let these truths be your compass as you navigate your way through change:

- * From all eternity God thought of you.
- * God created you, and then God redeemed you.
- * God loves you and forgives your weaknesses.
- * God will keep you from all evil and danger.
- * God will provide for you.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God will give you rest at night and peace in your heart in the morning, so that with renewed strength of mind and heart and body, you can continue to serve Him every day. Let your resolution be one of gratitude, always giving thanks to the Lord. Have a blessed weekend.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

Good morning, neighbors. What a beautiful day with the sun shining and birds chirping. Even with the brisk, cold breeze, it's a beautiful day!

This cold spell certainly has been ruffling a few feathers. It makes me want to hibernate in my fuzzy robe with a good book and a cup of coffee. I have a feeling of drudgery when I must get myself ready to go out for anything.

Yesterday (Thursday), I had to take my daughter to Valdosta airport for her return trip home to northern Indiana, and we had enough time to have a girl's day out. We started with shopping at a couple of stores before we moved to the mall. Lunch was at Smokin' Pig, and then we were off to Walmart. At this point she asked what else can we do? Not knowing my way around Valdosta, we decided to buy a deck of cards and headed for the airport. We played cards, reminisced and caught up while waiting about two hours until flight time. I decided I have reached the season of life that doesn't take kindly to constant motion all day long. They call it retirement for a reason!

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week.

There have been comings and goings in the neighborhood. Please meet your neighbors and make them welcome. Become friends, check on each other, become a neighborhood watchdog. Please be aware of anything out of the ordinary and report any suspicious activity. Being alert and diligent, we can better maintain our caring neighborhood and friendships.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

"... the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" (Ephesians 1:17b).

How many of us have letters that we have held on to for many years? During war times, family members would cherish letters from a son, daughter, or a lover. I have letters that Evelyn sent to me when we were dating, and at times I go back and read them, remembering special times we shared.

When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, I think that the people didn't just read the letter and then put it away; they went back to it repeatedly. We still read this letter today.

Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus that they would receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. We receive wisdom and revelation when we read God's Word. Perhaps at the beginning of this new year, some have made a resolution to read the Bible more. But look at the reason why Paul asked for the people to receive

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the Spirit of wisdom and revelation: "So that you may know him better." That's why we should read God's word — not just for information, or to fulfill a resolution, or to impress anyone, but to know Jesus better. That's why God has given us His Word, so we can read it again and again, and take time to read and know Him better.

On Jan. 8, Wednesday afternoon, several residents came out to the Magnolia Dining Room to watch *Love Me Tender* starring Elvis Presley in honor of what would have been his 90th birthday. Has anyone seen "Elvis" around ACV? I think I saw him at the IC one day!

Last week, Chaplain Judy came to visit us at GSC, playing her guitar and sharing the love of Jesus in song and in word. Chaplain Judy told us about how God can use us as we give ourselves and our talents to Him.

With all the recent IT transitions the past few weeks, we had some challenges as we joined to sing at DM, but thankfully things have straightened out, and we've been able to have our regular singalongs and devotions. I know that many of us know the songs we sing, but sometimes we like to sing more than the verses we know, and having the words on PowerPoint helps us out!

Dick Grillo still comes by often to share with our friends at DM also.

GSC and DM join each Sunday in the Magnolia Dining Room at GSC for worship service beginning at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

Save the date — Jan. 22 — for the RW HOA annual meeting. RW HOA Board nominations are coming up. Staggered terms for Board members will enable easy transitions from one board to another. Those interested in filling open positions should submit intent and resumés to Bud Royal at P.O. Box 4744.

The wildfires in California should be a wake-up call for all of us. We also live in a wooded area, subject to dryness at times. It never hurts to be prepared. An emergency backpack should include a change of clothes, a water bottle, contact information, a book or puzzle, energy bars, a toothbrush and toothpaste, sturdy shoes, a mobile phone and charger, extra batteries, a flashlight, electronic devices, and a first aid kit. Also have a battery-powered radio and extra batteries, copies of important documents — birth certificate, photo ID, Social Security card, and bank statements — checkbooks, and two weeks of medications and a list of medical devices. For pets, include pet supplies, a small toy or stuffed animal plus food, and water for seven days. Especially during an emergency, but also be sure to alert someone anytime if you are going away for a few days so no one stresses out that you have not been seen for a while. We all need to be cognizant of those who may need our help to get out quickly. If you are someone who may need assistance, please alert your coordinator. We recognize that circumstances can change in an instant.

One morning this week, as I walked our dog, Brandi, in the neighborhood, the lawns in front of some homes had so much frost it almost looked like snow from a distance. The clouds one day were quite beautiful to behold. They looked like mini mountains of fluffy puffballs. The yellow rubber duckies have reappeared on Live Oak Lane. From the forecast, we should be seeing them again soon.

The January birthday River Birchers were treated to a celebration by the Dressers in their home. We all enjoyed the camaraderie as we saw some neighbors for more than a few minutes, waving, as we ran to get into our warm homes.

"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning" (William Arthur Ward).

MEMBER BENEFITS

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for

this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

This week's member benefit of note:

The ACV Conference & Retreat Center has canoes and kayaks that are available to be borrowed for free by members. Fees apply for any necessary off-campus transportation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

Linda Warner, Reporter

Apologies for the last two weeks. I was not able to hold the meetings. I'm hoping to feel better after Friday so we can proceed with meetings starting Jan. 23. If anything changes, I will contact the regular attendees and let them know. I am sorry to the people who randomly show up to drop off or pick up supplies. If you have any questions or would like to know if we're going to be there on Thursday, just give me a call at (904) 484-8796. Thank you for your understanding.

I hope to see everyone on Thursday, Jan. 23, at Cleo's Meeting House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

FUTURE EPISCOPAL

EUCHARIST SERVICES CANCELED

Due to low attendance, all future Episcopal Eucharist services normally held the first Tuesday of the month in BC have been canceled.

BOB COPELAND'S NEWEST BOOK

Bob Copeland's newest book (his 16th), *The Generation Gap: Understanding the Differences and Overcoming the Divide God's Way*, is available on Amazon. All of Bob's books are now available in both Kindle and paperback formats.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE TRAINING

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will have free training for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park on Jan. 18 at 9:00 a.m. They need volunteer greeters, preparers and reviewers to help those who have simple returns to get their taxes done for free on Saturdays from Jan. 25 until April 15.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant program is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) initiative in the U.S. that supports free tax preparation service for the underserved through various partner organizations.

VITA service helps low- to moderate-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers file their taxes each year. IRS awards matching funds to partner organizations throughout the country.

For more information call Jim Broton at (386) 209-6831 or email jmb013@live.com. Thank you for your assistance.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the VS professional offices: Jan. 17, Feb. 7 and 21, and March 7 and 21. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and most Fridays

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

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Call (386) 647-6240 for appointments. Kindly give 12–24 hours notice for cancellations or extra

charges will apply. Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business. Thank you, Amy Hancock.

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 VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

HAIR CROPPERS

January: Hand and foot treatments for only \$50. (This is not a manicure or pedicure service; this service is for skin exfoliation, circulation and hydration.) Allow 40 minutes for this service. Call or text (386) 205-3791 to book a hair or nails appointment.

RIDE-ABOUT

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

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Submit your question to MS, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here.

Q: I didn't make it to the lunch and learn where Madison County Memorial Hospital was the speaker. Did they address whether an ambulance can take me to Madison if I want to go there?

A: According to a Suwannee County Fire Rescue representative, because the law is that an ambulance must transport patients to the nearest facility that is equipped to handle their needs, they have been told to always transport to HCA Florida Suwannee Emergency in Live Oak. The representative did also mention that, depending on the medical personnel who are on the

ambulance, they may be willing to transport to Madison if asked.

THANK YOU

I'm sending a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended my birthday party. Wow! What a fabulous time we had with so many friends. It seemed everyone had a great time, and I was overwhelmed by the festivities. Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes. I also want to express the gratitude I have for Dining Services and all the help we had that day. An extra special thank you to Christina in Dining Services for the phenomenal job making the train cake. It was a masterpiece! This is definitely one party I will never forget! Thank you, all.

Ron Oberg

On behalf of LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, I would like to thank you for your support and assistance with the blood drive held on Monday, Jan. 13. Twelve came out to donate! What a great way to start the new year! Thank you for your support.

When you consider that one donation can save up to three lives, it is easy to see how donating blood can make a significant difference in someone's life. One never knows when the life saved may be a member of your own family, a friend, or a co-worker.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Ads may be dropped into the box near the IC, or emailed to fnn@acvillage.net. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Lowest priced in RW at \$235,000. 23349 Live Oak Lane. 1338 sq. ft. 2 bed, bath and a half. Large family room, dining area, kitchen with lots of cabinets, one-car garage, all appliances stay. Newly painted, 2-year-old roof and gutters. Will finance at rates below conventional. Can also be leased. Contact Gary Hildreth to buy at 352-250-6871. Call Monica Crawford to lease at 386-658-5403.**

FOR SALE: 4x8 trailer, \$350 negotiable. Racing bike with three speeds, \$150. Call 919-422-5049.**

FREE: I have moving boxes you are welcome to have. Please call Sharon at 352-362-1269 and leave a message.**

ESTATE SALE: Saturday, Jan. 18, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at 22924 102nd Trail in BA. Kitchen appliances, dishes, pots, tools, etc. Rain or shine.**

FOR SALE: 2012 Toyota Scion IQ, 36,702 miles, three door lift back, pacific blue metallic, 40 mpg, still has window sticker, AM/FM/CD radio, bluetooth USB port with ipod connectivity, windows one touch up or down. Asking \$13,999. Contact Kathy at 386-249-1535.*

THOUGHTS

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects the wind to change. The realist adjusts the sails" (William Arthur Ward)

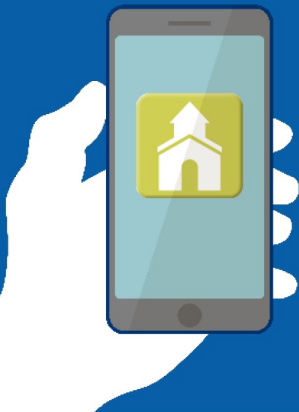
"Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called whining" (Theodore Roosevelt).

"Destruction has noise, but creation is quiet. This is the power of silence. Grow silently" (Confucius).

I called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working. He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, steel, and aluminum under a constrained environment." I was impressed until he explained that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

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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.



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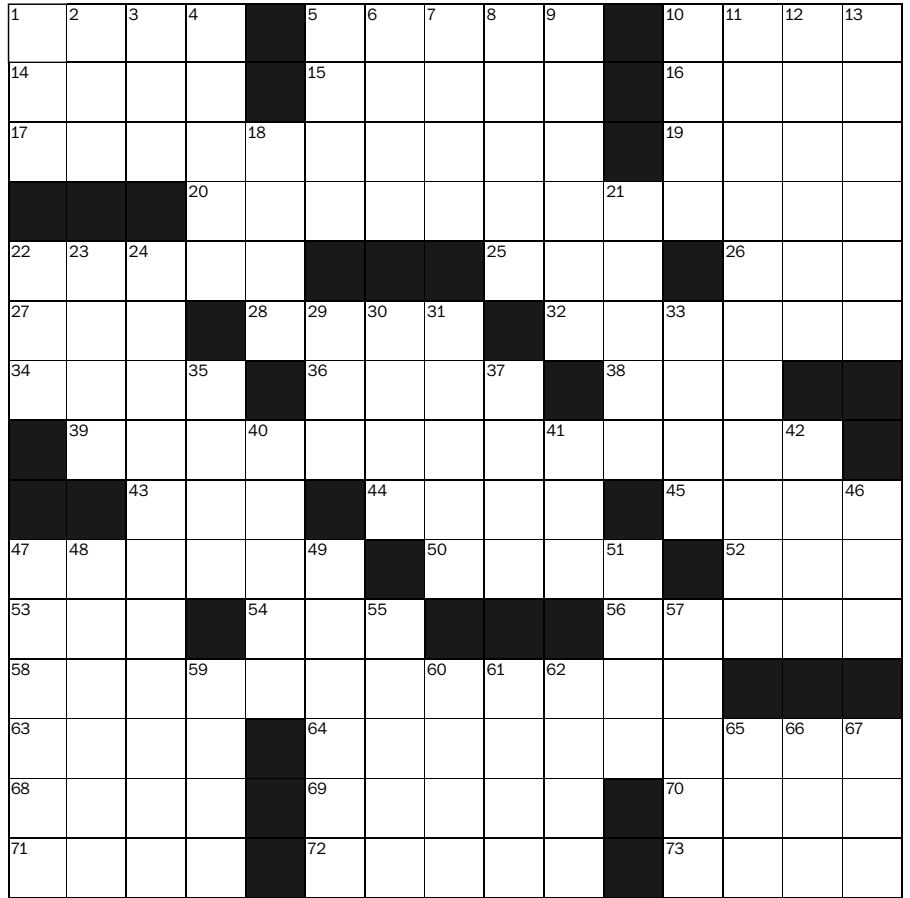
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- 20 One of two Supreme Court members appointed by 5-Across
- 22 "Now I'm with you"
- 25 Overnight stop
- 26 Historical period
- 27 Actress Longoria
- 28 Meeting, informally
- 32 Smartphone user's "Keep in touch"
- 34 Acorn producers
- 36 Stags and does
- 38 Gp. for physicians
- 39 Many championship-bound teams, or what the starts of 17-, 20-, 58-, and 64-Across are
- 43 "My good man"
- 44 Scheme
- 45 "Sweet!"
- 47 Strangers, slangily
- 50 ___ and ends

- 52 In the past
- 53 Music producer Brian
- 54 Feminine pronoun
- 56 "All good, thanks"
- 58 Relatively cool period of European history?
- 63 Kuwaiti ruler
- 64 Drag performer who won Miss Congeniality on Season 5 of "RuPaul's Drag Race"
- 68 Tuesday treat
- 69 Birth-related
- 70 Milky white gem
- 71 Snow coaster
- 72 Narrow valleys
- 73 Like Cheerios

DOWN

- 1 "Let me see ... "
- 2 Roadside aid org.
- 3 Koothrappali on "The Big Bang Theory"
- 4 Symbol such as Exploding Head
- 5 Goes (for)
- 6 Thai currency
- 7 Et ___: and others
- 8 French "Thank you"
- 9 Passionate
- 10 Opposite of baja
- 11 Focus of some campaigns
- 12 Like difficult pushups
- 13 Swaying hip-hop dance



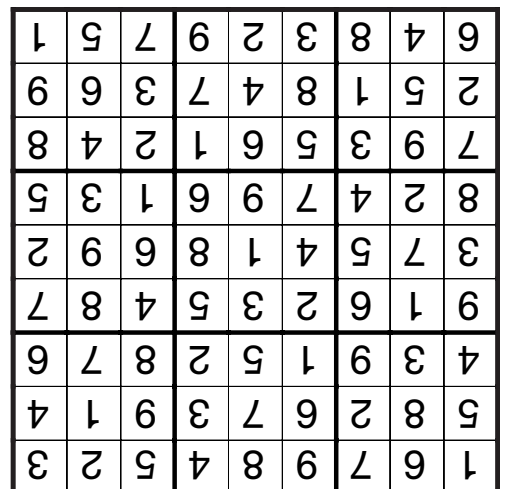
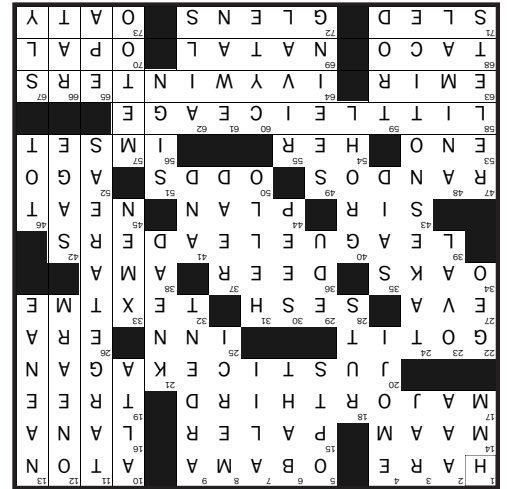
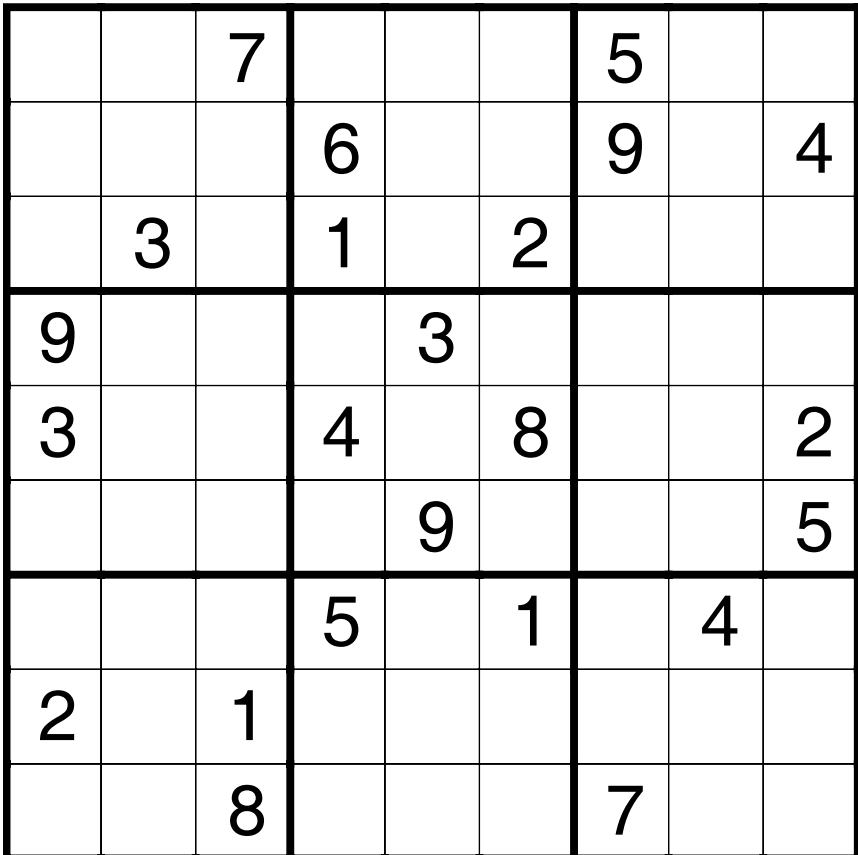
- 18 Dull routines
- 21 Work, as dough
- 22 Cable's Nat ___ Wild
- 23 Not quite round
- 24 Pays attention
- 29 End of a dean's email address
- 30 Ooze
- 31 "Mornin'!, " in the morning
- 33 Marvel Comics mutants
- 35 Spoken
- 37 Crack a book
- 40 Dave of the Foo Fighters
- 41 Furthermore
- 42 Poultry herb
- 46 Tater bite
- 47 Puts on Airbnb again
- 48 Neither vegetable nor mineral
- 49 Dating
- 51 Talk, as with a deaf person
- 55 Challenger
- 57 "Ditto"
- 59 Walked (on)
- 60 Suffix meaning "cell"
- 61 Actor McGregor
- 62 Feels sick
- 65 Clean water org.
- 66 Tattletale
- 67 Sneaky

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Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.
Colossians 3:13

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Jan. 17–24, 2025

FRIDAY, 1/17

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Fried Catfish, Loaded Hot Dog (Onions, Chili, Cheese and Relish)
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SATURDAY, 1/18

- \$2.53 Soup:** Chicken Vegetable Noodle
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Fruit, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 1/19

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Beef Tips in Gravy, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Green Beans, California Normandy Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 1/20

- \$2.53 Soup:** Broccoli Cheese
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole, Liver and Onions
- \$1.21 Sides:** Cheesy Cauliflower, Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potatoes, Rice Pilaf
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 1/21

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Bunless Cheeseburger with Grilled Onions, Peppers and Mushrooms; Cheeseburger; Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.21 Sides:** Butter Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes au Gratin
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Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Jan. 17–24, 2025

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

- \$2.53 Soup:** Garden Vegetable
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Fried Chicken
- \$1.21 Sides:** Cabbage, Succotash (Lima Beans and Corn), Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 1/23

- \$6.44 Entrées:** Chicken Florentine, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- \$1.21 Sides:** Garlic Spinach with Tomatoes, Yellow Squash with Tomatoes, Fruit, Cold Salads, Rice, Spaghetti Noodles
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 1/24

- \$2.53 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits
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