



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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

AUGUST 14, 2026

Friday	8/14	The Village Cashier’s office is closed today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Employee Service Awards Presentation—RDR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	8/15	10:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Bus Trip: Lunch Dine-Out to Cedar River Seafood in Lake City—DH & LAP
Sunday	8/16	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 7:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians Class—VC Room 5</i> Pal Meeting—RDR
Monday	8/17	10:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Better Balance Class—SMR Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	8/18	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	8/19	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Better Balance Class—SMR Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>
Thursday	8/20	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Village Artist Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH 2026-27 Live! at Dowling Park Artist Series Presentation—DR
Friday	8/21	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Lake City Shopping—DH & LAP <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Diane Livingston, who was a resident of Lawrence House and GSC, died Aug. 9. Burial and graveside services will be held in Eustis, Florida, on Aug. 15.
Billy Sullivan, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 6. His memorial information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBER

Ola Mitchell of Carrabelle, Florida, has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4044.

TRANSFER

Bob and Robin Copeland have transferred from Butterfield Acres to Park of the Pines. Their mailing address remains the same.

MOVE-OUTS

James Howes, who was a resident of Dowling House, has moved to Wellborn, Florida.
Donald and Dorothy Kiefer have moved from Riverwoods.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Medical Moment

-VP for Health Services Keri Hilliard

COPELAND CLINIC EXPANDS SERVICES

Copeland Clinic is expanding its services with two new offerings:

- Hormone Replacement Therapy** — A personalized treatment plan to help address symptoms related to hormonal imbalance, including fatigue, mood changes, low libido, and menopause or andropause. Now there is relief without taking a daily medication with Hormone Pellet Therapy.
- Medical Weight Loss** — Customized, medical weight management plans designed to help you achieve sustainable, long-term results.

These new services allow us to help patients feel their best, improve their quality of life, and take a proactive approach to long-term wellness. Whether you're looking to regain your energy, improve your overall health, or begin your weight loss journey, we are here to help!

Appointments are now available. You do not have to be a current patient of Copeland Clinic to utilize these services. Call the clinic at 658-5300 to schedule your consultation today to learn how these new services can help you look and feel your best.

ACV employees that schedule an initial appointment in August will receive a 20% discount off the regular consultation price. (This does not include the cost of weight loss medication.)

ACV EVENTS



EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD CELEBRATION

Friday, Aug. 14, 12:00 noon - RDR

ACV Management requests your help in showing appreciation for your friends and coworkers for their dedication and attainment of significant career milestones. Staff who reached five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 years of service at ACV recently will be honored with a luncheon and presentation.

Everyone wishing to attend is welcome. Buffet lunch is available for purchase, or feel free to bring your own lunch and share this important time with us. Help us make this a memorable event.



BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO CEDAR RIVER

Saturday, Aug. 15

10:15 a.m. - DH & 10:30 a.m. - LAP
The bus will take diners to Cedar River in Lake City, Florida, on Saturday, Aug. 15. Cedar River offers primarily seafood, but also some "land lubber" dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$54.50 for the Original Cedar

River Platter for Two. Sign up for the bus at the Information Center.

BETTER BALANCE CLASS

Mondays & Wednesdays, Aug. 17–Sept. 23
10:30 a.m. - SMR

Better Balance is a gentle, effective class designed to improve balance, strength, flexibility, and coordination through purposeful movement and functional exercises.

Participants focus on improving posture, body awareness, stability, and confidence while practicing movements that support everyday activities such as walking, reaching, turning, and standing with ease. This six-week (11-session) class incorporates simple techniques to help the brain and body work together, promoting safer movement, greater independence, and improved confidence in daily life. Participants are encouraged to attend all 11 sessions, but it is not required.



LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK ARTIST SERIES PRESENTATION

Thursday, Aug. 20, 2:00 p.m. - DR

ACV's 2026-27 Live! at Dowling Park artist series season is about to begin, and you're invited to come hear about the performances that are included. We hope you will find the lineup exciting. Besides great musical acts in a variety of genres, a one-man show and a show involving animals have been booked! And while prices have been going up for most things, we have actually reduced the price for season passes this year.

Please come hear about the series. Season passes will be on sale (cash or check only).



BUS TRIP: LAKE CITY SHOPPING

Friday, Aug. 21

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

Friday, Aug. 21, the trip bus will be going to the Lake City mall area. Some of the stores at the mall are Belk, JCPenny, T.J. Maxx, Cato Fashions and Bath & Body Works. Nearby are stores such as Ross Dress for Less and Hobby Lobby. Dutch treat lunch will be at an area restaurant. The bus will leave Dowling House at 8:45 and the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center.

GOSPEL SING

Saturday, Aug. 22, 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, Aug. 22.



DESSERT POTLUCK AND DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Harmony Center

Another summer drive-in movie night is coming to the Harmony Center on Sunday, Aug. 23. Bring a dessert to share for a dessert potluck or swim in the pool from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and settle in as the movie — *The Case for Christ* — begins at 8:00. (CVLI License: 505518458)

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2:00 p.m. - DR

Residents of Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens are invited to attend the bi-monthly gathering titled "Won't You Be My Neighbor," inspired by the familiar song from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

This relaxed, informal hour is designed to provide an opportunity for residents to visit, share thoughts, and discuss any questions or concerns with VP David Klumpenhower in an open setting. There will be no formal presentation or structured agenda — simply unhurried conversation and fellowship.

The group will meet every other month on the last Tuesday of the month. The next gathering will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room.

All ACV residents are welcome to attend.



LUNCH & LEARN: HOMECRAFTING DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, Aug. 27, 12:00 noon - DR

Homecrafting is the art of creating wholesome products tailored to your specific needs and lifestyle from simple, natural ingredients you probably already have in your pantry. You'll learn how to create your own kitchen staples that are free from preservatives and chemicals you can't pronounce, giving you cleaner food items and allowing you to customize them to your personal taste. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing exactly what's in your food, and saving money at the same time! Michelle Pollina will be demonstrating how to craft your own peanut butter, mayonnaise, brown sugar, oat milk, and pancake syrup, with samples to taste. Buy lunch at the Rumph, bring your own from home, or simply come to learn!

Lunch will not be provided. You are invited to bring a lunch, go through the dining room line and eat in the Depot Room, or just come and participate.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Aug. 27, 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.

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO BIG WOOD BBQ AND GRILL

Thursday, Aug. 27

4:15 p.m. - DH & 4:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla

Thursday, Aug. 27, the trip bus will be going to Big Wood BBQ and Grill in Live Oak for supper. Big Wood offers a variety of salads, sandwiches and dinners ranging from \$8.00 to over \$20. Sign up at the Information Center.



INDOOR MARKET DAY

Saturday, Aug. 29, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Camp Suwannee Pavilion

Shuttle Service: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Get out of the heat of the sun and enjoy shopping with over 50 local vendors in the air conditioning! Our first-ever Indoor Market features the same local vendors you love but in a cooler, indoor environment at the Pavilion at Camp Suwannee. Drive, walk, or ride the shuttle. Before or after, you can easily walk over to the Village Square to visit the retail shops, pick up some groceries, or have breakfast or lunch at the Bistro.

The shuttle will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. During that time, it will stop at Carter House and Dowling House their normal times. It will stop at GSC and Dacier Manor on the hour and half hour, and at the

Riverview main entrance at 25 and 55 minutes after the hour. During the normal 15-minute on-call times each half hour, it will drop off and pick up at the Pavilion as well as be available by phone at other areas on campus and to members' homes off campus.

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!

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays in August at 10:00 a.m. - OPR

Gaye Martin is leading a Bible study in the Old Pavilion Room at 10:00 a.m. the Tuesdays in August. The title is "PowerPoint Unplugged." Everyone is welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays in September and October

9:30 a.m. - OPR

Ever wondered how the Bible made it from ancient papyrus to your favorite leather-bound edition? Join teacher Mike Cuddy on Wednesdays in September and October at 9:30 a.m. for "The Great Bible Quest: How We Got Our English Bible." Meet in the Old Pavilion Room starting Wednesday, Sept. 2, to hang out with great people and discover that history is way more exciting than your afternoon nap. Spaces are limited, so bypass the slow walkers and sprint to the Information Center to sign up today!

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



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



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386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.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 Each Week:

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

All regularly scheduled programs are suspended through Aug. 19.

Butterfly Exhibit

Our live butterfly habitat got a new plant last week, and we're eagerly watching our chrysalis for signs of a butterfly! We also have two hungry caterpillars happily munching away on leaves. Stop by the JKPL to visit our little guests and take a look at the beautiful butterfly sketches by Adolphe Millot. You never know what you might discover!

Voting in the JKPL

The JKPL is an early voting site as well as Voting Precinct 9 for Election Day.

- Early voting: Aug. 8–15, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. daily
- Primary Election Day: Aug. 18, 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Check your status at suwanneevotes.com. Bring a valid photo and signature ID when voting.

SongFarmers

Love music? Join the SongFarmers for an evening of live acoustic music, community, and fun! Whether you enjoy singing along, listening to familiar favorites, or simply spending time with fellow music lovers, this welcoming gathering is sure to entertain. Bring a friend and enjoy the music-making tradition on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms.

Tech Talk

Discover more at Tech Talk on Friday, Aug. 21, at 2:30 p.m. Jeremy will be going over Microsoft Word basics. Learn how to use this versatile tool that helps you create documents, flyers and more.

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, Aug. 24, walk-ins are welcome between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions.

Paint Along with Liz

Enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step by step. The program will be held on Aug. 25 and 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece in all four classes. You supply your canvas; we will provide everything else. Sign up for your preferred date and time today to save your seat!

Dementia support Group

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with dementia? The dementia support group is a space for you to share

your experience with others and learn more about the resources that are available to you. The program is facilitated by Ginger Calhoun, GSC Director of Social Services. This month's meeting will be on Aug. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Save the Date

Sept. 1 — Tai Chi for Fall Prevention (sign up now)



BUS TRIPS

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

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

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

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

- **Aug. 19 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Aug. 19 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.
- **Aug. 26 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Aug. 26 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.
- **Sept. 2 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.
- **Sept. 2 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: "The Shepherd and His Flock"

TEXT: Psalm 28:6–9 and John 10:1–10 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley



Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Tuscan Bean

Friday, Aug. 14

Lunch only: Grilled Monte Cristo on Sourdough with Sweet Potato Fries, \$13.95
All day: Beer-Battered Cod with Chips and Cole Slaw, \$18.95

Saturday, Aug. 15

Lunch only: Bacon and Bleu Cheese Deluxe Burger with Fries, \$11.95
All day: Stuffed Parmesan Shells with Garlic Toast, \$16.95

Registration forms for the annual **WHFMS retreat** scheduled for Sept. 17–19 are available in the church foyers. The theme this year is “She Plants, God Grows.” The meetings will be held in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Pre-registration deadline is Aug. 21. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Calling all singers! Mark your calendar for the **Chancel Choir and Christmas Cantata Choir kickoff** on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. We will enjoy a potluck supper, fellowship with one another, and listen to this year’s Christmas cantata music. If you have any questions, contact Traci Nissley in the church office.

The last **movie night** of this summer will be Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Harmony Center. The movie is *The Case for Christ*. The evening schedule: dessert potluck and pool open 7:00–8:00 p.m.; movie starts at 8:00 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 4, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in VC Room 5, Tom Spannagle will begin teaching ***Coping with the Losses of Life***, a class written by Donald Pratt, Ph.D., from a Christian perspective.

This class addresses how to cope with many types of loss, including the loss of relationships, employment, a home, freedom, health, recovery from addiction, or the death of a loved one. Participants will learn to recognize how unresolved losses and disappointments can hinder emotional and spiritual growth and will discover healthy, practical steps toward recovery and healing.

Thoroughly field-tested, the course includes numerous worksheets designed to encourage discussion and personal application. Each participant will receive a 112-page *Group Member Guide* containing nine lessons.

This is not a lecture-based class or an examination course. Rather, it is a discussion-oriented class that focuses on understanding and processing personal losses in a supportive environment.

Enrollment is limited. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Aug. 14
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

Sunday, Aug. 16
9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)
11:00 a.m. — 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Room 5)
5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)
7:00 p.m. — Pal Meeting (RDR)

Tuesday, Aug. 18
8:30 a.m. — Men’s Bible Study (Room 5)

Wednesday, Aug. 19
6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

Friday, Aug. 20
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

VILLAGE CASHIER’S OFFICE
Lynn Mabey–386-658-5343

The Village Cashier’s office will be closed Friday, Aug. 14.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT
Doug Mabey–386-658-5200

Aquilla Pool (the outdoor pool) season is winding down. It will only be open Saturday afternoons, 1:00–4:00 p.m., until the end of September. Refer to the monthly published schedule for swimming times.

MEMBER SERVICES
James Sutter–386-658-5400

Member Services Tip of the Week

To protect the life of your golf cart battery charger, it is recommended that you not leave it plugged in for long periods of time. Leave it plugged in only long enough to charge your cart; otherwise it could be damaged by power surges.

Scam Tip of the Week:

Final Notice Warranty Scam

You may have received a “Final Notice” in the mail in reference to a vehicle or residence you currently own or

formerly owned. The letter most likely contains legitimate details about the vehicle or residence that are available in public records, including your name, address, and other information about the vehicle or residence. A “Registration Fee Voucher” — a check — may also be attached. Cashing this check is your acceptance to the scam program and will result in you owing the scam company thousands of dollars.

A letter received by a Village resident included information that made it appear to be from ACV. The warranty company listed on her letter, 4EverHome, is a legitimate warranty company, but the number included in the letter is not their number; it is a scammer’s number.

If you receive one of these letters or one that is similar, do not call the number, and do not cash the check if one is included. Shred the letter and forget about it.

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV members receive priority for admission to GSC so members are guaranteed a bed at GSC so long as they meet the criteria and are approved for admission. While insurance companies have at times denied a member’s admission, admission is primarily based on the level and severity of need as determined by ACV in consultation with the member’s physician.

☞ *At the Village Square* ☛

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

Riverside Gifts

More new items have come in. Shop often to see the latest! Our newest find is organic grow gifts. They are giftable seeds and charming plant pots with everything you need to grow your own flowers, fruits or herbs right on your windowsill. Will you choose sunflowers, daisies, forget-me-nots or strawberries? There’s even a pizza night kit that offers tomato and basil seeds.

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

LAMPS, LAMPS, and LAMPS. Come by Rustic Shop to select from our vintage collection of *Gone with the Wind*, Fenton, milk glass, and oil lamps of all sizes and shapes. We have Lights Out containers made by ACV ceramics containing candles, matches, and flashlights so you don’t get caught in the dark.

There is a good selection of bowl cozies, dish towels, and potato bags. They are great to use at home or for gifts.

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

Louis Lamour fans, check out the new arrivals at Book Nook. Several new titles are on the shelf. Treasure hunters, visit the collectible shelves for newly priced gems. As always, there are many authors and genres to pique your book worm instincts this month.

The change of seasons is right around the corner. Come to Twice Nice for your new fall outfit, complete with accessories. You never know what designer labels you may find on our racks!

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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Twice Nice Furniture & More

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

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

TV2

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

- In 2 Samuel 12:14, why would God take the life of an innocent child?
- Do these two verses contradict each other? James 5:16, "A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much." Romans 3:10-12, "As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God."
- 1 Corinthians 13:8 says that love never ends. Can that be true? Doesn't everything end?
- King Saul pursued and tried to kill David for years. When David found Saul in a cave should he have killed him? Did God give him the opportunity?

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 is on vacation until Aug. 26. Now is a good time to learn how to play. It is fun and not difficult. Call me at (352) 316-5161.

CONNECTING THREADS

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

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

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Carter House Activity Room

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

For any questions contact Sister Maria Ann at sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com or Sue Donnelly at SueWDonnelly@gmail.com.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Several talks on Christian living topics by Joyce Meyer have been added to our audio library. They include *The Gift of Everyday Joy*, *The Cause and Cure for Worry* and *Simplify Your Life*.

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

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

We are starting to gear up for the new school year with our pen pals at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Please contact me at (574) 229-8402 if you would like to become a pen pal. Folks, if you think your writing is messy, no worries — you can type your letters on your computer.

You can read past editions of the *Friendly Neighbor News* online at www.acvillage.net/fnn-archives/

If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact on a child's future. Thank you to everyone for encouraging and inspiring our future generation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Christ Caring for People Through People

Robin Copeland, Reporter

Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who provide confidential one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, retirement, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. They don't offer advice; they simply listen and care.

We need more people to join the team of Stephen Ministers at ACV! The only qualifications are that you are a dedicated Christian with a heart for others, and you have a willingness to learn new ways of interacting.

Please pray about this opportunity, and if the Lord is leading you to serve in this caring ministry, speak with a Stephen Ministry Leader — Robin Copeland, Michael Saunders or Darleen Hinrichs — to get an application, or call the Stephen Ministry office at 658-5358.

Training begins in September. The deadline for submitting your application is Aug. 23.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CARTER HOUSE

Mary Gamble–334-790-9066

Greetings, everyone! I hope you have all had a blessed week!

We have three birthdays to celebrate this week: Elsie Bryant on the 16th, Pamela Evans on the 20th, and Ginny Hammond on the 21st. We wish each of you a very happy and blessed birthday!

A warm welcome goes out to Ola Mitchell in Carter House. Welcome to our ACV family! We hope your time here is filled with many blessings.

There are several exciting events coming up at ACV, so stay tuned to the FNN for more information.

With these hot temperatures, please remember to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. Also, be mindful that it is flea, tick and snake season. Use caution outdoors, as baby snakes are now on the move.

Attention, ladies! The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society (WHFMS) will host its 2026 Annual Retreat at ACV Sept. 17–19. This year's theme is "She Plants, God Grows." Registration forms are available at the Carter House front desk. The deadline to register is Aug. 21. The fee is \$20, covering program materials, crafts, and meals, and is payable upon arrival. For more information, contact Becky Mahler at (910) 305-5200.

I also want to mention that Cindy Proctor and I attended the HeartSaver CPR/First Aid/AED class on July 30. It was excellent, and I encourage anyone interested in certification to attend a future class. Best of all, it's free!

Several residents attended the recent "Donuts with David" meeting. Highlights included:

- Motorized scooters are allowed only on roads with speed limits of 25 mph or less.
- Smoking is permitted only at the smoking gazebo and the picnic table on the lawn near the Bistro.
- Copeland Community Center is now open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It is closed on Sundays.
- Please do not flush wipes, even those labeled "flushable," as they are clogging our pipes.
- All Carter House residents who have not signed their updated 50059 paperwork should see Monica Crawford as soon as possible.

The Information Center can provide copies of additional meeting information if needed.

Many of us enjoyed the '70s Night in Chicago themed dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun and successful event!

If you have news to share, contact me before 3:00 p.m. Sunday, or leave a note at the front desk.

Please continue to watch out for one another and keep each other in your prayers. Have a blessed week!

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7).

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbors! It's time once again to share the news from Dowling House.

Today is National Blame Someone Else Day. For one day, we can "officially" blame someone else when things go wrong or get broken, although that doesn't make it true! Human nature has always been quick to place blame elsewhere for the challenges in our lives. While circumstances can sometimes hinder us, the choices we make largely determine the direction we take. We are responsible for how we respond to obstacles that stand between us and our dreams.

Scoots and I recently took a walk around Lake Aquilla. We spotted the blue heron standing by the stop sign near the big oak tree, looking as if he were waiting for someone. Lake Aquilla is a special place in the Village, and I hope we can continue efforts to keep it clean and beautiful.

I am also happy to see the beautiful plants and flowers growing behind Dowling House. They brighten the area and bring a smile to my face each time I pass by. I only wish we had some in the front as well.

A neighbor shared a funny senior moment with me. Her windows needed cleaning, so she gathered her supplies and got to work. After finishing, she stepped back and thought the windows still looked dirty. Frustrated, she checked the bottle she had been using and discovered, in large letters, the words "Spray Starch." No wonder the windows didn't shine!

Have you had a senior moment lately? I certainly had one. I bought a ticket for the '70s in Chicago dinner, then completely forgot about it. I missed the event, wasted my \$10, and missed out on dressing up, too!

We will miss James Howe, who moved away last Saturday after being here only a month. He was the kind of neighbor everyone appreciates: helpful, friendly, and always smiling. It may have been the shortest stay ever in Dowling House, but he made a lasting impression. Scoots especially will miss him. She really liked James.

Until next week, remember that a gentle word, a kind look, and a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.

DOWLING MANOR & DOWLING PARK NORTH

Gail Chapman-904-400-1333

Save the date: Friday, Sept. 11, at 5:00 p.m. at Audrey Murray-King's house: Dowling Manor and Dowling Park North summer potluck.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg-386-658-3237

Good morning, neighbors!

There are no birthdays to celebrate this week, which means we all get to stay a little younger!

We do, however, have an anniversary to recognize. Happy anniversary to Errol and Sybil Gillette on the 16th! May your years together continue to feel like minutes, and may your future be long, happy, and filled with good health.

With summer in full swing, please remember to drink plenty of water and stay indoors as much as possible during the hottest parts of the day. There are many indoor activities offered throughout the week that provide opportunities to stay busy, socialize, and meet new people. It's a wonderful way to beat the heat while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors.

I am still looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up for Wednesday Bingo at Cleo's. After many years of faithful service, Verna has retired from this role. Thank you, Verna, for all your hard work and dedication. You will certainly be missed!

Until next time, stay cool, stay hydrated, and take care of one another.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold-386-658-5550

On Sunday, Aug. 9, we had a guest speaker at the morning worship service. Doug Nichols, an ACV resident, preached a message from Colossians 3:12-14 titled "The Clothing of a Christian." Evelyn and I were not able to attend, but based on that Scripture, I would imagine the clothing of a Christian includes compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and above all, love.

Jeanne Florence served as song leader, Barbara Phipps played the piano, and Joel and Charlotte Evans provided special music. Thank you to everyone who helped and ensured the worship service continued smoothly.

Please keep Dick McClaine in your prayers. Dick faithfully volunteers at GSC every Sunday, helping set up chairs and sound equipment. He has been battling sciatica, which has been especially painful and limiting. We appreciate his servant's heart and pray God will grant him relief and renewed strength.

As Evelyn and I drove through Live Oak on Sunday evening, the clouds began to clear in the west, allowing the sun to shine through. Looking to the east, we saw one of the brightest rainbows we have ever seen! I pulled into the parking lot beside Westwood Baptist Church and quickly got out to take a few photos. It was a beautiful sight, with the sunlight shining on the rain-soaked landscape and the brilliant colors of the rainbow stretching across the sky.

Does anyone remember the acronym for the colors of the rainbow? ROYGBIV: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet. Every time we see a rainbow, we can be reminded that God keeps His promises.

GSC residents enjoyed an afternoon of activities, games, and snacks on Monday. We even played Hangman, and the residents proved difficult to stump. No one was "hanged" in any of the rounds! Afterward, everyone enjoyed ice cream treats. On Tuesday afternoon, residents gathered to share life stories. Chaplain Judy stopped by on Thursday, which also happened to be Left-Handers Day. I neglected to notice whether Chaplain Judy is left- or right-handed!

Joel and Charlotte Evans regularly visit Dacier Manor, and Dick Grillo also stops by. I often hear residents express how much they appreciate these visits and the encouragement they bring.

GSC held a memorial service on Wednesday, Aug. 12, honoring and remembering the lives of James Stein, Janice Curtis, and Clifford Randolph.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianceski-386-658-2024

Greetings from a porch with a meadow view that is once again peaceful and beautiful.

I was recently asked whether I spend much time on the porch these days. The answer is no, not as much as I once did. However, with two ceiling fans out there, I can still enjoy sitting comfortably during the early morning and evening hours.

Last week, there seemed to be mushrooms popping up all over our yards, so I decided to learn a little more about what causes them to grow. As most of us know, mushrooms are a type of fungus. (If you're ever in Italy and see Funghi Trifolati on the menu, you're looking at a mushroom dish!)

There are two basic types of fungi commonly found in lawns. One type, called pathogenic fungus, can cause brown spots in the grass but does not produce mushrooms. The mushrooms we see growing in our yards come from saprophytic fungi, which live underground and feed on decaying organic matter. When conditions are right, the fungus reproduces by producing mushrooms.

Those favorable conditions include plenty of moisture, shade, and organic material that is breaking down. While mushrooms may not be everyone's favorite lawn decoration, they are actually a sign of a healthy

ecosystem. As they decompose, they help return valuable nutrients to the soil.

If you don't care for mushrooms in your yard, simply pick them and dispose of them in a compost pile or garbage can. Just don't use them to make Funghi Trifolati!

We received word this week that Tib Henderson, a long-time Riverwoods resident until she moved north to live near family at the beginning of 2020, died on April 23. Her obituary is available online at anthonychapels.com.

"Make your ear attentive to wisdom; incline your heart to understanding" (Proverbs 2:2).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WHFMS ANNUAL RETREAT Thursday–Saturday, Sept. 17–19 Sawmill & Depot Rooms

All women are welcome to attend the upcoming Women's Home and Foreign Missions Society (WHFMS) annual retreat. The theme this year is "She Plants, God Grows." Mark your calendar for Sept. 17–19 in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Registration deadline is Aug. 21. Come for Bible study, music, crafts and fellowship. Registration forms are available at the Information Center, in the church lobbies, and at the Carter House front desk.

HAIR CROPPERS

Please read carefully: Tuesdays are reserved for spa services by appointment only. Saturday afternoon hair services are by appointment only.

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

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

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: Aug. 21, Sept. 11 and 25, and Oct. 9 and 23. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

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

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 to 7:00 p.m. Open Friday 12:15 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Ladies, we do waxing as well!

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

and highlights please give a 48-hours notice of cancellation, or extra charges will apply.

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

WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS

A Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative representative is in the Village Square professional offices the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Residents can pay their bill or ask questions about their service. No appointment is necessary. Call (386) 330-5672 for more details.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our Johnson's Bakery donut sale. We will have another one on Sept. 18. Look for future notices in the FNN.

GSC Residents

Thank you all for the honor of serving each of you. I have enjoyed the times we have spent together. I now go into the next phase of my life, and that means a move back to Virginia. I know I will miss many of y'all! I will visit when I can. Everyone, take care of each other. With love,

Barbara Nichols

With a heavy heart, I am announcing my retirement on Aug. 28.

James and Shelly, thank you for being who you are. Y'all are the best supervisor and office manager anyone could ever ask for.

Ron, Carroll, and Jackie, thank you for taking me under your wings and training me. Bobby and Julian, thank you for stepping in when I couldn't.

To the residents, my "peeps," thank you for the morning jokes with Mr. Larry, Ms. Beth's pole dancing, the twinkle in your eyes during the Christmas shuttle rides, the fall treats, Ms. Helen's sweet treats, and Ms. Carolyn's weekly muffins. Each of those memories will always hold a special place in my heart.

Most of all, I thank each and every one of you for the love, compassion, prayers, tears, hugs, and words of encouragement we have shared over the years. As many of you know, I lost my Daddy and Mother less than four months apart. What you may not know is that, without the grace of God and all of you, I could never have made it through.

I thank God for placing each one of you in my life. Thank you for your kindness, friendship, and support.

With all of this being said, I know that over time I may be forgotten, but I want each of you to know that you will never be forgotten by me.

Until we meet again, may God bless and protect you. With all my love and respect,

Nancy Johnson

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Inflatable Sea Eagle canoe for fishing, camping, and cruising. Two seats, paddles and air pump. Call 386-658-3918.**

FOR SALE: Tineco floor cordless vacuum and washer. Vacuums and washes at the same time. Excellent condition. Two years old. \$125. Call 813-395-5198.**

IN SEARCH OF: Looking for two bedroom/one or two bathroom house to rent. Handicapped and with two small dogs. Call Linda at 850-371-6068.**

FOR SALE: Five eight volt golf cart batteries, three years old and still holding eight volt charge. Contact Joel at 386-658-1313.*

FOR SALE: 2010 tan Ford Expedition XLT 4x4 with tow package, automatic transmission, and 171,615 miles. \$6,900. Contact Kathy at 484-686-1271.*

Prices effective 8/14–20



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Dutch Maid Peanut Butter Creme Cookies	32 oz.	\$ 4.00
Kellogg's Corn Flakes	12 oz.	\$ 8.40
Chick-Fil-A Sauce	16 oz.	\$ 5.00
Mott's Apple Juice	32 oz.	\$ 3.10
Lysol Spray	12 oz.	\$ 9.80

DAIRY

SunUps Dozen Eggs	each	\$ 2.00
Philadelphia Whipped Cream Cheese	8 oz.	\$ 6.00

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

This Week's Verse

Find out what pleases the Lord.

Have nothing to do with the fruitless
deeds of darkness ... Ephesians 5:10–11

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Aug. 14–20, 2026

FRIDAY, 8/14

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Honey Ham, Broccoli-and-Cheese-Stuffed Chicken Breast
- \$1.40 Sides:** Blended Vegetables (Green Beans, Broccoli, Yellow Carrots, and Red Peppers), Side Salad, Rice Pilaf with Gravy, Dinner Rolls
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 8/15

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Sloppy Joe, Onion Rings, Veggie Blend, Fruit, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 8/16

- Lunch Buffet**
Members \$14.00 | Non-Members \$20.00 | Beverage Included
- Entrées:** Pot Roast, Fried Chicken
 - Sides:** Zucchini, Malibu Vegetables, Cold Salads
 - Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 8/17

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chef’s Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken Parmesan, Salami and Provolone on a Sub Roll, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Field Peas, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Tortellini, Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 8/18

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, Turkey
- \$1.40 Sides:** Five-Way Vegetables, Normandy Blend Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Cornbread Stuffing
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 8/19

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chef’s Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** BBQ Ribs, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Bermuda Vegetables, Corn Cobblets, Cole Slaw, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 8/20

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Beef Brisket, Perogies with Sausage and Alfredo Sauce
- \$1.40 Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetables, Chuck Wagon Corn, Cold Salads, Baked Potato
- \$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