



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	Security/Emergency	658-3333
		Shuttle Bus	208-2584

AUGUST 28, 2026

Friday	8/28	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	8/29	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Indoor Market Day—Camp Suwannee Pavilion Bus transportation available 9:00 a.m.—Noon <i>Ignite: A Time of Prayer, Praise, Worship—BC</i>
Sunday	8/30	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians Class—VC Room 5</i>
Monday	8/31	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	9/1	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	9/2	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. 5:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Better Balance Class—SMR Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Prayer for Israel—VC Room 5 <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	9/3	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Suwannee Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS Plarn Ministry—CMH Live! at Dowling Park: Three on a String—VC
Friday	9/4	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Coping with the Losses of Life—VC Room 5 Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR What Does the Bible Say About...?—SMR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Jerry Crosby, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 24. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Kathleen Damiani (wife of Vince), who was a resident of Dacier Manor and GSC, died Aug. 20. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Dorothy Brenner, who was a resident of Smith Riverview and GSC, died Aug. 15. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Ronnie Leonard, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 12. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Diane Livingston, who was a resident of Lawrence House and GSC, died Aug. 9. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Billy Sullivan, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 6. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

NEW MEMBERS

Bruce and Judy Forinash of Kings Mountain, N.C., have moved to Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4361.

Roylyn and Russell Johnson of Live Oak have moved to Edgewood Terrace. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4466.

Diane Greger of Moultrie, Georgia, has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4114.

TRANSFER

Mary Jane Holler has changed apartments within Dowling House. Her mailing address remains the same.

ACV EVENTS



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.

BETTER BALANCE CLASS

Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept. 7–23
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.



Remember to Wave

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thurs., Sept. 3, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS
Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are normally in the Village Square professional offices on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at suwtax.com.



STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thurs., Sept. 3, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS
The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

- Change from out-of-state driver license to Florida license
- Renewals
- Duplicates for lost or stolen license
- Address/name changes ID cards
- Reinstatements
- Emergency Contact Information registration

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need to bring specific items to prove your identity. Visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring for the entire list.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: THREE ON A STRING

Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m. - VC

The legendary Birmingham-based band Three on a String has been performing for more than 55 years. They have traveled a half-million miles across the U.S. and Canada to perform in over 20,000 shows. They have opened for two presidents, and the band is an original member of the Alabama Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and also an inductee into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. They have brought their unique blend of music and comedy to ACV three previous times and are a regular request by residents who have attended one of their shows in the past.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$20 (ACV



member) and \$30 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$110 (ACV member) and \$150 (non-member). Those with season passes may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



COPING WITH THE LOSSES OF LIFE
Friday, Sept. 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
VC Room 5

On Friday, Sept. 4, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in VC Room 5, Tom Spannagle will begin a class called "Coping with the Losses of Life". It was written by Donald Pratt, Ph.D. in 1919 from a Christian perspective. The course will involve handling losses of any type. Loss includes relationships, job, home, freedom, health, addiction, or death. Group members realistically come to terms with their own disappointments and losses, often for the first time. They see how easy it is to get stuck when issues are not properly dealt with in a healthy way and learn the steps of recovery. Thoroughly field tested, numerous class worksheets are provided for maximum discussion and application. A Group Member Guide of 112 pages with 9 lessons will be provided. This is not a lecture class, examination and discussion of personal losses is the focus. Because enrollment is limited, only the first twenty who apply will be selected. If you wish to attend please inform Penny at the church office 658-5344.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?
Friday, Sept. 4, 1:00 p.m. - SMR

At the next What Does the Bible Say About ...? live event, special guests George Brisbin and Marilyn Yale will tackle the following questions: How can we know that all of the dead will be raised to life at the end of time? Will all of the lost souls receive the same punishment on Judgment Day? And these questions about the Anti-Christ or Son of perdition: Will he actually come in human form, perhaps a politician? He gets people to view him as a savior. Will he later betray them? Is he worse than Hitler and Stalin? How does the false Prophet, who works in tandem with the Anti-Christ, fit in with this? There is a spirit of Anti-Christ, just look around. What we're seeing going on now; and the division it's causing is concerning. Something is certainly going on, it's not good. Is what we are experiencing more than just politics?



BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO AUSTIN'S CATTLE COMPANY
Tuesday, Sept. 8

4:00 p.m. - DH, 4:15 p.m. - LAP
Austin's Cattle Company offers a traditional steakhouse experience with hearty cuts of meat, including prime rib, alongside options like grilled salmon and fresh salads. Dinner plates range from \$15 to \$35. Sign up at the Information Center.

MONTHLY MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY
Thursday, Sept. 10, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the September member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with September birthdays will receive special recognition. See you there!

LUKAS & RACHEL MILLER CONCERT
Friday, Sept. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Live Oak's Lukas and Rachel Miller, a brother-and-sister team who have performed at ACV several times, are returning to bless us once again with their musical talents on Friday, Sept. 11. The pair will both sing several solos, and Lukas will play a few pieces on the piano. Plan to attend this free concert.

LADIES' AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.
Ladies: SMR/DR, Men: RDR

The next ladies' and Men's Fellowship breakfasts will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8:30 a.m. The men's guest speaker will be Jim Bryant. Come for fellowship, prayer, and breaking bread together.

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

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

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!

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m. - VC Room 5

The monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in Village Church

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



Room 5. All those interested in praying for the salvation of Jewish souls, for those missionaries who are laboring for the purpose of Jewish souls coming to Jesus as Savior, for Biblical mission organizations reaching out to the Jewish people, and for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome to attend.

VETERANS MEETING

Friday, Sept. 4, 12:00 noon - DR

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, Sept. 4, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m. - OPR

On Thursday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Bob Copeland will conduct a single-session Bible study titled "The Greatest Witnessing Tool I've Ever Found" in the Old Pavilion Room. Come join Bob for this unique and enlightening study.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

The JKPL will be closed Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Butterfly Exhibit

Our butterfly habitat has had its first big moment: Our first butterfly has emerged! We were able to safely release it into the wild. Our other caterpillar has made its chrysalis as well! Stop by the JKPL to check on our little guests and to see the beautiful butterfly sketches by Adolphe Millot. You never know what you might discover!

Starbooks Café

Come join everyone at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee and conversation. Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., we sip coffee, chat, and share thoughts and experiences in a casual, friendly environment. This week we'll kick things off with the topic "If you could go back in time, what part of your life would you go back to?"

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. 27, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece in both classes. You supply your canvas; we will provide everything else. Sign up for your preferred 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 to 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.

Indoor Market Day

The JKPL will have a booth at the ACV Indoor Market Day on Saturday, Aug. 29! Make sure to come by and say hello, get some free goodies, and learn about all the JKPL has to offer!

Tai Chi for Fall Prevention

Step into Fall with Tai Chi! Hosted by the Florida Department of Health, this fun and beginner-friendly Tai Chi for Fall Prevention workshop will be held at the JKPL every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m., Sept. 1–Oct. 22. Each class builds on the one before it, introducing new movements and skills to help improve balance, strength, and confidence. No experience is necessary! Whether you're new to Tai Chi or simply looking for a fun way to stay active, this workshop is a great way to get moving and connect with others. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Teach Your Talent!

Do you have a hobby, talent, or special skill that you love and would enjoy sharing with others? The JKPL is exploring a new program where community members can come together to teach, learn, and share their passions. Whether you're an experienced crafter, a creative artist, a talented musician, or have a skill you think others would enjoy learning, we want to hear your ideas! Share what you know and inspire someone else to try something new. Contact us at 658-2670 for more information or to share your idea!

Have a Collection?

Do you have a collection you'd enjoy sharing with the community? The JKPL is looking for interesting, unique, and fun collections to feature in our locking glass display case! Show us what you collect and give others a chance to discover something new. Contact us at 658-2670 if you'd like to have your collection featured.

Save the Date

Sept. 3 — History of Suwannee County
Sept. 3 — As the Page Turns Book Club: *Never Caught* by Erica Dunbar
Sept. 4 — Tech Talk



BUS TRIPS

- Bus transportation is limited to ACV members, ACV staff, and Lifestyle Club members.
- No eating or drinking on any ACV bus. (Exception: plain water)
- No open food or drink containers on any ACV bus. (Exception: plain water)
- Contact the Information Center in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up for bus trips.
- Limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

- Rider limit is restricted to eight in-seat passengers and one scooter.
- Bring your own shopping bags.



Friday and Saturday Soup: Chef's Choice

Friday, Aug. 28

Lunch only: Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt on a Sub Roll, and a Choice of Side, \$14.95

All day: Oven-Roasted Salmon with a Basil Cream Sauce, Wild Rice, and Fresh Haricot Vert (Fancy Green Beans), \$17.95

Saturday, Aug. 29

Lunch only: Mushroom Swiss Burger with Fries, \$11.95

All day: Broccoli, Chicken and Tortellini Alfredo Bowl with Garlic Toast, \$16.95

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

Upcoming Shopping Trips:

- **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.
- **Sept. 9 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Sept. 9 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. 16 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. 16 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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "Our Shepherd"

TEXT: John 10:7–18, 24–30 ESV

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

Ignite, a time of prayer, praise and worship, will be held in Bixler Chapel on the last Saturday of the month beginning this coming Saturday, Aug. 29, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The evening meeting of the **Christina Baker WHFMS Circle** will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. Laura Putnam will be the speaker.

The morning meeting of the **Vesta Clothey WHFMS Circle** will be on Monday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in Village Church Room 5. Laura Putnam will be the speaker.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Aug. 28

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

Saturday, Aug. 29

6:00 p.m. — Ignite: A Time of Prayer, Praise and Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, Aug. 30

9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)

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

5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

Tuesday, Sept. 1

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

Wednesday, Sept. 2

5:30 p.m. — Prayer for Israel (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, Sept. 4

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study: Coping with the Losses of Life, Tom Spannagle (Room 5) Please call the church to sign up.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Michael Gordon—386-658-5155

Unfortunately, during the recent installation of underground fiber-optic cable that will provide high-speed internet and other services to residents of Park of the Pines and Tresca Park, existing underground cables were damaged.

The damage is too extensive for Village personnel to repair. A specialized contractor has been hired to complete the repairs; however, work cannot begin until Sept. 7.

At this time, we do not know how long the repairs will take to complete.

∞ 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 more 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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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.

We've just inherited lots of new-to-us supplies: several bureaus, exercise machines, rollators (walkers), old and new tools, and many clothes. We can help furnish your home, replace that lost item, or find a treasure to take to your friend. Come and visit!

**EAT LOCAL
EAT OFTEN**

Until the repairs are finished, cable services, including TV2, are unavailable to residents of Park of the Pines and Tresca Park.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as this issue is resolved.

If you normally watch the Sunday morning worship service from home on TV2, you can view the live broadcast on the Village Church's YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com/@thevillagechurchatACV using a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Services are streamed live each Sunday at 9:40 a.m. and remain available for viewing afterward at your convenience.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

The 2026-27 Live! at Dowling Park artist series begins this week with a lively performance by Three on a String. Whether you are a longtime attendee or have never attended an artist series performance, please note that season pass prices have been reduced this year to \$110 for ACV members and staff. We hope this lower price will make the series more accessible to everyone.

Be sure to see the poster on the back page of this week's FNN for information about the eight performances coming to ACV this season. Season pass holders may also attend the five performances in Lake City at no additional charge. Bus transportation is available for those who need it.

If you only attend a few ACV performances, you will save by purchasing the season pass. And if you attend all 13 performances, that will average out to less than \$8.50 per performance, an unheard-of price for such events.

Now that the shuttle has returned and we are using the smaller "new" bus for Wednesday shopping trips, ridership will be limited to eight seated passengers and one scooter effective immediately. This is only for the Wednesday shopping trips.

Member Services Tip of the Week

You should have received an ACV Emergency Guide when you moved in. If you did not, or if you have misplaced yours, another can be picked up at Member Services.

Scam Tip of the Week: Tolls Scam

A popular scam right now is a text that reads something similar to "Florida Toll Services, our records show that your vehicle has an outstanding toll charge. To prevent further fees totaling \$75.59, please settle the due amount of \$7.59 at mysunpasstollsinvoices.com." If you receive a text similar to this, delete it. If your phone allows you to report the text as well, go ahead and do that. Whatever you do, don't click on the link. SunPass posted a warning on its website, warning customers the messages were not sent by SunPass and are a phishing scam targeting the public. "SunPass does not ask customers via text to make a payment or to take immediate action on their account."

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV members receive a 10% meal discount at Rumph Dining Room, Lopin' Gopher deli, and River Landing Bistro when they present their membership badge. Sales tax is also removed at the dining room and the Lopin' Gopher for on-campus members with their ID. This discount is for members only, and is not extended to their guests.

TV2

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

- What did Jesus mean when He said "call no man Father"?
- Please explain what James 1:17 means: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday–Friday • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- When/how do we receive the Holy Spirit?
What the Bible Says About ... airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

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

BROOKS ARCHIVE

Millie Griswold, Reporter

The Village Brooks Archive has a large display of free books available. They are from a minister's collection and include books for pastors, Bible book commentaries, counseling, Bible studies, various Bible research books, church growth and planting, etc. Please stop by the Archive before Sept. 1 to make your selection. The Archive is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. See you there.

CONNECTING THREADS

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will have a space at Market Day, Saturday, Aug. 29. We will be selling thread, zippers, hem tape, blanket binding, vintage thimbles, knitting needles, purse handles, sewing machine bobbins, two vintage sewing machines, and more.

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

Christmas is coming, and if you would like to make a gift or cook something special for a friend or loved one, we have some books that will show you how to do just that. They are on display and easy to find.

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

The first letter pickup date is Friday, Sept. 4. You can leave them at the Carter House front desk or the Information Center by 11:15 a.m. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

If you would like to be a pen pal please contact me at (574) 229-8402. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts" (Winston Churchill).



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

Each of us faces times of loneliness, grief, hurt or need. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer, we find comfort through Christ (2 Cor. 1:4-6) — often through the care of fellow Christians.

ACV has a team of Stephen Ministers who have undergone extensive training to provide care for those experiencing various crises and life challenges.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, the care of a Stephen Minister can help bring Christ's healing. Please consider whether you or someone around you could benefit from this support, and remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

If you have questions or would like to connect with this ministry, please speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders — Robin Copeland, Michael Saunders, or Darleen Hinrichs — or call the Stephen Ministry office at 658-5358.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

**CARTER HOUSE
Mary Gamble—334-790-9066**

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

We have two birthdays to celebrate this week: Denise Banks on Sept. 8 and Scott Appell on Sept. 9. Happy birthday to both of you! We hope your special day is filled with joy and blessings.

Want to know what's happening around ACV? Be sure to read the FNN each week. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

This heat is no joke! Please stay hydrated and use caution when spending time outdoors. Adult and baby snakes are on the move, so keep an eye out for them and watch over your furry friends as well.

Several of us have been attending the Better Balance Class on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sawmill Room with Katie from Copeland Community Center. If you haven't attended, you're missing a great class!

I would like to share a personal experience from this past week. As many of you know, my grandchildren attend Branford High School and are active in sports. My grandson, Preston, plays football, and my granddaughter, Paisley, plays volleyball.

During a recent volleyball match between Branford High and Suwannee High, we learned that one of the Suwannee players had recently lost her mother in a boating accident. She and her sister were left to grieve an unimaginable loss. It was her first game back since her mother's passing, and many family members and community supporters were there to encourage her. Many wore purple shirts featuring a Bible verse from Matthew in honor of her mother.

Before the game, as the Branford players were introduced, each one presented a purple rose and a hug to one of the daughters. There was hardly a dry eye in the gym. It was a beautiful moment of compassion, support, and unity that transcended competition.

What a powerful lesson for those young people and everyone in attendance. Being on opposite sides of the court does not mean we cannot support and care for one another. In a world that often seems filled with division and negativity, it is so important to teach our children kindness, empathy and love. I feel blessed to be part of the Suwannee County community, and I am grateful my grandchildren are growing up here.

Thank you for allowing me to share this story. I thought it was a wonderful example of the good we can still find in the world around us.

If there is anything you would like to share with the community or see included in this column, please contact me by phone no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. You may also leave information at the Carter House front desk, and I will pick it up.

Please continue to watch out for one another and keep each other in your prayers. You never know what someone may be going through.

"Faith is not believing that God can. It is knowing that God will" (Ben Stein).

**DOWLING HOUSE
Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning, neighbors.

I recently had a wonderful visit in Sarasota, and now it's time to go home and rest up for the next trip, which will be in October for Halloween.

Plans are already being made for the decorations we'll be crafting. It's always so much fun working together on projects. The neighbors love to make their rounds to my granddaughter's house first to see what's new.

Mary Lou Forsyth had family visiting last weekend. Rachael and Carl came with her two great-grandchildren, Emi and Kit. They went to the lake to feed the turtles and fish. It was fun to watch the fish dart among the many turtles to grab a scrap of food. Just being with family is wonderful.

I heard that Bruce Harris has moved from Dowling House to GSC. That leaves three empty apartments on our floor. It is hard to keep losing neighbors. There are already so many new residents that I hardly know some of them.

I have a good joke to share. It's a long one, so I'll try to shorten it while still giving you a laugh.

Forest Gump died and found himself standing at the Pearly Gates. An angel stood there with a large book and explained that there were so many people waiting to enter Heaven that everyone had to answer two questions.

"Oh, I'm sure I can do that," Forest said. "Mama always said I was smart."

The angel asked, "What two days of the week start with the letter T?"

"Oh, I know that one," said Forest. "Today and tomorrow."

The angel rolled his eyes. "Forest, you're wrong, but you're right, too. The answer is Tuesday and Thursday."

Forest replied, "Mama always said today is what matters and tomorrow never comes."

The angel sighed. "I can see this is going to be a long day. Since you're right in a way, let's go to question number two. How many seconds are there in a year?"

"Oh, I know that," Forest said. "Twelve."

"That's wrong!" said the angel.

"No, it isn't," Forest replied. "There's Jan. 2, Feb. 2, March 2 ..." and so on through all 12 months.

The angel shook his head and finally stepped aside. "Forest, you're wrong, but you're right. Enter in."

Jesus told His followers, "I go to prepare a place for you ... and I will come again" (John 14:2-3). Scripture also reminds us to be ready, for we do not know the hour of His return.

There are two roads in life, spiritually speaking, and each of us must choose which one to travel. One is the straight and narrow road. Scripture says that few find it. To travel that road, you must walk with Jesus, and its destination is eternal life.

The other road is broad and easy to follow. It takes little effort to stay on it, but its destination is death.

Which road are you traveling today: the straight and narrow road or the broad road?

Until next week, smile and be happy!

**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—574-229-8402**

Good morning, neighbors.

Happy birthday to Jen White on the 30th. May your day be blessed, your year healthy, and your life happy.

It's time for another Edgewood Terrace potluck. Mark your calendars! It will be on Saturday, Sept. 12.

We will meet at the Youth Lodge behind the Village Grocer. Dinner is planned for 5:00 p.m. The theme is "Your Favorite Childhood Dish." I'm looking forward to tasting some delicious favorites! Please RSVP to me at (574) 229-8402 so I can get a count for setup.

How time is flying! It's the end of August, and Labor Day is just around the corner — the last long weekend of the summer.

There are two adjectives I'd use to describe our summer: hot and busy. I'm sure some of you feel the same.

Let's keep checking on our neighbors and lend a helping hand. Remember to stay hydrated and find indoor activities to participate in while beating the heat.

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

In Galatians 1:11–24, Paul once again reminds the churches that the gospel message he preached did not originate with man. He writes that he was not taught this message by any person but received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ (vv. 11–12). Furthermore, when God called him (v. 15), Paul did not immediately seek guidance from others. Instead, he went to Arabia, a deserted region.

Scripture does not tell us exactly why Paul went to Arabia, but it is possible that he went there to be alone with God and to gain a deeper understanding of the gospel he had received. He could have gone directly to the apostles, but Paul wanted certainty about the message he was called to proclaim. The best way to obtain that certainty was through time spent alone with God.

Do you know what you believe? More importantly, do you know why you believe it?

Like we saw last week, there are many counterfeit gospels in our world today, and some can sound very convincing. Yet there is only one true gospel: the good news of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Any message that adds to or takes away from this truth is false.

Jesus Christ died in our place and paid the penalty for our sins so that we would not have to. Take time to know God's Word. Study the Scriptures and understand what they teach so that when counterfeit teachings arise, you will recognize the truth without doubt.

We are thankful for the volunteers who help with Sunday morning worship at GSC. On Sunday, Aug. 23, Barbara Phipps accompanied us on the piano, and an ACV member arrived early to help set up chairs and move tables. We also had another ACV couple volunteer to serve one Sunday each month. Thank you to all who help make these services possible!

If you would like to assist with worship services at GSC, please call (386) 249-2792 or email bar-nold@acvillage.net.

Wednesday, Aug. 26, was Senior Olympic Day at GSC. Stay tuned for the results in next week's FNN!

A memorial service will be held at GSC on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. Family members, friends, ACV residents, and the staff and residents of GSC and Dacier Manor are invited to attend as we give thanks for the lives of Billy Sullivan, Diane Livingston, Ronnie Leonard, Dorothy Brenner, and Kathleen Damiani.

**RIVERWOODS
Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024**

Good morning from a porch with a special meadow view.

Aug. 29 is Play Music on the Porch Day. According to the event's website, this worldwide celebration of peace began 12 years ago. Its goals are simple: get outside, share music, and connect communities.

Music and singing are mentioned throughout the Bible as ways to express joy, worship God, and encourage others. In Exodus, we read about the songs of Moses and Miriam. In 2 Chronicles, the Israelites lifted their voices in praise to the Lord. In 1 Samuel, David played his harp to refresh Saul. In Ephesians and Colossians, Paul encourages believers to speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. In

fact, Pastor Traci Nissley referenced that Scripture during Sunday's worship service.

I've been brushing up on my guitar playing, so I may just sit on my porch, gaze across the meadow, and do a little strummin' and hummin' ... unless the neighbors complain!

August is coming to a close, and we can all begin looking forward to cooler weather. A gentleman in line at the grocery store recently remarked that, while it has certainly been hot, he is grateful we haven't had any hurricanes. Aren't we all?

"Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; let this be known throughout all the earth" (Isaiah 12:5).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PHOTO DISPLAY

One of the next themes for the photos beside the Lopin' Gopher is going to be of our past hurricanes. So if anyone has photos taken after the last hurricanes, including Debbie, Idalia, and Helene, please let me know. I wish to show new residents what took place here at ACV. If you have photos, please email them to me at gkuep1945@windstream.net or call me at (386) 249-9992. Thanks for your help!

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: Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, and Nov. 6 and 20. 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.

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

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

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

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

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

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

Ladies, we do waxing as well!

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

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

WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS

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

HAIR CROPPERS

I'm excited to introduce my Signature Hand Ritual at Hair Croppers and am looking for ACV employee models to experience the treatment while I create social media content that showcases the full experience.

The Signature Hand Ritual is a mindful treatment designed to restore balance through touch and self-care. It includes hydration, improved circulation, gentle exfoliation, and therapeutic massage to soothe the nervous system while revitalizing the hands, nails, and cuticles.

To accommodate busy work schedules, I am offering a special Mini Signature Hand Ritual: 15-Minutes for \$20.

My goal is to give ACV employees the opportunity to experience one of our spa services without having to be away from work for an extended period or use most of their lunch break. At the same time, I'll be able to create quality content featuring the service.

Come relax, reset, and give your hands the care they deserve. Model spots are limited!

To book your experience, call or text Danielle at (386) 205-3791.

For Saturday appointment confirmations, please call Brenda at (386) 249-1323.

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

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the celebration of my birthday with cards, good wishes, phone calls, and dine-outs — all of which were greatly enjoyed. I am so thankful for the privilege of living in the Village where we have friends with kindness and sharing. In Christian love,

Betty Bird

MISCELLANEOUS

FOUND: Men's black Crocs. Call Marcia at 904-422-9635.**

FOR SALE: 36-volt- and/or 48-volt-battery smart charger, cost \$160 new. Asking \$100. Contact Joel at 386-658-1313.*

FOR SALE: Recliner rocker chair in good condition, asking \$35. Call 407-944-1404.*

FOR SALE: Small ice machine, makes ice in minutes. Contact Cora at 850-464-7113.*

FOR SALE: Small banjo (banjolele), four months old with nice, new carrying case, extra set of strings, finger picks, and several books on how to play. Paid \$200, will sell for \$125 OBO. Call or text 386-688-6610.*

FOUND: An earring was found in the Copeland Community Center parking lot. Contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and give a description.*

FOUND: A pink and flowery coin purse was found at the Lopin' Gopher. Contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and give a description.*

THE LIVING WINGS OF CHANGE FROM THE BUTTERFLY DISPLAY AND HIDDEN GARDEN IN RIVERVIEW Submitted by Donna Robb

From the very beginning of creation, God had the Hidden Garden and butterfly display in His creation plan for us to marvel at and enjoy. He remains actively involved in sustaining the world He made, including the remarkable process of metamorphosis.

According to historical sources, the word metamorphosis entered the English language during the 14th century. It comes from the Greek words meta, meaning "change," and morph, meaning "form."

Visitors to the butterfly display in the hallway near the Riverview mailboxes can observe the meta-

morphic transformation of three species of butterflies through four distinct stages of life: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult butterfly. The species featured are the Gulf Fritillary, Giant Swallowtail, and Queen butterflies.

This is *biological* metamorphosis.

There is also *spiritual* metamorphosis! God has provided a way for each of us to experience a relationship with Him through His grace and transforming power. When we accept His plan for our lives, our values, priorities, and direction begin to change. Through Christ, we experience peace, purpose, and the promise of everlasting life with our Heavenly Father.

God's Word reminds us in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will."

God also had the Riverview Hidden Garden in His plan when He created the herbs and plants of the earth (Genesis 1:11).

Louise Childs has been a faithful worker in the Hidden Garden for several years. On May 10, 2023, she wrote, "You never know what you might find in the garden. Perhaps a little picture of heaven on earth."

Today, Louise incorporates herbs from the garden into her cooking, enhancing flavor and enjoyment. She is affectionately known by her friends as "Julia Childs."

Thank you to David Anewalt for faithfully supplying the caterpillars and food that have allowed us to witness this remarkable example of God's creative handiwork. Through the butterfly display, we are reminded of both the beauty of creation and the transforming power of God.

VILLAGE BOOKWORM

Jen Wilkin is one of my favorite authors, and she also writes outstanding Bible studies. So, I was thrilled when the Nicholoses gave me a copy of her latest book, *Dust to Dust: Aging Wisely in an Anti-Aging World*.

In this book, Wilkin explores the biblical truth that human beings are created from dust and will eventually return to dust. Rather than treating mortality as a depressing subject, she encourages readers to view the reality of death as a reminder of God's purposes for our lives. By pointing readers back to Scripture, she shows how the brevity of life should shape the way we live, think and worship. The result is a compelling and hopeful perspective on aging.

Wilkin thoughtfully presents a framework for understanding aging that is both easy to follow and deeply thought-provoking. Readers journey through the arc of life and its parallels. For example, the earliest years of life often mirror the final years. Drawing on Psalm 90, she reminds us to "number our days" and reject the world's obsession with youth and vanity. Time is not our enemy. While our bodies may decline, people can continue to grow in wisdom, character and faith. Is aging a descent into irrelevance to be avoided at all costs, or should we embrace Scripture's view of wisdom and value?

This book is a gem. It will make you laugh, make you cry, and leave you grateful for a God who delights in every stage of life, including gray hair.

If you have a favorite book or author, please share it with our Village by sending your recommendation to sgermaine720@gmail.com.

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Suddenly Pasta Salads	7.5 oz.	\$ 3.80
Duncan Hines Brownie Mix	16 oz.	\$ 4.00
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Bush's Baked Beans	16 oz.	\$ 2.50
Olive Garden Italian Dressing	16 oz.	\$ 5.20
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail	15 oz.	\$ 3.50
Hunt's Tomato Ketchup	14 oz.	\$ 2.00
Zephyrhills 12 Pack Water	12 oz.	\$ 4.80

DAIRY

Kraft American Singles	8 oz.	\$ 4.50
Boar's Head Ranch Dip	12 oz.	\$ 4.30

PRODUCE

Coleslaw Mix	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Navel Oranges	each	\$ 1.69

FROZEN

Ore-Ida Waffle Fries	22 oz.	\$ 6.30
Mayfield Ice Cream Nutty Bars	15 oz.	\$ 5.00

MEAT

Sanderson Farms Chicken Thighs	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Boneless Bottom Round Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.00
Boar's Head Rosemary Deli Ham	per lb.	\$ 8.30
Oscar Meyer Sliced Bacon	16 oz.	\$ 7.00
Johnsonville Brats	16 oz.	\$ 6.00
Sunnyland Jumbo Meat Franks	16 oz.	\$ 3.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

American Cheese — \$5.30 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

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

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

This Week's Verse

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer ... present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

**Advent Christian Village
presents its
2026-27
Artist Series
The 39th Season of
Live! at Dowling Park**



**Three on a String
Music & Comedy**

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

The legendary Birmingham-based band Three on a String has been performing for more than 55 years. They have traveled a half-million miles across the U.S. and Canada to perform in over 20,000 shows. They have opened for two presidents, and the band is an original member of the Alabama Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and also an inductee into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. They have brought their unique blend of music and comedy to ACV three previous times and are a regular request by residents who have attended one of their shows in the past.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$20 | Adults: \$30 | Students: \$10

**Kevin Sharpe
Classical Piano**

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Sharpe (often known as K#) is regarded as one of the nation's most accomplished concert pianists. Critics have praised his artistry, noting his precise touch and strong individual voice, and audiences have long been captivated by his expressive performances. Sharpe has earned numerous distinctions throughout his career, including being named a Fulbright Scholar in 2006, receiving a State Touring Grant from the State of Florida, and winning the top prize in the 1991 Johann Sebastian Bach International Piano Competition. He is preparing an engaging Mozart program, showcasing the clarity, elegance and brilliance that define his interpretive style.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$20 | Adults: \$30 | Students: \$10

**Trio Rodan
Clarinet, Viola & Piano**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Trio Rodan — featuring David Pedraza, viola, Ciprian Stancioi, clarinet, and Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano — is an international ensemble whose members hail from Mexico, Romania, and Taiwan. Based in Southeast Florida, these acclaimed musicians have earned numerous awards and perform widely across the U.S. and abroad. They appear regularly with leading regional arts organizations including the Symphony of the Americas, the Palm Beach Symphony, the Florida Grand Opera, and the Miami City Ballet Orchestra.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$20 | Adults: \$30 | Students: \$10

Dancing Dog Show

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Veranica and Her Amazing Dancing Dogs burst onto the national stage on America's Got Talent, where the then-12-year-old third-generation performer wowed the judges with her high-energy choreography, clever quick-change magic, and the remarkable precision of her expertly trained poodles. Today, Veranica shares that same charm, showmanship, and crowd-pleasing talent across the country.

Location: The Camp Suwannee Pavilion

ACV members: \$10 | Adults: \$20 | Students: \$5

**The Night Before Christmas Carol
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.**

David zum Brunnen brilliantly portrays Charles Dickens on stage, slipping seamlessly into various roles throughout the narrative to bring the genesis of the holiday classic to life. The story blends the heartwarming essence of A Christmas Carol with the historical backdrop of how Dickens fought to pen a story that would permanently reshape Christmas traditions.

Location: Bixler Chapel

ACV members: \$20 | Adults: \$30 | Students: \$10

**Melissa Vasquez
Christian Soloist**

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027 • 3:00 p.m.

Melissa Vasquez is a graduate of The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and a versatile performer whose career has included featured roles at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando and a place in the opening cast of Festival of the Lion King at Hong Kong Disneyland. A worship leader, actress, teacher, and cabaret artist, Melissa uses her theatrical training to help others grow in faith and creativity, sharing the love of God with humor, heart, and her signature one-woman shows.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$10 | Adults: \$20 | Students: \$5

**Elisabeth von Trapp
Motivational Musician**

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027 • 7:00 p.m.

Carrying forward the musical legacy of the famed von Trapp family, Elisabeth von Trapp has earned acclaim for her crystalline vocals, expressive musicianship, and captivating stage presence. Her concerts blend classical finesse with modern warmth, offering audiences a rich tapestry of songs ranging from sacred hymns to reimagined standards. Each performance is crafted with grace, authenticity, and a deep love for the power of music to move the soul.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$10 | Adults: \$20 | Students: \$5

Hoggtowne Bronze Handbells

Saturday, May 1, 2027 • 4:00 p.m.

Hoggtowne Bronze is an advanced handbell ensemble from Gainesville, Florida, celebrated for their expressive musicianship and polished technique. Performing on five octaves of handbells and chimes, they deliver a dynamic repertoire that ranges from classical transcriptions to contemporary works. Their performances showcase both the versatility of the instrument and the ensemble's remarkable unity.

Location: The Village Church

ACV members: \$20 | Adults: \$30 | Students: \$10

Season Pass Information

ACV Members & Staff: \$110

Non-member Adults: \$150

Students: \$50

Family Pass*: \$400

Live! at Dowling Park artist series season passes may be purchased at the ACV Cashier's office (Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 386-658-5343 — cash, checks and debit/credit cards). When you purchase a 2026-27 season pass, not only do you receive an overall savings on all eight 2026-27 ACV events, you also have the opportunity to attend all five 2026-27 Community Concerts of Lake City (www.communityconcerts.info) performances at no extra charge.

Oct. 16 - Gainesville Pops

Nov. 7 - Astralis Ensemble - Strings and Flute

Jan. 29, 2027 - Humdingers Barbershop Quartet

Feb. 26, 2027 - Magician Jan Mattoli

April 24, 2027 - Joe and Sue Martin - Piano and Voice

Event Tickets

Performance prices are listed with each performance's information above. Event tickets may be purchased from the ACV cashier (cash, checks and debit/credit cards) and at each event (cash and check).

Cashier's office: (386) 658-5343

Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

We Need Your Support

ACV strives to provide opportunities to experience the performing arts in rural north Florida. In order to accomplish this, however, financial support from community members like you is needed. Ticket sales alone are not enough to fund the annual Live! at Dowling Park artist series. If you wish to support the arts in Dowling Park, please contact:

Darleen Hinrichs, Senior Director of Donor Engagement
(386) 658-5110 • dhinrichs@acvillage.net

Brochures are available at Member Services.

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IT WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK ONLY.

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23329 Live Oak Ln. - \$265,000; 1,238 sf; nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath, .19 acre; beautiful backyard w/ screened back porch, all appliances & W/D, 1 car garage. MLS #126218

10498 Wildwood Dr. - \$259,000; 1,111 sf. Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on .26 acres. 2 car garage, screened-in breezeway, with newer roof/carpet/paint and D/W. MLS #129695

23353 Live Oak Ln. - \$239,000 - 1,050 sf. 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car garage has newer appliances, washer/dryer and roof and more. MLS #130960

10265 River Wood Dr. - \$459,000 - 2,064 sf. Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 car garage/man cave on the river. Newer roof, HVAC, windows, floors, crown molding, doors, etc. 146' of river frontage w/ walkways and dock. MLS #131845

10430 Wildwood Dr. - \$300,000 - 2,247 sf. This well maintained, custom built, one-owner home has 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 car garage with lots of storage, including a room above the garage. MLS #131121

10487 Hickory Ln. - \$249,000 - 1,114 sf. 2-bedroom, 1.5 bath with 1 car garage. This home offers lots of upgrades including flooring, paint, countertops, walk-in shower, and more! MLS #132038

10624 Wildwood Dr. - \$279,000; 1,728. sf.; New kitchen/dining area floor. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, with bonus room on .34 ac. has a screened and heated back porch & new roof 2025. 2+ car garage with a golf cart bay. MLS #129777

10438 Wildwood Dr. - \$279,000; 1,829 sf. 3 Bedroom, 2 full baths on .27 acre lot. Florida Room, indoor laundry and 2-car garage. Move-in Ready. MLS #130454

10407 River Wood Dr. - \$190,000 - 1,720 sf. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, on .3 acres overlooking the Suwannee River. MLS #129276

23328 Live Oak Ln. - \$265,000 - 1,479 sf. Comfortable 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2-car oversized garage, living room with built-in shelving and a nice floor plan. Home backs up to a common area. MLS #131323

23316 River Birch Ln. - \$309,000 - 1994 sf. - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home has lots of upgrades, including a newer roof, A/C, furnace, Hybrid hot water tank, water softener, updated bathrooms and more! MLS #131672

10468 Wildwood Dr. - \$239,000 - 1,240 sf. - This clean and bright home offers 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths on .23 acres. Newer upgrades include carpet and a step-in shower. 1-car garage and a sunroom w/ deck. A must-see! MLS #132687

Birthdays

- 1.** CW Harrell*, JR Howell, Rick Phipps; **5.** Jan MacNeill; **6.** Jean Boyer, Jim Humbles, Catherin Langford*; **7.** Joy Evans-Russ; **8.** Denise Banks, Eunice Smith; **9.** Scott Appell, Ann Lawrence, Paul Matthew*, Paul Minor; **10.** Gaye Martin; **11.** Lorraine Bowen, Janet Noga*, Gretchen Tanner; **12.** Kathy Kessel, Marge Reach; **15.** Gracie Adams, Jim Kile, Suzan Klein, Gary Purchase, Sally Sauls, Henry Simonds; **16.** Melanie Fields; **17.** Todd Penney, Felecia Skidmore; **19.** Carolyn Story; **20.** Jack Sisk; **21.** Karen Hall, Tresie Thomas, Carolyn Williams*; **22.** Audry Benoit, Bill Jones*; **23.** Candy Hall, Bonnie Olson; **24.** Dot DeVane, Alice Harrell*, Ninan Swords Rogers; **25.** Robin Copeland, Margi Nichols, Pat Phelps; **28.** Doris Boatright*, Louise Childs; **29.** Frances Manker, Lavonne Mont*, Jean Snyder, Susan Weiler; **30.** Marie Drinko, Stephen McGill, Don Sinclair.

Anniversaries

- 1.** Rob & Judy Crankshaw; **2.** Mack & Genie Wadsworth; **6.** Howard & Nancy Geer; **7.** David & Debbie Anewalt; **24.** Joe Humphries & Pat Jackson-Humphries.

*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.

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Aug. 28—Sept. 4, 2026

FRIDAY, 8/28

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chef’s Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Catfish with Two Hush Puppies, GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Chicken Alfredo
- \$1.40 Sides:** Black-Eyed Peas, Mixed Greens, Pasta, Cheese Grits, Cold Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 8/29

- \$2.75 Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Grilled Bratwurst with Peppers and Onions on a Sub Roll, Zucchini Fries, Cold Salads, Fruit, Assorted Dessert, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 8/30

Lunch Buffet

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

- Soup:** Homemade Soup
- Entrées:** BBQ Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Broccoli, Normandy Vegetables, Coleslaw, Fruit, Potato Salad, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 8/31

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Grilled Chicken Breast, Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup
- \$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Side Salad, Cucumber and Grape Salad, Fruit, Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 9/1

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken, Shrimp and Pork Paella; Cuban Sandwich
- \$1.40 Sides:** Fried Cauliflower, Pinto Beans, Cold Salad, Fruit, Sweet Potato Fries
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

NOTE: Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$2.35.
GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

August 28–Sept. 4, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 9/2

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Veggie and Meat Lasagna, Ravioli Medley, Garlic Rolls
- \$1.40 Sides:** Asparagus, Italian Sautéed Cabbage, Ceaser Salad, Cold Salad, Fruit
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 9/3

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Breakfast for Lunch, Country Fried Steak with Sausage Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** Yogurt, Cottage Cheese, Fruit, Plain and Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 9/4

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Cod, Baked Catfish, Salisbury Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday Soup: Chef's Choice

Friday, Aug. 28

Lunch only: Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt on a Sub Roll,
with a Choice of Side, \$14.95

All day: Oven-Roasted Salmon with Basil Cream Sauce,
Wild Rice, and Fresh Haricot Vert, \$17.95

Saturday, Aug. 29

Lunch only: Mushroom Swiss Burger, \$11.95
All day: Broccoli, Chicken and Tortellini Alfredo Bowl
Served with Garlic Toast, \$16.95



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Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



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Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm

Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm