



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
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AUGUST 7, 2026

Friday	8/7	The Village Cashier’s office is closed today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Suwannee County Veterans Service— Member Services What Does the Bible Say About ...?—SMR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	8/8	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Ladies’ Breakfast—RDR Men’s Fellowship Breakfast—RDR
Sunday	8/9	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians Class—VC Room 5</i>
Monday	8/10	9:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Morning Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—VC Room 5 Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	8/11	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Evening Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—OPR
Wednesday	8/12	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>
Thursday	8/13	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH Monthly Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR
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

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

Clifford Randolph, who was a resident of Dacier Manor and GSC, died July 31. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Janice Curtis, who was a resident of GSC, died July 25. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

James Stein, who was a resident of GSC, died July 25. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

MOVE-OUT

Joe First, who was a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, has moved to 845 W Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32304.

CORRECTION

MaryAnn Stuart's birthday was inadvertently omitted from the birthdays sheet. Her birthday is Aug. 29.

ACV EVENTS

SUWANNEE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE

Fridays, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Member Services

Suwannee County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Terrence Allen will be in Member Services from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays to discuss VA benefits. He is also available by phone at (386) 364-3403.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

Friday, Aug. 7, 1:00 p.m. - SMR

On Friday, Aug. 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sawmill Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion concerning biblical topics.

- 1) What is Christian Nationalism? Does the Bible support it? Should we support it?
- 2) 1 Peter 4:17, "For the time has come for judgement to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?" Could this verse explain why God allowed the destruction of his temple, Jerusalem, and the Jewish nation in 70 AD?
- 3) If God knows everything, how is free will real?
- 4) John 10:7. "Then Jesus said to them again, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.'" What does it mean that Jesus is the door? Bring your questions and comments!



LADIES' AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The upcoming Men's Fellowship and ladies' breakfasts are combined this Saturday, Aug. 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. Mike and Jan Cuddy will be the speakers, and you won't want to miss it. As usual, they'll be sharing their insights in a very creative way. Join us for a delicious breakfast, and get inspired by the truths found in God's precious word.

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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, Aug. 13, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the August member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with August birthdays will receive special recognition.

More babies are born in August than in any other month — so this month, we're celebrating with a light-hearted tradition inspired by welcoming new arrivals. Expect a few surprises and a lot of laughs. Come see what we're up to!



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

3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - LAP

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

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 and pay the bus fee at the IC.

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.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

VETERANS MEETING

Friday, Aug. 7, 12:00 noon - DR

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, Aug. 7, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

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.

STORYTELLERS

Saturday, Aug. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Smith Riverview Common Area

The storytellers will meet in the common area of Smith Riverview apartments on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 7:00 p.m. All storytellers and story listeners are invited to come and participate.

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.



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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.

New America 250 Titles
Now Available

Our first America 250 titles have arrived! Explore new books including *The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America*, *The Unexpected* by Abigail Adams, *The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For, 1776*, and *John Adams: Revolutionary Writings, 1755–1775*.

These are just the beginning of more than 245 new titles coming to the Suwannee River Regional Library collection as we celebrate America's 250th birthday. It's a wonderful opportunity to dive into the people, stories and ideas that shaped our nation.

Adolphe Millot Butterfly Exhibit

Learning isn't just found in books! This August, discover the incredible life cycle of butterflies through Adolphe Millot's classic butterfly illustrations and our live butterfly habitat. It's a wonderful way to experience nature, art, and science all in one visit.

Senior Survival Workshop

Morgan and Getzan Elder Law and Estate Planning will be presenting a free Senior Survival Workshop on Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Learn about preparing for the possibility of long-term nursing home care expenses, how to pass your land or money to your loved ones at your death as inexpensively and quickly as possible, and the documents you will need to protect your financial and physical health if you become mentally incapacitated. Find out what Morgan and Getzan can do to help you plan for your future and your family's future.

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. Next week, we'll kick things off with the topic "What task makes you feel like your best self?"

As the Page Turns Book Club

Join us as we discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, our August Book Club selection! Whether you've read every page or are just finishing up, we'd love to have you join the conversation on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk: Tablet and iPad Refresher

Discover more at Tech Talk on Friday, Aug. 7, at 2:30 p.m. Jeremy will be revisiting tablets and iPads! Whether you're a new tablet owner or you're an experienced user looking to learn some new tips and tricks, this informative class will have you covered.

Voting in the JKPL

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

- Early voting is Aug. 8–15, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. daily
- Primary Election Day is Aug. 18, and polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

All regularly scheduled programs, with the exception of Tech Talk, will be suspended Aug. 7–19. Tech Talk will take place in the Brooks Archives on Aug. 7, at 2:30 p.m.

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, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms.

Did You Know?

You have access to more than just books through the JKPL! Get full access to *The New York Times*, including

breaking news, blogs, book reviews, digital crossword puzzles, and more with your library card.



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. 12 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.
- **Aug. 12 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.
- **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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SERMON: "Here's Mud in Your Eyes"

TEXT: John 9:1-38 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

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

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Aug. 7

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study: God and Israel, Peter Ard (Room 5)

Saturday, Aug. 8

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

Sunday, Aug. 9

9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)

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

5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

Monday, Aug. 10

9:30 a.m. — WHFMS Meeting (Room 5)

Tuesday, Aug. 11

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

6:30 p.m. — WHFMS Meeting (OPR)

Wednesday, Aug. 12

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

Friday, Aug. 13

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

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey-386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Aug. 6 and 7; and Friday, Aug. 14. Please note this altered schedule.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Doug Mabey-386-658-5200

Aquilla Pool (the outdoor pool) season is winding down. It is closed until Saturday, Aug. 8, and then 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

Let me reiterate and clarify some policies and procedures concerning ACV bus transportation:

1. All bus transportation is limited to full members, Lifestyle Club members, and staff.
2. There are no bus fees to ride an ACV bus; this service is now a member benefit.
3. The shuttle will pick up and drop off members to all points on campus and to selection locations in the Dowling Park area: Butterfield Acres, Dowling Park North, Dowling Manor, Dollar General, First Baptist Church, Crawley's Tire & Auto, the Village Attic, and the Jiffy to name the majority. Other locations will need to be approved.
4. Specific times have been scheduled to go to the Dollar General. Please do not ask to be dropped off at the Dollar General at other times. (If you need a bus schedule, they are available at the Information Center.)
5. The shuttle bus drivers like to know who plans to go to the Dollar General, so calling ahead to let



Friday and Saturday Soup: Beef and Potato

Friday, Aug. 7

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

All day: Thin-Sliced Top Round Roast Beef with Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes, and a Vegetable of the Day, \$17.95

Saturday, Aug. 8

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

All day: Chicken Pot Pie over Rice and a Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$16.95

them know is helpful. Calling ahead in no way gives you priority seating. If the bus fills up before your stop, you will have to wait for the shuttle to drop off the first load and return to pick you up.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Have an idea for a bus trip destination? Bring your idea to Member Services to see if the trip can be scheduled. Better yet: Find some like-minded friends and neighbors who are also interested in going so that you already know there's a group ready to go.

Scam Tip of the Week: Grandparents Scam

Imposters pose as law enforcement officers and call grandparents claiming that a grandchild is in jail. They then demand immediate payment to bail the grandchild out of jail. In another iteration of the scam, a person claiming to be the grandchild will call saying they have been mugged or otherwise detained in another country and are in need of money to get home. To avoid falling victim, verify through another means the grandchild's whereabouts and avoid acting immediately.

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

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV members receive a 20% discount when purchasing a burial plot in Bixler Memorial Gardens East (beside The Village Attic).

TV2

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

- Is it true that God helps those who help themselves?
- Why is there so much animosity between the Jews and the Palestinians? Don't they have a common ancestor?

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

A new resident recently donated a book he had written to help those who, like himself, have had to take over household responsibilities due to his wife's sudden illness. It is titled *The Unexpected Chef, Southern Edition* and contains recipes he developed, along with

the direction of his wife, as well as helpful hints in shopping for food and the like. This book is on display in our library.

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 PALS PROGRAM

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

There is a meeting scheduled for those in the pen pal program for Friday, Aug. 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

First Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

This week we will use this space to honor one special volunteer at our shop. We wish a happy birthday to Dick McClaine. It's a 90+ one for him. Dick seldom misses a day and has been our Mr. Fix-it man for over five years. We appreciate him and his always-positive attitude so much! We welcome you to stop by and visit with Dick at your convenience.

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 and to obtain an application form. Folks, if you think your writing is messy, no worries — you can type your letters on your computer.

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 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

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Steve and Dot Shuman report that they had a wonderful three weeks in their home state of Maine visiting a host of family and friends. Ms. Lillian (Steve's mother) was in good spirits as she celebrated her 102nd birthday and sends her love to all her friends in the Village. We are glad to have Steve and Dot back home safe and sound.

Dorothy Ames and her grandson, Shawn, came from Massachusetts to clear out the Ames residence and prepare it for sale. Their garage sale was a success, and they wish to thank all who took part and helped clear things out.

Our neighborhood has been very busy lately with crews installing the new Kinetic high-speed internet underground. Soon we will be able to connect through our phone lines if we choose to do so.

August birthdays: Happy birthday to Rosemary Humbles on the 3rd, Dick Beggs on the 14th, and to both Jack and Barbara Dixon on the 16th! Jordan Coombs adds another candle on the 17th, and Mary Jane Sutter rounds out the month on the 29th. A big happy, happy birthday to you all — may God bless you with many more healthy years. If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, I apologize. Please send it to

me at jackwdixonis@gmail.com or call me at the number listed above. Anytime you have something to share with our neighbors, drop me a line and I will pass it along.

The Mabey family provided an update:

"Bethany is officially in remission from non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She will be tested every three months until they are satisfied that the cancer is gone, and then she will be declared cancer-free and will ring the bell. She started back to work on Aug. 5 as a daycare worker at Lutheran Church Day Care in Pittsburgh.

"Amanda's husband, Zach, has been promoted as a field adjuster with State Farm in Dawsonville, Georgia.

"Christine's husband, Ryan, is an E-6 in the Army, and they are being transferred to Fort Benning, which is only three and a half hours away instead of the nine it takes to get to Kentucky.

"Keith graduated from Riveroak Technical College as an auto technician and is working as an auto mechanic in Wellborn.

"We are all very excited for each one of them.

"On Aug. 20, it will have been one year since Alex's passing. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you."

Here are some things to think on for a while:

Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off.

You can't hold a man down unless you stay down with him.

Age doesn't really matter — unless you are a cheese.

Today I was drowning in a sea of confusion trying to locate a book here in our home with some much-needed information written in it. We both had looked in all the wrong places and were at our wits' end when Barb came to me, took my hands and prayed, "Dear Lord, in the name of Jesus, please help us find this book we so desperately need." At the end of her prayer, I got up from the computer and walked directly to the place where the book was sitting. God is so good ALL THE TIME. Let us be forever aware of this and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Mary Gamble—334-790-9066

Greetings, everyone! I hope you have all had a blessed week. We don't have any birthdays, but we do have an anniversary to celebrate. Happy and blessed anniversary to Hellmut and Gloria Seidenberg on Aug. 14.

There are some exciting events coming up here at ACV. Stay tuned to the FNN for more information.

Don't forget to drink your water and stay hydrated in this heat. Please remember it is flea, tick and snake season. Be careful outside — snakes are having their babies now, and they are on the move.

Attention: Calling all women! Sept. 17-19, the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society (WHFMS) is hosting their 2026 annual retreat here at ACV. This year's theme is "She Plants, God Grows." Registration forms will be available at the Carter House front desk. The registration deadline is Aug. 21. The fee is \$20, which covers program materials, crafts and meals. You do not pay the fee until you arrive. For more information, please contact Becky Mahler at (910) 305-5200 (call or text). We hope to see all of you women there!

If there is anything you would like to see or share with us all, please contact me by phone no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, or you can leave the information on paper at the Carter House front desk and I'll get it.

Please remember to watch out for each other and keep each other in your prayers. You never know what someone might be going through.

Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week.

"Thank you, Lord, for fearfully and wonderfully creating each of us. Thank you for giving us worth in Your eyes. Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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 **Remember to Wave** 

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbors. I pray all is well in body and spirit, and for those who are not well, that God will minister healing.

Today is National Root Beer Day. And today in 1945, the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

I am sorry you could not attend my birthday party because of the rain. It was a grand occasion with lots of food, games and decorations. All my children were in attendance, along with some grand and great-grandkids. The newest one, about eight months old, was smiling at everyone. My daughter Peggy and granddaughter Lorrie did a marvelous job planning, decorating, and making my 90th birthday a memorable dream. My grandson Isaac was up early grilling delicious chicken. I want to thank them all for the gifts, cards, and great memories. Thank you, neighbors, for your wishes, cards and gifts.

"It is a small thing to have enjoyed the sun. To have lived through the spring. To have loved someone. To have done things" (Matthew Arnold).

Someone left some beautiful glassware at my door. Thank you.

There are lots of activities going on in the Village — painting, ceramics, crafts, sewing, woodworks and many others to take advantage of. There are exercise and healthy-living classes at Copeland Community Center. Try some of them and let me know how it goes.

Have you heard something funny or had a senior moment — like forgetting where you put your hat or your socks? Give me some good news.

Here's a little story contributed by Patricia-Adele Lyons:

Mark went on a business trip, and after checking into his hotel, he emailed his wife. Unfortunately he mistyped her email address by one letter. Instead of going to his wife, the message went to a woman who had just returned home from her husband's funeral.

She opened her inbox, saw a new message, clicked it, and read:

"Hello, honey. I've arrived and checked in. I suppose you're surprised to hear from me so soon. I'm lucky they have computers here. I sure miss you. It's pretty warm down here."

The widow read the first paragraph, gasped, and fainted.

A few minutes later, her son came in, found her on the floor, and noticed the computer still glowing. He leaned in to read the message for himself:

"I'm lonely and want you here with me. I've made arrangements for you to join me tomorrow."

The son fainted too.

Until next week: We are born, we cry, and the people rejoice. When we die, people cry — and rejoice.

DOWLING MANOR & DOWLING PARK NORTH

Gail Chapman—904-400-1333

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

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Verna Piper—386-658-3753

Happy birthday to Betty Bird on Aug. 7. Here's hoping your special day is filled with love and laughter. Betty is probably one of the few who has been here in the same place as long as I have. Change is good, but in this aging community it's comforting to know — and see — that Betty will be there.

I've recently had an amazing two-week vacation and trip with my family. I flew to Seattle to spend a few days with my son Jay, his wife, Erica, and two grandchildren, Luna and Haven. Then the family enjoyed a cruise to Alaska, after which I flew to Delaware to check out my son Jon's new home there. His son, Jeremy, and Hannah joined us. Spending time with family is special.

Highlights of the trip included an emergency plane detour, a broken finger, freezing weather, whale watching, a black bear sighting, Butchart Gardens, a mushers camp, and a wealth of memories.

Hoping you are keeping cool during these hot and humid summer days. Check on your neighbors, limit outside time, and drink plenty of water.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

On Sunday, Aug. 2, we were blessed to gather for worship in the Magnolia Dining Room. Residents from Dogwood, Magnolia and Camellia courts, along with residents from Dacier Manor, friends, family and volunteers, joined together in singing praise to God, hearing His Word, and concluding with the Lord's Supper. We're thankful that Jackie Futch was able to play the piano for us as well.

In 1 Cor. 11, the apostle Paul encouraged God's people to observe the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. It seems that when people do something repeatedly — like receiving communion — we can become nonchalant and forget why we do it. This is a serious matter. Paul even said that if we eat and drink without considering the Lord's death, we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves. Therefore, we are to examine ourselves (v. 28).

Ask yourself when you receive the bread and the cup: "Why do I do this?" The answer is simple — we do it to proclaim the Lord's death, His sacrificial death for our sins, until He comes. If we remember Jesus as we partake, we know we are receiving in a worthy manner. If not, it is best to refrain.

Our devotions at GSC have moved to a new time: 9:30 a.m. We rise and shine as we gather to sing, laugh together, and share in God's Word. Lately we've been learning from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6 and 7. We're just getting started by looking at the Beatitudes. After devotions we enjoy either exercise, games, or coffee and snacks.

Residents of Dacier Manor gather twice a week for singing and sharing in God's Word. Our numbers at Dacier are smaller, but we still enjoy our times together as we seek the Lord.

On the August GSC calendar, Tuesday, Aug. 4 was Lemonade Day. We made fresh lemonade and shared our life stories. Later in the week we did some indoor gardening and enjoyed a visit from the Doggie Dude Ranch.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. Family, friends, ACV members, residents of Dacier Manor and GSC, and staff are invited to attend as we give thanks for the lives of James Stein, Janice Curtis, and Clifford Randolph.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Hello from a porch with a busy meadow view. Over the weekend, my peaceful, pretty meadow was cluttered by large trucks and other paraphernalia because the work to install fiber optic equipment continues. In the long run these improvements will give us better service. I have, however, heard several reports of and have experienced myself, the inconvenience resulting from accidents: Interrupted internet and telephone service, and even broken water pipes. The problems were corrected as quickly as possible, and everyone I've spoken to personally has been patient. We can use these disruptions as opportunities to practice what James encourages us to do in his letter: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials ..." (1:2).

It's August, and Suwannee County students will soon be heading back to class. That means there will be school busses and parents transporting them so please remember to be extra careful and perhaps allow a little more time when running errands outside the Village. August is usually the hottest month of the year here in north Florida. It's also the month when the frequency of hurricanes begins to increase until it peaks in mid-September. But we've come this far. We'll probably start seeing pumpkin spice everything before you know it!

"When the LORD is having you wait, do what waiters do: serve."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

All women are welcome to attend the next 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.

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT Chuck Eckel, Reporter

Fredna Carter is the featured artist in the Lopin' Gopher Art Gallery exhibit. Fredna is a member of the Village Artists Guild and a native Suwannee Countian. She is a home economics graduate of Florida State University and has always enjoyed creating things, though she never had an opportunity to paint earlier in life.

One day a friend told her, "I think my teacher has an opening." That simple comment began more than 30 years of small-group art classes, first with Evelyn Beiro and later with Kathi Hobbs in the Tampa Bay area. Fredna has worked with oils and acrylics, but she now favors water-mixable oils. Of all the subjects she has painted, still lifes remain her favorite.

Her favorite colors? Purple and turquoise — and you'll see them beautifully reflected in her work!

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.

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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. 7 and 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.

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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

On behalf of myself and the rest of the class that took the CPR and first aid class on July 30 with Shawn Hillengas, the CPR instructor for Suwannee County Fire Rescue, we just want to say thank you for all that you do.

Ron Oberg

Thank you to whomever picked up my tennis balls and left them for me on the tennis court. It was very kind of you to go out of your way.

Kathy Loftus

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: From Club Car golf cart: Four-lug tires on rims, good for spares — three at \$15 each; five eight-volt batteries, three years old and in good condition, \$20 each; a Sony Farmers Dream Suzuki Omnichord electric sound machine, \$100. Call Joel at 386-658-1313.**

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

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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: Epson EcoTank ET-15000 Wireless All-in-One Printer, like new (used for one week) with all new ink, \$150 (new is \$500+). Call Kathy at 860-422-5423.*

VILLAGE BOOKWORM

Does truth really matter? After all, your truth is just as important as my truth. Or is it? *Who Are You to Judge?* by Erwin Lutzer addresses one of the most common questions in modern society today — whether people have the right to judge the beliefs and actions of others. A widespread idea today insists that all moral judgments are wrong, and many quote, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1) as proof. But is this verse telling us never to evaluate the beliefs or behavior of others? Or is Jesus telling us to examine ourselves before we set out to correct everyone else?

Scripture repeatedly admonishes us to distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, good from bad. We are also commanded to speak the truth in love. How is this not judging? *Who Are You to Judge?* answers this question clearly. One of the strengths of Lutzer's book is its practical, down-to-earth approach to fulfilling this mandate. He provides examples from everyday life and encourages readers to balance truth with compassion. His writing is easy to understand, and he supports his teaching with solid biblical references.

One of the great needs of the church today is discernment. This book will challenge you to examine your own life regarding judgmentalism and help set you on a course to speak the truth with compassion and love.

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This Week's Verse

So don't be anxious about tomorrow.
God will take care of your tomorrow too.
Live one day at a time.
Matthew 6:34

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Aug. 7–14, 2026

FRIDAY, 8/7

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Homestyle Meatballs with Gravy, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Peas, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 8/8

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Philly Cheese Sandwich, Zucchini Fries, Cold Salads, Brownie a la Mode or NSA Dessert, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 8/9

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Roast Beef, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Caribbean Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Yellow Carrots, and Red Peppers), Sautéed Mushrooms, Carrot Salad, Broccoli Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 8/10

- \$2.75 Soup:** Minestrone
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Vegetable Quiche, Chicken BLT Wrap with Chips
- \$1.40 Sides:** Five-Way Mixed Vegetables, Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Quinoa, Brown Rice, Potato Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 8/11

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Breakfast Sausage Casserole, Country Chicken Fried Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Peas and Carrots, Cucumber Salad, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Biscuit
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 8/12

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Pork Loin Sandwich on a Brioche Bun, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Malibu Vegetable Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli, and Yellow and Orange Carrots), Cole Slaw, Side Salad, Fruit, Baked Sweet Potato, Wild Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 8/13

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken or Beef Tacos, Chicken Fajita
- \$1.40 Sides:** Cheesy Cauliflower, Chuck Wagon Corn, Pinto Beans, Black Beans, Corn Salad, Fruit, Macaroni Salad, Cilantro Lime Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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