



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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Friday	9/18	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR</i> <i>Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room</i>
Saturday	9/19	10:30 & 10:45 a.m.	Bus Trip: Dine-Out to Sister’s Café—DH & LAP
Sunday	9/20	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 7:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for all ages</i> <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i> Pal Meeting—RDR
Monday	9/21	<i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>1:00–3:00 p.m.</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>2:00–4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Better Balance Class—SMR</i> <i>Connecting Threads Ministry—KC</i> <i>VCBI: Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> <i>Ceramics—PCS</i>
Tuesday	9/22	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Model Train Club—CB</i>
Wednesday	9/23	<i>8:15 & 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>9:00–11:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>1:15 & 1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>7:15 p.m.</i>	<i>Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH</i> <i>Ceramics—PCS</i> <i>Better Balance Class—SMR</i> <i>Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH</i> Rapid Fiber Information Meeting—RDR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> <i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC</i> <i>Christmas Cantata Practice—VC</i>
Thursday	9/24	<i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:30 p.m.	<i>Village Artists Guild—KC</i> <i>Plarn Ministry—CMH</i> Dementia Support Group—JKPL
Friday	9/25	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR</i> <i>Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room</i>

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



JOHNSON’S BAKERY DONUT FUNDRAISER TO HELP A GSC NURSE IN NEED

Friday, Sept. 18, 10:00 a.m., GSC
\$2.00 each or \$20 for a dozen. Glazed only.

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

- Sandra Davies, who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 11. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Judy Henrich, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 10. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Jonadine Adair, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 9. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon (husband of Barbara), who was a resident of Butterfield Acres, died Sept. 9. His Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

TRANSFERS

- Marilyn Griffith has transferred from Dowling House to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.
- Tom Whitaker has transferred from Carter House to GSC. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.
- Barbara Hagler has transferred from 11057 Millsite Lane to 11045 Millsite Lane. Her mailing address remains the same.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

RAPID FIBER INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULED

Exciting improvements are coming to Advent Christian Village! Residents are invited to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the new Rapid Fiber service that will soon be available on campus. Join us Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p.m. in Rumph Dining Room. Representatives from Rapid Fiber and ACV will provide an overview of the new partnership and explain the services that will be available to residents, including the following:

- Rapid Fiber's high-speed fiber internet service
- The Alert Access package, including emergency call system support, pendant service, and phone service
- Available internet package options and pricing
- Benefits of fiber-optic technology
- Project timeline and availability across campus

Cable television service options will also be provided through Rapid Fiber, but are still being finalized and will be shared with residents once details become available.

Following the presentation, Rapid Fiber representatives will be available to answer individual questions and provide additional information.

We encourage all residents to attend and learn more about this exciting new service enhancement for our community. We look forward to sharing details about how Rapid Fiber will help provide reliable, high-speed connectivity for ACV residents.

ACV EVENTS



BUS TRIP: LUNCH DINE-OUT TO SISTER'S CAFÉ

Saturday, Sept. 19

10:30 a.m. - DH & 10:45 a.m. - LAP

Saturday, Sept. 19, the trip bus will be going to Sister's Café in Branford, Florida, for lunch. The Saturday lunch buffet costs \$17.50 and includes a plethora of Southern favorites including chicken, fish and shrimp. The special item on the Saturday buffet is fried pork chops. Sign up at the Information Center.

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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP Thursday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

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

GOSPEL SING Saturday, Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m. Carter House Activity Room

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the Carter House activity room on Saturday, Sept. 26.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: PIANIST KEVIN SHARPE

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

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.

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.



Remember to Wave

DONUTS WITH DAVID

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m. - RDR

It's time for another Donuts with David — a sweet way for us to connect, share, and spend some time together. Please join VP David Klumpenhower, along with his Independent Living leadership team, for coffee, tea, donuts, and good conversation. This will be a relaxed opportunity for you to hear what is happening at ACV and to ask questions or share concerns. This event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the dining room, so whether you are a fan of glazed or chocolate covered, you "donut" want to miss this!



KEN RANKHORN RETIREMENT

Tues., Sept. 29, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of Ken Rankhorn after nearly 24 years of dedicated service to ACV. Throughout his career, Ken has played a vital role in supporting the communication and safety systems that help keep our Village connected, informed, and secure.

A drop-in retirement reception will be held to honor Ken and thank him for his years of commitment and service Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1:00–3:00 p.m., in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Stop by to share your appreciation, wish Ken well, and help us celebrate his many contributions to ACV. Congratulations, Ken, and best wishes on your retirement!

LUKAS & RACHEL MILLER CONCERT

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6:00 p.m. - BC

Live Oak's Lukas and Rachel Miller, a brother-and-sister team who most recently performed at ACV on Sept. 11 are returning to bless us once again with their musical talents on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Plan to attend this free concert.



LUNCH & LEARN: FRAUD AND SCAMS

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 12:00 noon - DR

Representatives from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Department and First Federal Bank will present very useful and necessary information at a Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, Sept. 30, on fraud and scams. Come learn how to protect yourself.

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

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thurs., Oct. 1, 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., Oct. 1, 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 identify. Visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring for the entire list



GRACE HARMONY CONCERT

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m. - VC

As Christian singers/songwriters, Mike and Sue Filisky have been singing for Jesus since they were young children, but in 2001 they began singing as Grace Harmony in a ministerial capacity, offering hope and encouragement through their music to others. In 2003, having resigned from their careers to work for the Lord in a full-time capacity, they started their annual Journey for Jesus. "Our music is our testimony of faith and trust in God and has a unique style all its own; an easy-to-listen-to sound with deep, spiritual, Bible-based lyrics that come straight from our hearts." Grace Harmony will be here at the Village Church on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m. with their Journey for Jesus Christian Music Ministry. A love offering will be thankfully accepted.

SECOND ANNUAL FALL GOLF CART RACE

Friday, Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m. - Harmony Center

ACV members, staff and friends, you are invited to the second annual Fall Golf Cart Race. You may participate, spectate ... or both.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Harmony Center to register for the golf cart race or to pick your preferred spectating position. Beginning at 9:30, each participating duo (driver and passenger) will take turns navigating the course in an attempt to finish the quickest. This is a time trial against the clock and not a typical race, and there is one more twist: each driver will be blindfolded, and it will be up to the passenger to verbally tell the driver where to go! The route will be marked some time on Wednesday, Sept. 30, so feel free to practice. (Route maps will be left on one of the picnic tables.)

Feel like a winner? Perhaps you just enjoy participating in fun activities with other friendly people. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll plan to join us at the Harmony Center on Friday morning, Oct. 2, for the second annual Fall Golf Cart Race.



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

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING
Friday, Sept. 18 - Youth Lodge

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening will be at ACV on Friday, Sept. 18, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

Special pricing of \$129 for carotid artery disease screening, atrial fibrillation screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, peripheral artery disease screening.

To book, call 1-800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001, or visit llsa.social/habc.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT:
SAN MARCO CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Monday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.

The San Marco Chamber Music Society of Jacksonville, Florida, will return to Suwannee County on Monday, Sept. 21. For this engagement, the ensemble will consist of flute, clarinet, oboe, viola, and piano. San Marco has performed at ACV a few times and provided recordings to air on TV2 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All Friends of Music concerts are free to attend, and a reception will follow.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

If you were a refugee, would you travel three to five months, on foot, to reach your homeland again? Of course you would, you are going home! On Tuesday, September 22, come along with us as we read Ezra 3 and observe the Israelites as they lay the foundation of a new Temple, the sacred building that represents home.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

WHO: Jackie Campbell
WHAT: Caregiver Support Group
WHEN: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. (time change)
WHERE: 23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods
WHY: Because everyone needs to talk to someone
HOW: With your presence

If you are a caregiver of any kind, you are welcome to attend our weekly meet and greet with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn from another, give encouragement, and realize that we are not alone.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays in September and October
9:30 a.m. - OPR

Unlocking the deep history of scripture has never been more rewarding. Join teacher Mike Cuddy each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for The Great Bible Quest:

How We Got Our English Bible in the Old Pavilion Room throughout September and October to connect with peers and trace the incredible journey of God's Word through the centuries. Seating is available.

VETERANS MEETING
Friday, Oct. 2, 12:00 noon - DR

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, Oct. 2, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY
386-658-2670
Website: srllib.org
Email: dpark@neflin.org
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday & Sunday

What's Happening Each Week:

Table with 3 columns: Activity, Day, Time. Rows include Chair Yoga (Level 2 & 1), Starbooks Café, Scrabble, Crochet, Knit & Stitch, and Chair Yoga (Level 1).

NEW PROGRAM ALERT:
Pollinators in Our Backyards

Join us at the JKPL on Monday, Sept. 21, at 3:00 p.m. for an exciting program about pollinators! Lisa Strange from the Taylor County UF/IFAS Extension Office will help us discover the important role bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators play in our gardens, food supply, and ecosystem.

A Little Disney Magic at the JKPL

Step into a little bit of Disney magic at the JKPL! This month's glass display features Disney pins from the collection of Shawn, Susie and Rebekah Johnson, celebrating favorite characters, attractions, resorts, parks, and more.

How did the Johnsons get started collecting Disney pins? It's actually a magical story! When Rebekah was eight years old, the family was on a trip to Disney World. On their way to the Magic Kingdom, they stopped to talk to a cast member named Brad, who was wearing a pin lanyard. Never meeting a stranger, Rebekah admired one of the pins he was wearing. Not only did Brad give her the pin, but he "pixie dusted" the family with an entire small bag of pins to trade!

Starbooks Café

Join us at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee, conversation and connection every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We had a great time this week using our conversation dice, and they were such a hit that we'll be rolling the dice at our next several meetings.



Friday & Saturday Soups: Chef's Choice

Friday, Sept. 18

Lunch only: Two Meatball Sliders with Homemade Chips, \$12.95
All day: Shrimp Scampi over Linguini with Garlic Toast, \$16.95

Saturday, Sept. 19

Lunch only: Rodeo Burger with Fries, \$12.95
All day: Thin-Sliced Round of Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a Vegetable, \$17.95

Painting with Liz

Enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step by step! The program will be held on Sept. 17 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece as we did on Tuesday. You supply your canvas; we will provide everything else. Sign up for your preferred time today to save your seat!

Tech Talk: Detecting Online Scams

Discover more at Tech Talk on Friday, Sept. 18, at 2:30 p.m. Jeremy will be discussing detecting online scams. The World Wide Web is full of tricks to steal your information; join in on this class to learn what to watch out for. This informative program will give you the knowledge and tips and tricks you can use to keep yourself safe.

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, Sept. 21, walk-ins are welcome between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions.

Dementia Support Group

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with dementia? The dementia support group is a space for you to share your experience with others and learn more about the resources that are available to you. The program is facilitated by Ginger Calhoun, GSC Director of Social Services. This month's meeting will be on Sept. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Team Trivia

Do you love to watch jeopardy and have always wanted to try your hand at it? Look no further! On Sept. 25 at 2:00 p.m., play team jeopardy here at the JKPL! Bring a friend or come alone, and help your team claim the victory.

Donations

Don't toss those gently used books, DVDs or CDs; donate them to the JKPL. Your donations may be added to our collection, shared with another library, or sold at our book sale. To help us process donations efficiently, please limit donations to two to three boxes at a time. Thank you for supporting the JKPL and our community!

Save the Date

Sept. 28 — Birdwatching Club

Oct. 1 — History of Suwannee County

Oct. 1 — As the Page Turns Book Club: *Two Sisters Detective Agency* by James Patterson



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.
- 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. 23 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. 23 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. 30 — 5th Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Eat lunch in Live Oak (Dutch treat). Return to ACV in the afternoon.
- **Oct. 7 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.
- **Oct. 7 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.

∞ At the Village Square ∞

Shop gift certificates are available in each shop. Bless someone with this special gift! Your purchases at any of these shops help support ACV.

Riverside Gifts

Many new items have arrived! Stop by and browse our growing selection of fall décor. You may even find your favorite Bible verse featured on one of our beautiful spiral-bound journals.

We also have exciting new-to-ACV items: tabletop canvas prints enhanced with LED twinkle lights. These attractive pieces make wonderful gifts or additions to your own home décor.

Another new item is our collection of flickering LED candles. If you aren't able to use traditional candles in your apartment, these battery-operated candles provide the warm glow and appearance of real candlelight without an open flame. You have to see them to appreciate how realistic they look!

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

Fall has arrived at the Rustic Shop! Come shop the season's wreaths, floral arrangements and more. We have vintage miniature decorative shoes by Nostalgia and Swarovski and Murano Glass and crystal figurines for your collection. Do you need a beautiful hand-made full-size or lap quilt? Come see them for yourself. The sale table has many new items. Try goat milk soap sachets to add a lovely scent to your room, or give them as a gift.

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

Shop Twice Nice for your new fall outfit, complete with accessories. Why stop at one? With prices like these, you can refresh your entire wardrobe. You never know what designer labels and one-of-a-kind treasures you may find among our racks!

While you're here, don't miss the Book Nook. It offers the most reasonably priced cookbooks, novels, and Christian living books in the area. When was the last time you cozied up with a good book?

658-5271. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

∞ On CR 250 ∞

Twice Nice Furniture & More

23353 CR 250 • 658-5871

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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SUNDAY MORNING: "The Next to the Last Supper"
TEXT: Psalm 103:1–11 NKJV, John 12:1–11 NIV '84
SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

SUNDAY EVENING: "Come and See"
TEXT: John 1:35–39
SPEAKER: Rev. Michael Saunders

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Sept. 18

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

Sunday, Sept. 20

9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages
3:00 p.m. — Discovery Class Part 2 (Room 5)
4:00 p.m. — Regeneration (VC)
5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)
6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Michael Saunders (BC)
7:00 p.m. — Pal Meeting (RDR)

Monday, Sept. 21

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)
6:30 p.m. — Handbells Rehearsal (VC)

Tuesday, Sept. 22

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice (VC)
7:15 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice (VC)

Friday, Sept. 25

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

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 this month. Refer to the monthly published schedule for swimming times.

COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Katie Nanuseski—386-658-5555

Good news at Copeland Community Center! The pool heater has been replaced and is now working! We're excited to have the pool back to a comfortable temperature and ready for residents, guests, and community members to enjoy.

Thank you for your patience while we completed the replacement. We hope to see you in the pool soon!

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

September Member Birthday Party

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the September member birthday party. We enjoyed gospel songs accompanied by guitar by Joel and Charlotte Evans. Everyone seemed to be entertained. We also enjoyed cake to eat.

We were blessed to have 21 persons with September birthdays present, and a total of 95 at-

tendees. Six guests won door prizes: Margi Nichols, Scott Appell, Robin Copeland, Bonnie Olson, Stephen McGill and Carolyn Story. The oldest birthday guest was Gretchen Tanner, and the youngest was Scott Appell. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Residents are reminded not to feed Great Blue Herons or other wild birds. While feeding these impressive birds may seem harmless, it can create problems for both the birds and the community.

Great Blue Herons are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a federal law that protects the birds, their nests, eggs, and young. It is illegal to harm, capture, possess, or disturb these birds or their active nests without proper authorization.

Feeding herons can cause them to lose their natural fear of people and become dependent on handouts rather than hunting for their own food. Habituated birds may approach people aggressively, damage property, or become involved in conflicts that can ultimately lead to injury or relocation of the bird.

The best way to enjoy Great Blue Herons is from a distance. Observing them in their natural habitat helps keep them healthy, wild, and able to continue their important role in the ecosystem.

Scam Tip of the Week: Electronic Theft

There are several ways thieves can steal from you. One of the most prevalent ways is to remove funds from an account you hold through electronic means. Unless all of your money is kept under your mattress, every account with your name on it can be accessed electronically.

Institutions go to great lengths to keep their systems safe, but every computer system is susceptible to theft because every system is connected to the internet. If a thief is smart or clever enough, they will find a way to access your money.

The sooner you discover a problem, the more likely it is that you'll be able to get your stolen money back. Check every account you hold — bank account, PayPal account, credit card account, Cash App account, etc. — regularly to make sure no unauthorized activity has appeared. Some even suggest to check daily. If you see anything suspicious, contact the account holder immediately. It may require you to fill out forms, or even to close the account. It is tedious, but necessary.

Member Benefit of the Week

Each ACV member has membership privileges at Copeland Community Center at no additional charge. The facility boasts both indoor amenities — heated lap pool that is handicap accessible, a Jacuzzi, weight machines, stationary bicycles, treadmills, billiard room, game room, and reading room — and outdoor amenities — lighted tennis court, shuffleboard courts, horse-shoe pits, screened pavilion, and a bocce court.

TV2

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

- Revelation 22:18–19 warns those who might add or subtract from this book. Has this ever been done?
- In Genesis 1:1, God created everything. What was there before creation? Was Heaven also created then?
- If Jesus is the son of God, why did He so often refer to himself as the son of man?

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

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.



The Village Post Office

Monday–Friday
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
1:00–3:00 p.m.

Saturday
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

658-5270

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

The Village library will be closed on Friday, Sept. 18, so that all of our volunteers can attend the Ladies Retreat sponsored by the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society in the Sawmill and Depot rooms.

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new book to our library, which was written by Lisa LaGeorge, the daughter of Betty and John LaGeorge. It is titled *Single Together: Stewarding Singleness in the Family of God*. In it, she tells how to be a good steward of God's gift of singleness, and how the church should relate to those who are single for whatever reason. I quote: "Recognize that although you are single, you are not intended to walk alone. Instead, rejoice that you are single together with the whole family of God."

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.

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Ron Oberg, Reporter

The Model Railroad Club meets every Tuesday, 10:00–11:00 a.m., in the Chriss building. All ACV members are welcome. We have something for everyone. We are currently working on a 250 layout with a round house where the trains are worked on. With Christmas coming we can advise concerning gifts for all ages. Come visit some Tuesday.

PEN PAL PROGRAM
Cathy Oberg, Reporter

The next pickup date is Friday, Sept. 18. Please leave your letters at the Information Center before 11:30 a.m.

Please save the following dates:

Friday, Sept. 25, we have been invited to FSyr for a meet-and-greet luncheon. The bus will depart from the Carter House lobby at 10:15 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m. If you would like to ride the bus, please reserve your seat through the Information Center. Those who are unable to secure a seat on the bus will need to provide their own transportation.

Monday, Nov. 16, students and teachers will visit ACV for the annual luncheon. Additional details will be provided as the date approaches.

Five new students have recently joined the school program, and we are seeking ACV residents who would be willing to become pen pals. Volunteers are asked to write to a student at least once every two weeks. If you are interested, please contact me at (574) 229-8402.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
You Don't Have To Walk Through It Alone
Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

There are times in all our lives when we experience loss, loneliness, change or uncertainty. During those times, having someone who will listen, care and walk alongside us can make all the difference.

Accepting the support of a Stephen Minister does not mean you are weak or that you lack faith. It simply means you are willing to let someone care for you during a difficult season. At ACV, several trained

Stephen Ministers are currently waiting to begin a caring relationship with someone who could use a listening ear, encouragement, and a compassionate friend.

Here are the words of one Village resident who accepted the opportunity to have a Stephen Minister:

"I want to express my gratitude to Stephen Ministries for their care at ACV. I moved here hoping that a personal friendship of over 40 years would be rekindled, along with finally having a permanent home. The friendship visits lasted only a short time because my friend became unavailable, and the time we had hoped for together ended. This left me not knowing anyone else here at the Village.

"A staff member asked if I would be interested in having a Stephen Minister. [After meeting with the Stephen Leader,] I instantly accepted the offer.

"My Stephen Minister was a lovely individual who politely listened to me and allowed me to freely express my feelings of disappointment and hurt, lessening the loneliness. I could tell that Stephen Ministry recognizes not only a Stephen Minister's natural caring qualities but also provides in-depth training. I felt comfortable sharing my heart.

"My Stephen Minister helped me feel welcomed, and it didn't take long for ACV to become the home I hoped it would be. I feel that every original hope of the individual who founded Stephen's Ministry is being carried on here at the Village. It is a valuable asset to the community, and I, for one, benefited from having such a ministry in place.

"I pray that the Lord will lay Stephen Ministry on the hearts of those who would serve and those who need comforting and encouragement in a trying time of their life."

If you're going through a difficult season, you don't have to go through it alone. A Stephen Minister is ready to listen, encourage and walk alongside you.

To learn more or to request a Stephen Minister, please contact a Stephen Leader at 658-5358. 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

BUTTERFIELD ACRES
James Sutter—386-658-5266

As many of you have likely heard, we recently and unexpectedly lost our dear neighborhood reporter, Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon.

Jack was a friend to everyone he knew and often to people he had never even met. For many years, he faithfully served as an FNN neighborhood reporter, including during the time he and Barbara lived in Dowling Manor. Week after week, readers enjoyed his stories, observations, humor, and accounts of both recent and past adventures.

Jack's presence and contributions to our community will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and the entire Dixon family.

If you live in Butterfield Acres and would be interested in serving as the neighborhood reporter, please contact Member Services. While the FNN is published weekly, neighborhood reports do not need to be submitted every week.

After more than 10 years of commuting to and from Jasper for work, followed by more than five years of commuting to and from Jennings, and after having two deer hit the side of her car over the years, Mary Jane Sutter finally hit her first deer on the way to work last week.

Thankfully, the deer was small, and Mary Jane was not injured. The vehicle, however, sustained approximately \$4,500 in damage. Now comes the waiting for repairs to be completed.

A special thank-you to Paula Lucas for generously allowing me to use her golf cart, making it much easier to get to and from work independently while Mary Jane is using my car.

CARTER HOUSE
Mary Gamble-334-790-9066

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

We have four birthdays to celebrate this week: Tresie Thomas on the 21st, Audry Benoit on the 22nd, Bonnie Olson on the 23rd, and Mary Gamble on the 24th. We wish each of you a very happy birthday and many more to come!

We have a new Carter House neighbor to welcome to our family. Please join me in welcoming Judy Peirsol. Welcome, Judy! We hope you enjoy living here and receive many blessings during your time with us.

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!

Many of us attended the monthly member birthday party. Once again, ACV did a wonderful job! Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.

Did you attend any activities or events this past week? If there is anything you would like to see included in this column or share with the community, please contact me by phone no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. You may also leave your 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. We never know what someone else may be going through.

"If you believe in yourself, anything is possible."
Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week!

DOWLING HOUSE
Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbors.

"The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people" (Titus 2:11).

Today is National Apple Dumpling Day, so pull out your pie pans or baking dishes and make a batch of delicious homemade apple dumplings. I wish I had a bowl of them right now. Yum!

This week went by just as fast as the last one. There are only 49 days until Halloween! My granddaughter, Lorrie, always makes a grand event out of her favorite holiday. All the neighborhood ghosts and ghouls love to visit her house. I'm anxious to see what she has in store this year.

Scoots and I were working on a puzzle in the sitting room when a lady began practicing her ukulele and singing. She had such a beautiful voice that I could have listened to her all day. I think she said she was visiting Carmen Carmetta, my neighbor. I hope she gives a concert for us someday.

One of my favorite hobbies is creating crafts from the hard mushrooms that grow on old tree roots. Since the storms brought down so many trees, there seem to be plenty of them around. While riding in the golf cart with my daughter, I found one of the largest mushrooms I've ever seen. It was about 10 inches across! I could fit an entire fairy village on it. Most are only two or three inches wide, with room for a single fairy.

I plan to make a centerpiece and share it in the foyer. I've also created a few clay figurines to include in the display. Unfortunately, I have noticed that some of the animals have had their heads twisted off and removed. If there is something you don't care for in my displays, please tell me. Don't destroy it. Thank you.

I decorate for everyone who passes by and hope you enjoy the displays as much as I enjoy creating them.

I neglected to mention earlier that Mary Jane Holler recently moved into her new apartment and was welcomed by her neighbors with a party. That's certain-

ly news worth sharing, and I know she's happy to be settled in.

Kathy Black recently found herself temporarily stuck in an elevator but was rescued quickly. Everyone involved was helpful and kind. I'm just glad she doesn't appear to have any elevator phobias!

The fiber-optic installation seems to be moving along nicely. We'll all be informed about the available options when the time comes. I'll be glad when the project is complete and we can enjoy improved internet service.

I've reached the age where I've learned all I'm ever going to learn. Now the trick is remembering some of it! I enjoy spending time with younger people because, at this point, I know more than they do!

Medicine for the heart: A Sunday school teacher was teaching a class of eight-year-olds about obedience. She was telling the story of Lot's wife. God told the people not to look back as Sodom was being destroyed, but Lot's wife loved the city and turned around for one last look. As a result, she became a pillar of salt.

A little boy raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the teacher.

"My mother was driving to Walmart once," he said, "and she turned around to look behind her and turned into a telephone pole!"

Be careful when you look behind you. No telling what you might turn into!

Until next time, leave the past behind and look forward to the future!

EDGEWOOD TERRACE
Cathy Oberg-574-229-8402

Good morning, neighbors! A very happy birthday to Jack Sisk on the 20th. May blessings abound, and good health and happiness be your companions throughout the year.

If you didn't come to the quarterly potluck you missed some terrific food. We had a good variety of entrees as well as desserts. Our next get-together is Saturday, Dec. 5. This will be our Christmas grab bag and childhood memories conversation. More details will be coming in future FNNs.

As our dog days of summer start winding down and fall begins appearing, let's remember to stay hydrated. Please check on your neighbors. If possible, lend a helping hand and show some Edgewood Terrace neighborly love.

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

In Galatians 3:1-5, Paul asks a series of rhetorical questions concerning how the Galatian believers received salvation. These are questions we would do well to consider ourselves. A rhetorical question is one for which the answer is already known; it simply reinforces a truth we should already understand.

Up to this point in the letter, Paul had been sharing his personal testimony of how he came to faith in Christ. Now, however, he turns his attention directly to the Galatians. He doesn't mince words, calling them "foolish" and even suggesting that they have been "bewitched." The word bewitched conveys the idea of being misled, deceived, or placed under the influence of a spell.

Think about it. If we know that salvation comes by God's grace through faith, why would anyone believe it can be earned by human effort? Paul says such thinking is foolish (v. 3).

In Greek mythology, a man named Sisyphus was condemned to spend eternity pushing a huge boulder up a hill, only to watch it roll back down again and again. Trying to earn salvation by perfectly keeping the law is much the same. No matter how hard we try, we can never accomplish it.

How thankful we can be that our salvation does not depend on our works. We do not have to impress God in order to be saved. Instead, good works are the result of our gratitude for all He has done for us. The more we understand the greatness of God's gift, the more we will desire to serve Him.

On Sunday, we gathered with heavy hearts after learning that our friend and faithful volunteer, Jack “CrackerJack” Dixon, passed away unexpectedly last Wednesday. Along with his wife, Barbara, Jack faithfully served the residents of GSC and Dacier Manor by assisting them to and from worship services and by reading Scripture during the services. Barbara was present on Sunday, and we joined together in prayer, asking God to surround her with the comfort and peace that only He can provide.

On Monday, Sept. 14, children from Wee Care visited GSC to paint pictures of apple trees with the residents, and to listen to stories read by Kiersten. It was a wonderful time of interaction and fellowship between the generations.

We’re also happy to report that “The Turtle” is back in service. Once again, residents are enjoying rides around ACV aboard this popular vehicle, bringing smiles and delight to many along the way.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Good morning to all my friends and neighbors from a little porch with a pretty meadow view.

Last Friday afternoon we had the Riverwoods Fall Social, a potluck dinner. There was plenty of good food and good fellowship around the tables. Thank you so much to our social committee and extra volunteers who all worked together beautifully to ensure everything ran smoothly. Job well done!

Also on Friday, Riverwoods resident Gretchen Tanner celebrated her 99th birthday! Her families (biological and church) surprised her by coming from Perry, Florida; Texas; Massachusetts and Mississippi. If you don’t know Gretchen, she lives alone, walks four mornings a week (with a rolling walker and a support human), helps deliver the FNN, and cooks her own meals. She is an inspiration.

Our next HOA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 1:00 p.m. at Copeland Community Center. Jennilyn Burden from Yellow Rose Association Services will be in attendance if anyone needs help getting set up with the portal. On the agenda are reports from the treasurer and the architectural review and grounds board, as well as the legal and social committees. Under new business they will discuss the issues of ACV invoices, ACV landscaping, management, and two upcoming sales.

“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD” (Leviticus 19:32).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

JACK “CRACKERJACK” DIXON

Submitted by Mary Jane Holler

My bus seat companion introduced himself, and we settled in for the drive to Valdosta for an ACV dine-out trip. I had heard his name and read his FNN weekly columns, and I learned quickly why he was a most beloved member of our Village.

He prayed for our safe journey, spoke quietly to soothe our extra seated companion, and sang familiar songs. His spirit brought joy where contention had intervened. I was truly blessed by this very brief acquaintance.

Our Lord called him home the very next day. I extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Barbara, that he spoke of so fondly.

May CrackerJack rest in peace. He will be missed by many.

BOB COPELAND’S NEWEST BOOK

Bob Copeland’s newest book (his 23rd) is now available on Amazon in paperback and kindle formats. It is titled *Awakened by His Holy Presence* and subtitled *The Impact of God’s Presence in this Life and the Life to Come*.

PHOTO DISPLAY

New photos are on display! These are collages of photos of ACV after the last three hurricanes. All are

from locations in ACV and Dowling Park. These will acquaint new residents of what those of us went through who were here at the time. See if you can identify where each photo was taken. (I’m not telling, though.) If you have photos, please email them to Gary Kueppers at gkuep1945@windstream.net, or call me at (386) 249-9992. Thanks to everyone who contributed photos!

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!

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. 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Drug or alcohol problems? If you or a loved one is having a problem, help is available. Call (305) 407-0895 for more information.

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.

THANK YOU

The ladies' breakfast group wants to thank Dining Services for a delightful Saturday morning buffet. Swan and Brenda thought of a different way for our ladies to enter and line up for the buffet. This not only made it easier for those who need assistance and made the line move faster; it also helped staff to refill the serving containers easier. We appreciate and love our limited staff who continue to come early and work late hours to provide a beautifully presented and delicious meal. We continue to pray for each one of you and ask our loving Lord to send us talented and skilled workers who want to serve Him and all of us. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Jan and Mike Cuddy

I am completely overwhelmed by all the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts I received for my birthday. The kindness shown to my many visiting relatives made them all aware of the special place we live in. I am so thankful for all of you. I am truly blessed!

Marge Reach

The family of Robert "Bob" Bunnell would like to thank all of the residents and staff of ACV who have reached out to us. Whether it was through prayers, cards or food — all were appreciated during this time of loss.

At 91, Dad was certainly loved by many. We are praying that he is sitting in a cool spot whittling away.

With sincere appreciation,

Rob Bunnell, Malinda Holley and Malisa Bunn

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Big family? New Sasha Sand pattern Cambridge stainless tableware, set of 16 place settings. Cost \$140 on Amazon; asking \$60, firm. Sisco 1073 electronic safe. Open, batteries out, reset per info. on YouTube, \$20. Electrolux garbage disposal, new in box, ½ HP, asking \$60, includes hookup kit. Contact Janet at 386-658-1586.**

FOR SALE: La-Z-Boy sleeper-sofa in excellent condition, light brown, two toss pillows, mattress and mattress pad included. Dimensions: 68 in. long by 36 in. deep. Asking \$400, OBO. Contact Caroline at (904) 525-0087.**

FOR SALE: 2025 Kandi four-seater utility golf cart. Call 386-249-4516.*

FOR SALE: All brand new! Guitar gig bag, \$10. 5 Core music stand (1), \$8. Metronome, cost \$20, will take \$10. Pitch pipe, \$2. Heavy duty tri-pod with adjustable microphone, tablet and phone stand, cost \$40, will take \$20. Bicycle seat, \$8. Call or text 386-688-6610.*

HA HA!

Submitted by Patricia-Adele Lyons

Breaking news: A large truck carrying a shipment of Vicks VapoRub crashed on the highway. However, there was no congestion for eight hours!

If you eat fast food slowly, is it still fast food?

If you freeze hot sauce, is the sauce still hot, or does it become cold sauce?

Why are batteries packed in indestructible plastic, and eggs are put into flimsy cartons?

Why is the word "abbreviated" such a long word?

Why does lemon juice contain artificial flavor, and dish soap is made with real lemons?

Why do I put my two cents in when it's only a penny for my thoughts? Where does the extra penny go?

Who stole that mule from Sue's brother's girlfriend's uncle's third cousin's mailman?

VILLAGE BOOKWORM

Our ACV library has added a Deborah Crombie mystery, *A Killing of Innocents*. If you love a good "whodunit" and want to be in suspense until the end, then Crombie, a *New York Times* best selling author, will entertain you for hours. She has written over 20 novels featuring Scotland Yard detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James. You can follow their relationship as they get to know each other starting with the first book in the series, *A Share in Death*. Both of our local libraries have several of her mysteries.

A Killing of Innocents is the 19th book in this series, and the plot raises questions about the value of human life and the consequences of choices. After two people are killed, the investigation moves through several possibilities as to who the murderer might be. Just when the solution seems obvious, another piece of evidence changes the direction of the case. This keeps the story moving at a fast pace and shows the devastating consequences that can result from deception and hidden truth.

This is an absorbing mystery with well-developed characters and an intricate plot. Crombie does more than present a murder to be solved; she explores the human emotions behind the crime. Every victim and suspect has a story, and fans of police mysteries will find this book both suspenseful and satisfying.

If you have a book to recommend, please contact me at sgermaine720@gmail.com.

VIEW OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone,
iPad & Android



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

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

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

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



Prices effective 9/18–9/24



THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 p.m. every day!* 658-3130

GROCERY

Chef Boyardee Skillets	5 oz.	\$ 2.50
Martha White Corn Meal Mix	32 oz.	\$ 2.50
La Preferida Green Chiles	4 oz.	\$ 2.00
Cap'n Crunch Berries	11 oz.	\$ 6.80
IGA Instant Grits	9 oz.	\$ 4.00
That's Smart Apple Juice Cocktail	64 oz.	\$ 2.30
IGA Yellow Mustard	9 oz.	\$ 1.00
Select Paper Towels	1 roll	\$ 1.20

DAIRY

Pillsbury Crescents	8 oz.	\$ 4.80
I Can't Believe It's Not Butter	15 oz.	\$ 6.00

PRODUCE

Fresh Button Mushrooms	8 oz.	\$ 2.20
Baby Carrots	16 oz.	\$ 1.80

FROZEN

Marie Callender's Dinners	12 oz.	\$ 5.50
McKenzie's Creamed Corn	20 oz.	\$ 2.70

MEAT

Whole Chickens	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Beef Cubed Steak	per lb.	\$ 7.00
Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Nathan's Bun Length Franks	12 oz.	\$ 6.50
Carolina Pride Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 5.00
51/60 Ct Cooked Shrimp	12 oz.	\$ 8.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Provolone Cheese — \$5.50 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

So give yourself humbly to God.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Sept. 18–24, 2026

FRIDAY, 9/18

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Lentil
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Mediterranean Baked Cod, Fried Cod, Greek Lemon Chicken Souvlaki
- \$1.40 Sides:** Greek Salad, Orzo Salad, Greek Lemon Potatoes, Sautéed Spinach, Greek Rice Pilaf, Greek Stewed Green Beans
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 9/19

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Pumpkin
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Chicken and Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Salad, Yogurt, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 9/20

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

- Soup:** Homemade Ham and Bean
- Entrées:** Beef Cube Steak in Mushroom Onion Gravy, Grilled Ham with Bourbon Glaze on Side
- Sides:** Collard Greens, Cauliflower, Southern Fried Cabbage, Red Onion and Pickled Beet Salad, Field Pea Salad, Fruit
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 9/21

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Marry Me Chicken with Pasta, Shrimp Scampi with Pasta
- \$1.40 Sides:** Asparagus, Roasted Tomatoes, Arugula Salad, Radish Salad, Zucchini Fries
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 9/22

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Beef Pot Pie, Honey Mustard Chicken Breast
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Carrots, Apple Spinach Salad, Cucumber Tomato, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken or Brown Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 9/23

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Tuscan Onion
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Brown Sugar Garlic Pork Chops, Tuscan Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Root Veggie Blend, Key Biscayne Vegetables, Caprese Pasta Salad, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 9/24

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Soups: Split Pea, Broccoli Cheddar, Tomato Basil
 Salads: Basic Salad Options
 Baked Potato or Sweet Potato Bar
- \$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