



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064 “Where People Enjoy Living”

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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Friday	9/25	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>1:00–4:00 p.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Suwannee County Veterans Service—Member Services Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	9/26	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gospel Sing—CH Activity Room Live! at Dowling Park Artist Series: Pianist Kevin Sharpe—VC
Sunday	9/27	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for all ages</i> <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	9/28	<i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>2:00–4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>VCBI: Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	9/29	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Donuts with David—RDR Model Train Club—CB Ken Rankhorn Retirement Reception—SMR/DR Lukas & Rachel Miller Concert—BC
Wednesday	9/30	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. <i>9:00–11:00 a.m.</i> 12:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>7:15 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: 5th Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Lunch & Learn: Fraud and Scams—DR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC Christmas Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	10/1	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. <i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS Grace Harmony Concert—VC
Friday	10/2	9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i>	Second Annual Fall Golf Cart Race—Harmony Center <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

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

CW Harrell, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 22. His memorial information will be provided when available.
Henry Simonds, who was a resident of Smith Riverview, died Sept. 22. His memorial information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBERS

Judi Chatowsky of Carrboro, N.C., has moved to Dowling House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4246.
Judy Peirsol of Pomaria, S.C., has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4040.

TRANSFERS

James Boots has transferred from Carter House to GSC. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.
Bruce Haigh has transferred from Carter House to GSC. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Medical Moment

-VP for Health Services Keri Hilliard

FLU SHOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT COPELAND CLINIC

Flu shots are now available at Copeland Clinic for residents and staff. Vaccines will be administered on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, or with any regularly scheduled appointment.

According to the CDC, people 65 years and older are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications compared with young, healthy adults. This increased risk is due in part to changes in immune defenses with increasing age. It is estimated that between 70% and 85% of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older, and between 50% and 70% of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in this age group.

Protect yourself this flu season, and get your flu vaccine at Copeland Clinic.

ACV EVENTS

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

Saturday, Sept. 26, 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.



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 Klumpenhowe, 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.

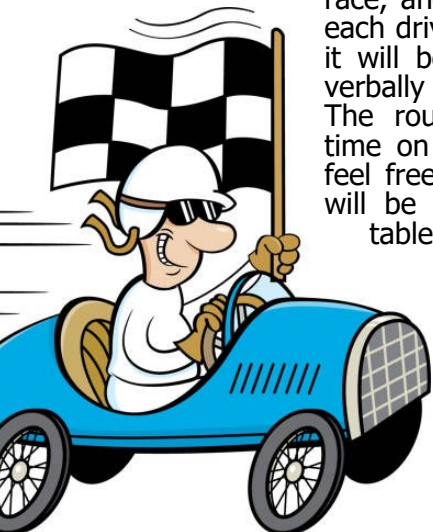
This may be Grace Harmony's final tour, so you don't want to miss this concert.

**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.

**COPING WITH LOW VISION
SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP**

Monday, Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

Our monthly support group brings people with vision loss together to share challenges and celebrate successes. The individuals who attend are in all stages of vision loss. Some still have most of their sight, while others have lost their sight completely. Together, they foster a warm, inviting place to help one another overcome barriers to living independent, vibrant lives. Join Wayne Warner from Lighthouse of the Big Bend for this monthly support group and meeting



**BUS TRIP:
DINE-OUT TO RANCHO GRANDE**

Monday, Sept. 5

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

Monday, Sept. 5, the trip bus will be going to Rancho Grande in Madison, Florida. Rancho Grande offers a variety of Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes ranging from \$8.00 to \$20.99. Please sign up at the Information Center.

MONTHLY MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, Oct. 8, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

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

**LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:
TRIO RODAN**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m. - VC

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

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.



**LADIES' AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFASTS**

Saturday, Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m.

Ladies: SMR/DR, Men: RDR

The next ladies' and Men's Fellowship breakfasts will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 8:30 a.m. Come for fellowship, prayer, and breaking bread together.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for these breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in

advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

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. What is said here stays here. We are a friendly bunch and would love for you to join us.

WALKING WITH GOD MINISTRY
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Lake Aquilla on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. as we focus on improving our health and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

We gather for fellowship, enjoy a brief devotional based on Walking Through the Seasons of Life, and then walk, stroll, or roll at our own pace.

In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Lopin’ Gopher and walk indoors.

Bring a friend or come on your own. Either way, we’d love to have you join us! We will continue meeting through Nov. 16.

Even if you’re unable to participate in the walk, feel free to meet us in the parking lot for the devotional and fellowship time. We always welcome cheerleaders and encouragers!

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.

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH
6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—Old Pavilion Room

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



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:

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.
Preschool Storytime	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	11:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Kids Corner Activities	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

Take a Little Trip to Disney
Without Leaving Dowling Park!

The Disney trading pin collection is on display through the end of September, with pins celebrating Walt Disney, beloved characters and princesses, all four parks, resorts, attractions, special programs, villains, and even pieces of Disney history that are no longer around. Come see how many familiar favorites you can find, and keep an eye out for the collection’s most unusual resident: the five-legged goat!

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.

Birdwatching Club

Are you a fan of watching our feathered friends in the sky? Whether you are new to the hobby, or you are a veteran birdwatcher, all are welcome to join the Birdwatching Club here at the JKPL! This will be a place where members can share sightings, tips, and more, with the occasional group outing! The first club meeting will be on Sept. 28, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

History of Suwannee County

Eric Musgrove will visit the JKPL on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 10:00 a.m. to captivate us with local history! If you enjoy his presentations, grab one of Eric’s books while you are here: *Reflections of Suwannee County* or *Lost Suwannee County*. Miss a session? Check out the SRRL’s YouTube page and look for the History of Suwannee County playlist.



Friday & Saturday Soups: Chef’s Choice

Friday, Sept. 25

All day: Grilled Reuben on Marble Rye with Homemade Chips, \$14.95
All day: Cold Corned Beef and Swiss on Rye with Spicy Brown Mustard and Slaw, \$13.95

Saturday, Sept. 26

All day: Oven-Roasted Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a Vegetable, \$17.95

As the Page Turns Book Club

Join us as we discuss *Two Sisters Detective Agency* by James Patterson, our October Book Club selection! Whether you've read every page or are just finishing up, we'd love to have you join the conversation on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk

Whether you're dreaming of a weekend getaway, planning a cruise, or mapping out your next big adventure, the internet has tools that can make travel planning easier. Join Jeremy for Tech Talk on Friday, Oct. 2, at 2:30 p.m. to learn how to use digital maps, book hotels and transportation, and find helpful online resources for your journey. Come discover how a little technology can help you plan with confidence and enjoy the journey!

2027 Medicare & You Handbook in Braille

Do you or someone you know need the 2027 *Medicare & You* handbook in braille? Look no further! We have several copies of the handbook in braille here at the JKPL that are free and available for you. Come by today and take advantage of this resource!

Planning to Vote in the November Election?

Oct. 5 is the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 3 General Election. You can register online at SuwanneeVotes.com or contact the Suwannee County Supervisor of Elections at (386) 362-2616 for assistance. Don't wait until the last minute; make sure your voter registration is up to date!

Save the Date

Oct. 9 — *Goosebumps* Movie Showing



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. 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.
- **Oct. 14 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.
- **Oct. 14 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approxi-

mately 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

MESSAGE: "Your King in Route to Jerusalem"

TEXT: Isaiah 9:6–7 and John 12:12–19 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

Sunday, Oct. 4, we will celebrate **Communion** during the morning worship service. Individual communion elements for those who watch on TV2 and YouTube will

∞ *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 handmade 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* ∞

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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.

be available on Friday at the Information Center, in the church office and at the front desks at Carter House and Dowling House.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Sept. 25

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

Sunday, Sept. 27

9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration (VC)

5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, WHFMS (BC)

Monday, Sept. 28

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

6:30 p.m. — Handbells Rehearsal (VC)

Tuesday, Sept. 29

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

Wednesday, Sept. 30

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice (VC)

7:15 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice (VC)

Friday, Oct. 2

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

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

Would the resident who spoke to me about your grandchild lifeguarding for us next summer please call me at (386) 647-6624? Thank you.

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.

**MEMBER SERVICES
James Sutter—386-658-5400**

The best way to advertise ACV is through word of mouth. Your testimonial makes much more of an impact than any advertisement or brochure we could produce.

If you've enjoyed your experience at ACV, please consider taking a few minutes to leave us a review online. Positive reviews help prospective residents and their families learn about our community from the people who know it best: our residents.

Leave a Review on Facebook

1. Visit ACV's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ACVillage).
2. Click Reviews or Recommendations.
3. Select Yes when asked if you recommend ACV.
4. Write a few sentences about your experience and click Post.

Leave a Review on Google

1. Search for "Advent Christian Village" on Google.
2. In the Reviews section, click the Write a review button.
4. Choose a star rating, write your comments, and click Post.

Not comfortable with technology? We can help! Stop by Member Services, and Eliza will be happy to assist you with leaving a review on either platform.

Thank you for helping us share the ACV story with others! Your feedback makes a difference and helps future residents discover all that our community has to offer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Did you know that the Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids that are then refurbished and made available to persons in need who cannot afford to purchase them? As you clean out closets and dressers and come across old eyeglasses and hearing aids, don't throw them away. If you will bring your eyeglasses and hearing aids that you wish to donate to Member Services, we will get them to the Live Oak Lions Club. Remember, this is a way to recycle while helping someone else.

 **Remember to Wave** 

**Scam Tip of the Week:
Arrest Warrant Scam**

Similar to the jury duty scam, imposters pose as law enforcement officers and call or email a potential victim claiming that they have a warrant out for their arrest or are otherwise being pursued by law enforcement. The imposters will claim the victim must pay them immediately or they will be arrested. Know that a law enforcement or court official will never ask for you to wire money or ask for your confidential information over the phone or via email.

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's licensed home care agency offers a discount per hour to ACV members for companion services. A companion does light household chores, including cooking and shopping, and may keep you company at home or go with you to scheduled appointments or other outings by way of a vehicle you provide. A companion cannot provide hands-on, personal care services.

TV2

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

- Will women ever be treated as equals? Are Christian women just supposed to submit?
- Romans 12:14 says, "Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them." Is it possible to do this?
- Psalm 34 tells us that David pretended to be mad. Was that a wrong thing to do?
- Can you explain 2 Cor. 4:10, "We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be displayed in our body"?

What the Bible Says About ... airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

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

Congratulations to our Sept. 16 winners: 1st high was Jim Varnell and Howard Geer, and 2nd high was Cindy Hett and Dottie Stone.

CONNECTING THREADS

Connecting Threads Ministry will not meet until further notice.

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.

THE HIDDEN GARDEN

Eleanor Foerste, Reporter

Greetings from the Hidden Garden, and happy fall!

We're excited to announce a new weekly gathering day on Tuesdays. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. The Hidden Garden features raised beds that are accessible to those using walkers, rollators, and motorized chairs. Restrooms are conveniently located across from the Smith Riverview Apartment mailboxes.

As we begin this new gardening season, and perhaps a new season of life, we need more helpers in the Hidden Garden. If you enjoy working in the soil, harvesting fresh vegetables and herbs, growing seasonal flowers, or watching birds and butterflies, we'd love to have you join us.

The Hidden Garden is a place of learning, sharing, and fellowship. We learn about gardening in raised beds and containers, what to plant, and how to care for it. There are always new plants to put in the ground, pots to water, bird feeders to fill, and opportunities to enjoy friendly conversation and a little garden therapy.

For more information, contact Marge Reach at (706) 897-2965 or myself at (407) 908-4379.

Did you notice the recent cold front? It's nice to wake up to cooler morning temperatures, even if afternoons are still quite warm. Humans, pets, vegetables, and flowers have all been stressed by this summer's heat, humidity, and inconsistent rainfall. Temperatures and humidity should gradually moderate over the next few weeks. However, keep in mind that our average first killing frost for USDA Hardiness Zone 9a is Nov. 19.

The Hidden Garden is now transitioning to cool-season vegetables that can tolerate frost and freezing temperatures. We've been pulling weeds, replenishing soil, marking planting squares, and purchasing new plants. Because fall and winter are generally our driest months, maintaining consistent soil moisture is essential for newly planted seeds and seedlings.

Our raised beds are equipped with micro-sprinklers on an automatic timer, but newly planted seeds and transplants often require additional hand watering until they become established.

While northern gardeners often wait until spring to begin planting, Florida gardeners can grow something every month of the year. Fall is an excellent time to grow salad ingredients, and anyone with a patio that receives at least six hours of sunlight can enjoy a productive container garden.

Now is the time to plant seeds for beets, carrots, collards, Chinese cabbage, kale, lettuce, mustards, onions, radishes, romaine, and spinach. Nurseries are finally stocking cool-season vegetable transplants. When purchasing transplants, choose smaller plants whenever possible, as larger plants in small containers are often rootbound and may struggle to adapt.

New transplants benefit from temporary shade during their first week in the garden. In the Hidden Garden, we place shrub cuttings alongside new plants. As the leaves gradually wither, the plants receive increasing amounts of sunlight.

If you can find them, strawberry plants may be set out now for an earlier berry harvest. However, wait until after the new year to plant English peas, as they are highly sensitive to both our current heat and the freezing temperatures that may occur later in winter.

Copies of the *University of Florida Cool-Season Vegetable Planting Guide* are available in the brown garden box at the Hidden Garden, or you may request a copy from me.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Mysteries, romances, westerns, books on Christian living, cookbooks and children's books await at our library. There is also a sale cart with books in good condition at excellent prices.

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 please 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, Oct. 2. Please have your letters at the Information Center before 11:30 a.m.

Save the dates: Friday, Sept. 25, we have been invited to the FSyr for a meet and greet lunch. The bus will leave Carter House lobby at 10:15 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m. Please check in with the Information Center to reserve your spot on the bus. If you miss getting on the bus you will have to take your own car.

Monday, Nov. 16, the students and teachers will visit here at ACV for the annual luncheon in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Please advise if you will attend. They will arrive around 11:15 a.m. and stay until about 2:15 p.m. We will have lunch, play bingo, and spend some time walking around Lake Aquilla. If you need more information, feel free to call me at 658-3237 or (574) 229-8402.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

You Don't Have To Walk Through It Alone

Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

Have you ever needed to talk about something deeply painful with someone, only to have them respond with advice, share a similar experience, or offer a Bible verse? Most people who respond this way have good intentions and genuinely want to help. Sometimes, however, what we need most in a difficult season is simply someone who will listen and be present with us.

The Bible is our guide for living, but there is a time for sharing scripture, and there is a time to simply listen. When someone is hurting, a verse offered at the wrong moment may unintentionally leave them feeling judged or even more alone.

That's one reason Stephen Ministry is so valuable, and why Stephen Ministers go through extensive training. Our current trainees are already learning and practicing skills they will use in their caring relationships, with listening and empathy at the very core.

Perhaps the most important part of each training session comes after discussing the lesson, when the trainees pair up to practice what they have learned with one another. The practical experience helps solidify the lessons in a way no lecture ever could. The amazing group is growing closer together as they train and minister to one another with the skills they are developing.

Stephen Ministries is a Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual support during difficult seasons of life. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is one way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve.

Please keep Stephen Ministries in your prayers. For more information, speak with a Stephen Leader (Robin Copeland, Michael Saunders or Darleen Hinrichs) or call 658-5358.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CARTER HOUSE

Mary Gamble–334-790-9066

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

We have one birthday to celebrate this week: Frances Manker on the 29th. We wish you a very happy birthday and many more to come!

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!

The Membership Association meeting was held on Sept. 17. Members were encouraged to follow ACV's communication channels and website to stay informed about upcoming events and important updates. The guest speaker was Suwannee County Property Appraiser Ricky Gamble, who spoke in depth about Proposed Property Tax Amendment 3 (CS/HJR 1F). Florida voters will have the opportunity to decide on the proposed constitutional amendment on Nov. 3.

Did you attend any 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.

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act" (Psalm 37:5).

Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week!

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbors. I pray all is well with you today.

Today is National Cherry Jubilee Day and National White Chocolate Day. Why not celebrate with some cherries covered in white chocolate? Yum!

Sometimes we set the tone for our entire day by our attitude and actions. We may wake up on the wrong side of the bed and muddle through the day without appreciating the opportunity that each new day brings. While we cannot change yesterday, we can make a difference today. Each day offers a fresh start and new opportunities. Smile, be kind, and reach out with a helping hand.

We have a new neighbor. Her name is Judi Chatowsky, and she has joined us from North Carolina. When you meet her, please give her a warm Dowling House welcome.

Scoots and I took a trip around Lake Aquilla this morning. The lake seemed lonely without the water birds and ducks. The bright spot was the beautiful white wildflowers blooming among the grass. They were a cheerful sight.

Mary Lou Forsythe recently enjoyed a visit from her niece. Time spent with family is always special, and it is wonderful when loved ones can come for a visit.

I am beginning to notice a touch of fall in the cooler morning temperatures. I'm enjoying it, although I'm not quite ready for cold weather yet!

At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we earned, how much money we accumulated, or what possessions we owned. Rather, we will be remembered for how we treated others.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). Something to think about!

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg—574-229-8402

Good morning, neighbors. Happy birthday to Pat Phelps on the 25th. May your blessings be many and your sorrows few. And may the next year be healthy and happy.

I'm beginning to see color changes in nature and cooler nights. Yay, fall is approaching! I read this morning that the time change happens late on Halloween night.

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER
AND DACIER MANOR**

Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

In Galatians 3:15–22, Paul looks back to the covenant God made with Abraham. God promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation and would outnumber the stars in the sky (Genesis 15:5). This covenant was later reaffirmed to Abraham's son

Isaac and to Isaac's son Jacob (Israel). Through all these generations, God's covenant remained in effect.

Paul emphasizes that Abraham was justified by faith, not by the law, because the law was given approximately 430 years later. Consider some of the people whom God justified by faith during the period between Abraham and Moses. Jacob was a deceiver, Jacob's sons sold their brother into slavery, and Moses was a murderer. Yet God used each of them to accomplish His purposes.

Even after the Israelites were delivered from slavery in Egypt and spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness, they were not justified by their works, despite having received the law. They were justified by faith.

Today, we live under the new covenant established through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. We have done nothing to earn our salvation, and there is no amount of work we can do to deserve it. The law serves an important purpose by revealing our sin, but salvation comes through Jesus Christ. Thank God that He keeps His promises, even when we fail.

Residents at Dacier Manor celebrated Assisted Living Facility Week throughout the past week. Each day featured special activities and treats honoring the wonderful community that the residents call home. Crystal and the staff made sure there was plenty of good food and fun, and everyone enjoyed this special week of celebration and appreciation.

On Monday, GSC residents gathered to create autumn decorations. While meteorological autumn begins on Sept. 1, astronomical autumn began at 8:05 p.m. on Sept. 22. Residents spent the afternoon crocheting pumpkins and other fall decorations, while others enjoyed having their nails done.

We are thankful for Doug Nichols, who faithfully visits GSC each Sunday around 9:00 a.m. to help prepare for worship services. Mike and Jan Cuddy also assisted with setup on Sept. 27. If you are available to help move tables and set up chairs before the service, feel free to stop by around 9:00 a.m. It only takes a few minutes and is greatly appreciated.

On Sunday, Mason "Pete" Linton shared his musical talents by playing guitar and singing the beautiful hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter." We are also pleased to welcome Sue and Michael Donnelly back to town. Sue will once again be providing piano accompaniment for our morning worship services at GSC.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Ganeskis—386-658-2024

Greetings from a porch with a happy meadow view! It's officially fall! While it would be nice if the calendar and the thermometer could have a conversation and come to an agreement, at least we've had a few mornings that began with temperatures in the 60s instead of the 70s. That's progress! Another sure sign of fall is the return of many familiar faces that have been away for the summer. Welcome back, neighbors!

Many of us think of fall as the season when leaves change color. But did you know that the brilliant reds, yellows and oranges are actually present in the leaves all year long? They are simply masked by the green chlorophyll that plants use to produce energy. As the days grow shorter and sunlight becomes less intense, chlorophyll breaks down and those vibrant colors are revealed.

Scientists believe a squirrel's memory improves during the fall because it must remember the locations of so many hidden nuts. Those forgotten nuts can sometimes sprout into new trees, helping forests regenerate naturally.

Before the 16th century, the season was commonly called harvest, a reference to the annual gathering of crops. The term fall eventually became shorthand for "the fall of the leaves."

And here's a seasonal tidbit: pumpkins are actually classified as a fruit because they develop from a flower and contain seeds. It's estimated that Americans purchase and bake about 50 million pumpkin pies each year.

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born and a

time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted” (Ecclesiastes 3:1–2).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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

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

Open Friday 12:15 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Ladies, we do waxing as well!

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

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

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for all the nice cards and nice comments at church and elsewhere, the nice meal with Chris and Annabel Christiansen, plus the great gathering with friends at Alice Rumbaugh’s.

Jack Sisk

I would like to thank everyone who supported our donut sale last Friday. Please keep our precious nurse in your prayers as she continues to seek answers and a treatment plan. God bless you all.

Kathleen, the staff and the residents of GSC

I want to say a very heartfelt thank you to my friend and always available nurse, Scarlett Petroff. She has changed my hand dressing frequently over the past six weeks. She is very caring; I see her helping residents daily. I appreciate you!

Raelynn Moye

MISCELLANEOUS

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

NEEDED: If anyone still receives magazines, would you please recycle them by sending them to GSC? We can use them.*

FOR SALE: Beautiful mandolin with neck strap, only three months old, four sets of extra strings and nice soft-sided Irin case with back straps, asking \$125 OBO. Call 386-688-6610.*

WANTED: Want to bless someone? Do you have a spare working 32” flat screen TV you would like to donate? We need 8 to 20 gently used or new TVs for our Good Samaritan residents that can’t afford one. Call Michele at 658-5175 to arrange pickup if needed.*

FREE: Moving boxes, medium and small. Must pick up. 386-965-4989.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Birthdays

- 2.** Mary Frances Cone, Sandra Frier*, Carol Johnson, Amy Sluder*; **5.** Richard Gillette, Edith Mercer*, J.M. Morgan; **6.** Suzanne Baldwin, Bill Carrick, Nancy Geer, Kristie Skiff, Ethel Stenzel; **7.** George Brisbin; **8.** Penny Frye, Janet King, Richard Loderhose, Bill Storey; **9.** Connie McFadden, Dale Whitmore; **10.** Elaine Garbett, Bill Minchew*, Bud Royal; **11.** Jackie Futch, Louise Grant, Lisa Purchase, Grace Snead; **12.** Lynn Lowe; **13.** Anthony Liquori, Carol McAllister; **15.** Murwin Bevis, Jesus Leal; **16.** Donna Herring*, Christine Lutz, Delores Snyder, Tom Whitaker*; **17.** Shelley Duncan, Donna Plant; **18.** Jean Elder, Dee Hoffman, Bill Sealey; **19.** Kathleen Hood-Beck*, Shirley Minster, Charles Moore, Kenny Reynolds*; **20.** David Goss*; **21.** Arlene Hodge, Kellie McIendon; **22.** Diane Milnes; **23.** Chris Christiansen, Glenda Musgrove*; **24.** Joel Evans; **26.** Harry Stickle*; **27.** Jerry Aulis, Kim Yokie; **28.** Neil Johnson, Becky Wells; **29.** Lamont Wesley; **31.** Martha Beckham.

Anniversaries

- 1.** Bill & Marty Nickerson; **9.** Cheryl & Tony Massengill; **20.** Ann & Ken Berry, Lee McGauley & Cindy Beaver, Barbara & Tom Richards; **29.** Gene & Terry Thibault; **31.** Betty & John LaGeorge.

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

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This Week's Verse

For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people,
but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.

2 Timothy 1:7

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Sept. 25–Oct. 2

FRIDAY, 9/25

- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Ginger Rice Broth Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Lemon Pepper Catfish, Salmon Cakes, Herb Baked Chicken, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Coleslaw, Mac and Cheese, Creamed Peas, Fried Okra, Garden Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 9/26

\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Bone-in or Boneless Fried Chicken Wings Tossed in the Sauce of your Choice, Potato Wedges, Side Salad, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 9/27

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

- Soup:** Homemade Yuka Soup
- Entrées:** Baked Parmesan Crust Pollock, Garlic Butter Steak Bites, Fried Chicken, Hush Puppies
- Sides:** Charred Asparagus with Warm Caprese Glaze; Watermelon, Cucumber and Feta Salad; Shishito Peppers with a Side of Garlic Aioli; Coleslaw; Plantains; Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 9/28

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Cheeseburger Helper, Ramen Bowl, Chicken Livers
- \$1.40 Sides:** Acorn Squash, Creamy Broccoli and Carrot Salad, Sweet Ginger Carrot and Beet Slaw, Edamame, Jasmine Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 9/29

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$2.75 Soup:** Homemade Sausage Gumbo
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Chicken and Bacon Sandwich on a Kaiser Bun, Shrimp Po Boy on a Hoagie Roll
- \$1.40 Sides:** Country-Style Green Beans, Southern Fried Corn, Fried Green Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Potato Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 9/30

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Herb Turkey Zucchini Boats, Savory Pork Lion
- \$1.40 Sides:** Roasted California Veggies, Spinach, Arugula Salad, Garlic Butter Orzo, Roasted Cannellini Beans, Creamy Risotto
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 10/1

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Sausage or Meatball Sub Rolls, Baked Ziti
- \$1.40 Sides:** Squash Medley, Mushroom Salad, Charred Cabbage Steaks, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
- \$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: \$1.30.
GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

October

Copeland Community Center – (386) 658-5555

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Indoor Pool Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–9:00	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Facilities Open 9:00–12:00
9:00-10:30	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	
10:30-11:30	Aqua Tone (Katie)		Aqua Tone (Katie)		Aqua Tone (Katie)	
11:30–2:30	Open Swim				Open Swim	
2:30–3:00						
3:00–5:00		Water Volleyball	Water Volleyball			
5:00-7:00		Open Swim	Closed	Open Swim		

Multipurpose Room Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:30	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
8:30–9:15	Line Dancing (Kristie)	Stretching with Jane Adams (DVD)	Move & Groove (Kristie)	Stretching with Jane Adams (DVD)		
9:30-10:15	Cardio Drumming (Kristie)		Cardio Drumming (Kristie)			
10:15-5:00	Open	Open	Open	Open		
5:00-7:00			Closed			

*Call 658-5555 to inquire about using the Multipurpose Room during unscheduled times.

Copeland Community Center

WATER ACTIVITIES

AQUA TONE: This is a gentle, low-impact water exercise class designed for individuals with arthritis, joint pain, chronic health conditions, or those returning to exercise after surgery or injury. Using the natural support and resistance of the water, participants improve mobility, flexibility, strength, balance, and confidence while reducing stress on the joints.

JACUZZI: Water temperature ranges from 100–110 degrees. Please limit time to 15 minutes per session. No children 5 and under. Please observe posted rules.

LAP SWIMMING: Lap swimming is excellent exercise for toning and strengthening the entire body. It is also great for your heart! Lap swimmers have priority during designated times; check the front side for lap swim times. 88 lengths = 1 mile.

WATER VOLLEYBALL: This group plays every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m. You do not need to join a team; just come! If you are 18 or older, come join us! We need all the help we can get! Copeland membership is required.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

CARDIO DRUMMING: An energetic, low-impact group fitness class that combines aerobic movements with the rhythmic beat of drumming. The class can be performed seated or standing using stability balls and drumsticks. Participants follow along to upbeat music, engaging both body and mind while making exercise feel like a fun, stress-relieving jam session.

MOVE & GROOVE: A fun, feel-good class featuring easy-to-follow, dance-inspired movements, light weights, and resistance exercises. Move to great music while improving strength, mobility, coordination, and overall fitness—all at your own pace! Exercises can be performed seated or standing!

LINE DANCING: Get moving, have fun, and enjoy great music! This class combines easy-to-follow line dance steps with gentle movement and plenty of opportunities to build coordination, balance, and confidence. No partner is needed, and dances can be modified to suit different fitness levels. Come enjoy the music, learn some new steps, and have fun with friends!

WEIGHT ROOM

FITNESS BASICS: Copeland Community Center staff is available to assist members with the machines in the exercise room. If you are interested, please call the CCC at 658-5555.

EXERCISE by VIDEO

EXERCISE WITH SHIRLEY on TV2: Exercises are done seated or standing by a chair for support. If you are just beginning an exercise program, or if you are recovering, this is a great class to try! Airs Monday–Friday at 2:00 p.m.

SIT AND BE FIT on TV2: An exercise program designed by registered nurse Mary Ann Wilson for older adults and physically limited individuals, focusing on strengthening, stretching, and improving functional fitness from a seated position. Airs Monday–Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

STRETCHING WITH JANE ADAMS : Stretch and strengthen your body, release tension, and ease your mind! This is a gentle class that focuses on posture, breathing and relaxation. Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room at CCC.

PICKLEBALL

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30–11:00 a.m.**

Pickleball is a racquet sport for all age groups and levels. It combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Come out and watch, or join in the fun! Spare equipment is available for use for those who want to try the game without making a monetary commitment. During summer, games are played on the court located near Keepers Cottage, Polk Ceramics Shop and Watkins Hobby Shop. During the other seasons, games are played in the Camp Suwannee Pavilion.

Contact: Cindy Hett (658-2683) or CCC (658-5555)

OUTDOOR GAMES at CCC

BOCCE is an Italian lawn-bowl-like game where players, often in teams, throw large bocce balls to get closer to a smaller target ball.

SHUFFLEBOARD is a game played by pushing a disk with a long-handled cue over a marked court. The Copeland Community Center has a great shuffleboard court available for you to use any time we are open! Come on in to the front desk and ask us about it!

TENNIS strengthens the body, sharpens the mind, and relieves stress. It improves endurance, coordination, and focus while offering a fun, social way to stay active at any age. Call the Copeland Community Center at 658-5555 to schedule a game.

WALKING

1¼ LOOP: Start at Copeland — end at Copeland. This great beginner’s trail is well marked for you.

TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

Table Tennis helps you build strength and coordination, and it sharpens your brain without risking serious injury. It is a fun and easy way to burn calories and enjoy social time.