

ADVENT *Christmas* VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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DECEMBER 6, 2024

Friday	12/6	9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 5:45 & 6:00 p.m.	Veterans' Services—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass—DH & LAP
Saturday	12/7	10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	WHFMS Annual Meeting—SMR/DR Bus Trip: Live Oak Christmas Parade—LAP
Sunday	12/8	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Tree Lighting Ceremony—VC
Monday	12/9	9:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Combined WHFMS Meeting—OPR Connecting Threads (Sewing) Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	12/10	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	12/11	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Christmas Cantata Practice
Thursday	12/12	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR
Friday	12/13	9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Veterans' Services—MS GSC Christmas Bazaar—GSC <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH Christmas Cantata Practice
Saturday	12/14	8:30 a.m. 10:45 & 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Ladies' and Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR Bus Trip: The Gathering—DH & LAP “Christmas Unplugged” Christmas Cantata—VC

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

- Maureen Krause, who was a resident of CH and GSC, died Nov. 24. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Charles Allen (husband of Donna), who was a resident of GSC, died Nov. 6. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Dorothy Crain (wife of Ben), who was a resident of GSC, died Nov. 2. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Jerry Phillips (husband of GeorgeAnn), who was a resident of DH and GSC, died Nov. 1. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.
- Mercedes Garcia, who was a resident of GSC, died Oct. 31. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

It seems each year at Christmas at least one person asks if there is a Village policy regarding the giving of gifts to employees. As a non-profit Christian organization it is important to set reasonable expectations for employees to follow if members and others whom the Village serves desires to give them a gift. ACV has developed standards of ethics that serve as guidelines for our employees.

One of the standards states that a conflict of interest may arise when employees seek or accept gifts of material value from Village members, clients, customers or vendors. This standard is not meant in any way to lessen the spirit of being good neighbors and friends. We are first and foremost a community where compassion for one another gives character to the relationships that are naturally built between members and staff. One uniqueness of the Village community is having many employees and families who live on or near the campus participating in the life of the Village beyond their roles as employees. This is seen as we worship, fellowship, celebrate, and even grieve together.

How do we fit this standard into a community where people genuinely care for each other and may wish on occasion to give a gift of appreciation to a staff member? The following are a few guidelines that may help us all in fulfilling the spirit and intent of this standard:

1. The best gifts from members to employees are words or written notes and cards expressing thanksgiving, encouragement, support and appreciation.
2. Homemade food items from your own special recipes can be enjoyed by a group of employees. Remember, there are a large number of employees working behind the scenes who you seldom meet but do a wonderful service on behalf of ACV members.
3. Members should never feel that gifts to employees are necessary or expected.
4. Employees are never permitted to ask for personal gifts or loans without authorization from the Village's administration.
5. If an employee receives an unsolicited gift of significant value, he/she is required to report the information to an ACV officer.
6. A nice way to honor an employee is with a gift to the ACV benevolent fund. An honor card will be sent to the employee recognizing your gift in his/her honor.

The burden of following ACV's standards of ethics is placed on the employee, not the member. The strong standards are set to hopefully avoid any hint of exploitation by an employee.

Circumstances within the community may give reason for all of us to join together to express appreciation or helpfulness in the life of an employee. In these

specific circumstances, an official announcement will be made by the administration.

Thank you for being wonderful participants in the building of a great community of members and employees.

ACV EVENTS



BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: TIM ZIMMERMAN AND THE KING'S BRASS

Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Florida Gateway College

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center

149 SE College Place, Lake City

5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP

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

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass, featuring three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards, present Christmas classics and more with a contemporary flair. This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting communityconcerts.info. Individual ticket prices are \$29 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

BUS TRIP: LIVE OAK CHRISTMAS PARADE

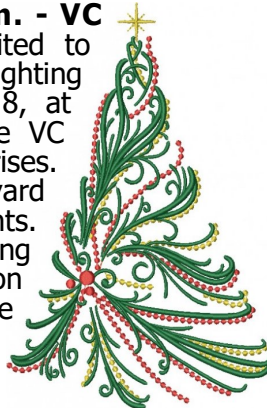
Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. - LAP

Those who would like to ride on the ACV Christmas parade float in the Christmas on the Square lighted parade the night of Dec. 7 should call MS at 658-5400.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. - VC

The Dowling Park community is invited to participate in the annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday evening, Dec. 8, at 6:30. The family event begins in the VC with Christmas music and a few surprises. Following that, it's outside to the courtyard to "magically" light the Village's lights. Finally, everyone is invited to the dining room to enjoy some snacks and to sit on Santa's lap. It's a fun way to begin the Christmas season. Please plan to come. Bring a friend!



NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS PARTIES

ET, Taylor Commons & Lawrence House — Dec. 7

CH, DH & Wilson Gardens — Dec. 10

CT/MT & RV — Dec. 13

POP — Dec. 13



December 2024

Dear Village Members,

The Christmas Season is a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Here at Advent Christian Village many activities and events are planned to commemorate this wonderful gift God has given to each of us. I hope you will make plans to join us for these festive occasions.

Sunday, December 8, 6:30 pm, The Christmas Season officially kicks off at ACV with the traditional **Tree Lighting Service** and everyone is invited to the Village Church to begin this activity. Following a brief carol sing, we will make our way outside to the plaza where Board Member Emeritus Bill Nickerson will lead in “magically” lighting the Village Christmas tree. Those who are able are then invited to enjoy a walk around the Village Centre to view the lights. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Phillips Center for refreshments. Santa will be there to visit the children.

Saturday, December 14, 6:00 pm, and **Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 pm**, The Village Church presents its 2024 **Christmas Cantata**, “Christmas Unplugged!” The ACV Cantata Choir and a guest instrument ensemble will present a musical time of remembrance and worship using both new and familiar music. There is no charge for the Cantata performances, and tickets are not required.

Monday, December 16, 10:00 am, **Christmas Storytime** is in the Old Pavilion Room. If some of your favorite things this time of year are reading or listening to a favorite Christmas story, book, or poem; hearing, playing, or singing special Christmas favorites; and enjoying some Christmas snacks, please plan to join us. Look for more details in the FNN.

Friday, December 20, 2:00 pm, The **Annual Parade on Wheels** will begin at Lake Aquilla and proceed behind Dowling House, Carter House, and Smith Riverview to Good Samaritan Center and then to the Copeland Community Center where refreshments will be served immediately following the parade. Join in the parade by decorating your own golf cart or line up on the route to view the creative entries of others.

Sunday, December 22, 6:00 pm, **Cookies and Carols** in the Rumph Dining Room. This is a “Cookie Potluck” so please bring a dish of your favorite cookies. All will enjoy cookies with Hot Cocoa or water while sitting around the tables singing Christmas Carols. Come and enjoy!

Monday, December 23, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Vicky and I are pleased to invite the membership to the **President’s Christmas Reception** at the Rumph Dining Room. You are encouraged to attend this special time of fellowship filled with festive music and holiday treats.

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 pm, we can all reflect on the pure reason for the Christmas Season by worshipping at the **Christmas Eve Communion Service** in the Village Church.

Wednesday, Christmas Day, you are invited to the **Christmas Day Banquet** in the Phillips Center. The banquet is available at no cost to all members. Ticket information will be provided in the Friendly Neighbor News.

Tuesday, December 31, 6:30 pm, **New Year Eve’s Program** in Rumph Dining Room. Come and enjoy an evening of music, reflection, fun, and refreshments. This will be a time to celebrate and welcome in 2025 with your friends and neighbors.

During this great time of year, in addition to many neighborhood parties, there may be other planned activities not presently on the calendar. The Friendly Neighbor News will give information regarding each activity.

Merry Christmas!

Craig Carter
President

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the December member birthday party. Joe First will present a musical program. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with December birthdays will receive special recognition. See you there!

GSC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday, Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

GSC's annual Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, Dec. 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be country crafts, handmade ornaments, pressed flower cards, birdhouses, soaps, and yard sale items. Get your last-minute shopping done.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. We will be joining the men for this meeting. Dick Grillo will be leading the music. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The ladies will be joining us for this meeting. Dick Grillo will be leading the music.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

BUS TRIP: LUNCH DINE-OUT AT THE LIVE OAK GATHERING

Saturday, Dec. 14

10:45 a.m. - DH & 11:00 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

Saturday, Dec. 14, the trip bus will be going to the Live Oak Gathering restaurant for lunch. The Live Oak Gathering is a family-style restaurant serving a variety of American dishes ranging from \$9.00 to \$22. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Saturday, Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. - VC

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m. - VC

One of the highlights of the season is the Christmas cantata. This year there will be two free presentations of "Christmas Unplugged" at the VC:

Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6:00 p.m.

and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3:00 p.m.

You may attend one or both!

The ACV cantata choir and a guest instrument ensemble will present a musical time of remembrance and worship using both new and familiar music. No tickets are required; simply show up and take a seat.



BUS TRIP: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK

Tuesday, Dec. 17

5:15 p.m. - DH & 5:30 p.m. - LAP

Bus: \$9.00 members, \$13 non-members

Bus transportation will be provided to visit Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park to drive through and enjoy the Suwannee Lights display on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The bus will leave DH at 5:15 p.m. and LAP at 5:30 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$9.00 for ACV members and \$13 for non-members. This price includes the entry fee for Spirit of the Suwannee. Sign up at the IC.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Dec. 19, 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.

The Dementia Support Group normally meets the fourth Thursday of the month, but due to Christmas, it will meet the third Thursday of December.

BUS TRIPS MEETING

Friday, Dec. 20, 10:00 a.m. - OPR

Whether you have participated in the past or not, if you are interested in helping to plan ACV's bus trips, please join us for the next bus trips meeting on Friday, Dec. 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the OPR. Even if you only want to know more about what is possible, come to this meeting to learn (no commitment necessary). Have ideas for trips — local and not-so-local? We'd love for you to join us and share! The bus committee helps to keep the whole membership moving, so the more varied the input, the better.



ANNUAL PARADE ON WHEELS GOLF CART PARADE

Friday, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.

Bring out your golf carts, bikes, scooters, antique cars ... anything with wheels ... decorated for the Christmas season! This year's theme is "A Florida Christmas", so deck your wheels using our theme or yours.

The parade will travel around the ACV campus for all to enjoy. Following the parade, join us at CCC for refreshments and the announcement of winners.

Entries need to line up in the LAP by 2:00 p.m. for judging. The parade will start at 2:30 p.m.



Wednesday, Dec. 25

Four seating options: 11:00 a.m.,

11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m.

Rumph Dining Room

Free for members; \$21 for non-members

Every year, the Christmas buffet is a free gift from ACV to its members. Tickets are still required as seating is limited. Tickets are available at MS during regular business hours and at the IC overnight and on weekends.

Family and guests are also welcome to attend. Ticket prices for family and guests are \$21 for adults and \$8.00 for children 5–12. For non-member tickets, you must first pay at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours (Monday–Friday, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) and present the receipt to pick up a non-member ticket. Tickets may also be paid for over the phone by calling the Cashier at 658-5343 during regular operating hours.

In order to facilitate the seating of groups, we ask that you let us know if you are part of a group seating when you pick up your tickets. If you put together a group after picking up your tickets, please call 658-5400 to let us know who is in your group. We need to know of groups of seven or more by Monday, Dec. 23, to make sure we have enough large tables ready.

Each ACV member may pick up for free either one seating ticket or one to-go ticket. Seating tickets and to-go tickets may only be used on Christmas Day at RDR. To-go tickets may be redeemed anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.



EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, Dec. 6, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Dec. 6, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military memento. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!

WHFMS ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. - SMR/DR

The WHFMS groups are having their annual meeting on Dec. 7, and everyone is invited. This year we are excited to have as our speakers Bryce and Barbara Whiting. Bryce will be sharing about his recent mission trip to Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Barbara will give us a review of this year's theme, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself, Won't You Be My Neighbor" and introduce us to the 2025 theme, "Count Your Blessings".

As a special part of the meeting, we will be honoring all retired and active missionaries within the Village. The meeting will be held in SMR/DR and will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the program. We will have a salad lunch together and then have a short business meeting. Guests are welcome to stay for the business meeting or are free to leave after the luncheon. We are asking everyone who can to bring a salad. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

We also ask everyone who can to bring either thin towels or blankets (twin or full size) to be sent to the Agape House Ministry in the Philippines led by Rowena Cabrizos.

Finally, if you would like to donate a bag of individually wrapped chocolate to be used in gift bags for residents at GSC that would be appreciated.

THE BETHLEHEM STAR

**Wed., Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
VC Room 5**

What did the wise men of the East see in the heavens? Why were they looking for the Child? We will look into the Scriptures, the history and the astronomy of the star that announced the birth of the Christ Child. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. in VC Room 5.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Reas at (386)688-1096.



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Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Hot Topics	2nd & 4th Thurs.	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

JKPL Closed

The JKPL will be closed on Friday, Dec. 6, for our Regional Staff Development Day.

History of Suwannee County

On Thursday, Dec. 5, Eric Musgrove will join us again to present the history of Suwannee County. Eric introduces us to the area's past with visuals such as photographs and maps, as well as well-told narratives from its history. From 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., on the first Thursday of each month, come immerse yourself in the background of this place that we call home.

As the Page Turns Book Club

Book club will resume on Jan. 2. Feel free to come by and peruse the JKPL shelves until then. You may find your new favorite author!

Join the Whobilation

We would like to welcome you to celebrate Grinchmas in Whoville with us! On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., bring the family to our 2024 Whobilation. Along with treats and games, participants will enjoy a snowball fight and grab goody bags. It is sure to make your heart grow three sizes that day!

Hot Topics

Join the motivated movement that we call "Hot Topics" on the second and fourth Thursday of the month (12th and 26th) at 10:00 a.m. This group gathers to discuss current issues facing our nation and an array of possible solutions.

Chair Yoga

Get moving at JKPL! Every Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. we offer beginning chair yoga, and on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. we offer the slightly more advanced chair yoga classes. Both will loosen your muscles, improve your posture and balance, and strengthen your joints. Come try these great, low-impact exercises to improve your mobility and health.

December Paint Along with Me

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Elizabeth will be teaching a holiday-inspired installment of the beginner painting class. Bring your own 8x10 canvas and make a work of art for the Christmas holidays with the provided paints, brushes, and step-by-step instructions from a pro! Curious? An example of the completed work can be seen at our front desk! Spots are limited, so call and register for the 3:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. class.

Starbooks Café Topic

Each Tuesday the Starbooks Café meets at 9:30 a.m. to discuss various topics while sipping some coffee. Come join this diverse group and add your voice to the mix!

Just a Small Collection of Words

"Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart" (Washington Irving).

BUS TRIPS

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

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

There is no charge for Village members to participate in the regular weekly Live Oak shopping trips. If you have questions, call MS at 658-5400.

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

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

- **Dec. 11 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, and



Friday, Dec. 6

Blackened Grouper with Rice and a Vegetable
\$17.95

Saturday, Dec. 7

Stuffed Shells Parmesan with a Meatball and
Garlic Bread \$16.95

☞ *At the Village Square* ☜

Riverside Gifts

Christmas shopping is even more enjoyable with smiling volunteers! They've been busy creating holiday mugs filled with candy, wrapped in clear bags with colorful bows. Low-priced Christmas tote bags are also available.

Check out festive socks featuring Rudolph, Santa, reindeer, cowboy styles, and solid colors. Perfect gifts for women include Anne Cline watches, Montanawest purses, 100% silk Mulberry scarves, and winter snowflake scarves. The earring collection offers seasonal designs, hoops, and sparkling smaller styles.

Explore the 2025 calendar selection with gift options for moms, sisters, cat lovers, and friends. Pocket calendars are still available.

In the stationary department, you'll find birthday cards for specific years, ACV and flower note-cards, and sentimental cards for any occasion.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available here at very reasonable prices.

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

A piece of vintage jewelry makes a lovely Christmas gift. Pair it with a Christmas card from the large selection here, and add a personal note to make it truly memorable. Angel, poinsettia, and Christmas tree pins are also available at great prices.

A beautiful vintage nativity set is for sale, along with a displayed set of the three wise men.

Enesco ivory ceramic napkin rings add an elegant touch to your holiday table. Items crafted by Connecting Threads, ACV's sewing club, include holiday table runners, cloth napkins, bowl cozies, and placemats.

Don't miss the stunning Christmas quilt, along with other quilts and crocheted bed coverings on display.

Need clothing repairs or alterations? Bag your items, include your name and phone number, and drop them off at the store.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available here at very reasonable prices.

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

Ladies' slacks and jeans are just \$2.00 each! Pair them with a blouse or festive Christmas sweater, and check out heavier short and long coats.

Men's colorful ties are \$1.00 (unless marked otherwise). Match with long-sleeved shirts, **half-price dress pants**, a suit coat, belts, dress shoes, or black suspenders for a sharp look.

In the Children's Department, outfits are \$1.00 each, except for a beautiful \$3.00 lace dress. Backpacks in plain and patterned designs are also available.

All CDs have been checked for matching covers and discs.

The Book Nook offers Christian books, devotionals, study guides, children's books, puzzles, and games — perfect for cold weather fun!

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.

- **Dec. 11 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 18 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Dec. 18 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, and park at Publix. Leave from Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 27 afternoon — Note the day change from Wednesday to Friday — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Dec. 6 — Community Concerts of Lake City:

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

Dec. 7 — Live Oak Christmas Parade Riders

Dec. 14 — Lunch Dine-Out to The Gathering

Dec. 17 — Christmas Lights at Spirit of the Suwannee

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "More Christmas Questions"

TEXT: John 6:24–34 & Galatians 4:4–6 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The Vesta Clothey and Christina Baker WHFMS groups will meet together on Monday, Dec. 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the OPR. We will share a devotional time, and put together the Christmas bags for the residents of GSC and Dacier. GSC Activities Director Kathleen Johnson will be our guest. This will be the December meeting for both groups.

Mark Your Calendar

Sun., Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. — Tree Lighting (VC and RDR)

Sat., Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Cantata (VC)

Sun., Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Cantata (VC)

Sun., Dec. 22, 6:00 p.m. — Cookies & Carols (RDR) — Bring your favorite Christmas cookies and sing Christmas carols.

Tues., Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service with Communion (VC)

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, Dec. 6

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

Saturday, Dec. 7

10:00 a.m. — WHFMS Annual Meeting (SMR/DR)

Sunday, Dec. 8

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School Classes for All Ages

6:30 p.m. — Tree Lighting Ceremony (VC)

Monday, Dec. 9

9:30 a.m. — Combined WHFMS Meeting (OPR)

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

Wednesday, Dec. 11

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice

Friday, Dec. 13

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

6:00 p.m. — Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 14

10:00 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)
The women will join in.

CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will close Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. It will be closed Tuesday–Friday, Dec. 24–27. Everyone should plan accordingly: pay bills and place money on meal card by Monday, Dec. 23.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Kathleen Johnson—386-658-5573

If you are a vendor and would like to set up a table at the GSC Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 13, please call me for more information. Thank you!

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

Member Services Tip of the Week

If you have family and friends visiting during the holiday, please know that we would love to meet them, so drop by or give us a call to arrange a time to meet.

Scam Tip of the Week: Charity Scams

While there are numerous legitimate, worthy charities doing great work, some scam artists seek to take advantage of the charitable spirit of others. Imposters will pose as representatives of a legitimate charity or promote a fictional charity in order to solicit funds, which they then pocket. Be sure you know that the charity soliciting money is legitimate before donating. Check to see if the charity is registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at www.floridaconsumerhelp.com or by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA. You may also contact the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org or Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org to determine whether the charity has any complaints against it.

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)

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at ACV in the following opportunities or in any others, please come to MS to fill out an application.

1. **Lunch deliverer for shut-ins.** Meals are prepared by the dining room and picked up prior to 11:00 to be delivered to each shut-ins' door.
2. **Outdoor beautification volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV's grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
3. **Village archives attendant.** More attendants are needed to help at the Brooks Archive.
4. **CH front desk attendants.**

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 or Betsey Ruehl at 658-1766 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our Nov. 27 winners: 1st high, Henry Simonds, and 2nd high, Jim Varnell.

BROOKS ARCHIVE

Millie Griswold, Reporter

Check It Out at the Village Square

The History Window theme for December is Christmas Traditions at ACV. This five-minute visual presentation describes Christmas traditions that have developed during the 111 year history of Advent "Christmas" Village.

The following are a few examples:

- For 100-years, the Live Oak Rotary Club brought dinner and Santa to the campus, first for the children, and today at DM.
- A 94-year tradition is residents receive a free Christmas dinner.
- For 50 years the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony serves to light the whole campus, and a Christmas Tree has adorned the church.
- For 24 years the Village president has provided an afternoon Christmas tea.
- For 23 years CCC has sponsored a Parade on Wheels, and camels from the East have joined residents in the Phillips Center entrance.

The History Window is located at the VS opposite the door into the Village Grocer, and is a project of the Brooks Village Archive.

Walk the Village Heritage Trail

Walk back in time along the half-mile Village Heritage Trail. Booklets are available at the IC. There's a map of the trail in the center of the booklet.

Begin your excursion outside the IC to the right. You'll see a post with information similar to what is in the Trail booklet.

Moving left from Site 1, follow the signs to locate early Home & Orphanage buildings. The walk ends at the VS. Enjoy the walk and the early history of your home place.

The Heritage Trail was established in 2003 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of ACV and in memory of Zelene Carter Inman.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The Sewing Center in KC will be open Monday, Dec. 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come see what we are making and share your ideas. Or bring your own project to work on, and enjoy the fellowship. Drop in when convenient and stay as long as you want.

GARDEN CLUB

Fran Evans, Reporter

It's Christmas time again, and our lunch will be Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Lodge. Turkey will be provided so bring your favorite Christmas side dish or dessert. Plates, napkins and cups will be provided.

Last year was so much fun; we had a great turnout. We enjoyed fun games. Don't forget to bring a present no more than \$10 for the present swap. Spouses are invited, too.

Please RSVP to franee1121@gmail.com so we can provide enough meat for everyone.. I can't wait to see all of you soon. Thank you for a great year!

POLK CERAMICS

Susann Riedel, Reporter

The Polk Ceramics Shop will be closed Dec. 16–Jan. 6. The elves will be taking a long winter's nap. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Our library has purchased a copy of Suwannee County resident Pat Hines's book *Christmas in the South*. In it, Pat tells about researching her ancestors and finding evidence on her grandparents' land that the stories passed down by word of mouth from previous generations were true. Her enthusiasm about writing down her family's history is infectious. I expect to have her book ready for check out by the time you read this.

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

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association Monica Serlick, Reporter

The next letter pick-up and delivery date is Friday, Dec. 6; make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon. The youth will receive your letters that afternoon or by Monday. Envelopes are available at the IC so pick up three or four and have them handy when you write.

Mark your calendars; the Boys Ranch Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:00 p.m. This year the location will be outdoors at the Jim Black Memorial Pavilion (where they have the horse shows). Make sure to be prepared for the weather. It's expected to be quite warm that day, but temperatures will drop after sunset. The bus will leave from CH at 5:00 p.m. and return by 9:30 p.m.

Christmas gifts for your pen pals are up to your individual choices. Please remember that any monetary gifts must be put in a separate envelope or card and given to me. I will then make sure it goes to the proper individual who will place it into the youth's account. You can let your pen pal know about any monetary gift you have given for them.

If you feel you are able to take on a second pen pal or want to become a pen pal, I need one pen pal for a child. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact in a child's future. Please call me to complete the form and become a pen pal!

If you want to become a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back.

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

STEPHEN MINISTRIES Robin Copeland, Reporter

Thank you for your prayers so far, please continue to pray for our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Minister trainees. Here is what they are studying this week: Session Eleven — Caring Between Visits: Caregiving and Communications: While most of their caregiving will take place in person, occasionally Stephen Ministers may also care for people over various communication technologies. In this session, our Stephen Minister trainees learn when using the phone is appropriate and how to provide care most effectively over the phone.

Another training class for Stephen Ministers will begin on Monday, Feb. 3. Feel free to stop by MS to pick up an application. The deadline for submitting your application is Jan. 15.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, and your soul, and your mind" this is the first and the greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself"" (Matthew 22:37-39 NLT).

Hellooooo, ACV! I am so glad to be home. You just can't imagine. I pray your Thanksgiving was a good one and that you did not overeat. Here is a little poem I was going to share with you last week before Thanksgiving, but I ended up in the hospital. Anyway it still applies. "May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump, may your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious and your pies take the prize, and may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs" (from "A Thanksgiving Poem" by CJ Beaman).

Needless to say our dinner plans were interrupted with my adverse conditions. I stayed home from the buffet. Barb and our friend, Gail Chapman, enjoyed lunch at the dining room and brought home a bounty of fabulous food, which I enjoyed to the last mouthful.

For the person who thinks they can go to the hospital for a rest, I have some real bad news: It does not happen. At any given time within a 24-hour

timeframe NURSEZILLA would bust into the room and flip on the spotlight directly over my head, ready to take my blood pressure, or a vile of blood, or prick my finger to get a sugar level. My bed was substandard and sagged in the middle. Because I had IVs and pulse monitors stuck in each of my arms, it rendered me impossible to move around in the bed to even attempt a comfortable position. Thank God I survived and am recouping gracefully.

Congratulations to the proud grandparents of little Lillian Hitchcock. She is doing wonderful and so is mom. Grandpa Mike and Grandma Cindy are smiling from ear to ear.

Speaking of new grandbabies, Dave and Stephanie Smith became grandparents last month to baby Leon. Congratulations!

It looks like our birthday calendar is full for the month. Pretty little Evelyn Coombs has already had a birthday on the 1st of December, Debbie Register follows her on the 9th, and Dot Shuman is right next door on the 10th. Natalie Smith celebrates her special day on the 16th, and Anthony DiBenedetto is planning his party on the 27th. To follow up with all that, we have last but not at all least Traci Nissley on the 30th. May the Lord shine His blessings of good health and many more birthdays to come.

I have found that we are born naked, wet, and hungry ... and then things get worse. Did it ever occur to you that one may have the right to speak, but it is a wise man who knows when to do it? Golf is a lot like taxes: You drive hard to get to the green and wind up in the hole.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Don't let Thanksgiving go without practicing "thanks-living" all year long, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have three birthdays to celebrate for the coming week. Celebrating are Evelyn Gillette on the 9th, Janna Shamlaty on the 10th, and Gerald Ross on the 13th. I hope everyone's day is festive, and that God showers you with love and prosperity. Enjoy your special day to the fullest and make each and every day of the year count. "I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done" (Lucille Ball). "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come" (William Shakespeare). "Age is not important unless you're a cheese" (Helen Hayes).

During this holiday season please pray for those who are facing hardships. Please keep those who are struggling with personal issues and those feeling under the weather in your prayers.

If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

In last week's FNN when they published the definition for RESPECT they left out the second E which stood for: "Enlightenment will give you a whole new perspective on life." Thank you to the folks that brought that to my attention.

The Christmas tree is up in the common room and if you missed the folks decorating, feel free to add an ornament of your own if you choose. Make sure to mark your ornament so that you can retrieve it after Jan. 1. The common room and lobby look fabulous and festive with all the decorations that have been put up. Thank you to Barbara Nichols and Mary Little for getting this all done so beautifully. Thanks go out to Bill Patterson for his train and village set up. He requests of those admiring it to please don't touch the display if he's not present.

Don't forget to wave and smile at all the people spending time here at ACV while visiting family members.

Safety and security of everyone here at ACV is important and we should not shy away from doing our part when necessary. This community is our chosen home and we should always take care of it while maintaining pride in our surroundings, beyond just our private apartments. Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or

policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate please contact the IC at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

DOWLING HOUSE

Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter

“Want to know the coolest thing about the One who gave up the crown of heaven for a crown of thorns? He did it for you. Just for you” (Max Lucado).

Jeanne Florence stopped by and handed me a piece of paper for the FNN article. This is what she wrote: “One of my favorite carols of Christmas is ‘Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne’. If you read Luke 2, you can see the account — no room in the inn, no quiet place for Mary to birth her Son, no room for Jesus.

“So, I’m thinking, in all the bustle and busyness of this season, do we have any room for Jesus? Do we put other things as higher priority than our Lord? It happens.

“But in the carol, the refrain says, ‘O, come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.’ Keep Jesus first and we’ll be blessed.”

“I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gave Me to do” (John 17:4).

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Linda Warner, Reporter

Thanksgiving is over. We gathered with friends and family to give thanks for our many blessings. Oh, and we ate way too much. I hope everyone had a safe and joyful holiday.

Black Friday follows Thanksgiving, and it’s the busiest shopping day of the year. It used to be crazy, traffic was terrible, checkout lines were long, and sometimes an argument broke out over the last item that was on sale. But the internet has helped alleviate that problem; we can order from the comfort of our home and have it delivered to our home.

I don’t usually go out on Black Friday, but this year I found myself heading for Live Oak — not for shopping, but for a McRib. I didn’t just buy one; I bought three. One for lunch, one for dinner, and one for lunch the next day. Isn’t that incredible to go to such lengths for a sandwich that is so unhealthy? It’s the sauce — it’s so good. I did leave some for you, if you should have the McRib obsession.

As I drove back to the sanity of ACV, I saw the Christmas spirit showing outside. Was it Santa’s elves or was it the grounds department? Give credit where it is due. Great job, grounds department.

In the evening the lights of decorated homes are beginning to pop up. Black Friday marks the beginning of all the hustle and bustle for the holiday season. Amongst all the hustle and bustle, remember this: The reason for the holiday is the birth of Jesus.

I hope you are planning to attend the annual ET Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 12:00 noon. It’s a potluck and grab bag gift exchange with hopefully some Christmas caroling. ET had a “couple” of song birds move in recently, so you might want to tune up your pipes. A good time will be had by all. These events have been successful. Please RSVP with Cathy at (574) 229-8402.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Evelyn and I drove to Roanoke, Virginia, on Tuesday; spent the day with our son Jed on Wednesday; and drove home on Thanksgiving Day. We did stop along the way home to have a chicken salad sandwich! On Saturday our son Samuel came by to visit, and we had a traditional Thanksgiving meal with him. This was the first Thanksgiving in our family that we were not all together to celebrate.

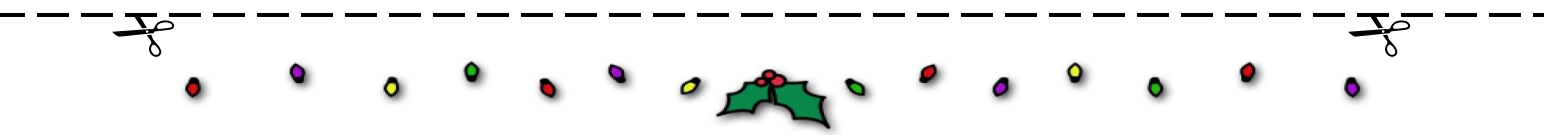
After we arrived home we busied ourselves with preparations for Christmas, which again will be different this year.

Things sure can change. We all know this but when the change comes, we feel the difference, and at times the sadness ... even pain! Malachi 3:6 says, “I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” We may not be descendants of Jacob by birth, but thank God we are grafted into the vine at salvation, and we have life in Jesus! Because of this we can claim the promises of God that we read in His Word. As much as things change around us all the time, we can be thankful that our God is always the same!

While I was away last week, the children from Wee Care came to visit GSC on Monday, then Charlie Walker shared a devotional with the GSC residents (just before he was discharged to go HOME!), and then on Wednesday “Coach” Gene Peters and his wife, Sandy, came to share in song with the GSC residents.

On Thanksgiving Day many family members came to visit and share a wonderful meal with their loved ones. From what I heard, everything was great, and many came to help serve in many ways.

Many of our residents from GSC and DM came out on Sunday morning, Dec. 1, to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. The first candle, the candle of hope was lit, and then we closed the service with the Lord’s



The Youth Fellowship will be delivering **SINGING CHRISTMAS CARDS** Dec. 15–22. To send a Singing Christmas Card to a loved one or friend in the Dowling Park area, please fill out this form and return it to the Village Church office. We ask those sending a Singing Christmas Card to make a donation to our youth ministry program. Please make your check payable to the Village Church noting “Singing Christmas Cards” in the memo. Each greeting comes with a personalized Christmas card accompanied by Christmas carols sung by the members of our Youth Fellowship. Please remember, **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DEC. 8, 2024.** If you have any questions, please call Pastor Randy at the church office at 658-5344. Forms in church foyers.



Your Name

Phone Number

Person receiving the greeting

Address of person receiving the greeting

Special directions or instructions

Supper. God is good, and we thank Him for these opportunities to worship!

There will be a memorial service at GSC on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. We will honor the lives of Mercedes Garcia, Jerry Phillips, Dorothy Crain, Charles Allen and Maureen "Moe" Krause. Sylvia Fraser's family has requested that we remember Sylvia at the January memorial service.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas at our house. Gary put up the lights, and I spent about 10 hours decorating the house and the Christmas tree. When we first moved to ACV, we came for Christmas, and the furniture and other belongings were coming in February. At that time we bought a seven-ish foot tree from a neighbor in POP. We had some clothes, two kitchen chairs, a table, a blow-up mattress, and seven containers of Christmas stuff.

Our Dresden China nativity set was sent to my apartment in Philadelphia by my sister and her husband when they were stationed in Germany. I was so excited, I immediately wrote her a thank you note, only to receive a letter from her a few days later stating that the set was for one of my sisters as a surprise. Well, it sure was a surprise to me! Needless to say, I got my own set a few weeks later.

Next step is the cookie baking on Tuesday morning, Dec. 10. I could use some cookie decorators. I look forward to attending some of the upcoming Christmas activities.

The common areas are being cleaned up as I write this. The downed trees are being chopped up and removed, and the hangers-on are coming down. We appreciate the hard work being done to re-beautify our area.

It is strange to be double-layered in the morning and jacketed only in the afternoon. My little dog, Brandi, doesn't know what's up. She sure walks quicker in the morning — sometimes at a run. When the weather gets cold, I think I could become like a snail. In some extreme cases, during long periods of extreme weather, snails will sleep for three years, although it is not very common.

May the feelings of joy, peace and love of the holidays could last all year long and spread everywhere.

Kid joke: What did the left eye say to the right eye? Answer: "Between us, something smells!"

MEMBER BENEFITS

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

This week's member benefit of note:

Only Village members may join Village-supported clubs such as the Garden Club, the Artists Guild, and Watkins Hobby Shop. These clubs provide a range of benefits — physical, social and intellectual — and ACV has a vested interest in helping perpetuate their existence through the membership program.

ACV now offers a reduced-price Lifestyle Club for off-campus individuals who are interested in participating in some of ACV's activities without paying for full membership. For more information, call 658-5291.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

Linda Warner, Reporter

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Did you eat too much? I sure did. Now is when all the hustle and bustle begins for Christmas.

Hope to see you Thursday at Cleo's Meeting House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. As always, thank you for being part of the plarn ministry. Any questions or concerns, call me at (904) 484-8796.

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 VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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 VS professional offices: Dec. 6 and 20, and Jan. 3 and 17, and Feb. 7 and 21. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and most Fridays

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Call (386) 647-6240 for appointments. Kindly give 12–24 hours notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply. Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business. Thank you, Amy Hancock.

HAIR CROPPERS

Call or text (386) 205-3791 to book a hair or nails appointment.

RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour of some kind, call MS at 658-5400.

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Submit your question to MS, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here.

Q: Does ACV offer gift cards?

A: There are a number of gift card and gift certificate options available at ACV. These make great gifts for Village and Dowling Park residents. The Village Grocer, who can take orders over the phone at (386) 658-5343, offers gift cards that are honored at all three Dining Services locations (dining room, Lopin' Gopher, and River Landing Bistro), gift certificates to the Village shops, and gift certificates for Housekeeping services. The Village Grocer (386-658-313) also sells their own gift certificates.

THANK YOU

Just a quick note to say THANK YOU to the staff and volunteers who worked at GSC on Thanksgiving. The meal was wonderful, seeing the families was a blessing, and we are getting ready to do it again for Christmas. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

GSC Activities Director Kathleen Johnson

Dining Services has done it again! Our Thanksgiving dinner was perfect and included tender fried or roasted turkey, ham, and delicious items like yams, green beans, stuffing, salads and pecan pie. There were other delights that were enjoyed by our table of nine. Thank you, Arlene and crew!

Recently, I had a pot pie that won my heart. It included lovely diced white meat chicken, carrots and peas in a lovely sauce with biscuit. This was so popular that it ran out by noon. I loved this meal with a hint of sage to enhance the taste. Thankfully, I was there to enjoy it by 11:15 a.m. It was a winner!

The salad bar continues to be very popular, as are the soups at the Bistro. The veggie omelets are so flavorful and generous.

Watch for lovely and tasty meals as we enjoy the Christmas season!

Jeanne Florence

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their birthday wishes by phone, cards and social media posts from friends near and far. It's heartwarming that so many remembered. Thank you.

Monica Serlick

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name

included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Ads may be dropped into the box near the IC, or emailed to fnn@acvillage.net. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

DRIVER NEEDED: I need drivers with cars that can get me to and from The Cancer Center in Lake City. I am willing to pay. I will need someone to take me to and from once a day for 28 days straight except weekends. Call Lew for more information at 334-200-6331.**

PEN PAL NEEDED: If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact in a child's future. Please contact Monica Serlick at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back.**

IN SEARCH OF: Looking for the person who dropped off a dog quilt at Dick Sodders's house. I want to make sure it was for me and to personally thank you. Please call 937-671-6424.**

FOR SALE: Rollaway bed with sheet set. Excellent condition. \$50. Contact Diane at 850-838-6796.*



Annual Parade On Wheels

~~Antique Cars, Golf Carts, Scooters & Bicycles~~

Friday, December 20, 2024

Parade begins at 2:30

All entries need to be at
Lake Aquilla parking lot at 2:00.



Refreshments will be served at
Copeland Community Center immediately
following the parade.

Judging will take place.

Dec. 6–13, 2024

FRIDAY, 12/6

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Salisbury Steak with Onions and Mushrooms, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 12/7

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Cinnamon Apples, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 12/8

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included

- Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, Pork Loin Roast, Fried Chicken
Sides: Okra and Tomatoes, Bermuda Vegetable Mix, Salads, Fruit, Fried Peaches, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 12/9

- \$2.53 Soup:** Moroccan Lentil with Potatoes
\$6.44 Entrées: Liver and Onions, Turkey BLT
\$1.21 Sides: Peas and Carrots, Green Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Pasta Salad, Rice with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 12/10

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
\$1.21 Sides: Broccoli, Cheesy Broccoli, Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
\$2.76 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

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Dec. 6–13, 2024

WEDNESDAY, 12/11

\$2.53 Soup: Garden Vegetable

\$6.44 Entrées: Sausage Rice Broccoli Casserole, Fried Chicken

\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Honey Glazed Carrots, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 12/12

\$6.44 Entrées: Meatloaf, Potato and Cheese Pierogis

\$1.21 Sides: Zucchini and Squash Medley, Green Beans, Rice Pilaf, Home Fries

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 12/13

\$2.53 Soup: Shrimp Roasted Corn Chowder

\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Broccoli Cheese Cordon Bleu, Fried Catfish

\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Red Beets, Baked Beans, Cheesy Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,
and a fountain drink.
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, Dec. 6

Blackened Grouper with Rice and a Vegetable \$17.95

Saturday, Dec. 7

Stuffed Shells Parmesan with a Meatball and
Garlic Bread \$16.95



658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



658-5259

Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm
Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm
Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



658-5777

Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm
Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm

Prices Effective 12/6–12/12



THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

GROCERY

Van Camp Beanie Weenie	7.5 oz.	\$ 1.79
Bumblebee Chicken Salad	3.5 oz.	\$ 2.29
Pam Air Fryer Spray	6 oz.	\$ 5.99
Vigo Black Beans & Rice	8 oz.	\$ 2.09
Sauer's Mayonnaise	30 oz.	\$ 5.99
Ocean Spry Zero Cranberry Juice	64 oz.	\$ 5.09
IGA Decaf Instant Coffee	4 oz.	\$ 2.59
IGA Scalloped Potatoes	4.7 oz.	\$ 1.99

DAIRY

Minute maid Orange Juice	59 oz.	\$ 3.99
Dutch Farms American Singles	12 oz.	\$ 2.89

PRODUCE

Mandarin Oranges	3 lb.	\$ 7.99
Red Pears	per lb.	\$ 2.99

FROZEN

Stouffer's Lasagna	38 oz.	\$ 11.99
Blue Ribbon Ice Cream	Gal.	\$ 8.49

MEAT

Whole Chicken	per lb.	\$ 1.79
Lean Bottom Round Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.49
Beef Cubed Steaks	per lb.	\$ 5.99
Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.99
Marc Angelo Chicken Skewers	16 oz.	\$ 7.99
Swai Fillets	16 oz.	\$ 5.79

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

** Call 658-3130. Order by 11:00 a.m. for 2:00 p.m. pick-up! **

This Week's Verse:

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

FOOD DRIVE 2024 ORDER FORM

A 10% discount is allowed (below). All orders must be placed directly at THE VILLAGE GROCER and prepaid at time of order. This form will become your *charitable donation* receipt and will be returned to you by the Church. These case quantities of canned foods purchased at THE VILLAGE GROCER will be delivered to THE VILLAGE CHURCH and become part of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Donation for the needy through SUWANNEE VALLEY RESCUE MISSION and Live Oak's LOVE INC.

Donor _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

Food Item	Case Contains	Your Cost	# of Cases Ordered	Total
Apple Sauce	6/4 oz. 12 pk	\$43.00		
Mix Fruit Cup	4/4 oz 12 pk	\$24.00		
Apple Juice	48 oz 8 pk	\$25.00		
Seedless Raisins	12 oz 12 pk	\$39.00		
Cut Green Beans	15 oz 24 pk	\$27.00		
Instant Potatoes	13 oz 12 pk	\$35.00		
Whole Kernel Corn	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Mixed Vegetables	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Pork and Beans	15 oz 12 pk	\$21.50		
Green Peas	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Spaghetti	15 oz 12 pk	\$21.00		
Beef Stew	20 oz 12 pk	\$37.00		
Chicken a la King	10 oz 12 pk	\$29.00		
Chili with Beans	15 oz 12 pk	\$31.00		
Ramen Noodles	3 oz 24 pk	\$9.50		
Bottle Spring Water	.5 lt 24 pk	\$6.00		
Grape Jelly	18 oz 12 pk	\$38.00		
Chunk Tuna Lunch Kit	4.1 oz 12 pk	\$27.00		
Chicken Noodle Soup	10.75 oz 24 pk	\$38.00		
Snack Crackers	12 oz 12 pk	\$32.00		
Oatmeal Cookies	6 oz 12 pk	\$21.50		
Creamy Peanut Butter	16 oz 12 pk	\$37.50		

Request Other Items:

Total _____
Less 10% discount _____
Your PREPAID amount _____

****Orders must be placed by DECEMBER 10, 2024****
****Make checks payable to THE VILLAGE GROCER****



RECEIPT FOR CHARITABLE DONATION

The Village Church acknowledges receiving the above charitable donation from the person whose name appears at the top of this sheet and certifies that nothing was given in return for their donation.

Signed: _____ Pastor, Sam Worley

WATER ACTIVITIES

AQUATONE: Aquatone is a water therapy class for people suffering from the pain of arthritis. This class uses a protocol from the Arthritis Foundation. If you experience pain associated with arthritis, or you are new to aquatic exercise, this is a great class to join.

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 the most important muscle in your body...your heart! Lap swimmers have priority during designated times. Please check the reverse side for lap swim times. **88 pool lengths = 1 mile**

WATER AEROBICS: This class is designed to increase your heart rate in order to strengthen your cardiovascular system. This class also includes stretching and muscle strengthening exercises. Water volleyball is played from 8:45-9:30 a.m. between the morning classes.

WATER VOLLEYBALL: This group plays every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

Copeland membership required. 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!

WEIGHT ROOM

FITNESS BASICS: Copeland 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.

WALKING

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

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is a game played by pushing disk with a long handled que 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!



Monday & Friday

8:00–11:00 a.m. played at the Court located by the Wood Working Shop. Inclimate weather (cold, windy, or rainy) this team plays indoor at the Camp Suwannee Pavilion. **Wednesday**

8:00–11:00 a.m.

The members of the pickleball team travel into Live Oak and play at the coleseum. With any questions please contact Cindy Hett 658-2683 or the Copeland Community Center.

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!

EXERCISE

EXERCISE on TV2:

Exercises are done seated or standing by a chair for support on TV2. If you are just beginning an exercise program, this is a great class to try!

TABLE TENNIS at MPR/CCC:

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

Come join in the fun every Tuesday at the MPR in the CCC.

Stretching

*with Joyce Berra
on DVD*



Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30–9:30 a.m.
in the CCC Multi-purpose room

**Stretch and strengthen your body;
release tension; ease your mind!**

*This is a gentle class that focuses on posture,
Breathing and Relaxation.*

Ping Pong

Did you know that the CCC has a ping pong table that is available to use. It is located in our multipurpose room! Bring a friend and come on over and play!



December

Copeland Community Center (386) 658-5555

Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon

ACV Health & Fitness Activities

Days	Activity	Location	Time	Group Leader
M-F	Lap Swimming	Copeland Pool	6:00-8:00 a.m.	
MWF	Walking and Step Class with Donna	MPR/CCC	8:30-9:15 a.m.	VIDEO
MWF	Water Aerobics	Copeland Pool	9:30-10:00 a.m.	
MWF	Aquatone for Arthritis	Copeland Pool	10:05-10:55 a.m.	
MF	Pickle Ball	Court on Aquila Circle	9:00-11:00 a.m.	See back for more information!
T TH	Stretching with Joyce Berra	MPR/CCC	8:30-9:30 a.m.	VIDEO
MWF	Open Swim	Copeland Pool	11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	
T TH	Water Volleyball	Copeland Pool	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
T TH	Open Swim	Copeland Pool	8:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.	
M-F	CCC Shuffleboard!!	Copeland Courts	Inquire at CCC front desk for equipment.	
M-F	CCC Tennis Courts	Call 658-5555 to schedule a game.		
M-F	Bocce Ball Court	Call 658-5555 with questions on how to use!		
SAT	OPEN FACILITIES	POOL, COURTS, WEIGHT ROOM 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon		

Holiday Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6:00 a.m.- 12:00 | Wednesday, Dec. 25 CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 6:00 a.m.- 12:00 | Wednesday, Jan. 1 CLOSED

