



## MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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### From the General Manager We Are Stronger When We Lean Together

Cool nights have given way to warm sunny days, and flowers and trees are beginning to bud and leaf out. During this Lenten season, I have paused to think about the many things going on in our Assembly life. First, the sad reality of the many members of the Assembly family whom we have recently lost. Their lives have contributed to the foundation built by the generations who have gone before us to make the Monteagle Assembly the special

place for which we are but temporary custodians.

Second, Lent and Easter bring a promise of hope and renewal in our lives. In the life of the Assembly, we renew our mission and purpose through the release of our 140<sup>th</sup> summer program which is currently online and will be mailed in early May. This summer will continue our tradition of families joining together to worship, learn, recreate, and

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### Platform Update

We have a full season planned for the 140<sup>th</sup> Monteagle Sunday School Assembly season. A wide variety of lectures, workshops and activities are in keeping with the array of topics supported by our endowed funds.

Some additions include the weekly Monday night Dinner on the chapel grounds hosted by the chapel committee and additional weekend programs as requested through the caucuses. In response

to the platform survey, evening program times have been moved earlier, with Twilight Prayers at 7 p.m. and evening programs beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Weekend evening programs for the coming season include the following:

- Two All-Assembly dances with a return of Dr. Soul's Band and welcoming for

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## General Manager

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enrich their lives through Christian fellowship. What could be a better way to begin our 140<sup>th</sup> season than by attending the Easter service in Warren Chapel at 10:00 A.M.? This “new” tradition was interrupted by COVID, but we are back!

Finally, many of us have had a chance to worship in and visit many great churches and cathedrals with their grand arched ceilings. These magnificent arched structures obtain their integrity because the stones that support each other. Our own Warren Chapel is a symbol of the foundation and strength of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. The Assembly gathers its strength by its members leaning towards one another while standing on our Christian foundation. I hope you will consider joining your Monteagle family in worship this Easter.

*God's peace,  
Scott*

### Easter Service and Eucharist

**10:00 Warren Chapel**

## Around The Grounds

May 2-7, 2022 Graduation  
60 Cottages rented or loaned

May 12-16, 2020 Graduation  
30+ Cottages rented or loaned

May 20 & 21; Hull/Lampkin  
Wedding (Cottage #170)  
Facilities to be used:  
Harton Hall (Friday)  
Warrens Chapel (Friday, Saturday)  
Auditorium (Saturday)  
Several Cottages rented or loaned

May 28; Wingo/Acker Wedding  
(Cottage #168) Memorial Day  
Weekend  
Facility to be used: Auditorium

June 3 & 4; Voigt/Randall Wedding  
(Cottage #74)  
Facilities to be used:  
Harton Hall (Friday)  
Winfield (Saturday, brunch)  
Warrens Chapel (Friday, Saturday)  
\*\*Gymnasium & Shadydell  
(Saturday)  
Many cottages rented or loaned

\*\* The pickleball courts and the pool  
will close at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June  
4. The bathrooms will be closed the  
entire day\*\*

*Rhonda Atkins,  
director of housing & guest services*

## QUICK BITES

**ALL golf carts** must be registered or re-registered every year. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

**Lawn trimmings** are collected on Wednesdays.

**Dogs** must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

**The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances** on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees.

**Safety first!** Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.



## ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

June 10    July 31    September 30    January 15    February 28

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

## Platform Update

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the first time DJ Henry Hicks, president and CEO of the National Museum of African

- American Music
- Adult Trivia Night with *Brain Blast!*
- Jazz picnic featuring Art Four Sale jazz ensemble and food trucks on the Mall
- *After Hours* barbershop quartet
- WWII Radio Hour with Shellie O'Neal
- Two all-Assembly dinners, one on a Friday and another on a Saturday, followed by evening entertainment with a songwriter's night and a jazz duo with Annie Sellick and Pat Bergeson.

In addition, we have a full line-up of Thursday night keynote lectures:

### How the Defender Changed

America, Ethan Michaeli, author of *The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America*, will highlight the influence of a Black newspaper on American history



### The Holy Ghost and American Politics

Molly Worthen, associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a freelance journalist, author of *Apostles of Reason* which examines American evangelical intellectual life since 1945

**Changing Demographics and the Future of America's Economy,**  
Laurel Graefe, regional executive at the Nashville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank

### The Story of American Music

H. Beecher Hicks, III, president and CEO of the National Museum of African American Music

**The New Rules of War: How America Can Win - Against Russia, China, and Other Threats,** Sean McFate, strategist, foreign policy expert and author

### The Blitz

Randy Otto as Winston Churchill

### World Bicycle Tour

Tass Thacker and Bruce Junek, world travelers who share their story and adventures through [Images of the World](#)

### NASA's Space Launch System and the Artemis Lunar Program

Marcia Lindstrom, strategic communications manager of NASA's Space Launch System

Becky Nelson,  
platform superintendent



**The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly** was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "... the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

## Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program?

Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction?

Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

Contact Rhonda to discuss options or concerns,  
931-924-9000.

**Need a Golf Cart  
during the Season?**

Contact Housing  
931-924-9000

### 2022 Golf Cart Rental Rates during the Season:

*Week 4 already has a wait list!*

Daily Rate: \$60.00 + Tax (\$65.55)

Weekly Rate: \$325.00 + Tax 355.06)

(5-7 day rentals are considered weekly)

4 Week Rate: \$875.00 + Tax (\$955.94)

Pre-Order 8 Week Special.... \$1200.00 + Tax (\$1,311.00) \*\*\*\*Only  
\$21.43 per day!\*\*\*\*\*

(To qualify for the pre order special, you must place your order with the  
Assembly office and make full payment 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the  
delivery date)

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### LEASE- HOLDS AVAILABLE



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more information contact:

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## SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency --medical or otherwise-- call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!

## New this Summer:

### Dinner on the Chapel Grounds

The chapel committee is launching an exciting family event this season: Dinner on the Chapel Grounds. Everyone in the Assembly is invited to the porch of Warren Chapel for a good-ole bring-a-dish meal and fellowship. Come one, come all at 6 p.m. each Monday evening of the season to meet fellow Assembly members and guests and share a meal and lots of conversation and laughter! The chapel committee will have the main dish, tables for food, all paper products and cups, silverware and lemonade. We are simply asking for everyone to bring a dish to share.

The guest of honor each week will be the pastor of the week along with their family—a great way to get acquainted (and maybe even score a dinner invitation to one of our cottages the week they are there!) Dinner on the Chapel Grounds will conclude each week with Taizé music, a unique singing style performed by our own Assembly members and led by Clinton Bailey. Twilight Prayers, our short service of prayer and reflection, will begin at 7 p.m. this season in order for evening programming to begin earlier.

We are so excited about this new invitation to everyone in the Assembly! Come with family, bring a dish and share a twilight prayer. Check Mountain Voices each week to see what the main dish will be (I have seen the list and it is yummy!)

Many thanks to Claudia Haltom, Leslie Neely and Virginia Curry for making this dream come true and for all of the organizing and enthusiasm they have freely given to it. Please join us for Dinner on the Chapel Grounds this season!

*Frannie Smith,  
chair of the chapel committee*

## Prayers



Mrs. Starling Pressnell Davis, 98, of Columbia, Tenn., died Friday, March 18, 2022 in Nashville where she had made her home the last several years. Born on February 11, 1924, in Davidson County, she was the daughter of the late James Wayne Pressnell and the late Lottie Blocker Pressnell. Mrs. Davis was a graduate of Columbia Central High School Class of 1942 and attended Mary Baldwin College in Virginia. She married Winfred Jefferson Davis, Sr., who preceded her in death, in 1945. Mrs. Davis was one of the owners' of the Davis Group and member of Graymere Country Club, Columbia Garden Club, Volunteer Garden Club, several bridge clubs, the James K Polk Association, The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly and First United Methodist Church in Columbia.

Known by her family and friends as “Ma,” she was truly a Steel Magnolia. From the way she loved, to the way she made people laugh, Ma filled everyone’s cup. She made you feel at home if you knew her for one minute or a lifetime. Ma was quite a traveler. She often said Hong Kong was her absolute favorite place to visit. When she wasn’t traveling, she was taking care of her family with delicious southern, comfort food. No one could play “Boogie-woogie” quite like her. She made her piano rock. If you were lucky enough to know her, you were blessed to be loved by her.

Survivors include her daughter, Starling Davis (David) Clark of Nashville; granddaughters, Starling Davis Crabtree and Hayden Lash (Brent) Blane both of Nashville; great-grandchildren, Starling Marie Nowell and James Bowie Blane. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Winfred Jefferson Davis, Jr., We are grateful for her caregivers; Frances Burdette, Jan Norby, Tina Nguyen, Saba Berhanu, Bebeyou Kevede, Shelby Riddle. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to Alive Hospice 1718 Patterson Street in Nashville or Nashville Humane Society, 213 Oceola Avenue in Nashville.



# Prayers

Marie "Ree" Duncan Robinson died peacefully at home after a complication from an ongoing illness on March 11, 2022. She was 88.

A native Nashvillian, she attended Parmer Elementary School, followed by Ward-Belmont School. Upon Ward-Belmont's closure, she attended the newly established Harpeth Hall School her senior year and was a member of its first graduating class in 1952. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. After her Vanderbilt graduation, Ree's romance with Tom, her devoted husband of 64 years, blossomed, and they married at St. George's Episcopal Church in 1957.

Over the course of Tom's career with Xerox Corporation, the family lived in Rochester, NY; Dallas, DC; Palo Alto, CA; Palos Verdes, CA; and Pasadena, CA. Her membership in the Junior League was invaluable, leading to wonderful friendships in each city they called home. Upon Tom's retirement in the early '90s, they returned home to Nashville. A member of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee, Ree was active with the Nashville Town Committee and served as secretary of the state society.

Throughout her life from childhood through middle age, she could be found in Monteagle

Sunday School Assembly during the summer-time either staying in her great aunt's cottage, her mother's or eventually her own. With her family's frequent moves around the country, she valued the consistency the mountain home gave her children, allowing them to establish the same kinds of long-lasting friendships that she held so dear among her close circle of friends dating back to Parmer, Ward-Belmont and Harpeth Hall.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore Rousseau Duncan and Marie Goodpasture Duncan. In addition to her husband Tom, she is survived by her children: daughter Julia, of Nashville; son Kneel, of Salt Lake City; son Ted, of Eugene, OR; her brother Ted Duncan (Maggie), of Vero Beach, Fla., and three nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, founded by her cousin Dr. Garrett Adams, P.O. Box 112 Beersheba Springs, TN, 37305, or to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN, 37203

## Spring is Coming!

