



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## Kick Off January with Monthly Potluck

Who says there's nothing to do on the mountain in winter? A group of most- and all-timers have a monthly potluck supper that feeds the body and the soul. The January location is TBD but the date is January 4 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a side item to share that pairs well with barbeque (or just tastes good). If you don't hear about the location thru the grapevine, contact Kay Quinn at [kay@kayquinnfinancial.com](mailto:kay@kayquinnfinancial.com).

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## Thanks from the Outreach Committee!

Thank you all so much for supporting our annual Thanksgiving Drive. Your generosity resulted in a \$3,000 donation to the Morton Memorial Food Pantry! This will go a long way toward helping those in need on the mountain. I heard that recently that on a random Saturday, more than 300 families were served at the Food Pantry, so the need is clear. Thank you for doing exactly what God asks us to do: love our neighbors!

*God's Blessings,  
Mary Balfour Dunlap, Chair,  
Outreach Committee*



# Prayers



**Dr. Reid Langford Ballenger**, beloved husband, father, friend, and physician, died at home November 23, 2023, at the age of 92.

Born in Memphis on November 13, 1931, to Roy Langford Ballenger and Xalissa Harris Ballenger, he attended Pentecost Garrison School in Memphis, The Stony Brook School in New York, The Lawrenceville School and Culver Military Academy. He completed high school at Christian Brothers College in 1950, briefly attended Vanderbilt University but then enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served four years as a security analyst during the Korean War, eventually becoming supervisor over the traffic analysis of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Peter combined his undergraduate and medical studies at the University of Memphis, and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. After a successful internship and residency, he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and practiced medicine for 55 years and delivered thousands of babies in the Mid-

South. He was awarded the Gustav Adolph Michaelis Award from the University of Kiel in recognition of his service in introducing surgeons in Memphis to laparoscopy. He served as president of the Memphis and Shelby County OB/GYN Society, the Tennessee OB/GYN Society, and on the Medical Staff of Methodist Hospitals of Memphis. He served on the Board of Directors of Methodist Hospitals from 1983-1990, and as Chief of Staff from 1987-1990. During his tenure, he urged the Board to purchase the Germantown Community Hospital and expanded it to include a labor and delivery department. This became the Methodist LeBonheur Germantown Hospital. In 2006, Peter received the Living Award from the Methodist Health Care Foundation. Peter joined Memphis Obstetrics and Gynecological Association (MOGA) in 1999.

Peter was an associate professor with the University of Tennessee College of Medicine for over 35 years, teaching residents surgical procedures while performing surgery. He was one of the first doctors in Memphis to volunteer at Church Health, performed hundreds of surgeries free of charge during his 30 years of service

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## QUICK BITES

**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.

**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.

**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 Trustees for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15      February 28      June 10      July 31      September 30

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 Executive Director first.

## Dr. Reid Langford Ballenger

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and he actively recruited other doctors to volunteer. He received the Jefferson Award in 2006 for his work with Church Health. He retired in 2018 at 87 years old.

Peter loved airplanes from a young age and was an instrument-rated pilot. He gave generously of his time and often flew pastors and missionaries to meetings and conferences around the country. He set two airplane speed records. He was also a skilled woodworker,

making boxes, tables, and salmon boards and an avid golfer who hit a hole-in-one twice on Hole 16 at the Memphis Country Club. Peter loved animals and was a past president of the Memphis Humane Society and the Tennessee Humane Society, and a founder of the Animal Protection Association (later renamed Spay Memphis).

Peter enjoyed spending time with his family in the mountains of Tennessee at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, and he loved skiing in the mountains of Colorado. He was an avid fly fisherman and spent

many weekends with friends and family at the Rockbridge Rainbow Trout & Game Ranch.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Janet Bond Ballenger. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara Maury Ballenger; his two daughters, Fontaine Maury Ballenger and Brooke Bond Ballenger of Memphis; and his nieces.



## Have you Ordered Something to be Delivered to the Assembly on the Weekend?

We realize that many deliveries need to be made on the weekends when owners can be present. MSSA does not staff for weekend gate openings.

If you must have a delivery over the weekend, please contact the office by 3 p.m. Friday so we can make arrangements to have a gate open.



**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

## Holiday Trash Schedule

December 24-30 Pick up will be only on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>

December 31-January 6 Pick up will be only on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Merry  
Christmas*



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## LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE



#23 Edgeworth Inn  
\$1,675,000

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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!

