

THE GARDEN OF MEDITATION

Interment or scattering of cremains requires submission of a formal application, accompanied by a suggested donation for each placement. Arrangement with a funeral director for cremation is the responsibility of the deceased's representative. Although no markers are permitted in The Garth, a memorial plaque with engraved nameplates of the deceased is displayed in the church, as is a book of remembrance which provides a page for dedication to the deceased.

The Garth Application for Placement of Cremains detailing the policy, terms, conditions, application, and agreement are available at www.reveilleumc.org/garth. For more information, contact the pastoral administrative assistant at (804) 359-6041, ext. 114 or pastoraladmin@reveilleumc.org.



THE Garth

AT REVEILLE



A LIVING SYMBOL

"Garth" is an Old English word for "an enclosed yard." In the more modern usage it describes a cloistered garden of tranquility and beauty.

The Garth at Reveille is a living symbol representing all that is good in the life we share and celebrate as Christians. The joys of marriage, fellowship, and resurrection are expressed in these gardens. It is a spiritual backdrop for worship, meditation, and communion. Everyone is invited to explore the three garden areas of The Garth: the garden of covenant, the garden of meditation, and the garden of celebration.

"God is the first, the best, the essential, and the eternal gardener"
Norman Wirzba



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THE COMPLETION OF A DREAM

In 1951, two Methodist congregations joined to form a new church, acquiring the Reveille property on which to build the new Reveille Methodist Church. A master building plan was adopted that included an area designated as a garth, or cloistered garden.

Due to the financial demands of erecting the sanctuary and education building, the plan for a garth space between the two buildings was abandoned and seemingly forgotten.

In 1988, a small group formed to study the possibility of creating a modest garden setting for the placement of ashes or cremains, and to complete the dream of the original planners for a garth. The Garth concept was well-received by the congregation. It developed into a \$250,000 architectural project which was solely financed by individual contributions. On October 30, 1994, The Garth at Reveille was dedicated, free of debt.

Today, continuing operational funds are generated through memorial gifts, other individual contributions, and interment donations. Gifts are welcome and may be designated for specific plantings and features already established in the garden.



THREE GARDEN AREAS

You are invited to explore the three garden areas of The Garth:

The Garden of Covenant: The garden of the covenant, located near the double-door entry from the inside corridor, provides a lovely sanctuary for refreshments and fellowship before and after worship services, as well as a meeting place for small groups and other receptions.

The Garden of Celebration: The garden of celebration is located near the driveway entrance to The Garth. It is designed as an outdoor meeting space for larger groups. This area includes a raised dais for worship leaders or performers and adequate grassy space for up to 70 chairs.

The Garden of Meditation: The garden of meditation, located in the middle of The Garth, is a consecrated burial area for Reveille members and their families who select cremation as a final rite. The Garth administrative committee and the lead pastor are responsible for the burial policy.