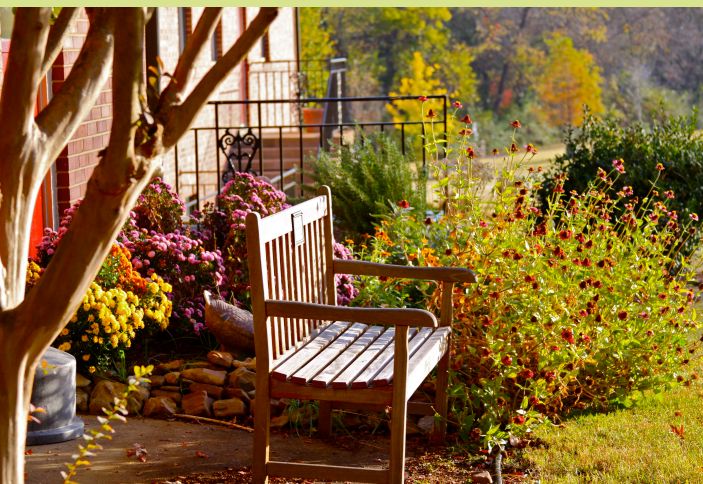
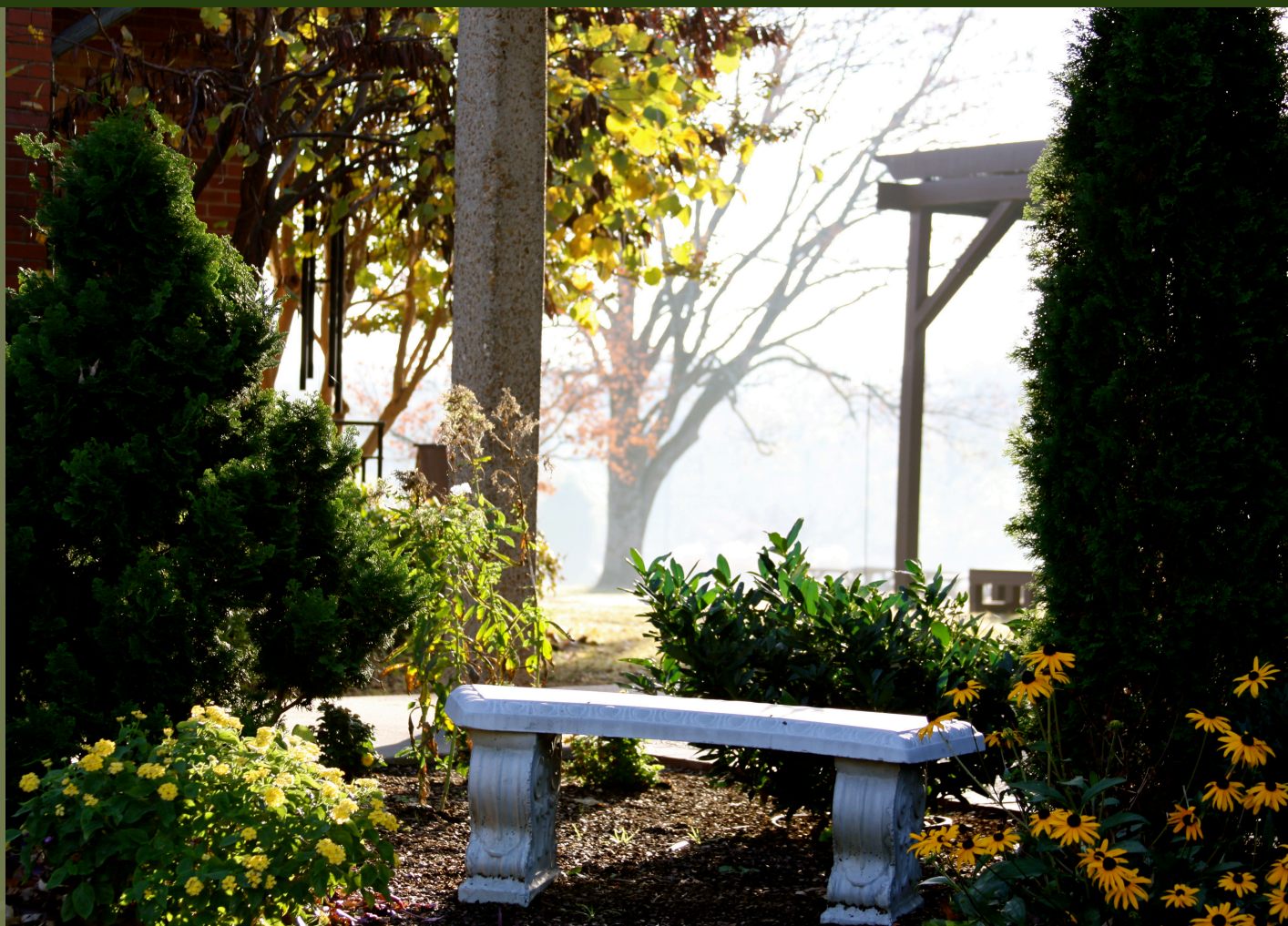


# WHAT IS THE OUTDOOR SANCTUARY

Like a garden the church speaks through all the cycles of life and all that they entail – birth, death, joy, sorrow, celebrating relationships with each other and with God. The outdoor sanctuary is an expanded and additional area for our church community to experience these cycles together. It is an outdoor space comprised of: a fellowship area, meditation garden, walkway from the sacristy to the narthex of the church, and a columbarium.



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# Why an outdoor sanctuary?

St. Bartholomew's has been greatly blessed with wonderful indoor facilities and beautiful grounds. Through the years we have made repairs and improvements to both the indoor and outdoor facilities but are still in need of additional space for fellowship on Sundays and various community and outreach events throughout the year. The outdoor sanctuary will provide a beautiful space for worship, fellowship, and other countless gatherings for our community.

The outdoor sanctuary will provide a facility that "facilitates" the changing needs of our congregation – spiritually, emotionally and physically. We have a unique opportunity to use not only our physical buildings to serve God, our congregation, and our neighbors but to use the outside area as well.

# Uses for an outdoor sanctuary

A more developed outdoor space will be used for fellowship, dinners, worship services, weddings, receptions, celebrations, anniversaries, as well as a space created for private meditation, prayer and smaller functions.

Specific examples include the Easter sunrise service and other smaller services such as weddings and funerals; Sunday morning coffee; Church-wide celebrations like the Corn Roast, Pig Roast and Pentecost; Newcomers' coffees and other mission events.



They heard the sound of God strolling in the garden  
*GENESIS, CH. 3, VS. 8*

# My part in the outdoor sanctuary

You will be provided opportunities to purchase engraved stone pavers. These stones may be in honor of friends, family, pets, Sunday school teachers, ministers and other significant people in your life. They may also commemorate special days such as birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms and weddings, as well as, meaningful ministries.

There will also be several large trees planted within the outdoor sanctuary. These may be purchased in honor or memory of a person or special event.

As money is raised from the sale of the pavers and trees, the facilities committee will in turn apply the funds toward the completion of the entire outdoor sanctuary. This will be done in phases as monies are raised.

