

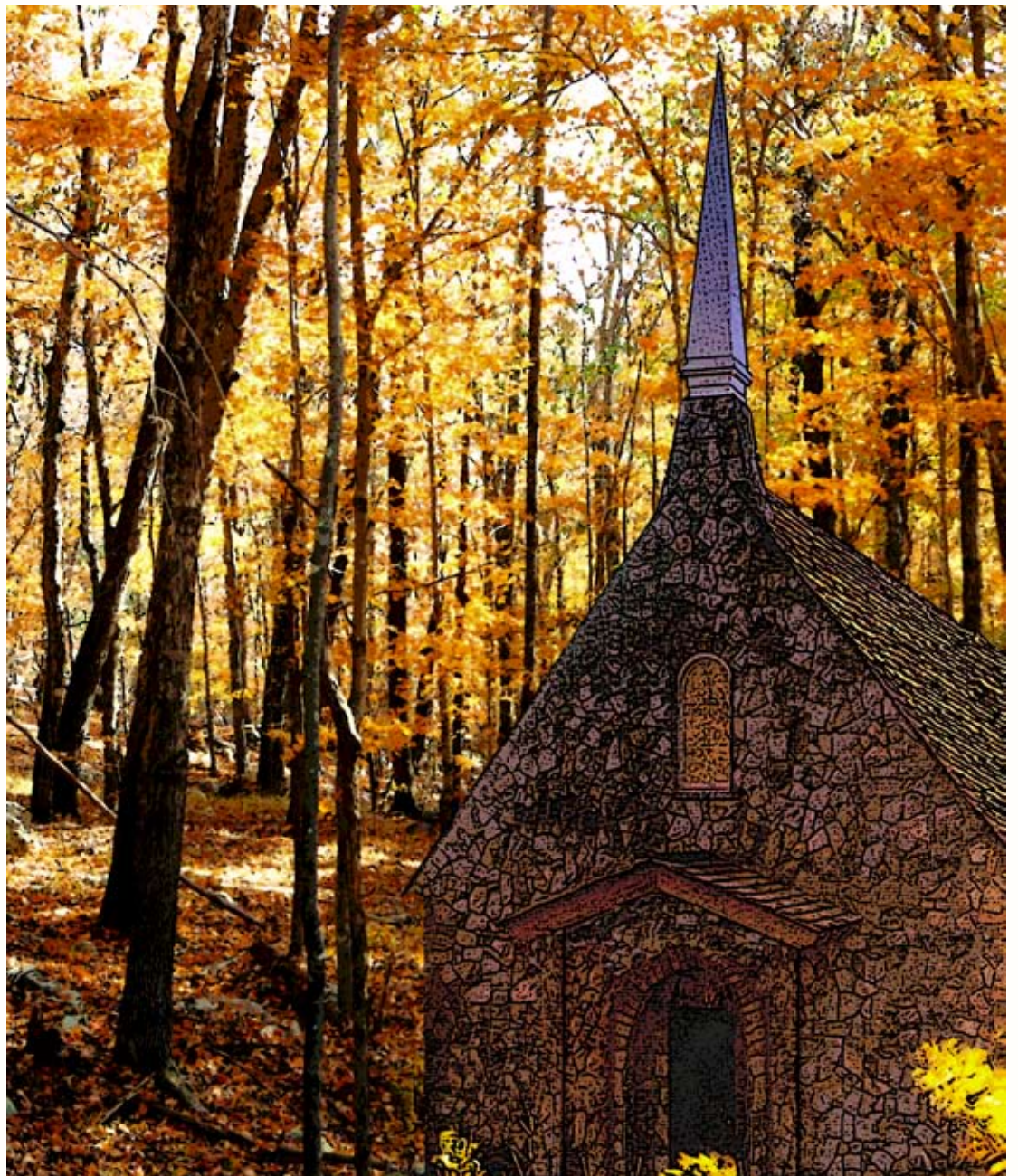
The Chapel at McMullen Cove

“On a clear day, you can see forever,” states Enfinger Steele Development’s slogan of one of Madison County’s newest planned residential communities, McMullen Cove. Plans call for the site to become the second-largest housing development in Madison’s history. According to Sandra Steele, President of Enfinger Steele Development, the master-planned community will include 1,004 homes among 16 neighborhoods nestled near the Hampton Cove development in southeastern Madison County.

As well as impressive amenities such as eight miles of walking trails, four lakes and more than 1,000 acres of untouched nature, plans for McMullen Cove include another unique feature – a chapel.

“McMullen Cove will be the first Enfinger Steele residential community with a chapel,” states Sandra Steele, who has served as president of the company since 1999. “We traveled around the southeast to see what other master planned communities might have to offer and had this beautiful image of a chapel on the hillside. We immediately decided that the chapel should be a part of our community. It fit so perfectly with the whole premise of our communities—balanced living.”

The chapel will be located along a mountainside overlooking the valley and will be the anchor of a small park, Sublett Pointe. “It will be accessed by an asphalt walking trail that will accommodate cars,” Steele explains. She hopes that the 12’ x 24’ non-denominational chapel will serve as a place of peace and spiritual renewal. It is intended to be informal and will largely be built from the same type of rock that is found naturally in the mountains. The chapel will have windows and doors, and will also include wooden benches built from hardwoods that have grown on the mountainside for decades. Steele also hopes to incorporate stained glass. “We hope that the chapel will provide yet another element of balance to the community,” she remarks. “It will be a place of quiet retrospective for our homeowners.”



The chapel at McMullen Cove, which is still in the development stages, is pictured here in an initial artist’s concept.

The chapel will be an amenity for homeowners within McMullen Cove. It will always be open for nonexclusive use, but the area will be closed after sundown. According to Steele, the chapel will be made available for exclusive use by reservations and a mountaintop pavilion will also be built for picnics and family gatherings.