



Junaluska Weekly

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Lake Junaluska Cross Marks 100 Years

Dedicated at an evening service 100 years ago on July 10, 1922, the Lake Junaluska Cross still shines through the darkness from a ridge overlooking the lake. Bill Lowry, author of "The Antechamber of Heaven: A History of Lake Junaluska Assembly," shared in "Stay Tuned: Junaluska Moments," that there is no way of knowing how many lives have been affected by its inspiration but that, for him, seeing the Cross at night "brings a special measure of peace." Enjoy the following excerpt about the history of the Cross from an article that Bill wrote for Discover Lake Junaluska magazine and visitor guide:

The Lake Junaluska Cross was the dream of H.R. McCrary. He felt that a lighted cross would be a symbol that God was doing something special at this place. McCrary enlisted the support of J.B. Ivey, who was president of the Wesley Bible Class Federation. On July 10, 1922, they dedicated the new Cross, constructed near Lambuth Inn on a hill overlooking the lake, and turned on its lights for the first time.

In the early days of Lake Junaluska, the Assembly was open in the spring and summer, and the lights of the Cross were turned on at night. However, there

were no activities and no services during the rest of the year. The earliest hotels had no heat, the cottages were not insulated or heated, and the auditorium didn't even have walls! When everything closed for the fall and winter seasons, all of the property's lights were turned off – including the lights of the Cross.

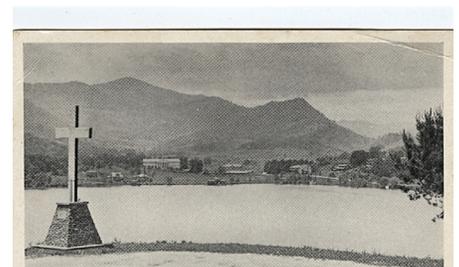
It never occurred to anyone to leave the lights on when the Assembly was closed. So, one fall, the leadership was surprised when crews from the Southern Railway, whose tracks ran along the south side of the lake, asked that the Cross's lights be turned back on.

The men told them that on dark and stormy nights, the lighted Cross reminded them of God, who watched over them and cared for them. As a result of their request, the lights were turned on at night all year long.

Today, the lights of the Cross shine day and night, and people still gather there for weddings, vespers, worship services and prayer. The Cross will continue to serve as a reminder of the deep love of our savior Jesus Christ and where individuals can gather to enjoy peaceful and majestic views of the surrounding mountains.



A 5-foot stone base supports the 25-foot high Cross, which contains approximately 200 energy-efficient light bulbs for illumination.



Vintage postcard courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center features the original Cross at the Assembly.



Lake Junaluska

Information & Hours for July 8-July 15, 2022

Lake Junaluska Outfitters



The pool offers complimentary access to Lake Junaluska lodging guests. Daily Activity Passes are \$10 per person per day and \$30 per immediate family per day (\$5 additional per person after 4 people), and include pool access, mini golf and shuffleboard/cornhole.

Hours for July 8-July 15

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily, weather permitting

The pool will close at 6 p.m. on Sun. for a private event
lakejunaluska.com/pool



Reservations for paddleboard, kayak and canoe rentals can be made online or in person at the Outfitters window. Rentals are \$10 per person for one hour (Off-Peak Hours); \$15 per person for one hour (1-5 p.m.)

Hours for July 8-July 15

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily
lakejunaluska.com/kayak

Lake Junaluska Golf Course



The golf course is 18 holes with a challenging par 68 making it perfect for tournaments or just a round with friends and family.

Hours for July 8-July 15

7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. & 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.
lakejunaluska.com/golf

Junaluska Gifts & Grounds



Shop for unique gifts and enjoy specialty lattes, coffee, smoothies, ice cream and more.

Hours for July 8-July 15

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Sat. & 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.
lakejunaluska.com/gifts-grounds

Crepe & Custard



Enjoy sweet and savory crepes and rich, creamy custard with a beautiful view overlooking the lake.

Hours for July 8-July 15

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily
crepeandcustard.com

Ride the Cherokee IV



The Cherokee IV lake cruises are one of the most enjoyable ways to learn the history of Lake Junaluska.

Our guided lake cruises are \$10 per person, \$5 ages 4-12 and under 3 free. Tickets can be purchased at ljrec.org, the Outfitters window or by cash only at the dock.

Hours for July 8-July 15

Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun. - 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

lakejunaluska.com/lake-cruises

Upcoming Events

July 10

Summer Worship Series
with the Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric
9 a.m. | Lakeside Tent

July 11

Morning Devotion
8:30 a.m. | Harrell Center Lakeside Porch

July 11

Developing A Social Covenant
with the Rev. David McEntire
9 a.m. | Harrell Center Room 201

July 11

Junaluska Woman's Club
Watermelon, Storytelling and Games Social
1 p.m. | Harrell Center Room 105

July 12

Lay Leadership Academy
with the Rev. David McEntire
9 a.m. | Harrell Center Room 201

July 12

Salamander Sleuths Workshop
10 a.m. | Corneille Bryan Native Garden

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Mixed Level Flow Yoga
6:30 p.m. | Inspiration Point | \$10

July 13

QiGong
5:30 p.m. | Lawn near Memorial Chapel | \$15

July 14

Gentle Yoga
10:30 a.m. | Inspiration Point | \$10

July 14

Bonfire
8 p.m. | Amphitheater | Free

The mission of Lake Junaluska is to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.