

Getaway

IN THE BACKYARD

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"Why would we go on vacation when we live here," asks Dawn and Mike Goodwin of Germantown. On their 1.8-acre lot they've created the perfect getaway and it doesn't require booking a plane ticket to get there.

After a backyard remodel, the family now enjoys perpetual good times outdoors. Cookouts, pool parties, Sunday breakfast or just a relaxing lounge on the hammock — this nature-loving setup leaves nobody wanting.

"We're out here every chance we get," says Mike.

"It's like a resort for us," adds Dawn. "Because of the seasonal changes in Memphis, we can be out there and feel

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like we're in North Carolina."

When they bought the home in 2000, they knew the backyard needed work, but the vision took five years to solidify. Utilizing Pat Mahoney, owner of Remisdele's Inc., they took on the project one step at a time. The yard sloped downward toward the house, making a new drainage system was necessary. On top of that, they were never satisfied with the one car garage setup, so they converted into a keeping room then extended the roof from there to build the patio and outdoor kitchen. Then they added a detached garage with a porteché. The final touch was a pool house.

"The main reason to have the outdoor kitchen is to be able to go on with your plans and cook at any time," Dawn says. "We do 85 to 90 percent of our cooking out here."