



HONORING GOD AT CHAPEL POINTE AND BEYOND

With mixed emotions, I write my final article for “Seasons” and complete my last months at Chapel Pointe before retirement in July. I knew when I began my journey here in December 2003 that it would not be a brief assignment from the Lord. As recently as a year ago, my standard answer to the question of retirement was that I would not be ready any time soon. But I am now at peace with moving on to the next chapter of my life, living in a retirement community near my family.

As I reflect on the past 19+ years, I think fondly of the initiatives that have come to fruition: new buildings, campuses, a café, Households, renovations, and computer software systems.

Often people think of the visible projects that define a leader’s accomplishments, but my only reward is seeing the positive impact of these projects on the residents and staff whom I serve. My greatest delight is to know that spaces are being used and appreciated and that we feel more at home with our family because of the changes.



2020 - Some of our COVID Heroes

People have asked me which challenges I would gladly walk away from. I hesitate to answer, but we all know that the COVID pandemic has caused us to function in a new normal that we do not like. That challenge is not a reason to retire. However, one of my prayers has been that we will soon be able to put behind us the fear of the pandemic and truly resume normalcy. Our desire to create home for residents has been overridden at times in the past few years by the mandate to keep everyone free from infection. I pray that I will see the end to that before I leave.

But facing a pandemic as a leader is a really good way to recognize that it is imperative to rely on the Lord for strength and wisdom.

Throughout almost 20 years, I have never lost confidence that the Chapel Pointe family is fully reliant on God and that He has guided our paths for over 75 years as we seek to honor Him in ministry.

As I think about leaving, I find it impossible to consider a future without thinking about the well-being of Chapel Pointe – it is a part of what I do daily. My relationships with staff and residents and the greater family have been precious and have sustained me during the challenges. I look forward to what my next steps will be as I continue to pray for the Chapel Pointe family. I am confident that God has chosen Kent Peachey to continue the journey, and I know that Kent will be a wonderful leader for this next chapter.



2007 - 1950s Malt Shop Event



2011 - Households Groundbreaking



2018 - Country Fair



INTRODUCING CHAPEL POINTE'S NEXT CEO

Chapel Pointe's next CEO, Kent Peachey, keeps Christ front-and-center as he leads the committed, talented staff at Chapel Pointe and serves approximately 200 residents who contribute much to the Chapel Pointe family.

"We can provide the best care, a happy and active retirement life, and a rewarding work environment for staff, but in the end, what good will that be if we don't also seek to meet individuals' spiritual needs?" Kent explained as he expressed his desire to demonstrate the love of Jesus to those around him.

Kent was born in Lancaster County and grew up on his family's dairy farm in Belleville, Pa. Kent accepted Jesus as his Savior at age 13. His leadership values – which include



Debbie and Kent in 2018

integrity, self-control, perseverance, humility, love, and mutual affection – stem from this relationship.

Kent has a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Juniata College. In 1993, Kent began his tenure in senior living, working as the Director of Finance at Valley View Retirement Community. In 2010, he began commuting to Chapel Pointe as the Director of Finance. In the best interest of his family, he returned to his previous position at Valley View in 2012. Four years later, Kent was promoted to CEO.

"I always missed being a part of Chapel Pointe and was very grateful when the Executive Director position opened, allowing me to return in 2018," Kent said. Kent is currently transitioning into the role of CEO, which will commence upon Debbie's retirement.

"I believe Chapel Pointe will remain strong in the future only by continuing to place our faith and trust in the Lord and seeking His will before we act," Kent said.

"Proverbs 3:5-6 says: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean



not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.' If we truly believe and follow that instruction, we will not avoid challenges and trials, but through it all, we will remain strong."

When Kent is not at Chapel Pointe, you'll find him reading, hiking, serving at church, or spending time with his wife of 32 years, Deb, and three adult children, Thad, Trevor (wife Abby), and Megan. Kent and Deb have been members of Christian & Missionary Alliance churches for 20+ years and currently minister at Carlisle Alliance Church.

FRIENDSHIPS LIFT THE BURDEN

Life is better when we're surrounded by great people. Moving to a new community comes with obstacles, but when neighbors welcome new residents with open hearts, they lighten the burden and quickly build treasured friendships.

The Cornerstone Manor residents have built quite the community. Whether attending a Bible study or prayer group, hosting a game night or social (including the pictured "change something about your appearance" event), or gathering in the lobby, these residents have cultivated a special connection.



PERSON-CENTERED CARE: ALWAYS THE RIGHT CHOICE

We can't control everything in life, but at Chapel Pointe, our staff work hard to give residents a choice in their care, clothing, meals, daily activities, and anything else that comes up throughout the day. Through this approach, our residents maintain independence and control; each resident is the driving force behind their care. This framework that lays the foundation of our mission is called person-centered care.

For many new employees, families, and residents, person-centered care is a new experience and requires changing the way we all think about care. This shift impacts all of us and has rewarding results.

As each year progresses to the next, I sit in awe of the bonds of friendship and family that form between staff and residents here at Chapel Pointe. Staff demonstrate their daily commitment to person-centered care by striving to offer

choices and providing encouraging and reassuring conversation.

Not too long ago, as we celebrated Christmas, we saw the staff and residents come together in the spirit of Christmas AND person-centered care. Christmas Spirit Week (pictured) - where staff and residents dressed in festive attire and participated in joyful activities - made laughter and positive sentiments ring loud and clear from the Households.

The positive energy that warmed a cold week was a true and uplifting nod to Chapel Pointe's strong foundation of friendship, person-centered care, and our faithful mission to love.

Pictured top - bottom: Staff and residents wore festive attire to match each day's theme. Residents chose their favorite Christmas songs for caroling. Everyone could attend a Christmas Eve candlelight service.

by Tawnya Walter, Administrator



TRANSITIONS OF LIFE

"For I know the plans I have for you . . . plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

We take comfort in this truth. Life has its challenges, but our hope is real. Life moves forward. We are always in a transition: we move to a new home, get a new job, have children (they eventually go off on their own), retire, and reframe our purpose in every stage of life. Eventually, we experience the joy and sadness of God's ultimate plan for those who believe: graduating to Heaven.

For the past 15 years, I have served at least 1,500 Christian and Missionary Alliance families. What a joy and privilege it is to help folks "put their house in order" (2 Kings 20:1). It is a joy to get to know each one, their families, their dreams, and their future hopes. Building these relationships is lovely, but our planning conversation is about what happens when we move into the next life, our ultimate "hope and future."

Each of these individual's earthly plans are executed in their homeward transition, achieving an excellent return for the eternal Kingdom. Their plans are designed to

bless lives here with us, like the Chapel Pointe family.

To my friends and faithful workers at Chapel Pointe, I sense joy and sadness on your behalf as you labor in love caring for those transitioning to the secure hope in Heaven. To you, I say, "well done, good and faithful servant," for you are touching lives and building your reward in the Kingdom. Together, as we transition through life, we rest in God's plan that we have "hope and a future." That promise brings strength and comfort.

If you need assistance designing your estate/legacy plan or devising a gift to Chapel Pointe, your church, or another ministry you love, don't hesitate to get in touch with me for help. Truly, your legacy gift gives others hope. My role is to assist you in whatever God calls you to do as you faithfully steward your life and resources to impact eternity. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or hooberc@orchardalliance.org.



by Clem Hooper, CPA, Gift and Estate Design Consultant, serving The Alliance Family



LOOKING BACK vs. LOOKING FORWARD

Leadership transitions can be a challenging act of looking back, but also looking forward, almost at the same time. Let me explain by way of illustration.

Chapel Pointe's location lends itself to the blessings and challenges of Interstate 81. It is a very busy thoroughfare. As I travel home each evening, I must take on the challenge of merging into very heavy traffic, with a very short acceleration ramp. If I am only looking forward, I will be rammed by the speeding northbound traffic. If I am only looking back, hoping for an opening, an impatient driver behind me on the ramp will start blowing their horn, or even worse.

This truly could be one of the most dangerous accesses on I-81. There have been many accidents at this particular location. The state has even erected yellow warning signs that declare, "No Merge Lane." It requires a tempered skill and a disciplined balancing act of quickly looking back and then looking forward about five times in a row.

Our spiritual journey can be somewhat similar. We often like to look back and consider God's faithfulness. In some respects, it would be very easy just to keep gazing into the past. Think of all the answers to prayer! Remember all the ways that He has provided. What a blessing those times of worship and praise were for the soul! We just want to reflect and bask in His presence.

Then someone startles us with the proverbial horn, or

worse, and yells, "Get Moving Already!" We suddenly realize that we have been sitting still in our spiritual journey for quite a long time.

We all need to start looking forward. God will give us new dreams and visions to fulfill by faith. However, we can also be tempted to just jump or lurch in, simply to do something. If we are not careful, we can crash very quickly. We have to develop the skills of looking back and looking forward almost simultaneously.

Here at Chapel Pointe, we could spend lots of time looking back over 20 years of God's faithful provision under Debbie Sprague's tenured leadership. Certainly, we all love to talk about "the good old days." Looking forward can be intimidating and frightening. Our new leader, Kent Peachey, has been nominated and elected by faith, for "such a time as this." Even though we know we should be walking by faith, faith steps can s-t-r-e-t-c-h us way beyond our comfort zone. It is always more comfortable just to gaze into the past and reminisce.

The Apostle Paul says it this way, *"Brothers and sisters ... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV)



by Pastor Steve Motter



AIDA HOVETTER CELEBRATED 105TH BIRTHDAY!

Anyone who has met Chapel Pointe resident Aida Hovetter may be surprised that she turned 105 on December 21, 2022. She's sharp as a whip, kind, and looks forward in life. When asked her secret to longevity Aida laughed, "I never really thought about it! I guess I've just always taken one day at a time and I never dwelled on age."

GODLY VALUES

LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR CULTURE

In the midst of great technological changes, political turmoil, financial uncertainty, regional conflicts, and various fears and stressors, it is good to know there is a God who is our fortress.

With all this noise around us, God wants those who believe to know that He is an ever-present help in trouble. He says, *“Be still, and know that I am God;...”* (Psalm 46).

I am thrilled to be part of an organization that has a foundation of Godly values in its service and ministry objectives. As we watch the baton being passed from our outgoing CEO to our incoming CEO, it is with a sense of peace. There is a calm and confidence with this transfer of leadership. Sure, there will be some changes, and that is to be expected. And yet, there is a continuity which yields to joyful expectation.

In my administration career at other communities, I experienced ownership changes and, unfortunately, was a part of a community moving from non-profit to for-profit status. I watched the negative impact on the culture. I thank the Lord that I am part of the Chapel Pointe organization now, where the Board and staff leadership put people first and honor God.

In a related fashion, I appreciate our partners who give regularly to our ministry of benevolence. I am so grateful for their hearts of compassion. Through the years, friends have been giving towards benevolence, and these resources have made a difference. To those who have given, “Thank You!”

If you would like to be part of God’s Hand of provision to those in need, you may write a check payable to “Chapel Pointe” and return the enclosed envelope to:

Attn. Jonathan L. Doty
Chapel Pointe
770 S. Hanover St.
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You also may donate at www.ChapelPointe.org/Donate.

Lastly, if you would like to honor our outgoing CEO, Debbie Sprague, consider using the enclosed envelope to make a gift to Chapel Pointe in her honor. See details on the back page of this publication.

by Jonathan L. Doty, Director of
Development & Outreach



HERO FOUND AFTER 6+ DECADES



Seventy-eight years after Chapel Pointe resident Marcy Seckman’s brother was shot out of the sky and presumed dead in World War II, the U.S. Military has recovered and identified the remains of her brother, First Lieutenant Carl Davis Nesbitt.

1st Lt Nesbitt went missing on May 29, 1944, during a bombing raid over Leipzig, Germany. The U.S. Army Air Force could not recover his body, and he was presumed dead by first-hand accounts.

Several years ago, the federal government obtained a DNA sample from Marcy since she was 1st Lt Nesbitt’s closest living relative. In 2022, the government contacted Marcy’s son, Greg Seckman, to give him the good news: DNA testing revealed that 1st Lt Nesbitt’s remains had been found! Marcy’s brother will be buried with full military honors on May 15, 2023, at Ft. Indiantown Gap. His nephew and Presbyterian minister, Greg, will officiate the service for the family.

For a family who accepted their hero’s fate many years ago but never had proof of his death, this news brings a comforting peace, a renewed sense of legacy, and immense pride for the lost soldier.

To read more about 1st Lt Nesbitt’s heroism, visit www.ChapelPointe.org/News-Events.

On January 11, 2023, the group pictured above gathered at Chapel Pointe to begin the process of properly memorializing 1st Lt Nesbitt. Pictured front row: Marcy Seckman holding a photograph of 1st Lt Nesbitt (inset). Back row (left-right) William “Shorty” Cox, Identifications, U.S. Army Casualty Office; Bob Fidler; Barb Fidler; Greg Seckman; and Major Daniel “Tyler” Brooks, U.S. Army War College.

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Jonathan L. Doty,
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Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

As you may be aware, Debbie Sprague is retiring on July 1, 2023, after faithfully serving as Chapel Pointe's Executive Director and CEO for nearly 20 years. During that time, she has shined the light of Christ, and Chapel Pointe's mission to reflect God's love by serving others and putting people first has grown.

Many people have asked what they can do for Debbie since Chapel Pointe policy does not allow staff to accept gifts from residents and family members. **In recognition of Debbie's desire to see Chapel Pointe serve many more generations, we invite you to give to the Benevolence Fund in her honor.**

To give this gift to her and Chapel Pointe, include your donation in the enclosed pink envelope or give online at www.ChapelPointe.org/Donate. Simply indicate that

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Whether you're praying for Debbie or making a meaningful gift to the ministry of benevolence, thank you for helping us to send Debbie off well and acknowledge her significant contribution to our Chapel Pointe family.

