



# SEASONS

## OUR HEROES EARNED BEST IN THE COUNTY!

Two years ago, our nation joined together to encourage front line workers of all types with “healthcare heroes” yard signs, clapping and cheering from the streets, donations of treats and goodies from the community, and more.

These days, our Chapel Pointe staff are every bit the same heroes they’ve always been, but without as much national and regional fanfare.

This summer, we were honored to shine the spotlight on our dedicated staff once again when the greater community voted for Chapel Pointe as the Best Place to Work in Cumberland County!

This was just one of six awards Chapel Pointe won in the 2022 Best of Cumberland County contest. We celebrated with a pizza party, by handing out t-shirts (to the

right, three Friendship Circle team members are pictured sporting their shirts), and surveying employees about what makes Chapel Pointe great. You can read some of their quotes throughout this issue.

We’ve been abundantly blessed at Chapel Pointe, and we’re honored that the local community recognizes our loving way of life and standard of excellence as traits that set us apart.

After all, a true hero doesn’t perform for his or her own self-interest. Our hope at Chapel Pointe is that the good we do points to the greatness of God, like Matthew 5:16 describes:

**“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”**



### VOTED THE BEST:

55+ Community  
In-Home Care Provider (Chapel Pointe at Home)  
Nursing Home Facility  
Place to Work

### VOTED THE FAVORITE:

Nonprofit  
Apartment/Townhome  
Community (Pointe Place)



by Debbie Sprague, CEO

“I’m valued for my skills, my personality, and experience. Chapel Pointe makes me feel like my voice is heard and valued.”

– Carla, LPN

“My supervisors listen to me. They encourage me and check in on me to make sure I’m okay.”

– Joy, RN

“Being respected and valued by our leadership team is a wonderful feeling. Having work/life balance is a blessing.”

– Christie, RNAC



**"I get to see my residents happy and joking around. I also have some great coworkers. I love working with my other CNAs. We all get along nicely, and they make [Chapel Pointe] an awesome place to work."**

**– Kayla, CNA**

**"It's an absolute joy to strive together toward the common goal of helping others. When you're working for something - or someone - greater than yourself, you gain a sense of purpose and you can do greater things than what you can accomplish on your own. Chapel Pointe is full of people on mission, which is infinitely more inspiring and exciting than working for yourself."**

**– Lindsay, Marketing**



The Pointe Place Townhomes are full! Residents have started a Bible study, pictured, and love to gather in the Community Center. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful space for residents to gather and join in fellowship.

Next door to Pointe Place, our very first Courtyard Apartments residents moved in! Ed and Bev Wible, pictured below, love their brand new, spacious home. As our largest independent living homes, the Courtyard Apartments are a great addition to Chapel Pointe, and the perfect option for those looking to join the Chapel Pointe family with less downsizing.

**"What I appreciate most about working at Chapel Pointe is the family feel. This is a place where everyone encourages each other to be their very best as well as truly caring about the residents as if they were their own family,"** said Tammi, Personal Care Administrator.



**"Chapel Pointe is the best place to work because the staff and residents here are so supportive and loving. ... My fellow staff and residents truly care and pray for each other. It is a family! That is something that is rare to find these days. Chapel Pointe has been such a blessing to me, and I am just thrilled to be a part of this great community!"** said Amy, Receptionist, pictured serving food during Celebrate Seniors Week.

When it comes to loving and encouraging one another, no one does it better than Chapel Pointe! Multiple residents like Kitty Forrest, pictured, write birthday and anniversary cards to residents and staff every year. Whether a card to say hello or to celebrate a special occasion, it brings a smile to the recipients' faces and makes them feel loved.



**"As I say to staff, family or people in the community, I choose to work at Chapel Pointe because I love their mission. I love the fact that we provide quality of care to the residents, and with culture change, I love that the residents have more choices to direct their own care. [There is a] family environment that is created from the staff, residents, and their families. I always say this is my second family in life. That is why I feel that Chapel Pointe is the best. We have a great team."**

**– Shanna, Restorative Care Coordinator**

**"Chapel Pointe puts residents first!"**

**– Nicole, LPN**



## 2ND GENERATION AT CHAPEL POINTE

Chapel Pointe has been home to several second-generation residents, including Glenn Ganoe. Decades ago, Glenn helped his parents look for a retirement community and they chose Chapel Pointe (then The Alliance Home) because of the good care, family atmosphere, and Christian and Missionary Alliance affiliation. His parents already knew some residents so moving was like a reunion.

After his father passed, his mother lived at Chapel Pointe another 16 years until she was 98 years old.

Glenn married Bonnie Johns in Lewistown, Pa., in 1964. Their daughter, Shannon Wilson, now lives in New Bern, NC. Glenn spent much of his career at Messiah University, mostly in development. Bonnie also worked

there as secretary for the president.

When Glenn and Bonnie were planning for their own retirement, they sought a community with leadership who looked to God for guidance. Glenn gives God the glory for their move to Chapel Pointe, "God made it happen for us."

Bonnie went to be with the Lord a little under two months after arrival. Glenn is still at Chapel Pointe, rejoicing in the Lord and enjoying the fellowship of others. He enjoys reading, walking, watching sports, and serving the greater community and at church.

*Pictured top to bottom: Glenn's parents, Bonnie and Glenn, and Glenn participating in a Chapel Pointe photo shoot.*

## 5 THINGS THAT SET CHAPEL POINTE APART

Just like each person has their own personality, each group of people has its own unique culture. Within the Chapel Pointe family, our culture unifies us and sets us apart from the crowd. Chapel Pointe is special because:

### 1. God's direction and provision provide a thread of continuity.

While I have seen other senior living communities stray from their original mission, Chapel Pointe's leadership believes in God's sovereignty and direction.

### 2. Many friends pray, and God listens to His praying people.

Those who intercede for us may not realize what a blessing it is to be on the receiving end of these prayers.

3. We have wonderful, talented, and caring employees. This publication highlights a few of our many dedicated team members.

They shine brightly because their everyday actions and attitudes demonstrate that they really care about the people they serve.

### 4. There is a personal touch in this community.

Sometimes as organizations grow, a special something gets lost in the shuffle, and the gap between leadership and the people they serve widens. As Chapel Pointe grows, our firm foundation on Christ helps us to keep people at the forefront of our mission. At the same time, we expect good financial decisions, as well. Our Godly mission calls us to be good stewards of everything, including our finances, people, and culture.

### 5. We experience the generosity of those who financially support Chapel Pointe.

We are more than a nonprofit; Chapel Pointe has a foundation of faith in action. Our

partners come alongside us with support. Sometimes this looks like Chapel Pointe becoming a beneficiary in someone's will. Other times, our wonderful partners contribute to our Benevolence Fund, which provides care and services for residents who otherwise could not afford them.

**If you believe in what we do, would you consider becoming a regular partner by financially supporting the ministry of benevolence?** I encourage you to be a vital part of the Chapel Pointe mission. You may write a check payable to "Chapel Pointe" and return the enclosed envelope to:

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by Jonathan L. Doty, Director of Development & Outreach





## POSITIVE WITH COVID?

When referring to COVID, being “negative” is actually a very big positive.

Testing positive for COVID means isolating and quarantining from the normal routines of life. Most of us are weary of talking about it, testing for it, and even experiencing the real life symptoms of fighting a virus. It can be very challenging to stay mentally and spiritually positive during this long siege.

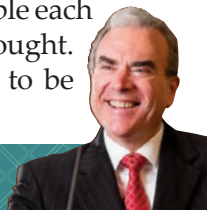
The Scriptures remind us, “Don’t grow weary in doing what is right...” (Galatians 6:9). Weariness can be contagious (Deuteronomy 20:8), and we need to encourage one another through this challenging time of life (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

People have offered countless opinions on how to cope with difficult and stressful situations. The Apostle Paul provides a model that has worked for many who have understood it. In Philippians 4:11, Paul says, “I have learned to be content in whatever the circumstances.” Paul goes on to reveal that he had experienced many highs and lows in his personal life. However, the real secret is being content in Christ Jesus.

### Ask yourself, “Am I content in Christ alone?”

I see this trait in our residents at Chapel Pointe. In particular, Martha Loy, (pictured above with me and doing an activity) who has lived at Chapel Pointe since 2016, has shown great resilience while facing a variety of difficult challenges. She could have been greatly discouraged and overwhelmed. However, she has maintained her focus on Christ and being content in whatever circumstances she has faced. Martha has remained steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

On a very practical note, she watches very little television but has mastered literally hundreds of 300-piece jigsaw puzzles that fit nicely on her bedside table. More importantly, she faithfully reads the Bible each day and meditates on a devotional thought. Thank you, Martha, for inspiring me to be content in the Lord Jesus Christ.



by Pastor Steve Motter

## AMAZING WORK/LIFE STRIDES

It’s fair to say that the world in which we live is not what we dreamed it would be three years ago. With all that our staff have overcome, we know that God has gifted us with deep motivation and drive. But as a God who exceeds expectations, He also has helped us to thrive and has provided beautiful moments that mark how far we’ve come.

I am in awe at the forward, positive progress that so many staff have made in their lives, despite everyday adversity during an unpredictable pandemic.

I think of one employee who started working at Chapel Pointe in the dietary department as a teen. A year later, she became a temporary nursing assistant in the households to support staff and residents on the front lines in the fight against COVID.

While working, she graduated from high school and began college coursework to become a registered nurse. She did not stop there. She has since achieved her Nurse Aide Certification, gotten married, and is in the process of buying a house.

There are dozens of team members’ stories like this. Our staff are more than caregivers, cleaners, cooks, fixers, listeners, prayer warriors, and professionals. They’re also students, children, parents, grandparents, volunteers, dreamers, and leaders who have made amazing strides in their lives during the past few years.

Their love, generosity, and fortitude set them apart and remind us of the blessings God has provided.

Pictured: (top): Staff on National Goofy Day, and (bottom) a resident and employee spend time on the patio.



by Tawnya Walter, Administrator

## JOY IN REFLECTION

At 67, I have found myself looking back over events in my life and asking, "What event brought me great joy?"

Charlotte, my red-headed, freckled six-year-old granddaughter, asked me, "Where is your mom?" I explained that she is in Heaven.

Of course, one question leads to another. "How did she get to Heaven?" Wonderful, I thought; the door kept opening, so I shared more about Jesus and what He did for us.

My discussion with Charlotte reminded me of when I talked with my daughter Alissa, Charlotte's mom. One afternoon, Alissa and I were waiting in the car for my wife to finish grocery shopping. Alissa, now 36, was then 4½ years old. She climbed onto my lap and asked me questions about Jesus and Heaven. When I felt Alissa understood at her level, I asked, "Do you want to receive Jesus into your heart?" She said yes, so joyfully, I led her in prayer.

Through these many years, Alissa has vibrantly followed the Lord.

But I always felt it inappropriate to reinforce that moment because she was so young. It was not until her 20s that I asked her when she accepted the Lord.

She said, "Dad! Don't you remember?" She went on to explain the occurrence that I just described.

Connecting that dot was a refreshing blessing. The privilege of leading my daughter (and, by the way, my mom) to the Lord are joyous events in my life worthy of praise to the Lord! One day, I may lead Charlotte to the Lord, although Alissa diligently teaches Jesus to her every night.

**In uncertain or trying times, look back and remember when God used you to touch someone at the right moment.**

Maybe you gave a helping hand, stopped and listened, poured out encouragement, or loved on someone, all of which may have changed a life. What you gave of yourself likely brought you more

joy than the gifts you have received from others.

Can we not be counted among the faithful servants in Hebrews 11? In the chapter, we see person after person whom the Bible describes using the words, "By faith."

"By faith Abraham ... was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10) And there lies our ultimate joy forever.

As we have an inheritance in this heavenly city, your greatest gift to your loved ones is your faith-filled life. But what do we do with what is leftover after our life? If you need assistance designing your estate/legacy plan or devising a gift to Chapel Pointe, your church, or another ministry you love, please get in touch with me for help. 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 may contact me at (717) 917-5309 or [hooberc@orchardalliance.org](mailto:hooberc@orchardalliance.org).



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

## 100 YEARS AND STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Resident Alden Lewis celebrated his 100th birthday with a party on July 24, 2022. He welcomes change and is excited by new technology. For much of his career, Alden worked as an engineer for the New York City Transit Authority. He married Eleanor Blanchard in 1949, and they had three sons: Glenn, Tim, and Gregg.

Alden retired in 1979. In 1984, the couple moved to North Carolina, enjoying a pleasant 17 years in the Blue Ridge Mountains. From there, they moved to Chapel Pointe, where Eleanor died in 2004 and where Alden still lives in his independent living apartment.

Alden knows he'll be here as long

as God has work for him, if only to cheer up those around him. He loves to crack a good joke: "Waiter, my donut is flat!" ... "Well sir, you said coffee and a donut, and step on it!"

*Pictured left to right: Alden as a child seated in front of his family, Alden with his sons, and Alden in his apartment.*



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work at it with all  
your heart, as working  
for the Lord, not for  
human masters, since  
you know that you will  
receive an inheritance  
from the Lord as a  
reward. It is the Lord  
Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

"Chapel Pointe has given me  
the courage to love everyone as  
I would my own family. ... The  
special moments are hearing  
stories of [residents' lives] and the  
way they lived. Everybody has  
a different story to tell, and we  
become like family, forming life-  
long bonds. Chapel Pointe has had  
a great impact on my life."

— Joshua,  
Personal Care  
Aide



Members of Chapel Pointe's Dietary team (top) and Maintenance team (bottom) show off their Best Place to Work t-shirts and pick up pizza during our celebratory pizza party.

"I came from a rough world of manufacturing. Here at Chapel Pointe, you can actually see the good effect you have on the residents. It is great to help them on a daily basis, and to see them smile, laugh, and enjoy life! ... I love working at Chapel Pointe," said Steve, Maintenance Supervisor.

We were thrilled to welcome the Carlisle Town Band back to Chapel Pointe following a multi-year pandemic break. We even heard employee Karen Jones, RN, play her flute in the band.

Even though staff are still working, events like this bring our residents and staff together for a fun evening. We handed out more than 100 root beer floats to the crowd watching from the tents, nearby patios, and even from indoors with their windows open.

The concert is a great example of our person-first care in action. "The person-first approach proves that our residents are always number one. Our staff and coworkers are all kind, caring, and loving!" said Amy, Director of Nursing.



"Everyone is nice and friendly, and makes me feel appreciated."

— Alexander, Information Systems Tech

"We honor Christ in our work, attitude, and words. We strive for excellence in our work responsibilities. We treat one another with respect and courtesy. We are more than coworkers, we are friends. When trials present themselves, we all pull together."

— Pam, Marketing/Admissions



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### *Direct Comments to:*

Jonathan L. Doty,  
Director of Development  
and Outreach

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