## Chapel Pointe

# SEASONS

...God did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons." Acts 14:17.

**FALL 2024** 

## 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Since opening on June 15, 1944, we have committed to serving, loving, and enhancing the lives of seniors. We celebrated and expressed gratitude for eight decades of blessings with a worship service (top picture) and donor dinner (bottom picture).





### HONORING THE PAST, EYE ON THE FUTURE

Chapel Pointe has always been a place where faith, compassion, and a commitment to meeting residents' needs have been at the forefront.

Over the past 80 years, visionary leaders have recognized that caring for the present means more than addressing the immediate needs of our residents; it also requires seeking input from all stakeholders and looking ahead, ensuring that the care and services provided today meet the evolving needs of tomorrow.

With that in mind, last fall we began developing a new master plan, starting with a market study to better understand the needs and preferences for senior living housing and services in our area. Following an analysis of this study, we engaged an experienced contractor, architect, and land development firm to help us create a vision for future development that integrates new housing options, desirable amenities, more parking and green space, and a welcoming environment, all while aligning with

the projected needs in our area.

As work on the master plan continues, we have identified an opportunity to add four personal care studios and one suite to our campus. These rooms would be built in current office suites in the Homestead, so many of our office staff would relocate to the building on our adjacent property (101 Noble Boulevard).

Expanding personal care would offer accommodations for the growing number of residents who desire to move there from independent living, skilled care, and the community. The additional revenue generated through personal care would financially prepare us to further expand our services in the future.

This potential project would be the first phase of a new master plan to care for current residents and the generations to come. It represents more than growth; it is a continuation of our 80-year legacy.

Stay tuned for future updates.



### **CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES**

I have always been cautious about using secular music to illustrate an important spiritual topic. However, there is a well-known secular song that potentially could be our theme song. So I date myself, but I grew

up as a teenager in the era and genre of Motown Music. It had a unique rhythm, appeal, and emotion that drew people into the song. Therefore, I have also heard many spiritual messages expressing deep concerns about the underlying motives of certain styles of music and the lifestyle choices of the performers.

Nothing compares to all the blessings that we have been shown and received day by day and year by year.

However, in most Christian circles, it appears to

"Many, LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is no one to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count."

Psalm 40:5

me that the world is a much bigger promoter of celebration. Unfortunately, the world's celebration involves self-gratifying indulgences of the carnal nature. The Apostle Paul states in 2 Corinthians 10:17, "The person who wishes to boast, should boast only about what the Lord has done."

In 1980, Kool and the Gang had an upbeat and unique song entitled "Celebrate." As a trombone player, I immediately noticed the catchy introduction and the screaming saxophones that truly make you feel like celebrating. The main theme of the song is just that "Celebrate Good Times, Come On!"

All that to say, I have argued for years that, as believers in Jesus Christ, we have all the reasons to truly celebrate. We have all the reasons to copyright all the "CELEBRATION" songs. We should sing and celebrate with exuberance of God's faithfulness.

So our celebration theme is ultimately boasting in the Lord. It involves us giving glory, praise, and honor to God for who He is and the good things He has done. Boasting in the Lord is not self-seeking or self-gratifying. Rather, it is centered and focused on the Lord God who deserves all our glory and praise.

The Chapel Pointe family is celebrating good times from the hand of the Lord. We have been the recipient of blessings upon blessings for 80 years. If we are boasting, we are boasting of God's goodness.

by Pastor Steve Motter





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Saturday, Oct. 19 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Enjoy our half-chicken dinners from 10 am - 1 pm.



Over the years, skilled nursing care has evolved, shaped by changes in medical practices, technology, regulations, and the unique needs of each resident. Nursing is an ever-changing field; however, our drive at Chapel Pointe is to ensure that our quality of care never wavers.

Carolyn (C), a current resident, started her nursing career at Chapel Pointe in 1969 and worked as a nursing aide for 26 years. Joyan (J), an LPN in Family Place, has worked at Chapel Pointe since 1986.

Through their eyes, we gain a vivid understanding of how skilled nursing at Chapel Pointe has both transformed and remained steadfast in its mission.

## What made/makes Chapel Pointe stand out as different from other communities?

**C:** Because we're a Christian setup, we honor the Lord and the people we take care of.

J: Chapel Pointe has always

been resident-centered; everyone becomes family here. I've only ever worked at Chapel Pointe!

### What was/is the greatest reward of working at Chapel Pointe?

**C:** I knew a lot of the people from churches, ministries, etc. Even though we said goodbye, we knew where they were going, and they did too. That was very encouraging.

**J:** Our staff. They're truly friends that become family. Seeing our residents happy and spending time with them.

### How did/has nursing care change(d) during your time at Chapel Pointe?

**C:** Chapel Pointe has grown so much and made a lot of changes. The Lord has been in it all. We will have challenges in the future, but the Lord will carry us through.

**J:** Technology created a big change; we're in front of the screen much more. The Household model has improved the staff-to-

resident ratio, and it is wonderful that residents all have their own rooms. Even with all the changes, both good and bad, that I have experienced, the care for our residents has not changed over the years.

### How did/do you see your team be the hands and feet of Christ?

**C:** I think it was the love. It was a challenging job; we had to be patient with residents, and we worked together when anyone needed help. We [the staff] still have that love today; I know they do.

**J:** Our team truly cares about the residents and each other, developing bonds and friendships. Staff will go above and beyond for our residents, spending time with families, laughing, and trying to create a home-like environment.

Pictured: (Left) Joyan with a resident after the transition to the Household model of care. (Right) Carolyn, in the center of the back row, at the nursing station with her team.

## CRAFTING A CHRISTIAN WILL

Planning a legacy with intentionality is an important part of healthy aging. For Christians, leaving a legacy is more than just bequeathing material possessions. Consider these biblical principles as you craft your will:

### Focus on stewardship.

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1), so manage the resources entrusted to you in a God-honoring way.

### How we give matters.

"... God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). It's not enough to give generously; give joyfully.

### Take care of your family.

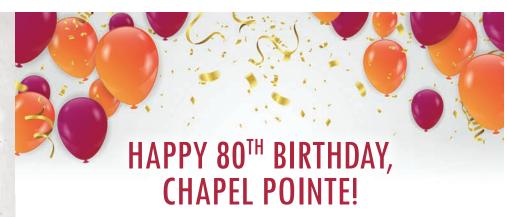
Proverbs 13:22 states, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous." This verse highlights both providing for your family and the equipping them to be wise stewards.

### Keep sharing the gospel.

Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Our impact on this world doesn't have to end. The plans we make now can spread the good news of Jesus after we're gone.

Learn more about this topic and many others by visiting our blog: www.chapelpointe.org/news-events





When I think about the thousands of residents who have lived here since 1944 and the staff who have labored for millions of hours, I am grateful and privileged to be part of this thriving community where love and nurture are still part of the culture.

Having the foundation of God's admonition to care for the "least of these," we have prioritized the right things. In a society prone to ageism, we value our residents and help them to continue living with purpose. My prayer is that God will keep sending us staff who will understand our mission, uphold our values, and truly love the people who live here.

As an organization, I have appreciated that we put people first. Even before transitioning to a household model of skilled care with a strategic culture change, we always considered "people" to be more important than "profit." It is comforting to know that resources continue to come back into the community for the benefit of our residents.

In addition, I am grateful that through the years we have had generous partners who have assisted us as an organization to be strong and who have helped us with the ministry of benevolence. There is something special when our friends choose us among the hundreds of thousands of charitable institutions. Thank you for believing in the work we do at Chapel Pointe!

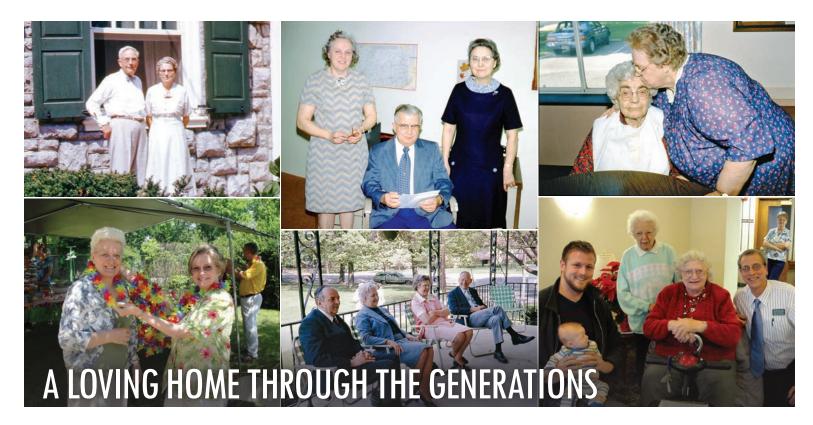
For those not currently involved, I encourage you to become a partner as we're celebrating our 80th birthday this year! Consider supporting Chapel Pointe on a regular basis or through a legacy gift in your will. Through the years, it truly has been a wonderful thing, a blessing, to witness the generosity of friends who have remembered our residents in need of benevolence regularly and through bequests. May God bless these resources for His glory.

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Pointe" and enclose it in the envelope provided. To donate online, visit www.chapelpointe.org/donate or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration!* 







Praise the Lord for what God continues to do at Chapel Pointe. Congratulations on 80 years of Godly service!

Eighty years is a beautiful milestone worthy of recognition and reflection. May the stories of God's people who have resided at Chapel Pointe be passed down to the generations. Psalm 145:4 says, "One generation commends your works to another. They tell of your mighty acts." Of course, this verse speaks of the works of God done for His Hebrew children. But such is true of God's works in our lives and God's organizations.

One significant blessing of Chapel Pointe is the wholesome acceptance of new residents and making them feel at home.

A story that has played out many times entails individuals coming to Chapel Pointe, moving from their home of many years to new surroundings, leaving loved ones and friends to be around people they may not know—a transition of uncertainty and stress.

It is in the first days of residency that the miracles happen. New deep friendships are born almost immediately.

As I have referred couples to Chapel Pointe, their testimonials share that their initial encounters with residents and caring staff are nothing short of God moving on their behalf. Many residents can reflect on Godly interventions that touched them with an immediate sense of being home.

I wish to celebrate with Chapel Pointe for the generations of being "home" to so many people and always bringing new residents into the family.

support the ministry "family" Chapel Pointe through role with my Orchard Alliance team. Our team supports Chapel Pointe's mission as we "equip God's stewards to do immeasurably more" by designing prayerfully crafted personal estate plans that bless loved ones and beloved organizations like Chapel Pointe.

If you need a review of your plan and documents, don't hesitate to get in touch with me for help. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or hooberc@orchardalliance.org.

Throughout the generations, God has blessed Chapel Pointe with residents, staff, leaders, volunteers, and families (a handful of whom are pictured above) who have recognized what God-glorifying senior living looks like and have strived to made it a reality.



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### PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN OUR 80TH YEAR

Alliance President Dr. John Stumbo could visit Chapel Pointe in April! Residents, staff, and visitors were all inspired by Dr. Stumbo's testimony and words of encouragement:

"I know that I am among sisters and brothers who have done incredible things for the Kingdom of Jesus for a very long time. And I know you wonder

We are grateful that The Christian and Missionary some days, 'Does anyone even remember?' ... God is not unjust, and He will not and has not forgotten your work!"

> Dr. Stumbo is pictured with retired missionaries and pastors (left) Linda McKelvey and Bev Rader, (middle) Keith Copeland, and (right) Don and Esther Weidemann.





