

# SEASONS

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

FALL 2025

## BUILDING A LEGACY OF FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

At Chapel Pointe, the heartbeat of our community has always been the people. Projects, programs, and new spaces are wonderful milestones, but I’ve found my greatest joy in developing relationships and seeing other relationships grow at Chapel Pointe. The people of this community have brought delight into my life.

Before joining Chapel Pointe, I worked in for-profit, long-term care communities where profits were the engine that drove everything, and people were a means to add dollars to the business equation. After doing this for a number of years, I knew something was missing. That “something” was a focus on people, specifically friendships and fellowship. By running long-term care like a factory, those companies missed the opportunity to have a lasting, positive impact on residents, employees, and family members.

Chapel Pointe has always chosen a different path. Since its founding, our leadership has looked to God for wisdom, which resulted in building a “person first” culture rooted in love.



*Jonathan at a Labor Day picnic.*

We build friendships, experience true fellowship, and serve as if we’re caring for our own family. Yes, tasks and fiscal responsibilities matter—but never at the expense of loving and serving people well.

Here, everyday tasks are transformed. Serving lunch becomes an opportunity to share life stories and reminisce about childhood. Visiting in the hospital opens doors to share the gospel and an encouraging word from Scripture. Taking a resident to the Carlisle Town Band concert inspires the resident to clap and sing for the first time since their recent stroke. Using humor to make a person laugh gives them the encouragement they need to take their next step in

therapy. Taking lawn care off of a husband’s chore list gives him the opportunity to serve his neighbors by planning socials for his whole apartment building.

I am so proud of Chapel Pointe as an organization and grateful for God’s guidance in shaping our culture. It’s why your partnership matters so deeply. When you give to Chapel Pointe, you’re not just funding a project—you’re investing in life-giving relationships, Christ-centered care, and a legacy of love that will impact generations to come.

**Would you prayerfully consider a gift today?** You may also choose to honor or remember someone special with your donation. Every gift makes a difference. To give, please use the enclosed envelope, visit [www.ChapelPointe.org/donate](http://www.ChapelPointe.org/donate), or scan the QR code below.

Together, we can ensure that Chapel Pointe continues to be a place where people are cherished and Christ’s love is lived out daily. **Thank you for being a partner in this mission!**





## WHEN MUSIC FILLS THE CAMPUS, COMMUNITY FOLLOWS

The Carlisle Town Band concert is a highlight of every summer at Chapel Pointe—and not just because concert-goers and the band get ice cream. This year's event once again brought together residents, staff, family, and friends for fellowship over music.

Attendees gathered under tents, on porches, in the lawn, and even in rooms with windows open to catch the melodies. "Events like this make living at Chapel Pointe so special. If we were on our own, we wouldn't have the opportunity to enjoy concerts and activities like these. Living here truly gives us experiences we wouldn't have anywhere else," said resident Anna Myers.

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- Anna Myers

The concert was more than just entertainment—it was an experience that stirred emotions and created connections. "I'm sure I wasn't the only person who got goosebumps watching veterans and their family members stand or raise hands while the band played the songs for each military branch," said Lindsay de Bien, Director of Marketing and Communication.

Staff also witnessed moments of joy and breakthrough. Tina Love, Social Worker, shared, "We weren't sure if Sam\* would like the concert because they couldn't communicate if they wanted to go, but we thought we'd give it a try because Sam has seemed to respond to music in the past. When the band starting playing the song where we all sang 'la la' with them, I looked over to see Sam clapping and mouthing 'la la' along with everyone else! That's the first time I've seen Sam engage that much."

For some, the concert stirred treasured memories. Resident Ruth Jarrett recalled:

"One summer 70+ years ago when I was about 5 or 6 years old, I was visiting my grandparents, the founders of Chapel Pointe, then known as The Alliance Home. I always liked to watch and follow my grandmother in her many duties. On that visit, she told me that she was

getting ready for The Carlisle Town Band that was coming that evening and would be playing on the front lawn. She also told me that after the concert my grandfather was going to serve ice cream to everyone, including the band. I could hardly believe that an entire band would come to my grandparents' lawn and play for everyone. But I was excited. I never heard of a band coming to anyone's lawn."

Ruth remembered residents and staff in chairs on the porch while the band performed on the lawn. "Periodically a lady who was with the band but not a band member would go to the microphone and recite ... poetry, which everyone except me seemed to enjoy. I was always glad when she was finished and there would be more music. I'm sure she was an asset to the band, just not appreciated by a little kid."

At the time, South Hanover Street was quiet and our campus looked out on fields and a dirt lane that has since become Noble Boulevard.

"I remember cars going by would stop and pull off the road and listen to the band. No one seemed to be in a big hurry to get somewhere," Ruth added. "Music by the Carlisle Town Band - and, of course, the ice cream treat afterwards - was a great way to spend a summer evening whether young or a senior and has become a tradition."

*\*name changed to protect privacy*



# HEALING, HUMOR, AND HOPE: LEE'S CHAPEL POINTE STORY



*Lee with Family Place staff*

After 369 days of recovery and rehabilitation in skilled nursing at Chapel Pointe, Lee Kolos finally crossed the threshold of the Family Place household and headed home to live with her daughter.

Her journey is a testament to the power of faith, relationships, and endurance.

When Lee arrived at Chapel Pointe in June 2024, she was completely incapacitated—bedbound, in unbearable pain, and fighting a spinal infection that had gone septic.

“I was scared to move to Chapel Pointe,” Lee admitted. “I had gotten used to the hospital staff and procedures, and I didn’t know what to expect at Chapel Pointe, so I was worried. ... By the time staff had helped me into bed, I already felt better. They were so welcoming and funny, and their humor put me at ease. It didn’t take me long to realize that I would be okay at Chapel Pointe.”

But Lee’s journey was far from easy. Her body needed time to heal and didn’t tolerate therapy right away. A resurgence of her infection put Lee on oxygen, and pain kept her bedbound, unable to even sit up.

“When I was really, really sick, I prayed to die,” Lee said through tears. “When that didn’t happen, I figured the good Lord had something left for me to do - and I wanted to be around for my grandchildren.”

So with an uplifted heart, renewed perspective, and two young grandchildren visiting once a week, Lee trudged onward.

Physical Therapist Melissa Agbayani started working with Lee in bed. Slowly, Lee built enough strength to sit, then to spend hours upright, then to stand.

“The great thing about Melissa was that it was obvious that

she cared. I think she was more excited when I accomplished things than I was,” said Lee.

Together, the two of them built up Lee’s core strength. Just before New Year’s, Lee took her first steps with a walker.

She eventually tried her former rollator walker. “I looked like a drunken sailor at first, but Melissa helped me to get a platform rollator that worked better for my needs, and oh boy could I zip around with that!”

By the time the weather was warming up, Lee was getting occupational therapy to train for specific tasks like stepping off a curb and getting in a car. She even regularly visited Chapel Pointe’s café to get her caffeine of choice: Diet Dr. Pepper.

While facing her own challenges, Lee kept in mind that God had a purpose for her. She gave back to her Chapel Pointe family by serving as resident council president and attending food committee meetings.

Lee loves art and partnered with Household Coordinator Julie Beecher to plan events. “I used to help her with any sort of artsy stuff, so we got close,” Lee said. Lee forged relationships with many staff. “They became friends rather than just caretakers. I think it was wonderful that they had a sense of humor because that makes things easier. They never made me feel like I was a burden to them. I hated that I couldn’t do things, and they would always say, ‘That’s our job; don’t worry about it.’”

Lee also loved playing the piano in Family Place. While she played from the hymnal, other residents would often sit and listen or sing along. She bonded over music with some, over Penn State and Notre Dame football with another, and over food and fresh air on the patio with another resident. All the while, she made connections that not only encouraged Lee but brightened the lives of those around her.

“I feel so lucky that I ended up at Chapel Pointe,” Lee said.

Now, living with her daughter and two young grandchildren, Lee continues to share her gifts—sending notes with hand-colored art, laughing through adventures with the little ones, and preparing for the day she’ll return to her own home and church family.

Her encouragement to others facing similar challenges? “Make use of the help you’re given, and be kind to the people helping you. Do what they tell you to do, and try to keep a positive outlook and a smile on your face.”



# THE BLESSING OF FRIENDSHIP

One of the challenges of moving to a retirement community, or any new neighborhood, is making new friends. We all feel most comfortable with our old-time friends, of years gone past. They know us. We know them. However, it can become so routine.



In the eleven years that I have been at Chapel Pointe, I have been s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d each day to develop new and meaningful friendships with residents and staff. I want to testify that I have been blessed and enriched by these experiences.

I continue to be intrigued by the unique blessing of meeting and developing new friendships with people from all walks of life. Developing new potential friendships challenges us to activate our people skills in fresh and creative ways. Certainly, we are called to move outside of our comfort zone. Not only do we have the privilege to be a part of a unique history lesson of someone's life, but also the opportunity to focus on someone besides ourself.

I'm so encouraged to see people care about another individual. Sometimes they have only known each other for a relatively short time. This care involves listening and remembering some new details of life experiences that we have never come across before. It deepens our proverbial well and causes us to mature far beyond our status quo.

The Bible says a lot about friendship. Here is a small sampling:

## Loyalty and Support

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for times of adversity." - Proverbs 17:17

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## Mutual Growth and Encouragement:

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." - Hebrews 10:24



by Pastor Steve Motter



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# WHERE DO FAITH AND FINANCE MEET?



Faith and finances come together in the heart of a Christ follower. Scripture reminds us that these two areas of life are inseparable. In 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, Paul writes: “You are not your own; you were bought at a price.” If our very lives belong to God, then everything we have belongs to Him as well.

Estate planning is one way this truth becomes practical. For believers, it is not just about passing along leftover assets. It is about faithful stewardship—deciding who will manage God’s provisions after He calls us home.

When we plan with faith, we are responding to God’s love and generosity toward us. He gave so that we might give. Our giving, whether during our lifetime or through our estate, continues His work on earth even after we are gone. Consider:

- He loved us, so we can love others.
- He gave sacrificially, so we can give generously.
- Our giving allows ministries like Chapel Pointe to continue serving and caring for people

well beyond our time here.

As a Gift and Estate Design Consultant, I often ask one simple but important question:

*Will you ask the Lord what to do with His provisions that are left over when you enter Heaven?*

I’ve seen many faith-filled answers to that question which vary in complexity:

- I will give 70% of my estate to ministries to build God’s Kingdom and 30% to my family.
- I will bless my children and the Lord’s work equally.
- I want my children to see God-driven generosity in my life, so I will give sacrificially during my life, using tax-wise tools like Qualified Charitable Distributions (which let me give to ministries from my IRA while providing a tax benefit by reducing my adjusted gross income). Then, my estate will go to my children.
- I will provide an inheritance

for my family from nontaxable assets, and also place all my still-to-be-taxed funds into a trust to pay my children for 20 years. At the trust’s end, I’ll leave the remaining funds to my beloved ministries.

Each plan looks different because of our varying life circumstances. Yet the question remains for each of us:

**What will you do with God’s leftover stuff when you graduate to heaven?**

Your prayers may lead you to strengthen an organization - like Chapel Pointe - that cared for you or your loved one, benefit your church family, and/or bless family and friends.

If you would like to talk or pray about your estate plan, I would be honored to walk alongside you. I serve Chapel Pointe through my work with Orchard Alliance, helping design estate plans where Faith and Finance meet. If you need a new plan or would like to review your current documents, please contact me at (717) 917-5309 or [hooberc@orchardalliance.org](mailto:hooberc@orchardalliance.org).



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Chapel Pointe at Carlisle is a continuing care retirement community of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Our mission is to provide comfortable retirement living and quality care and services for each resident within a secure, Christian, family-like environment.

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## WISH LIST ITEMS STILL NEEDED

- ☐ Activities, like **game prizes** (need 1).....\$100
- ☐ Activities, like **concert for all residents** (need 2).....\$500
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## A SWEET CELEBRATION: PERSONAL CARE EXPANDED

Every season has its purpose, and this one marks growth at Chapel Pointe. After months of careful planning and construction, we've opened four new Personal Care studios and a suite—already home to some new residents.

To celebrate and tour the new spaces, residents and staff attended a Grand Opening Ice Cream Social on August 28, where Kent Peachey, CEO, pointed our community to Scripture: "Ecclesiastes 3 tells us, 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.' We've all experienced the truth of that passage in

our own lives. It continues, 'a time to tear down and a time to build,' which perfectly describes the season we've just come through with this project. As we tore down offices, relocated them, built these new rooms, and navigated each phase of construction, there were many opportunities to worry. But Philippians 4:6 reminds us that we don't need to be anxious about anything—instead, we can bring every request to God and thank him for all he has done."

To read more about the Grand Opening, visit our blog at [www.chapelpointe.org/News-Events](http://www.chapelpointe.org/News-Events).