

# SEASONS

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

SPRING 2026

## BEHIND THE SCENES - SEEN BY GOD

When we think about impact, we often picture what is visible, such as a ribbon cutting, a full dining room, a worship service, a smiling family.

But Scripture reminds us that some of the most important work happens quietly.

In Matthew 6, Jesus speaks of the difference between doing good for God’s glory and doing it for our own glory. He reminds us:

**“Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”** (Matthew 6:4b)

This is a comforting and powerful truth. Nothing offered in love —

no prayer, no act of service, no faithful gift — goes unnoticed by God.

At Chapel Pointe, much of what sustains this community happens behind the scenes through acts that never make headlines, but they make ministry and care possible.

You may never see the full impact of your support. You may never meet the resident whose anxiety eased because spiritual care was present at just the right moment. You may never know the family who slept better because quality care was provided with excellence and compassion.

But God sees.

Our donors, staff, volunteers, and residents form a quiet network of faithfulness where each person plays a part in something larger than themselves. This is not for recognition but because Christ first loved us.

Thank you for being part of the unseen work that sustains Chapel Pointe. The visible ministry witnessed each day rests on a foundation of faithful hearts working quietly, steadily, and prayerfully behind the scenes.

*Nothing offered in love is ever wasted.*

And none of it goes unseen.



by Kent Peachey, CEO

**“Only two things will last forever — souls and the Word of God. Investments in these will become treasures in Heaven. We are the family of God and are happy and blessed to be able to contribute to the Benevolent Fund at Chapel Pointe. We seek to do our part to help our retired pastors, missionaries, and other seniors to retire in dignity and grace.”**

- Anonymous Resident Donors -





## THE POWER OF THE UNSEEN

Long after most of the building went quiet, the florescent lights shined on Lynn as she carefully sorted toys, making sure every child would wake up to something special on Christmas morning.

For several years, Toys for Tots has operated out of Chapel Pointe's Noble Boulevard building, where Chapel Pointe's administrative offices are now located. I had the opportunity to meet Lynn and learned that, as of 2026, she has been volunteering for 50 years with the Marine Toys for Tots program, which collects and distributes new toys so economically disadvantaged children experience hope and joy on Christmas. Lynn started volunteering as a military wife in Boston, and when she and her husband moved to the Carlisle area, they started the local Toys for Tots program. Decades later, she still works late into the night.

Her reason is simple: She never wants a child to go without joy on Christmas.

Watching Lynn, I began thinking

about the many people who serve faithfully behind the scenes at Chapel Pointe.

- The night-shift nurse aide who gently reassures a restless resident at 2 a.m.
- The laundry team member keeping a resident in fresh clothes.
- The insurance and billing staff ensuring every detail is handled with integrity.
- And so many more!

Many people will never be publicly recognized; yet without them, our community would not function.

The same can be said about our Board of Directors. Many staff and constituents don't know our board members, but these leaders make weighty decisions that protect the mission and future of Chapel Pointe. One such servant leader, Rev. Tim Keller, recently retired after serving most of the years between 2000 and 2025, including as Board President.

Reflecting on his service, he described God raising up leaders at Chapel Pointe "who were able to guide the ministry to financial strength and renewed clarity of mission."

He will miss "the camaraderie of the board members as well as seeing how consistently God provides for each need."

"Serving the Chapel Pointe community as part of the board was one of the highlights of my ministry life," Tim said.

There is another group whose names are rarely known.

### **Those who give.**

Many of our donors prefer anonymity. They give out of the goodness of their hearts simply because they believe in the mission and people who call Chapel Pointe home. Their generosity fuels our Benevolence Ministry, ensuring that residents who outlive their financial resources can continue living here with dignity, security, and grace.



Though we cannot share their names, we can share the hearts of these three resident donors:

“I give because I feel so blessed to be living here at Chapel Pointe. We are commanded in the Bible to give to God’s work, and Chapel Pointe is certainly doing God’s work.” *(full quote p. 7)*

“Only two things will last forever – souls and the Word of God. Investments in these will become treasures in Heaven.” *(full quote p. 1)*

“The Lord has blessed me financially, and ... I regard the money as the Lord’s, so any thanks should go to Him.” *(full quote p. 8)*

These are not gifts given for applause. They are acts of worship, expressions of gratitude, and quiet declarations of faith.

Scripture reminds us:

**“I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and will execute justice for the needy.”**

(Psalm 140:12)

Every unseen act—a late-night shift, a board meeting, an anonymous gift—tells a story.

It is the story of a community sustained by faith, strengthened by service, and held together by generosity.

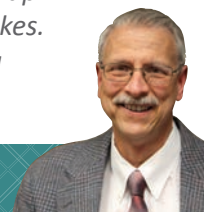
*And now, we invite you to be part of that story.*

**Will you consider partnering with us to ensure that Chapel Pointe continues to be a place where people can age with dignity, security, and hope?**

The most powerful work is often the work no one sees.

*Pictured above, left to right:*

- Lynn Elwell and Robert Kessler from Toys for Tots stand among the toys.
- Cheri and Rev. Tim Keller, Retired Board President, pause for a photo.
- SPY middle schoolers hand out cards on Valentine’s Day.
- Community members, like Associate Pastor Quinton De Beer, help us to see God at work locally.
- Household staff whip up “farm show” milkshakes.
- Staff complete spring cleaning.



by Jonathan L. Doty, Director of Development & Outreach

## FAITHFULNESS IN THE DETAILS

If you look closely, you’ll see faithfulness everywhere:



In a maintenance vehicle parked in the lot over the weekend.



In fresh linens folded in the basement laundry.



In a hairdresser’s chair where confidence is restored.



In sidewalk conversations.



In steady hands sweeping away every trace of dust bunnies.



In a scheduler’s calendar, carefully pieced together so no shift goes uncovered.



In clinical notes and finances recorded with precision to protect the vulnerable.



In dishes washed, meals prepared, scratches repaired, funds given, and quiet prayers whispered.

*God sees it all.*



*Pastor Steve helping at a Christmas party, prepared with visuals for Valentine's Day, and preaching on Ash Wednesday.*

## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE PASTOR

I am blessed to have the great joy of preparing daily devotionals and a host of sermons for the Chapel Pointe Family. I should call it my “daily delight.”

There is certainly a lot that happens behind the scenes before a spiritual message goes public and is televised. Some preachers choose to rely on published resources or official denominational orders to make sermon preparation easier and quicker. However, I have always chosen to create a message from proverbial “scratch,” which means focusing on personal prayer, study, reflection, and listening carefully to the Holy Spirit.

After 44 years of ministry, there is still a level of careful diligence that could be considered just plain hard work, especially when wrestling deeply with the Scriptural text.

### **SIMPLE BUT DEEP**

Recently, someone shared at the close of a service, “That was simple and clear, but deep.”

That would certainly be my goal.

Is it meaningful to our residents? Focused? Simple and clear? Easy to understand?

A little creativity can be a powerful learning tool to unlock deeper understanding. I am a visual learner, so I’m always looking for object lessons, visuals, and music to help residents remember a Scriptural principle. Donning a surprising outfit, pulling a wagon of roses, or carrying a tray of zucchini are all visual experiences that may make a connection that helps residents better understand their relationship with God.

In the larger context of services, I invest hours into preparing music and slides. I make song sheets and projection slides that are large enough for people with impaired vision to see. Even with extra-large print, no one ever asks me to make it smaller.

Our current residents really connect to the hymns and gospel

music they sang from 1950-1980. Therefore, I always feel like I’m stepping back in time to connect.

Those familiar melodies are anchors of memory, faith, and identity. When a resident who struggles to find words during the week can sing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” we see God at work.

Behind the scenes, I am not simply preparing a message. It is my daily delight to help our residents grow in their relationship with God, praying that something simple and clear will sustain them.

Thankfully, God is faithful to give me something new and fresh each day. And I still hear the loving challenge: “Keep it SIMPLE and CLEAR, preacher!”

When, by God’s grace, that simplicity helps steady a heart, awaken a memory, or strengthen a soul, then all that quiet, unseen preparation has been more than worthwhile.



# HIDDEN PATRONS: QUIET FAITHFULNESS CHANGES HISTORY

Organizations like Chapel Pointe exist because of those who care deeply about people and about God's work across generations. As we move through life's later chapters, community, encouragement, and faithful care matter deeply. In God-purposed organizations, there are those who provide the means so that love and dignity flourish. These are the "hidden patrons." They give generously, offer wise direction, create an atmosphere of hope, and stand guard to keep the organization anchored to its mission.

Many of you have heard of English evangelist George Whitefield. Did you know that he preached Jesus to 80% of the American colonists in the years before the American Revolution?! God's use of Whitefield's preaching to the fabric and belief of this young nation is incalculable. It would frame the nation and its founding documents.

But did you know about Lady Huntingdon? She was a widow at age 39 with four young children and a vast estate to care for. Lady Huntingdon came to the realization to use her nobility for Jesus. She cited Galatians 2:2 where Paul met with the

**"Let us not become weary  
in doing good,  
for at the proper time  
we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up."**

*Galatians 6:9*

esteemed leaders in Jerusalem, privately presenting the Gospel. Therefore, she proposed to invite the prominent politicians, lords, and ladies to her home for George Whitefield to present the Gospel. This was the beginning of their long partnership.

With her patronage of George Whitefield, she was behind the scenes building the foundation of a flourishing church in England. Places and workers to preach the Gospel were found or built. Her tireless work of supporting Whitefield transformed two countries.

You may feel that your role is behind the scenes, but history reminds us that unseen faithfulness shapes generations. What Lady Huntingdon was to Whitefield, many of you are to the ministry of Chapel Pointe.

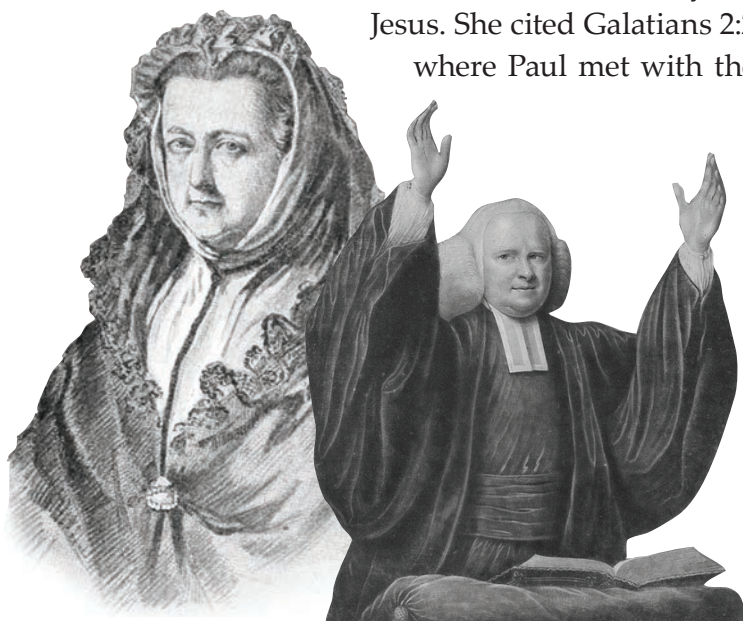
Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement sustain the daily ministry of Chapel Pointe, strengthening staff, uplifting residents, and keeping Christ-centered love at the heart.

Through my role with Orchard Alliance, I can help you align your estate plans with your faith. Where Faith and Finance Meet, your legacy continues the work God has placed on your heart.

If you would like to review your will or explore ways to support ministries like Chapel Pointe in your planning, I would be honored to speak with you. Please contact me at (717) 917-5309 or [hooberc@orchardalliance.org](mailto:hooberc@orchardalliance.org).

***Let's turn quiet stewardship today into lasting impact for tomorrow.***

*Pictured: Artists' renderings of Lady Huntingdon and George Whitefield (Public Domain)*



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"I give because I feel so blessed to be living here at Chapel Pointe. We are commanded in the Bible to give to God's work, and Chapel Pointe is certainly doing God's work.

Also, where we give our money is a reflection of our hearts, and our hearts should reflect mercy to those in need. The Benevolence Fund is God's blessing to many residents who need some financial assistance. I believe that my faith-believing giving to this Fund is an act of worship. I know my donations are being used wisely by the leadership of Chapel Pointe."

- Anonymous Resident Donor -



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Give using the enclosed envelope, visit [www.ChapelPointe.org/donate](http://www.ChapelPointe.org/donate), or scan the QR code.

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Every gift makes a difference in the lives of our residents. In addition to giving toward benevolence, you can see firsthand the experiences and enhancements your generosity makes possible by giving toward our Wish List. Your gift will be applied to the area you choose (Activities or Upgrades), making a direct impact on residents' lives while giving Chapel Pointe the flexibility to meet current needs, like scheduling an extra concert or saving for Chapel enhancements! Please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website to donate. Together, we can create joy that lasts a lifetime.

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- Activities, like **game prizes** (need 2).....\$100
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**I realize there are those who have given their lives to the Lord’s ministry, not setting up a comfortable retirement. I love to share some of my Lord’s blessings with them! I regard the money as the Lord’s, so any thanks should go to Him.”**

**- Anonymous Resident Donor -**

## The Work You May Never See

Long before a snowy sunrise, a building services team member salts the walkways so caregivers—some of whom catch rides to work in leadership team members’ snowstorm-proof trucks—can arrive safely and ensure residents awaken to a warm greeting.

Much of what sustains Chapel Pointe happens behind the scenes; as does the generosity that makes it possible.

Our Benevolence Ministry ensures that residents who outlive their financial resources can continue living here with dignity and security. This promise to our residents depends on faithful partners, like you.

*When you give, you preserve dignity, honor a lifetime of service, and reflect the heart of Christ.*

**Will you consider making a gift today?**

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