



SEASONS

RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE

When we started running the COVID race, we laced up our sneakers for a casual jog. Little did we know, the starting gun signaled the beginning of a new type of competition, an ultra-trail race riddled with team obstacles, individual feats of strength, elevations rivaling the world's highest peaks, and (just to keep it interesting) a surprise mid-race triathlon requiring a wetsuit and road bike. We wish we could see the finish line, but we have no idea how many miles stretch ahead.

So we take another sip of water and keep running toward the prize.

As we look back over the obstacles we've overcome, our confidence speaks up: "You did it once; you can do it again."

Our fans cheer: "We're here for you."

Our training kicks in: "You prepared for this, keep it up."

Our hope prevails: "You're running for something so much bigger than yourself!"

The COVID race is not fun. But as we run, we see the strength, faithfulness, preparation, and hope of Christ persevere.

At Chapel Pointe, as we've sought to love others the way Christ loves, we've discovered that God has been preparing us with hearts ready to serve, minds that think creatively, and a focus on each individual

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NIV)



person's needs and desires.

When we push aside our exhaustion, we see the hands and feet of Christ:

- Kitchen staff who call an apartment resident to remind her that her favorite side dish is on the menu and see if she wants to order extra for her freezer.
- Household staff encouraging residents to come out of their rooms by hosting a socially-distanced pizza party and

catching residents on their way to meals for themed photo shoots (like the Olympics, pictured).

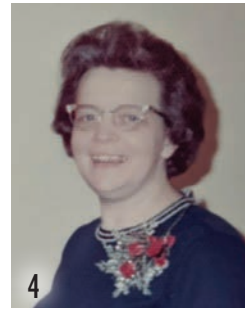
- A nurse who whips out a needle and thread to ensure a resident can keep wearing her favorite dress.
- Housekeeping staff who smile as they tackle the never-ending trail of salt dragged in on the soles of hundreds of winter boots.
- A maintenance team member who jumps in to move furniture without being asked.
- Activities employees touching base with every single resident during the day by walking room to room with treats.
- Therapy professionals overheard saying, "I want to see you back to your normal self. Let's see what we can do to work together and get there."
- Leaders who work extra hours to cover shifts and make sure their staff and residents have what they need.

Out of Christ's abundant love that flows through us, we're determined in this race to *stay strong* and *finish strong*.

Thank you for all the times you've cheered us on and laced up your own sneakers to run alongside us!



Impacting Lives at Chapel Pointe



A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, LOVE, AND COMPASSION

I deeply admired longtime Chapel Pointe resident and leader Dorothy Hostetter because of her commitment to serve people. On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at age 95, Dorothy passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus. She left behind a lovely example for the rest of us.

Rev. Joel W. McGarvey once paid tribute to Dorothy: *"Her only motives are love and compassion for people."**

After working as a rural Bible teacher, graduating from Nyack College and serving for 14½ years in the Eastern District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Dorothy began a whole new ministry at the Alliance Home (now Chapel Pointe) in 1971.

Administrator Rev. Joel W. McGarvey invited her to the Alliance Home, where she served as the Director of Activities for a short time. In 1974, she passed the written and oral examination to be a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and was appointed Assistant Administrator of the Alliance Home.*

In 1992, she retired and moved into an apartment as a retiree. In retirement, she continued to compassionately serve others in times of need, volunteered to support missions work, and wrote a history of Chapel Pointe in her book, "If These Walls Could Talk."

On Nov. 17, 2015, Dr. Michael G. Scales, then-

President of Nyack College, presented Dorothy a Life Achievement Award. It said, "With appreciation for your gift of storytelling and chronicling a narrative of Nyack's precious people. We applaud your extraordinary service and commitment to your alma mater and to The Christian and Missionary Alliance."

As a member of the Chapel Pointe family, she started well, she persevered, she fought the good fight, she pressed on, and she finished strong in her obvious love for God and for people.

When asked what was important for young people entering into this field, Dorothy said, "You need to like people." Dorothy exemplified this quality in her 51 years at Chapel Pointe.

Over many years, the Chapel Pointe family - led by servants like Dorothy - has built a loving culture and excellent reputation. Like the example Dorothy left for us, may we each continue to pursue our God-directed mission of compassionately caring for and serving people in need.

*Content borrowed from "If These Walls Could Talk" by Dorothy Hostetter. ©2014 Published by America Star Books, LLLP

by Jonathan L. Doty, Director
of Development & Outreach





Kathy McNew: Retired After 40 Years

Dates of service: 2/21/81 – 12/31/21

(Plus a few years in the 1970s)

Throughout the years, so many of our staff have worked behind the scenes to bring excellent service to our people. Kathy McNew was such a person. Whatever needed to be done, she just did it.

Work was more “like fun,” she said of her role in the kitchen. When she started her career at Chapel Pointe, Kathy liked the fast pace. In her later years, she said that “the pace now is catching up” to her. Anyone observing Kathy on her last day would not have guessed that the pace was a challenge. She efficiently carried out her tasks with a smile and with a loving care that grew deeply over a 40-year career.

Kathy is pictured: 1. On her last day of work. 2. Receiving her 40 years of service award in December with (left to right) Jonathan Doty, Logan Conklin, Cindy Paloskey, Kimberly Nace, and Joshua Dye. 3. Third from the left around 1990 (between two employees who still work at Chapel Pointe, Dawn Carey and Bonnie Greak). 4. In the old dining room.

In February we celebrated 22 employees who reached milestone years of service (5-year increments), including 6 people with 20+ years of service. We're grateful for our dedicated team!

On page 2, Dorothy Hostetter is pictured: 1. In the Households in the 2010s. 2. With residents while helping to lead Chapel Pointe. 3. With staff in 1989. 4. At Christmastime in 1972. 5. Volunteering with the stamp ministry in 2013.

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A Loving Way of Life

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FINISHING WELL

We place a lot of emphasis on a good start. Our son and daughter were both high school track athletes. It was very important to get a good start to win the race. I can still picture them getting into the starting blocks and listening to the announcer declare, "Get on your mark. Get set. Go!" The crack of a gun set it all in motion. It was an exhilarating moment.

However, I have come to realize that it is not only important to have a good start, but it is much more important how we finish the race. In spiritual terms, I have watched many individuals have a brilliant and flashy start, but a disastrous finish. Regardless of how our lives have started, may we strive to finish well in Christ Jesus.

We all have favorite Bible people that we appreciate and admire. Some are quite popular and well known for their spiritual attributes and conquests. I have always admired two unique individuals who were well along in years and not necessarily popular, but very inspirational when we consider their story. They are Simeon and Anna. They were single individuals focused on meeting Jesus. (Luke 2:22-38)

I appreciate them because of their example of finishing strong. Even though they were close to the end of their lives, they were still looking forward with anticipation. Simeon was righteous, devout, and Spirit-filled. The Spirit of the Lord was on him, in him, and moved him. He was not going to die until he saw the Messiah. We read and imagine this great fulfillment of worship, adoration, and prayer. Simeon moved, spoke with an anointing and gave a prophetic blessing. Joseph and Mary were amazed.

Anna was also looking up with thanks to God. She was worshipping, fasting, and praying. She talked about Jesus to everyone who was waiting for the Promised One. Joseph and Mary would never forget meeting these individuals in the temple. Simeon and Anna were not just coasting across the proverbial finish line. They were fully engaged and possibly operating even in the prime of their spiritual life.

As you and I continue to age, we too, should be striving to finish the race of life, strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 2 Timothy 4:7, the Apostle Paul declared, *"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith..."*

by Pastor Steve Motter



Activities in the Households.

STRIVING TOWARD VICTORY

In each of our daily lives, we encounter challenges or obstacles in our way. As we live through these trials and tribulations, we always seem to find a finish line.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am not an athletic person. Even though I don't run for fun, I do view my life challenges as a mental race to the finish line. Planning, focusing, and striving to finish the race motivate me personally and spiritually when I encounter challenges.

Sometimes we are more successful than others. However, within failure, we find life lessons. With striving, we learn about our ability to persevere. With success, we discover how much dedication we have to each cause.

During overwhelming times, such as the COVID pandemic, I also try to recall past moments of victory. Both individually and as a Chapel Pointe community, we can find strength in pointing to God's blessings and our subsequent successes. The perseverance in solving problems, the diligence to stay focused on the Lord during our trials, and moreover the endurance we have all developed over such a long time speaks volumes. The past two years have taught us many life lessons.

A recent message I found wise and supportive said: *"Be the person He finds faithful. Keep believing, keep praying, keep obeying, and stay the course because He is leading you in the path of victory!"*

It is through these lessons and victories that I pray you all find peace in God.

by Tawnya Walter, Administrator



KEEPING A GODLY PERSPECTIVE

My wife, Mary Ann, was first diagnosed with Lupus around 40 years ago. Many times, it has been a very difficult road with seasons of pain and lost expectations.

Although Lupus is now long gone, its destructive effects continue including being diabetic and an amputee. That is a long time to endure or just to hang in there!

We thank the Lord for God's people who have offered many prayers, given many hugs, shed gallons of tears, and provided countless meals.

One special passage for us is 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Turmoil, trouble, trials – we all have them in varying degrees. When Mary Ann is going through a season of intense pain, a dialog of appeal to God goes up. "Why, God, must it be this way!? Why do I have to struggle so?!" All this conversation while praise and worship music plays on.

How we view things is of utmost importance to how we live here and now! How can we stay strong when circumstances seem difficult and unending (like a pandemic)?



If Mary Ann's view was simply temporal in our lowly mortal bodies, then disappointment would overtake her into discouragement or despair and even depression. But as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

And earlier in his letter, Paul writes about the struggles he was enduring that were "far beyond our ability to endure so that we despaired of life itself." But he says, "This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God." (2 Corinthians 1:8-9, NIV)

Thankfully, Mary Ann's focus is on the eternal with the hope of

immortality with Jesus. God's grace can be trusted; He does have a plan; He sees and knows everything that we are going through; and He calls us to be ready when He wants to take us home. Our view of these troubles is to be but momentary. Eternal glory awaits.

My role is to help God's people impact the eternal as we design their last act on earth, which is their intentions as stated in their Wills. We can use what we have leftover from this life to prayerfully touch our loved ones and touch those we don't know who may need a Godly blessing. Our plans can have a lasting impact long after we are home in Heaven.

If you need any assistance in designing your estate/legacy plan or devising a gift to Chapel Pointe, your church, or another ministry you love, please reach out to me for help. My role is to assist you in whatever God is calling you to do in these important areas of stewardship. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or email me a hooberc@orchardalliance.org.

by Clem Hooper, CPA,
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*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
- 2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)*

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THANK YOU FOR STAYING STRONG!

The last two years with COVID-19 have taken a toll on our nation. More specifically, it challenged us as an organization. For obvious reasons, the crisis confronted us financially and operationally. Employees had to deal with unexpected changes. Tasks were taken away and new roles added. Residents coped with periods of isolation. While we valued our person-centered culture, new regulations forced us to incorporate practices from the “medical model” of care from which we had intentionally diverged.

This description is not meant to portray everything in a negative light, but to actually show something about the people here at Chapel Pointe:

We have persevered with the help of God!

Perseverance is persistence in doing something despite the difficulty. I think we can all agree that we have had difficult times and yet individuals have stepped up to the plate to take on the challenges.

One example of this is YOU, our contributors. I am thankful for our friends who have stuck with us in their giving. Even though COVID-19 presented challenges,

our contributors stepped up to the plate by generously donating to the cause of benevolence.

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