

Pastor Rodney L. Parsley

OVERVIEW: Rod Parsley began what became his life's work as the 19-year-old leader of a backyard Bible study in the 1970s. More than 40 years later, the multi-faceted Christian ministry he has built impacts lives around the world from its headquarters on Gender Road near Canal Winchester, Ohio, a Columbus suburb.

Pastor Parsley fulfills many roles within America's Christian community. He is an evangelist who is highly sought after as a crusade and conference speaker; a best-selling author of more than 50 books and study guides; a popular television host whose broadcast is seen six days a week in nearly every nation of the world; and a statesman who interprets the culture to the Church and articulates the concerns of the Church to the culture.

Each of those roles is influenced by his faithful calling to another role, that of Pastor. All of Rod Parsley's endeavors are unified by his passion to share Jesus Christ through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel, so people may experience a fuller understanding of the truth of God's Word as revealed in the Bible.

MINISTRIES: **WORLD HARVEST CHURCH, Founder and Senior Pastor**
In 1977, Rod Parsley began a Bible study in his back yard; 17 people attended the first meeting. Today, the ministry's headquarters and Columbus church campus encompasses half a million square feet under one roof and more than 200 acres of land. The ministry of World Harvest Church powerfully affects more than 10,000 people each week through its worship services at three physical locations in central Ohio. Additionally, thousands more watch the church's Sunday and Wednesday services on the Internet at www.iharv.tv.

The church's first facility was built in 1979, when it was known as Word of Life Fellowship. In 1986, the church broke ground on 57 acres on Gender Road north of Canal Winchester to build what now includes a 5,200-seat sanctuary, children's and youth ministry facilities, classrooms and administrative offices. In 2002, the church completed construction of a 133,000-square-foot facility known as the Ministry Activities Center. This multi-purpose facility includes a full-service cafeteria capable of feeding more than 1,000 people at once, conference rooms for up to 3,000, a regulation college basketball court, two regulation junior-high basketball courts, a track/soccer/football facility with artificial turf and one of only three handicapped-accessible playgrounds in the Columbus area.

In 2008 improvements to the ministry facilities included a \$4 million state-of-the-art television studio and Jack Johnson Field, the \$1.8 million outdoor athletic facility. Classrooms and offices for Valor Christian College were moved to the church property in 2011.

BRIDGE OF HOPE, Chief Executive Officer

Bridge of Hope, the humanitarian outreach of World Harvest Church, brings hope to the hopeless around the world by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the television broadcast “Breakthrough” and providing life-sustaining food, medical supplies and other essentials. Under Pastor Parsley’s direction, Bridge of Hope has been responsible for delivering millions of pounds of food, medical supplies and other emergency relief to those suffering from poverty and natural disasters.

Pastor Parsley has been particularly touched by the tragic plight of the African nation of Sudan and its people, and focused Bridge of Hope’s efforts there years before Sudan became part of America’s popular consciousness. His work with federal legislative leaders on this act was instrumental in the passage of the Sudan Peace Act in 2002. In addition, Bridge of Hope has been the catalyst in freeing more than 31,000 Sudanese Christian slaves since 1999, and has provided millions of pounds of food, medical supplies and emergency relief to help ease their suffering. Most recently, Bridge of Hope dug wells in several Sudanese villages, providing safe opportunities for residents to obtain life-sustaining fresh water.

Bridge of Hope has also helped provide millions of pounds of food to hard-working families in cities across America, including nearly 3 million pounds of relief to the devastated victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the fall of 2005. Bridge of Hope also has conducted humanitarian outreaches across America and in the African nation of Sudan, Guatemala and Haiti – before and after the earthquake of January 2010. The organization brought relief to victims of tornadoes in Alabama and flooding in Mississippi in 2011, and in 2012 has been involved in compassion projects in the Horn of Africa and in Haiti – the latter confronting the epidemic of human trafficking in that island nation. In 2013 Bridge of Hope responded with food, water and cleaning supplies to devastating tornadoes that landed near Moore, Okla.

THE CENTER FOR MORAL CLARITY, Founder and President

The Center for Moral Clarity, launched in July 2004, is a non-partisan Christian grassroots advocacy organization focusing on issues of life, faith, marriage, family, religious liberties, social justice and citizenship. CMC seeks to affect change in our nation by mobilizing Christians to civic action. CMC provides tools and resources to equip everyone from ministers to individuals to be a voice and a force for moral issues.

Pastor Parsley's advocacy for a national law to end the practice of partial-birth abortion led to his founding of CMC. While in Washington at the invitation of President George W. Bush to witness the signing of that bill, he was inspired to form CMC to inform and equip a new generation of civically active Christians. CMC also has been notably active in the efforts nationally to preserve the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman, to fund ethically acceptable medical research and to persuade federal officials to enforce existing laws aimed at thwarting the burgeoning illegal human trafficking industry.

Through the platform CMC provides him, Pastor Parsley has appeared in numerous media outlets. They include: ABC's "World News Tonight" and "Nightline," CNN's "Larry King Live," NBC's "Today" and "Tom Brokaw Reports," the CBS Morning News, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and its Sunday magazine, *Los Angeles Times*, Reuters, CNN Sunday Morning, CNBC's "The Dennis Miller Show," MSNBC, FOX News, *TIME* magazine, *Newsweek*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *The New Yorker*, Trinity Broadcasting Network, Daystar, Christian Broadcasting Network, *Christianity Today* magazine, *Charisma & Christian Life* magazine, Bott Radio Network, ION Television, The Inspiration Network, *Ministries Today* magazine, Point of View Radio, Salem Radio Network News, USA Radio, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Dayton Daily News*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Washington Times* and *Washington Weekly*.

BREAKTHROUGH, Chief Executive Officer

Breakthrough is World Harvest Church's worldwide media ministry. Its centerpiece is a daily television show Pastor Parsley hosts and serves as executive producer. The program is dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God around the world through preaching, Bible-teaching and interview programs.

Breakthrough reaches a potential viewing audience of 97 percent of the homes in the United States, 78 percent of homes in Canada and nearly every nation of the world. Shows are taped in a state-of-the-art high-definition studio on the World Harvest Church campus that is one of the region's best-equipped such facilities.

Breakthrough is carried on more than 1,400 stations and cable affiliates, including the Trinity Broadcasting Network; The WORD Network; CTN; and Daystar. The program is also available online at www.rodparsley.com.

The Breakthrough Prayer Center is “an altar for the nations.” It is staffed with prayer partners who minister to hurting people from around the world.

THE WOMEN’S CLINIC OF COLUMBUS, Founder

Created out of a determination to be a solution to the problem of unintended pregnancies rather than only a critic of abortion, Pastor Parsley took the initiative to start a pro-life women’s clinic, located on East Main Street, across the street from a Planned Parenthood facility where abortions are performed. The clinic offers free pregnancy tests, free ultrasound exams, parenting classes and educational services to minister to the whole person – body, soul and spirit.

WORLD HARVEST MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE, Founder

The World Harvest Ministerial Alliance is a worldwide network of senior pastors and other ministers who consider Rod Parsley their pastor and mentor. Since its inception in 1997, the fellowship has grown to more than 2,000 members in 42 nations and all 50 states.

VALOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, President and Founder

In 1990, Pastor Parsley launched what would become Valor Christian College (VCC) as a Bible-training institute for central Ohio adults. It has grown in both size and reputation, and has become a nationally known ministry training center, attracting men and women from across the nation and around the world to Columbus for an intensive training program in practical ministry. VCC graduates are leaders in churches and Christian ministries in many states and nations, as well as in a wide variety of secular positions.

In July 2009 VCC was accredited by the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools to offer associate of applied science degrees in pastoral and church Leadership, evangelism, missions, and music ministries. Since the initial accreditation, three associate of applied science degree programs have been developed – in media ministry, youth ministry and advanced leadership. VCC also offers a one-year Diploma of Arts in Ministry program that prepares students to move into ministry in just nine months. An External Studies Program offers many of the college’s classes as correspondence courses for distance-learning students.

VCC is authorized by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students and approved for the training of eligible veterans under the GI Bill education benefits, Title 38, U.S. Code.

HARVEST PREPARATORY SCHOOL, President and Founder

In 1986, Pastor Parsley launched a Christian school as an outgrowth of World Harvest Church. Today Harvest Preparatory School (HPS) brings distinctive, Christian, private education to the Columbus area. Harvest Prep develops students academically, spiritually, emotionally, morally, socially and physically.

The school offers a top-notch curriculum taught through the lens of a Christian worldview. Students achieve these goals through distinctive academics, challenging sports programs and exciting extracurricular opportunities with a Christian emphasis. HPS students come from several central Ohio school districts and dozens of area churches. HPS students are able to put their passion for Christianity into practice through various outreach programs, where they are given the opportunity to fill the needs of others.

Harvest Prep is a state-chartered school for students in preschool through 12th grade. Its facilities include computer and science labs, four gymnasiums, a cafeteria/banquet hall, an outdoor football/soccer/track facility, two libraries and resource areas for teachers and students.

The overwhelming majority of HPS graduates continue their education in colleges and universities. Standardized test scores often exceed scores earned by students in surrounding suburban school districts.

WORLD HARVEST CHURCH ELKHART, Founder and Senior Pastor

In September 2013 Pastor Parsley began a new congregation in Elkhart, Indiana, meeting at the Grand Horizon Center. This fast-growing congregation has quickly become a force for the Gospel in northern Indiana.

SPEAKING: Pastor Parsley is in great demand as a speaker in churches across America and around the world. In addition to his ministry leadership responsibilities, he regularly travels more than 100 nights per year preaching at revival meetings, conferences, partner meetings and other special services from coast to coast and internationally.

WRITING: Pastor Parsley is the author of more than 50 books and study guides. He is especially noted for his trilogy of books that call the Church to moral action: *Still Silent No More*, a manifesto for the “values voter” movement; *Culturally Incorrect*, a New York Times best seller, and *Living on Our Heads*. His latest book is the third in a trilogy that calls the Church back to the basics of the Word of God. Entitled, *The Finale: One World... One Ruler... One Reign...*, mysteries of the Book of Revelation explained, this end-time book explains the perilous times that we live in and gives the blessed hope that we will soon see our Lord and Savior as He comes back again to fulfill Bible prophesy and be King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Other titles include the devotional *Everyday Matters* that he wrote with his wife Joni, *Ancient Wells – Living Water*, *Could It Be?*, *He Came First*, *On the Brink*, *No Dry Season* and *No More Crumbs*. Other publications include *the Breakthrough Legacy Bible*, *God’s Got You Covered*, *God’s End-Time Calendar*, *Divine Encounters*, *At the Cross*, *Don’t Look Now* and *Repairers of the Breach*.

COMMUNITY: Since graduating from Pickerington High School in 1975, Pastor Parsley has contributed significantly to the central Ohio community. For more than 30 years his ministry has played an important role in central Ohio’s economic advancement. Three major events held at World Harvest Church – Dominion Camp Meeting, Raise the Standard Pastors’ and Church Workers’ Conference and Reformation Generation youth conference – as well as smaller partner meetings generate substantial hospitality-industry revenue for the area.

Under the direction of Pastor Parsley, thousands of trained volunteers of World Harvest Church’s outreach ministries also regularly distribute food and clothing to the homeless; provide an inner-city bus ministry and minister on the streets of Columbus through community clean-up campaigns, children’s programs and shelter programs. In addition, they minister in prisons, youth detention centers and nursing homes.

In addition, Pastor Parsley makes World Harvest Church’s facilities available to the Pickerington Local School District for functions including high-school graduations and beginning-of-school teacher meetings.

EDUCATION: Bachelor’s degree in arts and religion from Ohio Christian University, Circleville, Ohio.

Doctoral degree in humanities from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.

PERSONAL: Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 13, 1957, Pastor Parsley’s family roots are in eastern Kentucky. He was raised primarily in central Ohio and is a 1975

graduate of Pickerington High School.

Married to the former Joni K. Askoff, October 11, 1986.

The Parsleys are parents of Ashton Blaire, born May 7, 1989, and Austin Chandler, born July 11, 1991.