

# THE CROSS by Rod Parsley

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In more than 35 years of public ministry, Pastor Rod Parsley has launched countless ministry initiatives. Here is information about the most prominent of those ministries that are currently operating:

### **WORLD HARVEST CHURCH, Founder & 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 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. Additionally, thousands more watch the church's Sunday services on the Internet at [www.rodparsley.com](http://www.rodparsley.com).

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 people, 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 state-of-the-art high definition television studio and Jack Johnson Field, the 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 issue played a key role in the passage of the Sudan Peace Act in 2002. In addition, Bridge of Hope has been the catalyst in freeing more than 35,000 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.

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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 around the world in such nations as Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, 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 Haiti – the latter confronting the epidemic of human trafficking in that island nation. Most recently, Bridge of Hope responded to the devastating tornado in Moore, Okla.

### **BREAKTHROUGH, Chief Executive Officer**

Breakthrough is World Harvest Church's worldwide media ministry. Its centerpiece is "Breakthrough", a daily television broadcast Pastor Parsley hosts and executive produces. 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. Breakthrough is taped in a state-of-the-art high-definition studio on the World Harvest Church campus.

Breakthrough is carried on television stations and cable affiliates across the nation and around the world, including Daystar, the Trinity Broadcasting Network; The WORD Network; CTN; Cornerstone Television Network; Angel One Network, Golden Eagle Broadcasting, and local stations in 26 states. The program is also available online at [www.rodparsley.com](http://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 CENTER FOR MORAL CLARITY, Founder & 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 by encouraging Christian leadership and by educating and mobilizing Christians to civic action. CMC provides smartly written commentary on the moral issues of the day through the lens of a thoroughly biblical worldview, designed to equip ministers and 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.

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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*.

### **THE WOMEN'S CLINIC OF COLUMBUS, Founder & President**

Created out of a determination to not only work to end legal abortion, but also to solve the problem of unintended pregnancies, Pastor Parsley started a pro-life women's clinic, located on East Main Street in Columbus, 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. In a little more than five years of operation, the clinic has documented more than 3,000 instances in which clients chose life over abortion.

### **VALOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, Founder & President**

In 1990, Pastor Parsley launched what would become Valor Christian College (VCC) as a Bible-training institute for central Ohio adults. It has become a nationally recognized 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. Its vision is a seamless blend of impartation, education and application.

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, additional degree programs have been developed in communications and media, youth ministry, children's ministry, advanced leadership and organizational management and 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. Daytime and evening classes are offered on the Columbus campus and additional classes are available online.

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### **HARVEST PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Founder & President**

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 biblical 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 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. WHMA provides ministry credentials for its members and helps to equip and serve the pastors of local churches with a variety of programs and ministry resources. Since its inception in 1997, the fellowship has grown to more than 2,000 members in 42 nations and all 50 states.

### **METRO HARVEST CHURCH, Founder**

Metro Harvest was begun to offer “help for today and hope for tomorrow” to residents of the inner city of Columbus. In addition to evangelistic crusades, initiatives include computer classes, job-skills classes, drug and alcohol recovery workshops, GED-preparation sessions, home discipleship classes and food and clothing giveaways. A team from Metro Harvest has held teaching services at Marion Correctional Institution, a medium-security state prison, since 2008.

### **LATIN HARVEST CHURCH, Founder**

Latin Harvest, launched in October 2005, as an outreach of World Harvest Church, ministering to the Hispanic community in Columbus. The Latin Harvest congregation functions autonomously and also supports the larger ministry activities of World Harvest Church.