



Dr. Roger Parrott's **THREE DECADES** *of Leadership*

I have never been more energized about the future of our University. While the campus is focused on the 4,500 students currently enrolled and the opportunities ahead, this 30th year milestone as Belhaven's president is an appropriate time to look back and reflect on all God has done.

We cannot measure the most critical work of Belhaven – students' lives equipped, energized, and transformed

by God. But an overview of advances and resources the LORD has provided is a visible demonstration of His work across the campus.

God has graced Belhaven University with opportunities far beyond our wildest dreams: 17 new buildings or major renovations, 25 new undergraduate academic programs, 16 new master's degrees, 3 new doctoral-level programs, 7 new sports at the NCAA DIII level, thousands and

thousands of graduates, and more good memories than we could ever count this side of heaven.

As you study the following pages, I pray that you'll be filled with thankfulness for all the LORD has done through students, faculty, administrators, coaches, staff, board members, alums, and friends of Belhaven. Truly the LORD has blessed this "dear green hill" far beyond what any of us could have ever imagined possible. 🍎



LEGACY OF LEARNING
ROGER PARROTT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

» 1995 «

NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD, NO MIND HAS CONCEIVED,
WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

NO EYE HAS SEEN . . .

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE

Sports Medicine, 1998
 Sports Management, 1998
 Communications/Public Relations, 1998
 Worldview Curriculum Core, 1999
 Creative Writing, 2004
 Theatre, 2006
 Business Management, 2007
 Accounting, 2008
 Dance (*major*), 2008
 Graphic Design, 2010
 Social Work, 2011
 Nursing, 2014
 Engineering, 2016
 Film Production, 2016
 Human Resources, 2018
 Finance, 2018
 Public Administration, 2018
 Cybersecurity, 2019
 Data Science, 2019
 Hospitality Management, 2020
 Digital Media, 2021
 Sales Management, 2021
 Supply Chain Management, 2021
 Actuarial Science, 2021
 Fashion Merchandising, 2023

MASTERS

Teaching, 1999
 Curriculum and Instruction, 1999
 Public Administration, 2007
 Dance, 2011
 School Leadership & Administration, 2012
 Reading Literacy, 2012
 Ministry Leadership, 2018
 Health Administration, 2018
 Biblical and Theological Studies, 2019
 MBA in Entrepreneurship, 2020
 Information Technology Management, 2020
 Computer Information Systems, 2023
 Data Science, 2024
 Counseling, 2024
 STEM MBA, 2025
 Applied Artificial Intelligence, 2025

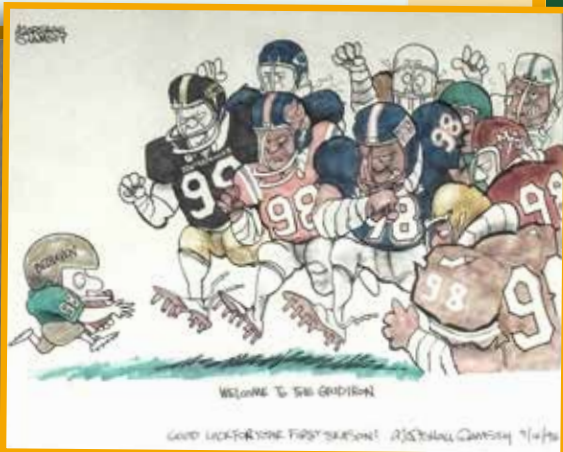
DOCTORATE

Education, 2017
 Education Specialist, 2017
 Business Administration, 2020



NEW INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Women's Soccer, 1996
 Softball, 1996
 Men's Golf, 1996
 Volleyball, 1996
 Football, 1998
 Blazer Marching Band, 2008
 Men's & Women's Track & Field, 2014
 NCAA Division III Member, 2015





When I look back on my years of leading Belhaven University, I count success by watching students whose lives were dramatically transformed as they captured God's best for their future, and faculty who have deeply invested in developing insightful worldview thinking and Christ-like mentoring and grace.

I also see chapel services during which the LORD spoke to us all in deepening ways, athletic teams and residence halls living that purposely built character, and God-centered racial reconciliation lived out every day in every interaction. Those successes don't show in graphs or charts, but they are how God looks at the value of our university.

Chapter 2 – “Are You Simply Going Through the Motions” – page 32 | Moody Publishers, 2022



BELHAVEN PRESIDENTS



GUY T. GILLESPIE
1921–1954 | 33 years



ROGER PARROTT
1995–present | 30 years



HOWARD CLELAND
1961–1978 | 17 years



LEWIS FITZHUGH
1893–1904 | 11 years



NEWTON WILSON
1986–1995 | 9 years



VERNE KENNEDY
1978–1986 | 8 years



MCFERRAN CROWE
1954–1960 | 6 years



J. R. PRESTON
1904–1910 | 6 years



R. V. LANCASTER
1911–1918 | 7 years



W. H. FRAZIER
1918–1921 | 3 years

NEW FACILITIES



Lakeview Residence Hall, 1998



Irby Complex Classroom Addition, 1998



McCravey-Triplett Student Center, 2002



Center for the Arts, 2002



Bettye Quinn Center, 2002



Bitsy Irby Visual Arts & Dance Center, 2006



Entergy Pavilion, 2008



Heidelberg Gymnasium Addition, 2009



Fitzhugh Hall Science Wing, 2013



Newt and Becky Wilson Hall, 2014

Dudley & Robbie Hughes University Village, 2015

Belhaven Bowl Stadium, 2016

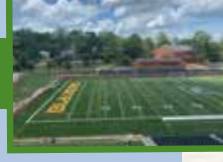
Billy Kim International Center, 2016

Track & Field Complex, 2021

Parking Garage, 2023

Jimmy Hood Welcome Center, 2023

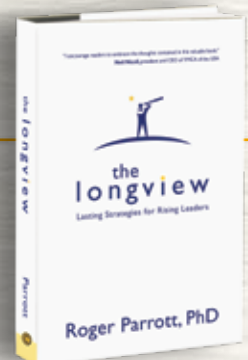
McLeod Field Softball Stadium, 2024



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One of my most satisfying moments as a leader came when we brought to Belhaven a film crew to capture the essence of our college mission and experience. After a short planning session, we set them loose on the campus to interview anyone who looked interesting—faculty, staff, students, and constituents. After the first day of shooting they came back with a stressed look on their faces and declared they had found a serious problem. They were convinced we had told the campus what to say if interviewed because, as they reported, “We are getting the same words and ideas from everyone.”

They were shocked to hear we didn’t even tell the campus that a film crew was coming, much less coach them on what to say. The videographers were hearing the message – preparing students academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, relationships, and the world of ideas - had so permeated every aspect of the campus we were knitted together.



Chapter 10 - “Shepherding The Vision Without Scaring Away the Flock” – page 178
David C. Cook Publishing, 2009

THEN



SAME VIEW TODAY



FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM .
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9