

SHAPING THE FUTURE

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRIDGES



Greetings!

As you know, in 2023 our Board of Regents voted to change the name of the University. I am excited to announce that choice to be Nelson University!

This decision is the result of prayerfully soliciting input from a wide variety of stakeholders, including faculty and staff, the student body, those serving on the Board of Regents, alumni association, women's auxiliary, and a number of supporting alumni and donors. A substantial majority in every category were confident the University would benefit from name change.

Taking the name Nelson University allows us to boldly identify with our remarkable founder, P.C. Nelson, whose vision and values have inspired and guided this institution for nearly a century. It represents an unwavering commitment to our rich heritage and the Assemblies of God, as we continue our mission to equip Spirit-empowered leaders for their unique, God-given callings. Properly marketed, Nelson creates an opportunity to reach even more students in the days to come who are a great fit for the University and will benefit from our vibrant, Spirit-filled atmosphere.

We are also excited to announce a creative and meaningful plan for preserving our historic identity. At the same moment we officially become Nelson University, our College of Bible and Church Ministries will become Southwestern College of Bible and Church Ministries. How fitting that our College so focused on ministry preparation will be identified with this renowned name.

As we approach the centennial celebration in 2027 and prepare to step into the next hundred years, I feel confident the University is positioned to achieve a greater Kingdom impact in its second century than it has experienced in its first century.

Let us unite together in prayer for God's continued guidance and favor as we launch into this exciting new era, with confidence that our greatest days are ahead of us!

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens..." Ecclesiastes 3:1