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**“Goodwill is the only asset  
that competition cannot  
undersell or destroy.”**

**Marshall Field**

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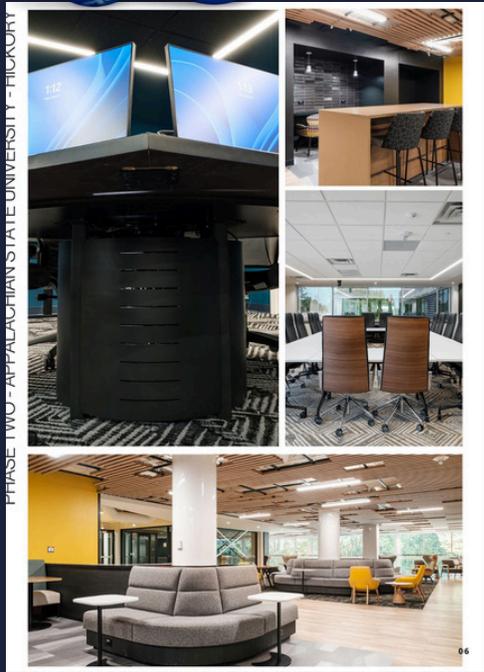
A night time view of Charlotte, NC. The quote is from Marshall Field, American entrepreneur and founder of Marshall Field & Company, known for his customer-first business philosophy

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# MY FAVORITE THINGS

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## **A Pro-Business Environment that Encourages Growth**

North Carolina has always been good to businesses—both large and small. When I first started out with a single storefront selling typewriters, copiers, and basic office supplies, I felt the support of a state that wanted its entrepreneurs to succeed. Decades later, that hasn't changed. From competitive taxes to a regulatory environment that favors innovation and expansion, North Carolina makes it possible for both new ventures and long-standing companies like mine to thrive. Cities like Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Wilmington have transformed into dynamic business hubs, but even our smaller towns continue to foster strong commercial ecosystems where relationships matter and community loyalty runs deep. That pro-business mindset has allowed WJ Office to evolve through what we offer and to do so with confidence.

## **A Highly Skilled, Hardworking, and Friendly Workforce**

One of North Carolina's greatest assets is its people. Over 50 years, I've had the privilege of hiring team members from all corners of the state, and the consistent combination of professionalism, hospitality, and work ethic is something special. Our workforce is strengthened by:

- World-class universities and community colleges
- A culture that values craftsmanship, education, and integrity
- Steady population growth bringing in new talent and diverse perspectives

When you're in the business of office technology—selling, installing, repairing, and supporting equipment—you rely heavily on knowledgeable, dependable staff. North Carolina has given my company an exceptional talent pool to draw from. Many of my longest-tenured employees have become like family, and their loyalty mirrors the commitment this state fosters in its people.

## **A High Quality of Life that Keeps People Rooted**

Lastly—and perhaps most importantly—North Carolina is simply a wonderful place to live. As a business owner, I've always believed that happier employees make stronger companies, and our state makes it easy to build a fulfilling life outside the office.

Where else can you:

- Enjoy the mountains on one weekend, and the coast on the very next one?
- Live in vibrant cities that still feel welcoming and affordable?
- Experience four distinct seasons without the extremes?

The quality of life here is a powerful recruiting tool. New hires fall in love with the cost of living, the outdoor recreation, the arts and cultural scene, and the sense of community that exists in every region. And long-term residents tend to stay—because North Carolina feels like home.

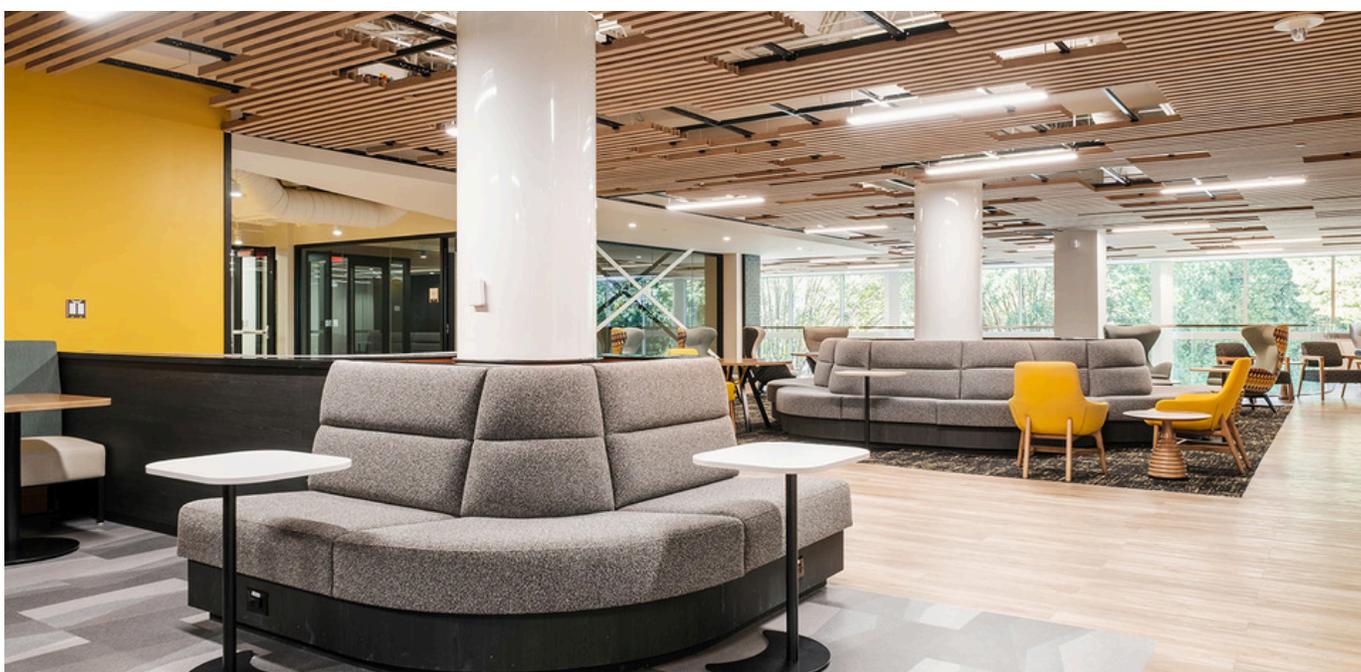
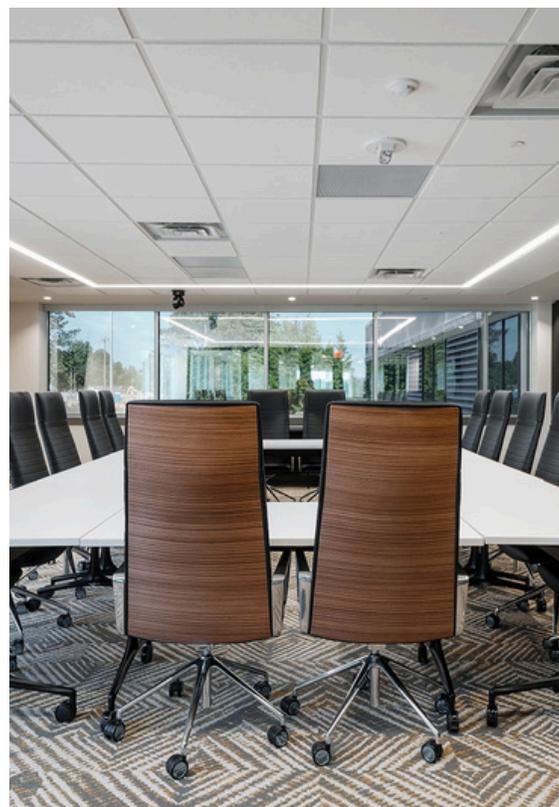
For me personally, raising a family here and building a business in the same towns where my customers live has been one of the great joys of my life.

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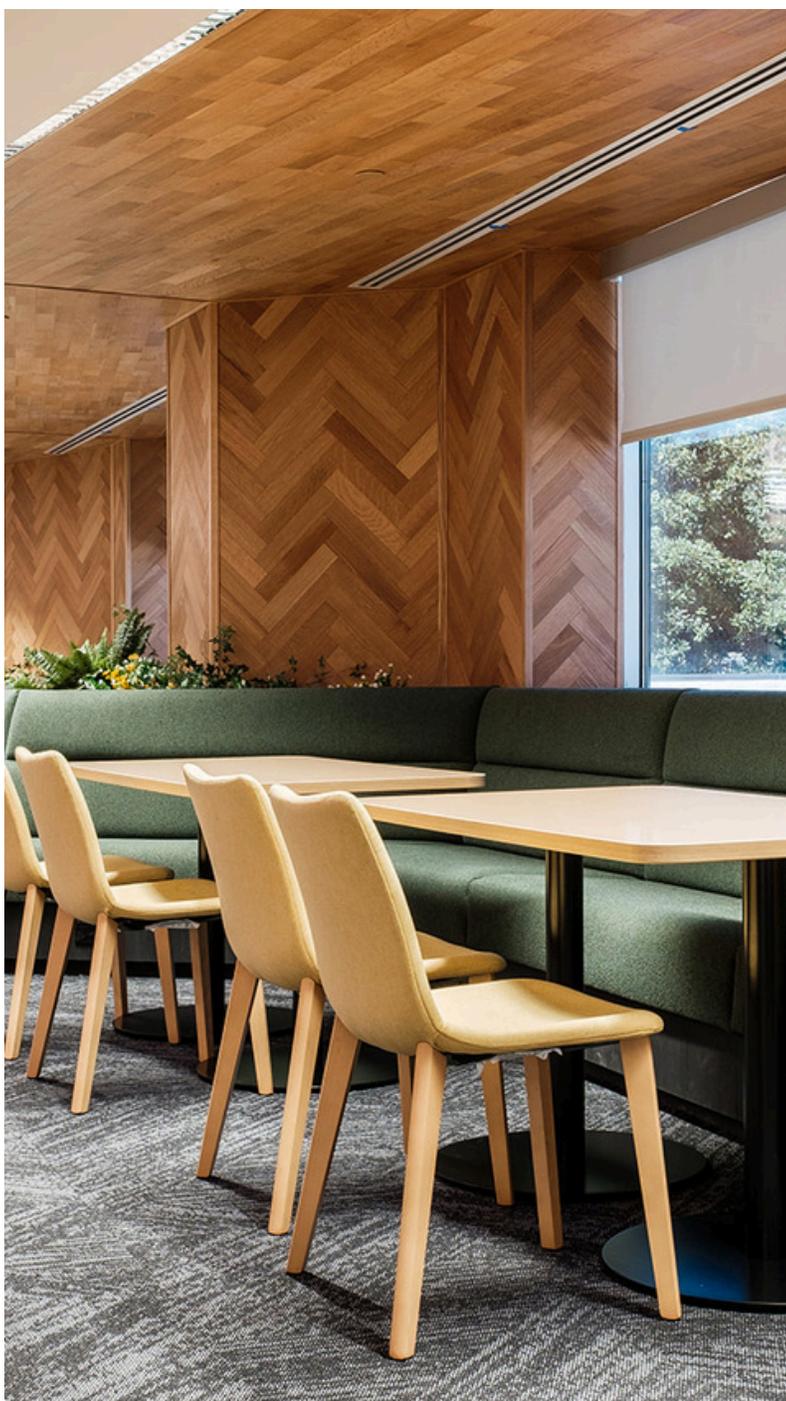


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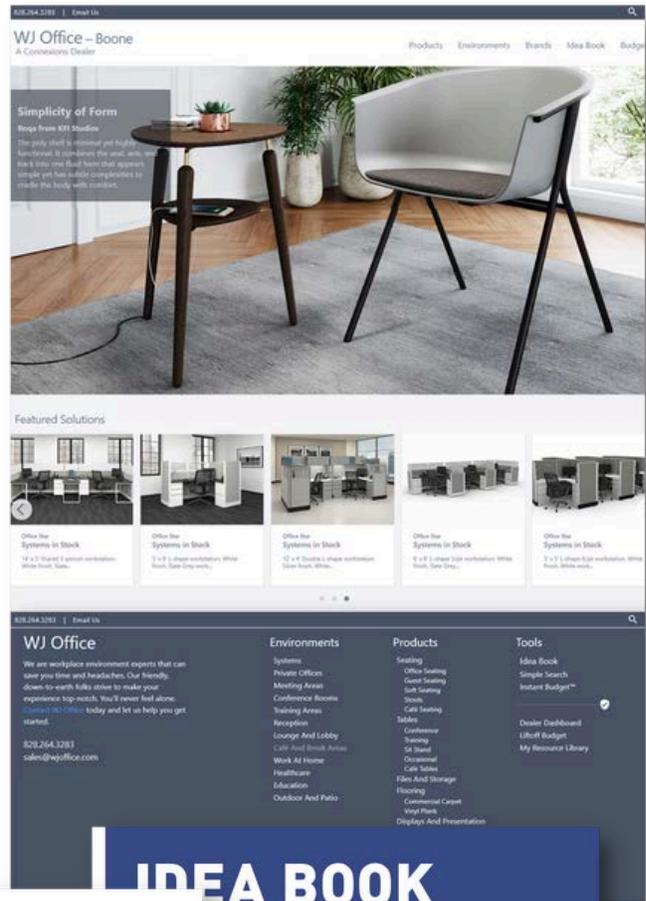


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# Great is Thy Faithfulness



## IT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Neville and Trimella Chaney

Terry Henry

**Terry:** Did the Moreland Church emphasize a personal relationship with God?

**Neville:** Yes. The church had a strong Vacation Bible School program for children. The Moreland Love Feast service is a music ministry that is on Christmas Eve. It is a very moving service that has been a part of the church calendar at First Presbyterian Church for probably 50 years now.

**Trimella:** An early church experience I can remember is having a spiritual awakening about the 6th grade. I can remember exactly where I was when I had this spiritual feeling. I spoke to my mother about it, and she talked to the pastor. They had a confirmation class that spring and that is when I joined the church. In junior high, I started going to a youth group and enjoying in the choir. That was my early experience. I love and I have grown up in the church.

"I enjoyed many church-centered youth group." Neville

**Terry:** So, you've got the church in your lives, and there's the personal relationship with the Lord where you feel like you're being led or guided by Him. How did you guys meet?

**Trimella:** Our mothers met first, which was interesting, because his elementary school and my elementary school consolidated into a junior high school. Our mothers were in the PTA when they met. I love to tell this story because my mother comes home and says, "Honey, have you met that little Chaney boy yet? His mother was so nice." I was a cheerleader, and he was a football player on this newly formed school team. We knew who each other were but really didn't know each other. Then his mother and his sister planned a surprise birthday party for Neville and that is where we really had a chance to meet. The rest is history.

**Terry:** So, you've got Christ in the church. You've got Christ in your relationship. Then you later have Christ as a business partner. I mean, how does that fit together? And how were you led to Boone?

**Neville:** After my party, we became closer and shortly after the first of the year, we became a couple. We were in the eighth grade.

We were a couple all through high school. As we were evaluating colleges, Trimella knew that she wanted to be a teacher. And she knew that she couldn't get a better education to prepare her for teaching than Appalachian State.

I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I got out of college, but I did want to play football. Wake Forest was

my first choice, and I was fortunate that the coach that was assigned to recruit me was a member of my church. However, my three years in high school was tough. Our high school was new, and we had roughly half of the student body that the other schools in our conference had. We lost a lot with some post season honors, and I was hoping to get an offer from Wake Forest football staff got fired.

I was heartbroken because they hired a coach from Michigan State. He filled his staff with coaches from all over the country, but none of them knew me or had seen me play.

**Terry:** So, your first choice had all new coaches that had not seen you play. How did you end up with a football scholarship to attend Wake Forest?

**Neville:** This is where I feel that God stepped in because there were a lot of prayers headed His way. Cal Stoll, the new head coach, happened to ask Mary Garner, a local sports-writer who covered high school sports in Winston-Salem and the surrounding area, if there was anybody that he might want to get film on. She mentioned my name. About the same time Coach Stoll got a telephone call from a coach that I had competed against for the past three years. He recommended me to Coach Stoll. What are the chances of that? Anyway, Tom Moore (the offensive coordinator who would eventually become Peyton Manning's offensive coordi-



Back row: Jacob Chaney, Neville Chaney, Nathan Chaney  
Middle row: Holly Sara Chaney, Trimella Chaney, Sara Gold Chaney  
Front row: Landin, Hampton, Samuel

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