

**Dr. John D. Childers**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Church of God World Missions**

**Biographical Information**

Dr. Childers currently serves as the Assistant Director of Church of God World Missions. Church of God World Missions is the missions administrative division of the Church of God International Offices located in Cleveland, Tennessee. World Missions serves 186 countries and territories representing almost 30,000 churches, more than 36,000 ministers and almost six million members. Throughout his ministry, Bishop Childers has attained comprehensive and mature experience in the following: pastoral ministry; administrative and executive leadership at the local, state and international levels; extensive youth ministry; conference management; church planting initiative; noted speaker; and much more.

During his ministry career, Bishop Childers has served the Church of God in a wide spectrum of ministry activities. Most recently Dr. Childers has completed a six-year tenure as the Secretary General for the Church of God. He has also served in local church pastoral ministry; State Youth and Christian Education Director in numerous states such as Alabama, North Georgia, Tennessee and DelMarVa/DC; Assistant International Director of Youth and Christian Education; International Director of Youth and Christian Education; Administrative Bishop of Northern Ohio and Alabama; member of the Executive Council; member of Church of God International General Assembly Cabinet; Chairman, International Youth & CE Board; Board of Directors, Peniel Rehabilitation Ministry, Johnstown, PA; and member of numerous boards and committees.

He has experienced success both within the Church of God and as a representative to a wide variety of external public and religious groups including engagement with various global missions' agencies and many parachurch youth organizations. He has substantial experience in vision casting and organizational leadership. Foremost, he is an outstanding speaker, sharing in conferences, conventions, seminars, church events, and civic gatherings across the U.S. and around the world. Bishop Childers is an innovative, energetic leader who has a passion for excellence in kingdom ministry.

Bishop Childers is an alumnus of Lee University. He and his wife Debbie are the parents of two sons, Jonathan, married to Vanessa; and Jeremy, married to Lori. John and Debbie are grandparents to Eli, Austyn and Autumn.