

DR. JONATHAN CHILDRESS

Ph.D.

Dr. Jonathan Childress is an engineering leader, scientist, and mentor who is passionate about helping graduate students thrive academically, professionally, and spiritually through every season of life.

Location:

Holly Springs, North Carolina

Mentoring Strengths:

- Dissertation/Thesis Support
- Academic Success
- Time Management
- Stress or Anxiety Management
- Work-Life Balance
- Faith and Spiritual Growth
- Career Exploration
- Professional Development
- Networking
- Transitioning Out of Graduate School

What do you hope to contribute as a mentor?

I think I have a wide range of experiences personally and professionally that allow me to connect with people easily. I have been a mentor in the past and look forward to connecting in the future.

What special experiences do you have to contribute?

Navigating graduate school through personal loss and hardship.

Linkedin

PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Jonathan Childress is an engineering leader at Chemtrade with a passion for solving complex challenges and developing people. He earned his graduate degrees from Iowa State University and has built a career spanning engineering, manufacturing, and leadership while mentoring colleagues and fostering healthy, collaborative teams.

Jonathan's journey of faith has been shaped through both seasons of blessing and profound hardship. Although he grew up in a Christian home, his faith became deeply personal after rededicating his life to Christ as a young adult. During his first semester of Ph.D. studies, he experienced the devastating loss of his father to suicide—a season in which Grad Resources walked alongside him and helped him rediscover a vibrant relationship with God. Through the pressures of graduate school, marriage, family life, and personal loss, Jonathan learned that putting Christ first is the foundation for true flourishing. Today, he enjoys encouraging graduate students through life's challenges, helping them grow in their faith, navigate graduate school with resilience, and pursue both academic excellence and God's calling with confidence.

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Iowa State University
Ph. D. Toxicology

Sam Houston State University
M.S. Chemistry

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Senior Operational Excellence Lead
Chemtrade