

# Max A. Wilkins President and Chief Executive Officer



## **EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Preaching from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky. All coursework complete, lacking dissertation.
- M. Div., Candler School of Theology. Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Bachelor of Arts in English/Creative Writing, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.
- Associate of Arts, Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, Florida.

## **EXPERTISE**

- Max served as a professor at Pacific Rim Bible College teaching classes in leadership and pastoral development including:
  - Creative Biblical Communication
  - Strategic Leadership for Church Planters in the 21st Century
  - Pastoral Ministry Practicum

#### **RECOGNITION AND**

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Paul Harris Fellow
- Rotarian of the Year
- Board of directors, Boy Scouts of America
- Board of directors, Christians Concerned for the Community
- Board of directors, The Mission Society
- Kentucky Colonel

## MEDIA CONTACT

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## **ROLE AT TMS GLOBAL**

Max served churches as a pastor in Florida and Hawaii for 26 years prior to becoming president and CEO of TMS Global. He has led small and large local churches, planted satellite campuses, and helped to launch more than 100 church plants during that time. Max has been personally engaged in cross-cultural mission work for more than 20 years, having served and taught in more than three dozen countries around the world. He has been a public advocate for missions in the local church, speaking in more than 150 churches around the US. Max brings his skills in effective biblical communication, team building, leadership training, institutional financial management and growth, and a missional mindset to lead TMS Global in its third decade of ministry.

## **BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining TMS Global as president and CEO, Max served as the senior pastor of The Family Church from 2003-2014. The Family Church is an interdenominational congregation of approximately 2,600 people located in a university town in North Central Florida. Max helped grow the mission ministry of The Family Church from an annual budget of \$21,000 and a mission team of 12 people, to a global ministry encompassing expenditures of more than \$500,000 a year and more than 200 people in short-term missions.

Max served as the teaching pastor and director of edification for New Hope Christian Fellowship in Honolulu, Hawaii from 2002-2003. New Hope is a megachurch of more than 12,000 with a multi-campus ministry, its own college, and a 24/7 television station.

Max served as the senior pastor of Inverness First United Methodist Church from 1997-2001 in Inverness, Florida. He was the founding pastor of Faith United Methodist Church in Boynton Beach, Florida, where he served from 1990-1997. Max was an associate pastor at Aloma United Methodist Church in Winter Park, Florida from 1988-1990, and at Cape Coral First United Methodist Church from 1987-1988.

### **PERSONAL**

Max and Dee Dee have been married since 1989 and have two children. Their daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Florida State University and currently lives and works in New York. Their son, Joshua, is in college in Gainesville, Florida. Dee Dee is an elementary school teacher working with special needs children. Max is fluent in Spanish and is currently studying Portuguese. He enjoys reading, watching movies and theater productions, long-distance running, surfing, watching sports, traveling, cooking, fishing, and is a big fan of the University of Florida. Go Gators!