



Dr. Cristie Jo Johnston
Intentional God Ministries

Curriculum Vitae

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Dr. Cristie Jo Johnston represents a new, growing genre in biblical scholarship, the female apologist and teacher. She has been actively and fruitfully engaged in Christian ministry for 35 years. Her strongest spiritual gift is teaching complimented by the gifts of evangelism, faith, administration, leadership, and mercy. Cristie Jo has been an ardent life-long student of God's word. Her messages are marked by theological substance with skilled application and delivery to her listeners of various ages and genders. As the wife of a mega church pastor, her Sunday school class and weekly television program, *Wisdom on the Way (W.O.W.)*, was the largest with nearly 500 people enrolled. Cristie Jo's unique scholarship has been enhanced by years of study with her mentor, Dr. Craig A. Evans, the Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Acadia Divinity College. As a Bible teacher and evangelist, she has spoken to leaders on various platforms including the National Day of Prayer at the invitation of Shirley Dobson in Washington, DC. In addition, she has ministered with her husband, Dr. Jerry Johnston, in hundreds of churches throughout North America. In collaboration with her husband, Dr. Jerry Johnston, Cristie Jo is also a successful writer, director and producer of several documentaries on subjects ranging from cultural and teenage issues to ministry and church life.

Cristie Jo is the founder and director of *Intentional God Ministries*. She has expertise in writing, teaching systematic theology and decades of ministry experience, which makes her particularly effective in spiritual formation. Numerous men and women she has mentored have entered fulltime Christian service. Cristie Jo's goal in life is to be a model Christian, teacher, leader, wife, parent, and mentor to her five grandchildren.

Please view Cristie's attached sizzle reel:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/i49u95ltqye0tom/Cristie%20Johnson%20short%20version-SD%20480p.mov>

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Place of Birth: Zeeland, MI
Marital Status: Married: Jerry R. Johnston, 1979, D.Min., (2012)
Children: Danielle Newsome, 1979, B.S. Liberty University (2002)
Jeremiah Johnston, 1981, Ph.D., Middlesex University/Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Oxford (2013)
Jenilee Mullikin, 1985, Liberty University

EDUCATION: D. Min. Acadia University-Acadia Divinity College
Wolfville, Nova Scotia, CA (2012)
Thesis: *Examining The Challenges Pastors And Their Families Encounter Emerging From A Period of Overwhelming Ministry Stress, And Developing A Strategy For Their Overall Health*
<http://openarchive.acadiau.ca/cdm/ref/collection/Theses/id/639>

- M.Div Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Kansas City, MO (2009), *Christian Education*,
Awarded with Highest Honors
- B.A. Midwestern Baptist College, Kansas City, MO
(2007), *Biblical Studies*, Awarded with Highest
Honors
- Liberty University (LHBI), Lynchburg, VA,
(2005), Diploma in *Advanced Biblical Studies*
- Lou-Rog School of Hair Design, Holland, MI
(1978), *Cosmetology*, Graduated with Academic
and Appearance Excellence and Awards in
Hair Design and Hair Cutting
- Hudsonville High School, Hudsonville, MI
(1977)

FAITH EXPERIENCE/SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Loving parents raised Cristie Jo Huf in a Christian home. Her father escaped to West Germany from communist Czechoslovakia in 1949 at 19-years-of-age. Her mother experienced the brutality of WW II and was shipped on trains under the reign of Adolf Hitler. In 1953, Cristie Jo’s parents met in Germany and married. Faithful missionaries, who lived near the Huf’s small apartment came to their home and led the young couple to faith in Jesus Christ. A supporting church in Hudsonville, MI, arranged for Cristie Jo’s parents to immigrate to America and be discipled by mature laymen and women in the congregation. From the beginning of their faith experience, Cristie Jo’s parents prayed that one of their six children would enter vocational Christian ministry. Cristie Jo had always possessed a tender heart toward God, but her faith journey was interrupted during her teenage years as a result of an abusive relationship at the hand of her boyfriend. Upon graduating from high school, Cristie Jo pursued her passion in Cosmetology. This would turn out to be a critical year in Cristie Jo’s life in allowing her a time of crucial separation from her abuser, as well as, preparing her for a life-changing call to ministry. With her formal training finished and State Boards complete, the hope of a fruitful career was in clear view. However, her dream was crushed after receiving a letter of rejection from the Michigan

State Board of Cosmetology. Distraught, confused and with no where to turn, Cristie Jo accepted her Father's invitation to attend an evangelistic crusade to hear Evangelist Jerry Johnston at Calvary Baptist Church in Holland, Michigan in October of 1978. That night, the power of God moved so intently in Cristie Jo's heart and she immediately sensed a new call in life. The very next morning, Cristie Jo received an apology letter from the Michigan State Board of Cosmetology informing her that the test scores were reviewed and she had in fact passed and graduated with academic honors. Later, as the three-week crusade came to a close, the Huf family invited Jerry over for a night of fellowship prior to his departure. On November 9, 1978, after a lengthy Bible study with Jerry, Cristie Jo realized she was a professor and not a possessor of salvation in Jesus Christ and prayed with Jerry to become a true believer. Immediately, Cristie Jo sensed God's call on her life to serve God through fulltime ministry. The couple began dating and the Johnston's have now enjoyed 35 years of marriage and ministry. Jerry and Cristie Jo have raised three children, all of who have received God's call to Christian ministry as well.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Examining The Challenges Pastors And Their Families Encounter Emerging From A Period of Overwhelming Ministry Stress, And Developing A Strategy For Their Overall Health, (unpublished doctoral dissertation; Nova Scotia; Acadia University-Acadia Divinity College, 2012). Currently, under review for publication.

PUBLISHED STUDY OUTLINES/FILMED TEACHING SERIES:

- *My Bible: The Big Picture, The Bottom Line, and What's In It For Me?* (99 systematic teaching presentations from every book of the Bible)
- *12 Traits of a Spiritually Mature Man and Woman* (12 messages series / James)
- *WDJD: What Did Jesus Do-In the Very Beginning, In Birth, In Life, In Death, In the Resurrection* (Eight messages on the life of Jesus)
- *The Highway to Holiness* (Six messages)

- *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Made Easy and Simple* (19 messages on The Revelation)
- *Psalms: 150 Inspired Prayers Turned to Praise* (12 messages)
- *Tackling Life's Toughest Questions With A Bible Response* (12 messages)

FILMED DOCUMENTARIES - PRODUCER, PRESENTER and RESEARCHER

- *Rome*
- *Jordan/Petra*
- *Israel: In the Footsteps of Jesus* (all filmed on location)
- *Turkey: Retracing the Steps of the Apostle Paul*
- *Decisions and Consequences/Inside death row at the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Producer/WORD Publishing, Plano, TX*
- *The Edge Of Evil: Satanism and Teenagers/Producer/Inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary's death row. Interview with Sean Sellers, teenage killer and Satanist.*
- *Aids Among Teens/Producer/Researcher/Interview with Pedro Zamora (now deceased), MTV's Real World: New York City*
- *Danielle Asks, "How Far Can You Go On A Date?"/Word Publishing*
- *Life Exposé: Inside Teenage America/Jerry Johnston Association*
- *Answers to Kids Questions Toughest Questions During Their Toughest Years*

CELEBRITY GUESTS INTERVIEWS with CRISTIE JO JOHNSTON

- Jim Caviezel, Actor, *The Passion of the Christ*
- CeCe Winans, Gospel Singer, Grammy Award Winner
- Smokey Robinson, Singer-Songwriter, Record Producer
- Stephen and Kenna Baldwin, Actors
- Hank Hanegraaff, President Christian Research Institute
- Tim LaHaye, Author, Speaker
- Ruth Graham, Author, Daughter of Evangelist Billy Graham
- Stormie Omartian, Christian Speaker, Bestselling Author of *The Power of Praying* series
- Willie Aames, Actor,
- Delilah, Radio Host
- M.C. Hammer, Rapper, Pastor
- Andre Crouch, Gospel Singer, Songwriter

- Randy Travis, Country Music Star
- Jay Sekulow, Attorney, ACLJ
- Dr. James and Shirley Dobson, Family Matters
- Dino and Cheryl Kartsonakis, American Sacred Pianist
- Phil Stacey, American Idol Finalist Season 6
- Mark Lowry, Christian Comedian, Singer, Songwriter
- Dennis Agajanian, Christian Musician and Guitarist,

LIVE PRESENTATIONS, EVENTS and CONFERENCES

- The Gathering Church Pastor's Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN
- The Gathering Church Pastor's Conference
- Acadia Divinity College Chapel (April 2013)
- National Day of Prayer, Holly Prayer Time Keynote Presenter, Washington DC/Participant with Christian leaders and President George W. Bush/ East Room/ The White House
- Beauty For Ashes Conference: Tackling The "S" Problem in Marriage
- How to Minister to Families Affected By Suicide
- Making Friends Forever - Evangelistic Launch of About Forever Website
- America is Bleeding
- 50 Second Walk to Prayer
- Your Miracle in The Mirror of Mark (Mark 3)
- The Names of God; El Roi and Immanuel
- Marriage: What Every Woman Wants In A Man
- Ministerial Ordination of Dr. James Dobson's son, Ryan Dobson, Charge to Laura Dobson (2007)
- *iLove Marriage* Conference
- *Essentials For A Dynamite Marriage* Conference
- *Shaping Your Vision for Life* Conference
- *Blessed Among Women* Conference
- *Fill My Cup Lord* Conference
- *Create In Me A New Heart* Conference
- *Beauty For Ashes* Confernce
- Amway Diamond Event, Presenter on Marriage
- Primerica Leadership Events, Presenter on Marriage
- Capture America TV Show

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

- Systematic Theology
- Spiritual Formation
- Research Methods
- Evangelism
- Bible: Old and New Testament
- Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)
- Leadership
- Christianity in Contemporary Culture
- Family Planning / Marriage Enrichment

CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Co-Founder: Jerry Johnston Ministries Association, Inc.
- Church Planter - 1996-2012
- Founder / Director, Open Arms Women's Events
- Founder / Director, Chesalon Comfort Circles
- Founder, Presenter, Author, Teacher-Mentor, W.O.W. (Wisdom on the Way) Weekly, Co-ed Bible Study & TV Program
- Founder, About Forever
- Founder / Director, L.O.T.T. (Lighting of the Trees)

REFERENCES

Prof. Craig A. Evans, Ph.D., D.Habil.
 Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament
 Acadia Divinity University

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ENDORSEMENTS

"A woman I didn't recognize and had never met who stood at the podium to speak at an event planned for the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C. Her radiant smile shined Jesus. There was tender love in her voice for those she addressed as she spoke. After the meeting, I pushed my way to where she stood. 'I just want to meet you because you radiated the love of Jesus today in an amazing way,' I told her. 'Thank you for ushering us into God's presence with your engaging style and practical suggestions for passionate prayer.' Of course, Cristie Jo, that woman was you ..."

- **Bobbie Wolgemuth**, Literary Representation, Wolgemuth & Associates, Inc.

"Cristie Jo Johnston brings to a conference a perfect storm of theological insight, practical experience, and a passion. Cristie Jo is known for taking Christian women from complacency to competency as Christian leaders in the home and the workplace. Whether on the local community or the national scene as a speaker for the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C., Cristie Jo conveys a confidence in the Word of God that is contagious and real."

-**Dr. Rodney Harrison**, VP for Institutional Effectiveness, Dean of Online Ed., & Assoc. Prof. of Christian Education, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"I serve as Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, and Cristie Jo accepted my invitation to speak at our Capital hill event in Washington, D.C. Her message on that occasion confirmed the strength of her convictions regarding core biblical issues relevant to the nation and the church. She is a very effective speaker and leader and the Lord used her in a special way that day."

- **Shirley Dobson**, Chairman, National Day of Prayer

"Cristie Jo Johnston is one of the most dynamic, passionate and clear presenters of God's word that I've been around. She connects with people and has an innocence about her that motivates others to follow."

- **Dayton Moore**, General Manager, Kansas City Royals Baseball Team

"Cristie Jo has participated with her husband, Jerry, for several years as a key note speaker in multiple marriage seminars that usually last for two days. In addition to speaking multiple times a month, Cristie Jo is the author of a book, which is a ninety-nine message Bible study titled; *'My Bible: The Big Picture; The Bottom Line; and What's in it for Me.'* She is the creator of the Chesalon Comfort Circles, weekly meetings of people with varied specific struggles. Cristie Jo's many activities as Sunday school teacher, author, Comfort Circle creator and leader, board member of a mega-church plant; wife and advisor to her Pastor husband, and other activities require intense weekly research and scholarly writing."

- **The Honorable Judge Robert G. Ulrich**, Retired Missouri Western District Court of Appeals, Former United States District Attorney

"Cristie Jo is, first and foremost, a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus. I know from personal interactions with her that she is a woman of prayer and a woman of the Word. She also is deeply committed to sharing her faith in Christ through personal and mass evangelism. I have seen her personally minister one-on-one to people in the name of Christ, and I have also heard her speak to thousands at a time when she issued a clear, clarion call for people to respond to the gospel. These evidences of a solid and abiding personal faith are supplemented by her commitment to solitude, study, fasting, worship, and many of the other disciplines practiced by mature believers throughout history. Along with balancing her commitment to Christ, Cristie Jo has maintained a delicate balance with family, local church ministry, and academics ever since I have known her. Cristie Jo is an absolutely commanding communicator. She is, hands down, the single-best female communicator I have ever heard. She is also one of the finest communicators and teachers I have ever met, regardless of gender. She is capable

of reeling in her audience with a disarming manner, but dropping an atomic weapon of truth on everyone present, leading to enormous spiritual fallout and a powerful radiation of God's power. Cristie Jo has a rare type of clarity with her ideas and understandings of biblical truths that easily translate on the written page. I have seen dozens of pieces she has written, and each is marked by depth mingled with practicality. Some good speakers do not have the ability to capture the drama of a live event and encode that energy onto the written page. Not so with Cristie Jo ~ this is another of her formidable talents that has been supernaturally enabled through the skillful exercise of her spiritual gifts."

-**Dr. Frederick Cardoza**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Education, Chair, Department of Christian Education, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University

"I have had Cristie Jo as a student in a classroom situation at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and she was one of the most perceptive students I have had the pleasure of teaching. She gave a verbal presentation before the class, which was not only very well-prepared but of such a depth and quality, that she set the curve for the rest of the class."

-**Dr. Mike McMullen**, PhD, Professor of Church History, Director of Collegiate Program, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Cristie Jo possesses all the skill sets, spiritual gifts and ministry experiences that accompany extraordinary leaders. I find her to be a remarkable woman of God on the mission of God who gets the Great Commission and coaches others to get it as well. She is an active, intentional personal evangelist. Her outstanding devotion to the Lord, her husband, her family, her church and her community give her an excellent platform to coach others to grow toward this kind of exceptional life in Christ."

- **Dr. Cky John Carrigan**, PhD, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"I have had Cristie Jo in some courses at MBTS, and I have found her to be a capable and conscientious student. Her contributions to our class discussions in Christian Ethics indicated an abundance of ministerial 'street-smarts,' based on extensive contact with real people and their real problems. Her manner of presentation and thought were reliably high-class, giving me no hesitation in predicting that she would flourish still more, if given the kinds of ministry opportunities in which your organization specializes."

- **Dr. Thorvald Madsen II**, PhD, VP for Academic Affairs, Professor of New Testament, Ethics and Philosophy, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"In a world that is temporarily ruled by the Prince of darkness, what a privilege it is to be in God's army of warriors alongside Cristie Jo Johnston. True character, they say is tested in the 'fox-holes' of life and Cristie Jo has passed the tests that God has allowed her to experience. As a fellow soldier I am happy to be in the battle with her 'watching my back.'"

- **Judy Smith**, Concerned Women for America, State Director

"I can heartily recommend Cristie Jo for any endeavor that requires speaking and teaching expertise, devotion to duty, a willing heart, a sympathetic and understanding attitude, intelligence, a talent for fostering personal relationships, a love of family, and the love of Christ."

- **James Jenkins**, Attorney, formerly of Alliance Defense Fund and Focus on the Family

"Cristie Jo is the teacher of a long-standing and successful Bible study class, and she is also in demand as a conference leader and Bible teacher on the national and local level. Cristie Jo is an excellent student. She writes with clarity and passion and is able to speak to the needs of others. Cristie Jo communicates the hope of the Gospel in effective and winsome ways. She has earned several theological degrees including her doctorate of ministry."

- **Dr. Stephen Andrews**, PhD, Professor of Old Testament, Hebrew and Archaeology, Director of Ph.D. Program, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary