

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Christie Johnson for more than seventeen years. I actually met her for the first time when she and her husband were in the same Sunday school class that my husband and I attended at the Kansas City Baptist Temple. At that time her husband was both an evangelist and a national speaker on teen suicide, and she traveled with him or stayed home to raise the family. When First Family Church started, my husband and I began to attend services there, renewed our friendships, and became very close to Christie and Jerry. I have observed her as wife, mentor, mother, teacher and friend. Christie is very bright and very compassionate. She loves the Lord Jesus Christ and has a heart for ministry.

I was a member of her Sunday school class. She composed the Bible study materials, researching and writing what was presented in class. Her series on the Book of Revelation was outstanding. As a teacher she is very thorough and loves to study the Scriptures. Her teaching is informative and Biblically-based.

She is very engaging when she presents the material to her classes. She is personable, attractive, and kind to all. She is no respecter of persons, spending time with anyone who has a personal need for prayer. She has a keen sense of humor and is able to laugh at herself as well. My observation was that both men and women loved to attend her Sunday school classes. Her lessons were televised in the greater Kansas City area and were well received.

Christie is a devoted wife and mother as well. She is supportive of each and every member of her family who is one way or another involved in the spreading of the Gospel. She is highly self-disciplined as demonstrated by her ability to be teacher and student at the same time. She has been admitted to the doctorate program at Midwest Baptist Theological Seminary, where she has already acquitted herself academically as both an undergraduate and graduate student. She is of the highest character. Whatever the Lord calls upon her to do, she will do it wholeheartedly and with accomplishment.

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Ulrich is a summa cum laude graduate of William Jewell College. She attended the University of Delaware on a fellowship and received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City with Distinction. She taught both French and Spanish as well as American History and World Cultures for thirty-three years in both the public and private school arenas. She was on staff at the Pembroke Hill School for the last twenty-five years of her career. She was a presenter at many national and international foreign language workshops and conventions. Also she accompanied students to Europe and French-speaking Canada for many of those years. Some of her former students are working literally all over the world, several of whom work for French companies as well.

She is married to Judge Robert Ulrich, who is presently an associate professor at the Liberty University School of Law in Lynchburg, VA. and serves as Chairman of the Board of First Family Church.