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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor and privilege to write this letter of recommendation for Christie Jo Johnston. I first encountered her as one of the students on a European Study Tour that I was leading as a Professor. I was immediately struck by her commitment and intelligence, her willingness to learn and her sincere devotion to Christ. The result of the time spent with both Christie and her family, and thereby witnessing their genuine concern for others, their piety and their love, was that I became a member of their wonderful Church.

I have been so impressed with both her teaching at, and her concern for the spiritual life of those at First Family Church, that I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending her for whatever opportunities might come her way as a teacher/speaker/writer. I have also had Christie 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.

I know something of the demands on her life, as she seeks to be a helpmeet to her husband in their very demanding ministry together, as she seeks too, to be a Godly mother and example to her children, as she seeks to continue to be an excellent leader in her own teaching ministry at First Family, and as she has met the demands for two degrees from the Seminary, and it speaks volumes about her character, intelligence, devotion, and her energy. It has been my observation so often, that it is actually the busiest of those around us, who actually produce the most, and at the highest quality.

She recently led a women's night at the Church, on the subject of what real prayer can and should be in their lives. She doesn't know that I streamed that presentation online, and that I consider it to honestly be the most-encouraging and most-challenging presentation I have ever heard, on what is really possible in a living and ongoing relationship with Christ. I believe Christie has been blessed with a real ministry of teaching and that only the surface has been scratched of what she has to contribute to God's people by print and spoken word.

Yours truly,

Dr Michael D. McMullen