

Name: Jeanetta R Chrystie, ThD, PhD

One sentence that describes me and my writing: I enjoy the creative process, including research, and have more than 40 years of writing credits, which include 850+ magazine and newsletter articles, 150+ newspaper columns, poetry chapbooks, individually published poems, devotions, and two college textbooks.



Brief bio: I am a retired college professor, married to a retired corporate training director. We are full-time caregivers for my 95-year-old parents (a retired pastor and wife), whose failing health made it necessary for them to move in with us in 2021. "Serving and ministry begin at home."

My husband, Keith, and I founded and support the Ozarks Chapter of American Christian Writers (www.OzarksACW.org). Jeanetta teaches the Walk Thru the Bible life group and occasionally fills in at our pastor's request on Sundays and Wednesday nights (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZbogYf3y9A&t=2889s>).

The heartbeat of my ministry is to aid and encourage Christians toward developing a deeper and richer spiritual life. The Word of God is our guide to illuminate the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teach us how to live our best lives. As a survivor of both polio and cancer, I encourage Bible study, active prayer, and other spiritual disciplines.

Why I write: I write to inform, to encourage, to train, and to inspire action. I probably enjoy research too much. Many of my writing ideas come during my personal quiet time and Bible study. I'm also an avid reader, so a statement or twist of phrase may trigger an idea that I must capture before it vanishes. Sometimes I refer to my journals for ideas. My most urgent advice for writers is to write and speak from an overflowing vessel, filled during time with God.

I write whatever God places on my heart, so there is a lot of variety. My published magazine credits include: Christian History magazine (Dante issue), Sonnet magazine vol.2, Discipleship Journal, 30+ articles in Mature Years, 30+ in Church Libraries, and Clubhouse magazine, more than 150 newspaper columns for the Northwest Christian Examiner/Times/Journal. I've also contributed to several anthologies, including my story; "Father Knows Best" in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Miracle of Love*, "God Waits to Bless Us" in *Abba's Answers*; and others.

I write:

Nonfiction: ☒ articles ☒ personal experience stories ☒ devotions ☐ books Genres:
Other: ☒ poetry ☒ scripts

My audience ☒ Christians ☒ general public ☒ women ☒ men ☐ teens ☐ children

I'm currently working on: A play for the local Christian theatre.

My greatest joy and/or struggle in writing is: Rising early to complete my physical therapy session and write before daily caregiving activities begin.

I'd like to meet writers who: ☒ I belong to a writers' group that is open to new members.

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☒ I've been published in periodicals and anthologies