

Bio Jane Kratz



Qualifications

Th.M. Biblical Counseling, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Kentucky, USA.
P.G. Dipl. Theology, Pastoral Counseling, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
C.Th. Children's Ministry, George Whitefield College, Cape Town, South Africa
Further Dipl. Special Education Needs, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
B.A. Honours Psychology, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

Ministry Positions

Soul Care and Women's Ministry Coordinator at *Hope Church Auckland Park* in South Africa.
Currently, Counsellor at *Kommetjie Christian Church*.
Chairperson on the Executive Committee for *Biblical Counselling Africa (BCA)*

Professional Affiliations

Member of *Association of Biblical Counselors (ABC)*.
(Council) Member of the *Biblical Counseling Coalition (BCC)*.

Education & Experience

Jane Kratz grew up in Johannesburg but lived for over twenty years in Cape Town, South Africa. She moved to the USA in May 2016 to study at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with her Th.M. in Biblical Counseling in Dec 2017. While in Louisville she served in the Care Ministry at Sojourn Community Church Midtown counseling women and co-leading care groups. She spent a further three months learning and serving at Christ Chapel Bible Church's Soul Care Ministry in Fort Worth Texas before moving to The Austin Stone Community Church where she served at the Counseling Center for six months. She returned to Johannesburg at the end of 2018 to take up the position, in Feb 2019, at Hope Church Auckland Park where she served in biblical counselling and women's ministry full time for three years. Jane returned to Cape Town at the end of 2021. She currently is on staff at Kommetjie Christian Church as a counsellor, and also counsels for several other churches and individuals in and around the Fish Hoek valley.

Jane was blessed by just over ten years of marriage to Stephan Kratz, who struggled his whole life with Cystic Fibrosis (an inherited life-threatening disorder that damages the lungs and digestive system). When she married him, Jane was aware that Stephan would, likely, die before her. Since his death, in September 2012 Jane has furthered her theological studies to equip herself for a ministry in Biblical Counseling. She has a special interest in caring for the bereaved, having focused much of her studies and research on grief care. Jane was also born with several congenital abnormalities, giving her a heart of compassion for those who are less able-bodied than most.

Interests & Specialties

Jane loves to counsel the Word of God because it is “alive and powerful, sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword” and “exposes our innermost thoughts and desires” (Heb 4:12). Seeing how God works by his Spirit and through his living Word in the lives of people brings her the greatest joy. Jane counsels a wide range of life-issues but has personal experience and specialized training in dealing with anticipatory grief, illness, bereavement, and disability-related issues.

Personal

Jane loves being in nature, hiking, bike-riding, flying, traveling, and caring for her collection of orchids. She most enjoys these activities when she can share them with friends and family, and of course some of them with her little dog Patch. Writing and reading also occupy a great deal of her spare time.