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Christian Storytelling Showcase

www.christianstorytellingfestival.com

This year's Christian Storytelling Festival will include a Storytelling Showcase on Friday, March 26, at 6:30 P.M. at Providence Academy in Johnson City, TN. We are excited to share that Josh Smith from WJHL (News Channel 11) will be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Ten contestants will share their stories during the Storytelling Showcase. A panel of judges will then select an Adult Champion and a Student Champion. There will be a \$300 award for each Champion and a \$100 award for the runner-up in each category. All ten contestants will receive at least \$25 for participating.

The theme of this year's Showcase will be "Faith in History." Each contestant will have seven minutes to share their story.

The Student and Adult Champions will also be invited to present their story Saturday evening at our main event prior to our featured storyteller, author, historian, TV Show Host, and creator of the American Minute (www.americanminute.com), William J. Federer.

As an added bonus, this year's Student Champion will also be invited to share their story on the WHCB (91.5 FM) Bible Buddies radio show with host, Matthew Hill.

Providence Academy Development Director Mark Koscak shared, "We are excited that the Jonesborough Storytelling Guild has partnered with us in our 2010 Christian Storytelling Festival. The Jonesborough Storytelling Guild is over 40 members strong, and they help bring the art of storytelling alive through their various activities."

Larry Kelley, Master Storyteller and Adjunct Professor of Storytelling at East Tennessee State University, is once again serving as advisor for the event. Larry recently shared, "This is a great family-friendly, budget-friendly way to hear some great local storytelling."

The 2010 Christian Storytelling Festival is the 4th annual event, and the proceeds from this event go to support the Providence Academy Annual Scholarship Fund. "This year, 25% of our students attend Providence Academy through the help of this need-based support," said Mr. Koscak.

Providence Academy Storytelling Showcase

Who will be the Adult Champion Storyteller? The Student Champion Storyteller?

- When:** Friday, March 26, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
- Where:** Providence Academy
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(423) 854-9819, www.providenceacademy.com
- Who:** Third graders through adults are eligible.
- Theme:** “Faith in History”
- Time Limit:** 5-7 Minutes
- # of Storytellers:** 10

What is the Christian Storytelling Festival?

This is the fourth Christian Storytelling Festival at Providence Academy. The festival is a fund raiser for the Providence Academy Annual Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is a need-based program that is helping 117 students attend Providence Academy.

This year’s event will be a three day event (March 25-27) that will include the following:

- Storytelling Workshop** - Thursday, March 25, 2010, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. - \$10 entry fee
- Storytelling Showcase** - Friday, March 26, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
- Storytelling at Providence** - Saturday, March 27, 6:30 P.M. **Featured Storyteller:**
Theme: “Faith in History” **William J. Federer**

Tickets for Storytelling- One Ticket Covers Friday and Saturday Evenings

- Adults - \$10
- Children/Students and Seniors (age 55 and over) - \$6
- Family passes (immediate family) - \$25
- Groups of 6 or more - \$5 per person
- Tickets will be available at the door or via our website:
www.christianstorytellingfestival.com

For questions and further information regarding the Storytelling Showcase or the Storytelling Festival, you can check our website www.christianstorytellingfestival.com, or call the Development Office at Providence Academy (423) 854-9819, ext 3013.

Providence Academy is K-12, Christ-centered and classical school with 452 students located in Johnson City, TN. Providence is in the seventh year on a 45 acre, 67,000 square foot facility located on 2788 Carroll Creek in Johnson City, TN. For more information on Providence Academy you can visit our website at www.providenceacademy.com.