

# *PROVIDENCE ACADEMY*

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## **Press Release**

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*“Calling All Budding Storytellers, Hams, Public Speakers,  
Drama Queens and Kings!”*

### **A Storytelling Workshop**

[www.christianstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.christianstorytellingfestival.com)

**Featuring: Performance Storyteller & Award-Winning Author  
Steven James**

Steven James is one of the nation’s most innovative storytellers.

Since developing his skill as a performer at East Tennessee State University (MA in Storytelling), he has spoken more than 1,500 times throughout North America and has taught creative storytelling and writing in South Africa, Ukraine, Canada, Kazakhstan and India.

Best known for his hilarious and heartwarming stories and masterful use of audience involvement, listeners around the world have been inspired by his poignant and powerful performances.

But Steven doesn’t just tell stories.

He creates them.

As one of the most versatile authors in the country, Steven has penned more than 25 books of both award-winning fiction and nonfiction including fantasy, inspiration, poetry, short stories, scripts, a nine-book storytelling library of resources for educators, and the bestselling psychological thrillers *The Pawn* and *The Rook*.

Sharing his unique blend of comedy, drama, and inspirational storytelling, Steven James is in constant demand as a family entertainer, keynote speaker, and inspirational seminar leader.

**School Administrator Jerry Williams recently shared** his excitement regarding the workshop “At Providence Academy the art of rhetoric is at the heart of our curriculum.” As seniors work on their thesis and prepare to make an oral presentation/oral defense, they are challenged to creatively synthesize their writing and speaking skills. Steven James brings us the creative and artistic talent of a best-selling and award winning author, a nationally renowned speaker and storyteller, and a teacher with the ability to help us improve in the way we craft a story verbally or in writing.” Come join us as Steven shares his tips and techniques for storytelling at our first Storytelling Workshop at Providence Academy.

**Come learn from a master: Storytelling Workshop**  
Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 P.M., at Providence Academy  
2788 Carroll Creek Drive, Johnson City, TN 37615  
\$10 entry fee, tickets at the door, or on-line at  
[www.christianstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.christianstorytellingfestival.com)

**Free Admission for Pastor's, Youth Pastor's, and Church Staff.** Call Mark Koscak, or Cindy Young at Providence Academy, 423-854-9819 to make your reservations

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### **What is the Christian Storytelling Festival?**

This is the third 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 81 students attend Providence Academy. This year's event will be a three day event (March 26-28) that will include the following:

- ***Storytelling Workshop***- Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 P.M., \$10 entry fee  
Led by Best selling author, speaker and storyteller Steven James  
The judging criteria will be explained at this Workshop.
- ***Storytelling Contest***- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
Hosted by Local Favorites Larry and Gayleen Kelley
- ***Storytelling at Providence***- Saturday, March 28, 6:30 P.M.  
Hosted by Local Favorites: Larry and Gayleen Kelley  
Featured Storyteller: Best selling Author, and teacher, Rev. Peter Marshall  
Theme: The Hand of God in American History
- ***Tickets for Storytelling- One Ticket Covers Friday and Saturday Evening***
  - Adults \$12
  - Children/Students and Seniors (age 55 and over) \$8
  - Family passes (immediate family) \$30
  - Groups of 8 or more \$5 per person
  - Tickets will be available at the door, or via our website [www.christianstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.christianstorytellingfestival.com)

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**Providence Academy** is K-12, Christ-centered and classical school with 452 students located in Johnson City, TN. Providence is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and its sixth year in our 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](http://www.providenceacademy.com).