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Announce:

Meet our Featured Storyteller

Stephen McDowell

www.christianstorytellingfestival.com



Stephen McDowell, our featured storyteller for the 2011 Christian Storytelling Festival is co-founder of the Providence Foundation (www.providencefoundation.org), a nonprofit Christian educational organization whose mission is to spread liberty, justice, and prosperity among the nations by educating individuals in a Biblical worldview. He also serves as President of the foundation's Biblical Worldview University.



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After obtaining a B.S. Degree in physics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a M.S. Degree in geology at the University of Memphis, Stephen was ordained for the ministry in 1978. He worked in the pastorate until 1984 when he assisted in establishing the Providence Foundation. In 25+ years of full time work with the Foundation, Stephen has traveled throughout the US and to 30 nations in 6 continents training people from 100 countries to apply Biblical truth in all spheres of life. He has consulted with numerous government officials, assisted in writing political documents and

starting political parties, aided in starting Christian schools, and helped establish classes on godly reformation in numerous churches. He has authored and co-authored over 20 books, videos, and training courses including *America's Providential History*, *In Search of Democracy*, *Liberating the Nations*, *In God We Trust Tour Guide*, *The Story of America's Liberty*, and *Building Godly Nations*. His books and writings have been translated into French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Russian, Bulgarian, Czech, and Chinese and have been distributed to hundreds of thousands of people. Stephen has been an adjunct professor at Regent University and serves on the board of numerous organizations and ministries. He has written scores of articles for various publications, appeared on

numerous TV and radio programs, and spoken to many different religious, educational, civic, and political organizations. Stephen teaches people to apply biblical truths in all spheres of life. Drawing examples from history, Stephen tells stories that teach liberty, justice, and prosperity. He and his wife Beth live in Charlottesville, Virginia, and have four children.

Our featured event is Saturday evening, March 26, at 6:30 P.M. at Providence Academy. Tickets are available on-line at www.christianstorytellingfestival.com, or at the door. For ticket prices, directions, or other information regarding our featured event see our website.

We are also excited to share that Josh Smith, the host of *11 Connects*, WJHL-TV (CBS), will be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Director of Development Mark Koscak recently shared, “Josh Smith and WJHL have been sponsors of our event for the last four years, and we are grateful for their support. Josh has helped us a number of times over our previous four years at the Christian Storytelling Festival. He has served as an MC of various festival events and his presence lends a level of gravitas that is a great bonus to the festival.”

Free Home School Assemblies

Featured Storyteller Stephen McDowell will be sharing stories about George Washington, *The Apostle of Liberty*, at the home school assemblies. Allan Walters, Vice President of Marketing at Platinum Level Festival Co-Sponsor Saratoga Technologies, Inc., said, “We believe that there is great interest amongst the community at large in learning more about George Washington, a great role model and heralded American hero.”

Both home school assemblies will be held on Friday, March 25. The first assembly will be 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. at First Christian Church in Johnson City. For more information, see our website (www.christianstorytellingfestival.com).

The second Home School assembly will be 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. at Abingdon Bible Church in Abingdon, VA. The assembly in Abingdon is sponsored by Cornerstone Christian Academy (CCA). CCA will open in the fall of 2011. CCA offers a Christ-centered classical education for grades K-9. You can learn more about CCA by going to their website (www.cornerstoneabingdon.org), or you can pick up additional information at the assembly. Providence Academy Jerry Williams shared, “This is a great opportunity for those living in the Abingdon area to participate in the Christian Storytelling Festival while also getting a chance to learn more about the exciting school that will be opening in the Abingdon area this fall.”

Storytelling Showcase

This year’s Christian Storytelling Festival will once again include a Storytelling Showcase on Friday, March 25, at 6:30 P.M. at Providence Academy in Johnson City, TN. Local storytellers will inspire and entertain at the Storytelling Showcase. See details at www.christianstorytellingfestival.com to enter the showcase. The theme of this year’s Showcase is “Stories of Hope and Inspiration.”

Stephen McDowell at Church

Administrator Jerry Williams recently announced that two more events have been added to the 2011 Christian Storytelling Festival (CSF) schedule of events: “We are excited that Stephen McDowell, the President of the Providence Foundation, will be at two local churches as part of the Christian Storytelling Festival 2011.”

Dr. Reggie Weems, Senior Pastor at Heritage Baptist Church in Johnson City, TN, shared “One of our founding father traditions was an annual Fourth of July sermon that reviewed and emphasized the principles that our nation was built upon and the mighty works of the hand of God in the battle for freedom. Fourth of July sermons of this type were heard from pulpits all over our land in the early years of our country.” As part of the Christian Storytelling Festival, Stephen McDowell will be sharing a Fourth of July Sermon on Sunday, March 27, at Heritage Baptist Church in Johnson City, TN, at 9:30 A.M.

Stephen McDowell will also share a Fourth of July sermon Sunday at 6:00 P.M. at First Baptist Jonesborough. Senior Pastor Joel Cook said, “We are excited to have Stephen McDowell joining us at First Baptist Jonesborough. His stories will help us bring a Biblical worldview back to history.”

Stephen McDowell at Church- Sunday, March 27

Pulpit Message: A Modern Rendition of a Founding
Father Tradition - A Fourth of July Sermon

*9:30 A.M. - **Heritage Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN***

*6:00 P.M. - **First Baptist Jonesborough, Jonesborough, TN***

Festival Proceeds Support Need-Based Scholarship

The 2011 Christian Storytelling Festival is the 5th annual event, and the proceeds from this event go to support the Providence Academy Annual Scholarship Fund. “This year almost 25% of our students attend Providence Academy through the help of this need-based support. Our goal for this school year is to raise \$220,000 for our scholarship fund,” said Development Director Mark Koscak.

Platinum Level Co-Sponsor Saratoga Technologies, Inc.

Saratoga Technologies, Inc., founded in 2001, is a regional information technology solutions company headquartered in Johnson City, TN. Their six main areas of focus are: Computer Networking, Printers/Copiers, Telecom, Software, Business Solutions, and Internet. Saratoga has acquired some 19 companies and has grown from 5 employees to over 65 and from a single location to 5. Saratoga has won numerous state, local, and national business awards and has a total annual revenue of just under 9 million dollars. Saratoga supports the community in various ways through sponsorships, volunteerism, and support for numerous non-profits in the area.

Providence Academy

Providence Academy is a K - 12, Christ-centered and classical school with 474 students. Our campus is a 45 acre, 67,000 square foot facility at 2788 Carroll Creek in Johnson City, TN. For more information on Providence Academy you can visit our website at www.providenceacademy.com. For the 2011 - 2012 school year, there are a limited number of openings available in K – 6, and open enrollment in grades 7 - 12.

For questions and further information regarding the Home School Assemblies, the Christian Storytelling Showcase or the Christian Storytelling Festival, you can check our website

www.christianstorytellingfestival.com, or call the Development Office at Providence Academy (423) 854-9819, ext 3013.