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# 2007 FALL PROVIDENTIAL HISTORY FAIR

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Coming in 2008...  
ProvidentialHistoryFestival.com

A full resource & information website dedicated to  
promoting God's Providence in history.

**“...He has made His wonderful works  
to be remembered...”  
Psalm 111:4**



1789AD



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## **Definition of Providence**

“The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.”

**Q. 27, Heidelberg Catechism**

## An Introduction to Providential History

This Providential History Fair features history from “The Passion” to the present (A.D.). Next Spring, we hope to feature “Creation” to “The Cross” (B.C.). In this way, we hope to emphasize the importance of “The Cross” as the hinge upon which all of history turns. The cross was not an afterthought. Nor was it a mere footnote in history. It forms the heart of God’s great story.

All history is HIS story because all history is the working out of God’s providential plan (Rom. 11:36; Eph. 1:11; 3:9-10). Thus, “history is the story of what God has ordained in His inscrutable wisdom. History is not just a collection of events to be recorded in consecutive order. History is not primarily about the progress of man. History is not a collection of dates and trivia to be remembered by the erudite. Rather, history is the grandeur of a sovereign God’s actions. It reveals His character, timing, patience, grace and severity. This then is the place to look for the lessons of life” (*Advancing the Kingdom* by Donald W. Schanzenbach, p. 30).

We hope and anticipate that you will grow in your understanding of God’s plan in the affairs of man through this Providential History Fair. If “developing a Biblical view of history” is a new idea to you, then you should find great encouragement at this fair through watching others and gleaning from them.

Each participant has carefully crafted their presentation to communicate with you these providential concepts. You will find a wide range of creative mediums used. We hope that this fun and educational experience will bring Providential History alive for you.

This event is for all ages. So, whether you are an individual or group, young or old, you are invited to join us next time. Please share with us your knowledge of Providential History as it relates to God and His redemptive purposes in history. Again, our desire is to bring Providential History alive. The older, wiser history buffs can inspire the younger ones. So, come and aspire or be inspired.

**Understanding Providential History**  
**(Taken from *Advancing the Kingdom* by**  
**Donald W. Schanzenbach, pp. 35-37)**

1. The providence of God is the **Central Lesson** of history. “Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other” (Deut. 4:39).
2. The **Central Figure** of history is Jesus Christ. “...that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.” (Eph. 1:10)
3. The progress of the church is the **Central Theme** of history. “...I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Mt. 16:18)
4. The **Moral Value** of history is that it gives vivid subject matter for understanding the impact of righteousness and evil. “These things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction.” (I Cor. 10:11)
5. The **End Goal** of history is to show forth the glory of God. “Who created all things so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in heavenly places.” (Eph. 3:9-10)

In the end, we hope to transfer to the next generation an excitement and confidence for what God has done, is doing and will do. May God raise up the next generation to be historical, theological and covenantal thinkers who can see God’s purposes in history. May He raise up statesmen like the “sons of Issachar” (1 Chronicles 12:32) who “knew the times and knew what Israel ought to do.” May He raise up God-fearing husbands and wives and God-fearing children. May He raise up passionate singles who can influence the kingdom like Daniel and Nehemiah did. And in the process may we learn to enjoy all of life as a gift from God’s hand. To God be the Glory!

## Awards

### SOLE DEO GLORIA AWARD

For of Him  
And through Him  
And to Him are all things,  
To whom be glory forever. Amen.  
Romans 11:36

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orchestrates them to His own glory (Romans 11:36). This award is given to those who have best demonstrated God's providence, the centrality of Christ, a sense of awe for what God is doing in history and an overall Biblical philosophy of history. We hope that year by year we become better accomplished at communicating this central goal of history.

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### SOLA SCRIPTURA AWARD

Oh, the depth of the riches  
Both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgements  
And His ways past finding out!  
Romans 11:33

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but Scripture was seen as infallible. This award is a second place prize, but with a slight twist: the evaluation points related to the use of Scripture are weighted twice as much as all the other judge's evaluation questions. Thus, this award goes to the person who does best at interpreting history in a Biblical fashion. We hope that year by year we become better accomplished at viewing history through the spectacles of Scripture.

*Sole Deo Gloria* is a Latin phrase, when translated it means "to the glory of God alone." In our analysis of history, we should never simply see history as brute facts that are unrelated to God. God is the orchestrator of all things, and He

*Sola Scriptura* is a Latin phrase, when translated it means "Scripture alone," and was one of the most important slogans to arise out of the Reformation. All of life was to be viewed through the lens of God's infallible Word and nothing

**AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD**  
**Voting is open from 7:00-7:30pm**

This is your chance to pick your favorite Providential History Presentation. You have **10 coins to cast anywhere you like**. All 10 can go to one person, yourself, or divided up however you like.

Please place your coins in the containers of your choice.

There are 2 voting locations in the sanctuary.

Voting coins can be picked up from the PHF Information booth.

Parents, please pick up the coins you will need for your children (it is suggested that children who cannot read have an accompanying adult).

#	Name	Event
1	Dan Hamilton Speech	Spilt Milk: Molly Bannaky
2	David Dykstra Speech	The Magna Carta
3	Jessica Dykstra Drama & Table	Lady Jane Grey
4	Rodney Swab Stage Game & Table	History Game
5	Jessica Dykstra Speech	William of Orange
6	Jordon Cave Speech	The Siege of Malta
7	Nancy Carr Speech & Table	The Separatists
8	Collen Family Table	Patrick & Ireland
9	Duff Family Recitation	I Have Not Yet Begun to Fight: John Paul Jones
10	Shepherd Family Recitation	God Governs in the Affairs of Men
11	Ben Kayser Table/PP	The Vikings
12	Krutz Family Table	John Bunyan
13	Tom Paugstat Table/PP	Israel Slides
14	Rebecca Dykstra Table	The Preservation of God's Word
15	Phil Kayser Speech & PP	The Heavy Plow

**The Ultimate Providential History**  
**God's Redemption of Mankind**  
**0-33 A.D.**

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" John 1:14

**A Photo Slide Show**  
**by Thomas C. Paugstat**  
**Assisted by Brian Railey**





The Preserving of the Bible Throughout History

**20-1990 AD**



**The Preservation of God's Word  
So that the Great Commission Could be Fulfilled**

**A Table Display**

**Rebecca Dykstra**

For assuredly, I say to you,  
Till heaven and earth pass away,  
One jot or one tittle  
Will by now means pass from the law  
Till all is fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18

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The Indestructible Book by Ken Connolly.

# **I Arise Today**

*How God Used a Terrible Trial  
To Bring Patrick to Himself  
And Salvation to the Irish People*

**404-461 AD**

*A Panorama By  
The Collen Family*

***Cast your burden upon the Lord,  
And He shall sustain thee.***

***Psalm 55:22a***

***And we know that all things  
Work together for good  
To them that love God,  
To them who are the called,  
According to His purpose.***

***Romans 8:28***

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\*Some mention of evolution in the beginning of text.



# The Heavy Plow & the Technological Revolution of the Middle Ages

**How God used Christian dominion thinking to revolutionize Europe and catapult her into economic prominence in the Middle Ages.**

**500-1300 AD**

Speech/Power Point Presentation

By Phillip Kayser

“And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.”

Deut. 28:13

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# ***From Piracy to Missionaries***

***How God brought Christianity to England,  
Iceland,  
Greenland, and Normandy through the Vikings***

***850–1066 AD***

***A Table Display  
By Ben Kayser***

***And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,  
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and  
on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the  
nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe  
all things that I have commanded you;  
and lo, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age.” Amen.***

***Matthew 28:18-20***

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# THE MAGNA CARTA

HOW THE MAGNA CARTA  
AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS  
PROTECT THE GOD GIVEN RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

1215 AD

A SPEECH  
BY DAVID DYKSTRA

***Open your mouth for the mute,  
For the rights of all who are destitute.  
Open your mouth, judge righteously,  
Defend the rights of the poor and needy.  
Proverbs 31:8-9***

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# Lady Jane Grey

A Martyr for Christ

A Play Directed by Jessica Dykstra



“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” John 12:24-25

Execution 1554 AD

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*God's Instrument in Freeing the Netherlands from Spain*

**1533-1584 AD**



*Speech by  
Jessica Dykstra*

*Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom  
For such a time as this? Esther 4:14b*

*For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again,  
But the wicked shall fall by calamity. Proverbs 24:16*

*Like a roaring lion and a charging Error! Contact not defined.  
Is a wicked ruler over poor people. Proverbs 28:15*

*But when He saw the multitudes,  
He was moved with compassion for them,  
Because they were weary and scattered,  
Like sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36*

*'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'  
"Yes," says the Spirit, "That they may rest from their labors,  
And their works follow them." Revelation 14:13*

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# **The Siege of Malta**

**May 18-Sep. 11, 1565**

**A speech by Jordon Cave**

**Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13**

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# **THE STEADFAST FAITH OF THE PILGRIMS**

**THE MAYFLOWER VOYAGE, FOR THE  
GLORY OF GOD, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, AND FOR A  
LAND WHERE THE PILGRIMS COULD  
WORSHIP GOD ACCORDING TO THE  
BIBLE**

**1607-1621 AD**

**A SPEECH  
BY NANCY CARR**

**“OH, GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, CALL UPON  
HIS NAME, MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE  
PEOPLE. SING UNTO HIM, SING PSALMS UNTO HIM,  
TALK YE OF ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS. GLORY YE  
IN HIS HOLY NAME: LET THE HEART OF THEM  
REJOICE THAT SEEK THE LORD!  
SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH, SEEK HIS  
FACE CONTINUALLY.”  
1<sup>ST</sup> CHRONICLES 16:8-11**



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John Bunyan  
1628-1688 AD

How God used the faithful sufferings of an ordinary man to birth writings that influenced and encouraged not only his immediate sphere, but the world for hundreds of years to come.

**A Table Display by the Krutz Family**

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:11-12

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# **REJOICING OVER SPILT MILK**

## **The Legacy of Molly Walsh**

**1683 – 1806**

A Speech by Dan Hamilton

“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

2 Timothy 1:5



# THE BATTLE OF FLAMBOROUGH HEAD

John Paul Jones and the battle he fought  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 1779  
And how it encouraged the Patriots  
"I have not yet begun to fight!"

AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,  
SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.

PROV. 27:17

**A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION  
BY THE DUFF FAMILY**

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*We the People*

*Benjamin Franklin:  
God Governs in the Affairs of Men*

*How god preserved America by causing men of the  
Constitutional Convention to call on Him, thus finding  
ways to solve irreconcilable differences and write the  
amazing document of our constitution.*

1787

*A Speech by:  
Joshua, Julianna, Joseph, and Samuel Shepherd*

*"Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it."  
Psalm 127:1*

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know.'  
Jeremiah 33:3*

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Time	Medium	Schedule of Events	Historical Period	Presenter
4:00		Doors open/Visit tables		
4:20		Introduction to PHF 2007		Phil Kayser
4:30	Speech/PP	The Heavy Plow, Christianity & the Technological Revolution of the Middle Ages	500-1300	Phil Kayser
4:40	Speech	The Magna Carta	1215	David Dykstra
4:50	Drama & Table Display	Lady Jane Grey	1552	Jessica Dykstra & Co.
5:15	Game	Instructions & Introduction Pray for Supper		Rodney Swab
5:30		Supper break /Visit tables		
6:00	Speech	William of Orange I	1533-1584	Jessica Dykstra
6:10	Speech	The Siege of Malta	1565	Jordon Cave
6:20	Speech & Table Display	The Separatists in England, Holland & America	1607-1621	Nancy Carr
6:30	Speech	Rejoicing Over Spilt Milk: the Story of Molly Walsh	1683-1806	Dan Hamilton
6:40	Recitation/PP	I Have Not Yet Begun to Fight: John Paul Jones.	1779, Aug.	Duff Family
6:50	Recitation	God Governs in the Affairs of Men: Benjamin Franklin	1787	Shepherd Family
7:00	Game	Final Round on Stage		Rodney Swab
7:10		Break/Visit Tables		
7:30		Keynote Speaker Introduction		Phil Kayser
7:35		Keynote Speech		Kevin Swanson
8:30		Awards Ceremony		Rodney Swab
8:45	Closing	Hymn and Prayer - To God Be the Glory		Phil Kayser