

Florida East Coast Baptist Association, Inc.
Congress of Christian Education
Oratorical Competition

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Oratorical Speech Deadline

Friday, July 8, 2022

NO EXCEPTIONS!

All Oratorical submissions may be received via email

To

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Or

Via U.S. Mail

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(Include 4 copies of speech)

THEME

Please note that each Category's prompt and Scripture is based on the national theme:

Theme: G.L.E.A.M. (God Lit Everything Around Me)

Key Scripture: Psalm 119:105 NKJV

Primary Category (Grades 6-7):

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1 (NIV)

Prompt: How have the past two years of dealing with social justice, social media, racism, pandemic, mental health, violence, school, etc. impacted or affected you, your community, state and the world? What has the church done to help you understand what is going on and what should the church be doing? In fact, what am I doing and what am I going to do?

Just a Thought: SMH! So much is happening!! What am I supposed to do about this crazy, mixed-up world? Rise up, Wake up, and Shine up so that I can be light. Watch me shine.

Junior Category (Grades 8-9):

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

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Intermediate (Grades 10-11):

The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5 (NIV)

Prompt: Out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You. Our God is greater, stronger, healer, and awesome in power. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

Just a Thought: Well, I can think of a lot of things and systems and the pandemic and the _____ that might try to stop us. You fill in your own blank. We can all keep the negative images in focus. I am not throwing shade. The knee downs, the putdowns, the let downs, the lockdowns, the breakdowns, and all the other ups and downs still show that nothing can stand against me shining. I will rise up—yes! Even from these experiences to move myself and others toward God's light.

PRESENTATION

- Orations must be **memorized**. No sing-song tones, props or aides.
- Must be prepared by the contestant and original.
- **Not to exceed 5 minutes.**
- **Typed double spaced; New Times Roman, 12 pt. font size. Minimum requirement of 300 words. Maximum requirement of 800 words.**
- Speech must be logical, relevant to the theme, based on the key scripture and prompt provided.
- Use the key scripture and at least two (2) other scriptures to support your position.
- You are encouraged to use statistical data to support your position.
- Use of any quotations and/or copyrighted material in the speech must be identified.

DELIVERY

- Participants are to stand, state the topic and begin their memorized oration.
- Participants are not allowed to use introductions or reference protocols
- Participants shall not state their names or any other identifying data during the oration.
- Participants shall avoid using a sing-song tone, sermonette format and avoid excessive gestures in their presentation. Likewise, no dancing, rapping, etc.
- Special props, costumes, clothing or prompts are not permitted.
- Any violations of the guidelines will automatically disqualify the contestant

Attire

- Males:
Long pants, dress shirt, tie and suit coat

- Females:
Dress or suit skirt
Hosiery

COMPETITION

The Oratorical competition will be held on **Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 6:00pm at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 8100 NW 17th Ave, Miami, F.** All oratorical participants are asked to arrive at the church no later than 5:30pm.

The winners of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions will represent FECBA at the Florida General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, held **in-person** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 2:30pm location TBD.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- The Participant's Church **must be** current in financial obligations to the state.

- **Contestant for the oratorical program must be registered as a 2022 congress delegate to the Florida General Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education from July 25-29, 2022, Doubletree Hotel at Universal Studios Orlando**

- Oratorical participant must be **registered** by the first day Monday, July 25th, and enroll in a Congress course during the week.

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ORATORICAL CONTEST PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

_____ Primary Division _____ Junior Division _____ Intermediate Division

Name: _____

Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Youth Pastor/Director: _____

Please DO NOT put your name on your speech

