

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

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Oratorical Speech Deadline

Friday, July 12, 2024

NO EXCEPTIONS!

All Oratorical submissions may be received via email

To

Deanneltaylor58@gmail.com

Or

Via U.S. Mail

1320 NW 33rd Ave.

Lauderhill, FL 33311

(Include 4 copies of speech)

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May 15, 2024

Good evening,

I trust that this communication finds you well and in good health. I am eagerly anticipating the insightful and inspiring speeches from our young participants in this year's oratorical competition.

FECBA will hold its Oratorical contest on Monday, **July 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Mount Olive Baptist Church 3700 Avenue O, Riviera Beach.** All oratorical participants are asked to arrive at the church no later than 10:00 a.m. Each participant shall bring with them four (4) copies of their speech. The winners of the FECBA oratorical competition will represent FECBA in the state oratorical competition, which will be held during the Florida General Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education held **Monday, July 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista, FL.**

You will find the guidelines for the FECBA Oratorical Contest attached. Please read the rules and guidelines thoroughly for the oratorical contest at the district and state levels.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please know that we are here to support you. Feel free to contact me via email at deannetaylor58@gmail.com.

In His Service,

Deanne L. Taylor

Deanne Taylor

Oratorical Categories

Students should be classified based on the 2024-2025 academic school year. Each District Association will be allowed to submit one candidate per category.

- Intermediate Grades 9-11
- Junior Grades 6-8
- Primary Grades 1-5

Oration Themes

Intermediate Topic: Firmly committed to God's promises for my life in all things.
Key Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 15:58

Junior Topic: Firmly committed to God's promises for my life in all things.
Key Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 15:58

Primary Topic: Firmly committed to God's promises for my life in all things.
Key Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 15:58

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.
- Use of any quotations and/or copyrighted material in the speech must be identified.
- Limited use of hands.

Attire

- Males:
Long pants, dress shirt, tie and suit coat
- Females:
Dress or suit skirt
Hosiery

COMPETITION

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The winners of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions will represent FECBA at the State Congress of Christian Education, **Monday July 29m 2024, 10:00a.m. - Noon at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Hotel, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista, FL**
Contestants must arrive one hour prior to the start time of the Oratorical Competition.

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 2024 delegate to the Florida General Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education from July 29 thru August 2, 2024 in Orlando, Florida.**
- Contestant must be **registered** by the first day Monday, July 29 thru August 2, 2024 in Orlando, FL.
- **Contestant MUST be registered by the first day Monday, July 29, and attend a Congress course during the week and participate in the youth rally.**



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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