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January 22, 2024

Greetings Moderators/Pastors,

Below is the information concerning the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest for 2024. Please share with all appropriate staff under your leadership. We are strongly urging all churches to encourage your youth to participate in the Oratorical Contest. Participants should be a member of a church within the Wake Missionary Baptist Association.

The Topics for 2024 are as follows:

Division I: Preparatory – The preparatory division includes students who are in grades: 6, 7 and 8. Speeches for these students should NOT BE UNDER 3 minutes and NOT BE OVER 4 minutes.

- "Lord, I Surrender" (Matthew 16:24-25)
- "Anointed to Win" (1 John 2:20)
- "Being About Our Father's Business" (John 6:29)

Division II: Juniors – The junior division includes students who are in grades: 9, 10, and 11. Speeches for these students should NOT BE UNDER 4 minutes and NOT BE OVER 5 minutes.

- "Evangelism is a Lifestyle" (Matthew 28:19-20)
- "Transformed From the Inside Out" (Romans 12:1-2)

Division III: Seniors – The senior division includes students who are in grade 12. Speeches for these students should NOT BE UNDER 5 minutes and NOT BE OVER 6 minutes. (**Participants should be a member of the class of 2025**)

- "Making the World a Better Place: GenZers Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and in the Community." (Matthew 5:15, 28:19)

The WMBA Oratorical Contest will be held in-person on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 1pm at Malaby's Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church, 911 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545. Each contestant is allowed to invite guests. All applications and speeches must be typed, and post marked by April 1, 2024. Please mail applications and speeches to:

Springfield Baptist Church
C/O Rev. Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant
4309 Auburn Knightdale Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27610

Regards,



Rev. Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant, President
WMBA Congress of Christian Education



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PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Contestant: _____ M ___ F ___

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Parents/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____ Parent Cell #: _____

Parents/Guardian email: _____

PART II: CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Pastor: _____

Part III: ORATORICAL INFORMATION

Oratorical Topic: _____

Number of pages: _____ Your grade as of July 1, 2024: _____

Division: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____



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