

Mt. Zion Northeast Coast Missionary Baptist District Association  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress of Christian Education  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Rev. Michael E. Mitchell, Jr. – District Moderator  
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**2023**  
**Oratorical Theme, Scripture and Guidelines**  
**For Intermediate (Grades 10-11):**

**THEME: G.L.E.A.M. (God Lit Everything Around Me)**  
**(Key Scripture: Psalm 119:105, NKJV)**

**\*Scripture:** 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 us?

**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 towards God's light.

# GUIDELINES

## PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for students to develop oration skills that will allow them to confidently share the Word as well as benefit them in their life endeavors. Likewise, the written speech reflects spiritual knowledge, development, and appreciation of God's Word as well as evidence of intellectual thinking and positive expression. Your speech should be about live, society or human nature/condition that needs to be turned toward God's love and light.

- Fosters Faith
- Encourages Christ-centered Communication
- Promotes Writing, Public Speaking, and Reading
- Builds Self-confidence

## In-Person

The Oratorical Speeches will be held "In-Person" Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Macedonian MBC, 2729 Lipscomb Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Oratorical participants must be:

- In the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades (2023/2024 School Year)
- Home church must be apart of the MZNEC District Association
- Only one participation per Church

## PRESENTATION

- Participants **are encouraged** to memorize the oration/speech. No sign-song tone, notes, props. Or any other aids are allowed
- The speech must be **prepared by the contestant and must be original**
- Orations are **not** to exceed five minutes and must be typed and double-spaced (Times New Roman font, size 12). **A minimum requirement of 300 words maximum of 800 words.**
- Include the total number of words at the bottom of your document.
- The speech must be logical, correct in form, relevant to the theme, and a response to the time based on the key Scripture and prompt. The speech will analyze your identity as a disciple who lives as light or who will move towards the Light.
- You are encouraged to use the **key Scripture** and at least **two other Scriptures** to support your position.

- You are encouraged to use statistical data to support your position.
- Any quotations or copyright material used in the speech must be properly identified.

**The Presentation attire is as follows:**

**Males:** Suit Coats with ties

**Females:** Dress or Suit with hosiery

**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.

The participant's Oratorical Coordinator/YPD Director must submit on behalf of the participant the following:

- A copy of the typed speech
- A copy of the completed Contestant Entry Form

\*\*All items must be received by Friday, July 7, 2023, at 11:59PM  
Via email to:

- Sis. Linda Taylor, MZNEC Oratorical Coordinator  
Email: [sundaymorndew@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaymorndew@yahoo.com)

Copy (CC)

- Sis. Cheryl Brooks, Congress Dean  
Email: [CLSDeanBrooks@mtmoriahmbcpb.org](mailto:CLSDeanBrooks@mtmoriahmbcpb.org)

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Contestant Entry Form

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in the Fall of 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church's Youth Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church's Oratorical Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_