

# WAKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

"ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.....ACCOUNTABLE TO MEN" ROMANS 14:12

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel J. Wood  
Moderator

**January 16, 2017**

Rev. Kirby Jones  
First Vice-Moderator

**Greetings:**

Rev. Dr. George A Jones, Jr.  
Second Vice-Moderator

**Pastors, Executive Board, Christian Education Directors, Sunday School Superintendents, and Youth Directors. We will disseminate additional information, however, wanted to share the following:**

Rev. Dr. James S. Utley  
Third Vice-Moderator

Rev. Joyce Pulley-Hinton  
Fourth Vice-Moderator

**At a Glance**

**Pertinent Information:**

**2017 Oratorical Contest  
James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest & Conference  
State Oratorical Contest**

**Dates-June 26, 27, and 28 2017  
Location- New Light Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Cardis H. Brown, Jr., Pastor  
1105 Willow Rd  
Greensboro, NC**

**Division 1- Preparatory  
(Grades 6-8)**

**Division 11 Junior (Grades 9-11)**

**Division 111- Senior- (Grade 12). Must be graduating from high school in 2018**

**TOPICS:**

**Division 1- Preparatory**

**"How God's Power Unfolds in My Life"**

**"The Benefits of Living God's Way"**

**"We Shall Overcome--Just Be Strong"**

**Division 11-Junior**

**"How the Glory of God Shines Through Me"**

**"The Challenges and Benefits of Living God's Way"**



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**Division 111- Senior**

**"How the Power, the Mercy and the Glory of God Helps in my Daily Walk With Him"**

**Official Time for Each Division**

**Division 1-Preparatory**

**Grades 6, 7, and 8**

**Time -3-4 Minutes**

**Not under 3 minutes, but not over 4 minutes**

**Division 11-Junior**

**Time 4 – 5 minutes**

**Grades 9, 10, and 11**

**Time-Not under 4 minutes, but not over 5 minutes**

**Division 11 – Senior**

**Time 5 – 6 minutes**

**Grade 12**

**Not under 5 minutes, but not over 6 minutes**

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTESTANT**

**1. The contest is open to young people (grades 6-12) in the year that contest is being held.**

**Example: A contestant must be entering the 6th grade as of July 1, 2017.**

**Seniors who will graduate from high school as of July 1, 2017 are not eligible to participate.**

**2. The contestant must prepare a speech on one of the official topics from the divisions.**

**3. Students entering the contest who have been called into the ministry may participate with the understanding that their speeches must be an oration, but not a sermon or sermonette.**

**4. ALL SPEECHES MUST BE MEMORIZED!!!!!!**

**2017 Oratorical Contest Information**

**1. Contestant's speech must be typed. Must be double spaced, (Times New Roman) font size 12**

**2. A current picture is needed**

**3. Application must be submitted by Association/District Oratorical Director**

**4. DEADLINE -Monday, June 5, 2017 by 9:00 p.m.**

**President of GBSC of NC, Inc.**

**Dr. Nilous M. Avery, 11, D.Min.**

**President of Congress of Education**

**Sister Janifer Campbell**

**Additional information to be disseminated following the One-Day Session on 2/11/17, however, we were able to capture the above.**

**Please begin immediately "targeting" young people who will excel in this contest.**

**Thank you as we remain accountable.**

**Sis Juanita Bright**

**President of WMBA Congress**

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