

# GETHSAMANE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## *Oratorical Dates*



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The Gethsemane Baptist Association will participate in this year's C.O. Jackson Oratorical Contest, which is sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Please note the following mandatory dates:

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1. **Mandatory Preparation Workshop** **Saturday, June 1 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Second Calvary Baptist Church – 1110 Mason Rd., -- Columbia, SC 29203**  
**(All participants and their Youth Coordinators are required to attend)**
2. **Oratorical Contest** **Sunday, June 30 – 3:00 p.m. Mt. Zion**  
**Chapin Mt. Zion Baptist Church – 110 Broomstraw Rd. – Chapin, SC 29036**
3. **State Oratorical Contest** **Monday, July 15, 8:00**  
**a.m. *The Gethsemane Winner is required to attend the State Contest.***

**The following documents are attached:**

- *Guidelines*
- *Theme*
- *Scoring Rubric*
- *Registration Form*

# The South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education

Dr. Toney C. Parks, *SCBCCE President*

## **C. O. Jackson Oratorical Contest**

State -- July 15, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Gethsamane -- June 30, 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion, Chapin

## **2019 ORATORICAL THEME**

Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints, and Proclaiming  
the Gospel Through Authentic Worship,  
While Ministering to the Needs of a Changing Culture

## **Scripture Reference**

John 4:24

## **2019 Emphasis**

Worship That Edifies the People of God

Nehemiah 8:6; Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 5:18-21

C. O. Jackson Deadline Date to register online is **June 30, 2019**

## The South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education The Gethsemane Baptist Association Guidelines for The C.O. Jackson Oratorical Contest

Thank you for your interest in the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education Annual C. O. Jackson Oratorical Contest. The State event takes place at the Annual Session in July. The Gethsemane event takes place on June 30 at 3:00 pm. at Mt. Zion Chapin. The Congress theme for the year is posted on the website and is updated after the Annual Session. Once the finalist representing the Gethsemane association has been determined, he or she will register online at [www.sccongress.org](http://www.sccongress.org) in the ORATORICAL CONTESTS *Online*

*Registration: Personal Data*

*Information* tab. You will receive registration confirmation from the Oratorical Coordinator confirming your plans to participate.

The contest guidelines and instructions are attached for your convenience. They are for youth who are members of the churches affiliated with the Congress in a Christian, educational, competitive experience in oratory when the Congress convenes. We encourage participation from each registered association.

### **I. Plans for Preliminary Contestants**

The winner from each associational Congress competition will be sent to the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education in July to compete in the state contest. Each associational Congress must see to it that its winner's name is submitted to the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education website **two weeks prior** to the start of the Annual Session.

### **II. Requirements**

- A. The contestant's associational Congress and church must be registered in the South Carolina Congress of Christian Education.
- B. Graduating 12th graders from secondary schools and college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are eligible.
- C. The contestant's speech must show creativity and originality and pertain to the theme of the Congress.
- D. The contestant must be currently enrolled in a secondary school, college, or university.
- E. Winners are not eligible to enter the contest again once they have won at the state level.
- F. A contestant must have won his/her associational Congress contest to be eligible to compete in the state eliminations. On the morning of the elimination, the contestant, with his/her mentor must bring a copy of the paid registration form.
- G. The six (6) contestants earning the highest points will be selected to compete in the state finals, which will be held on the same day.
- H. Altering speeches from the eliminations to the finals will not be permitted. A typed copy of each contestant's speech must be submitted online to the Oratorical Coordinator prior to the eliminations. The location for submitting speeches is within the Online Registration tab.

### **III. Topics for Speeches**

Generally, all contestants must adhere to the Congress theme at the local, district, and state levels. This does not mean that the contestant has to use the exact words of the theme; however, he/she is required to use a topic that is closely related to the theme. A contestant will be disqualified if he/she speaks on a non-Christian topic or on one that is totally unrelated to the theme. Specifically, each topic must be related to Christian Education.

**IV. Time Limit**

A. Each contestant should limit his/her speech to a minimum of three minutes and to a maximum of five minutes. If a contestant speaks fewer than three minutes or more than five minutes, he/she will be penalized by the judges. Ten points will be subtracted from the Contestant's total score for each minute he/she speaks under or over time.

B. Timekeepers will time the presentations.

**V. Judges**

A. The panel of judges will consist of three to five persons who are professionally trained and who are involved in Christian Education.

B. The judges will be knowledgeable in speech, oratory, composition, and the performing arts.

C. The judges and the timekeepers will tally their score sheets to determine the final ratings of the contestants.

D. It is the winners' responsibility to inform the coordinator of the contest committee of the name and address of the institutions at which they matriculate.

E. The maximum number of points a contestant can earn 110. He/she cannot receive more than 10 points for each item on which the judge evaluates him or her. {**SCORING SHEET ATTACHED**}

F. Each contestant will be introduced according to number. The contestant should **not** identify himself/herself, nor give any indication of his/her church nor locale.

G. There will be no ties. In the event of a tie, the judges will make a final decision.

**VI. Evaluation and Selection of Winners**

A. Each contestant will receive a participation award at the Congress.

B. Three contestants will be chosen as winners in the state competition in July. The first place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship; the second place winner will receive a \$1,300 scholarship; and the third place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Upon receiving enrollment verification from the college, all scholarships will be sent directly to the student.

**Note:** Winners who elect to attend Benedict or Morris Colleges are eligible to receive the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education Award, a financial award established at each institution designed to match the winner's earned scholarship amount.

C. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners during the first semester following the contest. Any winner who elects not to attend college will forfeit his/her scholarship. It will be awarded to the next highest-ranking contestant.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST OFFICIAL

**SCORING SHEET**

\_\_\_\_ELIMINATIONS \_\_\_\_FINALS

Contestant No. \_\_\_\_\_

Final Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Final Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Items To Be Judged (Maximum Points -110)**

1. SELF CONFIDENCE (Contestant exhibited self-control and an air of authoritativeness in handling the topic.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. EYE CONTACT AND GESTURES (Maintained proper eye contact with audience and used proper gestures to emphasize points.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. VOICE AND ARTICULATION (Used correct pronunciation and enunciation of words and had good voice tone.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. LANGUAGE (Language used in presentation was adequate and clear.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. FAITHFULNESS TO THEME (Focused on the prescribed theme throughout presentation.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. CONTENT (Presentation was Christian oriented and served to advance the cause of the Christian faith.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL (Presentation was well organized and had a clear theme.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION (Had an introduction and conclusion that helped clarify the central theme.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. ENTHUSIASM (Showed enthusiasm for presentation and deep conviction in material presented.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. INTEREST MAINTAINED (Created and maintained audience interest.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11. MEMORIZATION (Candidate spoke from memory, did not rely on notes.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

**PENALTIES (Each judge shall assess the following penalties against a contestant)**

- A. SELF-IDENTIFICATION (5 points deduction)

(Contestant must not identify himself nor give any indication of church nor locale.)

- B. FAILURE TO ANNOUNCE OFFICIAL SUBJECT OR THEME (3 points deduction)

(The appointed official timekeeper will announce the following penalty only after a judge has totaled his speech score for each contestant.)

- C. TIME PENALTIES (10 points deduction each minute under or over official limits)

(Time Limit is 3-5 minutes)

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ PENALTY POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

