

ATTENTION PARENTS: 32nd Annual Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union Oratorical Ministry Showcase



The Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union 32nd Oratorical Ministry Showcase will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church located at 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax VA 22032.

Bethlehem Baptist Church is in need of Orators in each of the age categories listed in Table 1 below to participate in the FCBSSU Oratorical Ministry Showcase.

If you have the calling to become a great Orator or if you just want to improve your writing and speaking skills, then please contact one of the following members as soon as possible: Sister Edora Greenhill at (703) (703) 362-3138, or Sister Brenda Faison at (703) 360-5472; or Minister Marilyn Collins at (571-265-1887 via email, text, or phone

call.

Table 1.

AGE CATEGORY	TOPIC
6-7 Year Olds and 8-9 Year Olds	<p>Topic: Is Jesus pleased with how, when, and why children use phones or tablets?</p> <p>Suggested Focus Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 10:23 and Romans 12:2</p> <p>Supporting Narrative: Would Jesus really approve of the ways young people use phones or tablets? Share ways you have used a phone or tablet as a tool to learn more about Jesus or let your light shine. Can you give any examples of inappropriate ways or times for Christian youth to use phones or tablets and why it is considered inappropriate.</p>
10-13 year olds and 14-17 Year Olds	<p>Topic: What can be done about gun violence at it relates to school shootings or within our communities?</p> <p>Suggested Focus Scriptures: Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 26:52</p> <p>Supporting Narrative: No school or community appears to be safe from gun violence. In recent memory victims have ranged from first graders through college students. The perpetrators of these crimes are often peers of young adults. How can this menace of gun violence committed by young people against other young people be controlled?</p>

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18 year olds and above	<p><u>Topic:</u> How can the Church begin to dismantle the schoolhouse-to-jailhouse pipeline?</p> <p><u>Suggested Focus Scriptures:</u> II Corinthians 5:17-21 Numbers 11:22</p> <p><u>Supporting Narrative:</u> Students of color are disproportionately the occupants of the school-to-prison pipeline. How can Christian congregations with or without established prison ministries engage with school officials, law enforcement professionals, and parents to reverse the mass incarceration trajectory minority youth face.</p>
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The following table highlights the time limits for speeches by each age category:

Age	Minimum Time	Maximum Time
6-7	1 Minute	1.5 Minutes
8-9	1.5 Minutes	2 Minutes
10-13	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes
14-17	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes
18-Adult	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes

We have planned four **Coaching Workshops (and will schedule more if needed)** to help our Orators prepare for this awesome opportunity. The workshops are tentatively scheduled for the following dates and times:

◆ **Saturday, February 8th, 1:00 pm – 2:30pm** – Oratorical Ministry Kick-Off and Two Facilitated Workshops

- 1) Interpreting the Scripture
- 2) Historical Perspective(s) for each Topic(s)

◆ **Saturday, February 29, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm** – Two Facilitated Workshops and Rehearsals

- 1) How to Write Effective Presentations
- 2) How to Do Effective Presentations
- 3) Rehearsals

◆ **Saturday, March 7 , 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm** – Rehearsals

◆ **Saturday, March 14, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm** - Rehearsals and Mock Panel

◆ **Sunday, March 22nd, 8:00 am -9:45 am** - BBC Oratorical Ministry Showcase (During the Church School Hour if needed)

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◆ **Saturday, March 28th , 9:00 am – 12:00 noon - Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union Oratorical Ministry Showcase event held at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032.**

To represent Bethlehem Baptist Church in the FCBSU Oratorical Ministry Showcase, participants must attend the Coaching and Rehearsal Sessions, the facilitated Workshops, and the Bethlehem Baptist Church Showcase.

A registration form can be picked up in the Church Office and during the Church School hour on the following Sundays; January 19th and January 26th, and February 2nd.

We are also calling for Volunteers (Workshop Facilitators, Judges, Time Keepers, Willing Helpers) to assist the Oratorical Ministry Team).

For more information or if you wish to volunteer, please contact the BBC Oratorical Ministry Showcase Support Team Sister Brenda Faison (703-360-5472), Sister Edora Greenhill (703-362-3138), or Minister Marilyn Collins (571-265-1887).