

REPORT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

January 9, 2018

The following information has been requested:

- *Login info for the nbcoratorical@gmail.com account and password
- *Budget for the oratorical competition
- *Detailed list of the process from the oratorical competition
- *Sample of acceptance letter
- *Sample of introductory letter to ALL people who sent submission last year
- *Access to all applications

The theme for the Oratorical Contest and Essays for Summer 2018 is **ENVISIONING THE FUTURE EXCEPTIONALLY AS WE LEAD DISCIPLES TO CHRIST (Proverbs 29:18; Matthew 10:1; Romans 12:4; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11)**. The thematic emphasis is Christian disciples are not solely followers of our Lord Jesus Christ but also leaders for our Lord in every aspect of Christian service, witness, missions, and proclamation; first, in the church, evidentially, and incidentally, throughout the kingdom of God in this present world. Christian leadership is based on Christian discipleship with the Bible being the foundation of such leadership. As National Baptists, we uphold the biblical authority of pastors and teachers, as well as all biblically and doctrinally recognized *gifting* and *callings* of Christian leadership that are placed in the Body Christ for its effectiveness.

The suggested time for the Oratorical contest will be on **Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM** with a place to be determined once the Congress logistics are finalized. Also, I would like to suggest that essays for consideration for scholarships will have a deadline of **April 30, 2018**.

The merging of the literacy and oratorical aspects is a work in progress. The following persons have been presented to serve on the newly format scholarship commission:

Midwest Representative
BerThaddaeus Bailey (Norman, OK)

Southwest Representative

Gloria D. Crayton (Lafayette, LA)

Southeast Representative

Rev. Johnny Barber (Miami, FL)

Respectfully Submitted,

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