

*Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
The Sunday School and The Youth Department  
Presents:*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. &  
Claudia M. Campbell  
Oratorical Contest 2024**

*The objective of this oratorical contest is to provide a platform for young people to enhance their public speaking and leadership skills.*



*Competition will take place on  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm***

**Topic:**

***“How do you turn adversity into an advantage?  
(Is it possible for something good to come from something bad)”***

*(Contestants must use this for the topic of their speech)*

*“Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope.”*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Sponsor:** *Tabernacle Youth Department and Sunday School*

**Eligibility:** *TMBC Members, Sunday School attendees or other ministries*

**Deadline:** *Contestants should submit entry form (via Google Documents) and a copy of the speech by  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024.***

***Reverend Stanley L. Walker, Pastor***

**General Rules**

1. Contestants speech must relate to topic (*see first page*)
2. Contestants shall prepare orations according to grade levels and must speak on topic. The penalty for going over or under the time limit is, “three (3) points for each 15 seconds over or under the time limit.”
3. Any quotations or copyright material used in the speech must be identified properly.
4. Tabernacle shall have the right to edit, publish, and record any oration entered into contest without payment to the author.
5. Timing begins on the first word uttered and stops on the last word.
6. A minimum of one minute of silence is granted to judges after an oration.
7. In case of a tie the judges will decide the winner based on the orator’s performance.

### Categories for Scoring

<b>Delivery</b> - <i>Articulation, vocal variations and gestures</i>	<b>25 points</b>
<b>Effectiveness</b> - <i>Clear purpose and ability to sell position</i>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Content</b> - <i>Referenced facts and material substance</i>	<b>35 Points</b>
<b>Appearance</b> - <i>Professional attire</i>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

### Divisions and Time Limitations:

Primary Division	Kindergarten to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	1-2 minutes
Intermediate Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	2-3 minutes
Middle School Division	6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3-4 minutes
High School Division	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4-6 minutes

### Awards:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cash prizes will be awarded for all levels.  
All other contestants will receive a participation award.