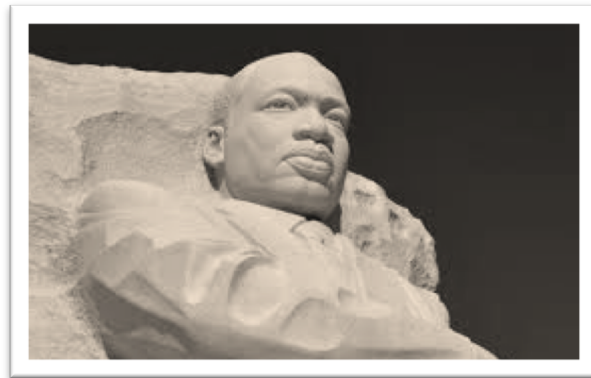


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**FINAL COMPETITION  
SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

**10:00 am**

**2019 Joseph Vaughn**



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## Contestant Guidelines

### Student Eligibility–High School Students from Greenville County

#### Theme

- The Theme of the Oratorical Contest shall be the one selected by the Oratorical Steering committee. THE THEME SHALL BE THE SUBJECT FOR EACH CONTESTANT.
- The theme for this year is, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. stated in the Letter from Birmingham Jail, “**Any Law that degrades human personality is unjust. What is my responsibility in today’s society?**”

#### Organization

- The speech prepared by the contestant must be original.
- The speech must be typewritten, double-spaced, using standard college English.
- The speech must be logical, correct in form and content and must address the theme established by the Oratorical Steering committee.
- The speech must show a command of vocabulary.
- *The speech must be submitted in writing to the Committee Chairman for approval and preliminary scoring by **January 25, 2019.***

#### Timing (Final Competition)

For those entrants selected to compete in the final round of the Oratorical competition, the following rules and guidelines will apply:

- A speaker will be disqualified from the contest if he/she speaks less than 4 minutes and 30 seconds, or more than 7 minutes and 30 seconds.
- The timers shall be seated in such a position that warning signals will be clearly visible to the speakers, but not obvious to the audience. The green and amber-warning signals will remain up for one minute.
- Speakers should not start their speech until completion of introductory applause. Timing shall begin with the first word the contestant utters.
- Timers shall warn the speaker with a green sign after he/she has spoken for five (5) minutes. An amber sign will be turned on after six (6) minutes and the red sign will be after seven (7) minutes and will remain on until the conclusion of the speech.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Classification/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number

(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Alternate) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact contestant i.e.: email, text, voice call, and etc. \_\_\_\_\_**

Future Plans:

Special Interest(s) and/or Hobbies:

***Each contestant must submit this information no later than January 18, 2019.***

**Please forward entries to:  
Michael R. Chatman via...  
Email: [jvoc@alphagreenville.org](mailto:jvoc@alphagreenville.org)  
(864) 906-7078**

**Or by U.S. Postal Mail  
125 Cleveirvine Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29607-1807**



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### Important Dates and Deadlines to Remember

November 30, 2018	Initial communication will go out to the high school teachers and counselors.
January 18, 2019	Entry form submission deadline
January 25, 2019	Written speech submitted to Oratorical Chair
February 6, 2019	Preliminary Competition (If needed, more than 15 contestants) TBD
February 12, 2019	Feedback Session
February 16, 2019	Finalists compete in Joseph Vaughn Oratorical Competition, 10 AM., Springfield Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
Inclement Weather	No Date Planned.

### For further information contact:

**Michael R. Chatman, Alpha Greenville Foundation**  
[jvoc@alphagreenville.org](mailto:jvoc@alphagreenville.org)  
864-906-7078



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Awards & Recognition

**GOLD MEDALIST**

Name engraved on standing Joseph Vaughn Cup  
Oratorical Champion Award  
\$450.00

**SILVER MEDALIST**

Oratorical Silver Award  
\$250.00

**BRONZE MEDALIST**

Oratorical Bronze Award  
\$150.00

**All contestants will receive a certificate, recognizing their participation in this event. Final  
Contestants who do not place as a finalist will receive \$25.**

**Preliminary Competition**



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**Judging Items & Categories**

(Preliminary Judging – Maximum 60 points earned)

Speech Development – 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Structure, organization support material)

Effectiveness – 15 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Achievement of purpose, interest, & reception)

Correctness – 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Grammar, pronunciation, word selection)

Speech Value – 15 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ideas, logic, original thoughts)

(Along with the preliminary judging items, the following additional areas are assessed  
for the Final Competition– Maximum 100 points earned)

Physical – 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Appearance, body language)

Voice – 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Flexibility, volume)

Manner – 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Directness, assurance, enthusiasm)

Appropriateness – 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_  
(Speech address purpose & audience)

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

