



# National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

## 2012 Oratorical Contest

### Report

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The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in the Ferrara Theatre in St. Louis's America's Center Convention Hall, with over 800 persons in attendance. This year's theme was, "Building a Solid Life with the Savior, *For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field and God's building*". 1 Corinthians 3:9 NKJV

Fifteen (15) contestants entered this year's competition - 6 females and 9 males, representing the states of Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan (Saginaw and Detroit), Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas. The contest was judged by 5 trained professionals, and 4 individuals were responsible for tallying the scores. In addition to the monetary awards; four (4) laptop computers were donated through the efforts of Mrs. Barbara Martin and a community block unit. Prior to competing, the contestants received words of encouragement from one of last year's winners, as well as a local Circuit Court Judge.

**Mr. Ber Thaddaeus M. Bailey**, from the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, was the **First Place winner**. Ber Thaddaeus is a member of the St. Andrew Baptist Church where his father, Rev. Bertrand Bailey, is the pastor. He will be attending the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Political Science.

The **Second Place** winner was **Ms. Hanah Hobson** representing the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Hanah will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in Biology

The **Third Place** winner was **Ms. Katrina B. Shobe** from the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Indiana. Katrina will be attending the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA, and her field of study will be Directing Production and Playwriting.

The **Fourth Place** winner was **Ms. Rachel S. Dale**, presenting the Wolverine State Convention of Saginaw, Michigan. Rachel will be attending Oakland University in Michigan and majoring in Social Work

Moving forward, I appeal to each State Convention and Congress President to support this endeavor through financial support and encouraging your youth to participate in the Oratorical Competition.

Our 2013 theme is: "A Solid Witness for a Solid Savior" Joshua 24:27.

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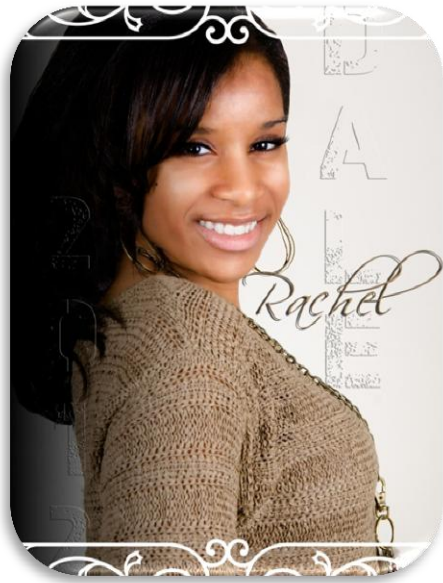
**BER THADDAEUS M. BAILEY, OK  
FIRST PLACE WINNER**



**HANAH HOBSON, NC  
SECOND PLACE WINNER**



**KATRINA B. SHOBE, IN  
THIRD PLACE WINNER**



**RACHEL S. DALE, MI  
FOURTH PLACE WINNER**

# Contest Pics

*"A Solid Witness for a Solid Savior"  
Joshua 24:27*



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