



Rev. Earl Simmons, D. Sr., President

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Dear Pastors, Superintendents, Christian Education Directors and Youth Advisors:

“We greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

As time is fast approaching, we are excited about our upcoming **N. J. Brockman Junior Oratorical Contest**. In the past, this event has proven to be a fruitful experience for our youth. This kind of oration helps to foster Biblical knowledge, writing, thinking, and leadership skills. Therefore, we ask each pastor, superintendent, youth advisor, as well as parents to encourage their youth to participate in this event.

“Learning to speak well in life is important; however, it is not something that one develops naturally. Rather, it is a learned skill. Morreale, Osborn, and Pearson (2000) explained, “The ability to communicate effectively and appropriately is learned and, therefore, must be taught” (p. 2). Therefore, it is important that students receive effective instruction in both speech content and delivery in order for them to be able to communicate well.”

Preceding the contest, there will be **training sessions on Saturday, September 9, and Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Martin Webb Learning Center at 10:00 a.m.** The intent is to familiarize the participants with the standards and expectations of public speaking. **The N. J. Brockman Junior Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday, September 23, 2017, 4:00 p.m. at the Enoree River Baptist Association Center and Assemblygrounds, Reverend Dr. E. D. Brantley, Moderator.**

The enclosed registration/personal data forms are to be returned no later than **September 16, 2017 to Mr. Joel Brockman, 205 Shadecrest Drive, Mauldin, South Carolina 29662, or you may fax them to (864) 288-8529.**

In closing, we thank you in advance for your continued support as we strive today to prepare our youth to become tomorrow’s Christian leaders.

Yours in Christ,
Ms. Regene Ransome, Chairperson
N. J. Brockman Junior Oratorical Contest