



# Jefferson County

## DISTRICT ASSOCIATION YOUTH DEPARTMENT

**To All Pastors, Superintendents, Youth Directors, Youth Advisors, and Churches:**

The **69<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Jefferson County District Congress of Christian Education** is near and we are asking **ALL YOUTH** along with youth advisors and those would like to work with the youth to come out.

Rehearsal times has begun for our youth and we are so excited. The first rehearsal was held on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and will continue **EACH SATURDAY** following. The rehearsals are held at the Host Church – **Macadonia Baptist Church (1401 26<sup>th</sup> Street, North, Bessemer, AL 35020) where Reverend William E. Scott is the Pastor.** We request your youth participation to honor God with a grand event filled with praise and worship for our Youth Night Program. Listed below, please find additional information:

- ❖ Youth Rehearsals: **May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**
- ❖ Youth Night Program: Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.
- ❖ Youth Attire: **War (Camo or black pants/skirts, black shirts)**
- ❖ **Essay, Oratorical and Poster Contest (1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards will be given to finalist)**
- ❖ Requirements: **ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED AND CLASSIFIED MESSENGERS!** (Following under the National Baptist Congress Guidelines)
- ❖ Poster, Essays & Oratorical Showcase: **Deadline for submission Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** (Submissions also accepted during Preregistration on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- ❖ **Participants should choose a “Code” Name instead of their own names. Judges will not know who submits the essays, oratorical or posters until all entries have been judged.**

**Theme: “It’s all about Jesus”      Emphasis: “His Message”**

- ❖ **Acts 17:28a** – For in Him we live, and move, and have our being
- ❖ **Matthew 6:33** – But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto
- ❖ **Matthew 28:18-20** - 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- ❖ **Luke 19:10** - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost
- ❖ **John 14:6** - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever

**Essay Contest:** The Essay must be written in ink or typed on one side of the paper. The paper should be 8 ½ x 11. The original must be submitted by the participant. Suggestions may be given to help the participant meet the following criteria for evaluation of the essays:

**Division A (Ages 12-16) 500 words or less**

**Division B (Ages 17-21) 750 words or less**

1. Development of Ideas 50%
2. Organization of Ideas 25%
3. Grammatical Accuracy 25%

**E.L Colvin Oratorical Contest:** The theme & emphasis verses should be used as the topic. The Oration must be written by the orator himself. Each participant will be given 8 to 10 minutes to present their oration during the youth program on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Poster Contest:** Posters should be prepared using the same theme as the essay and oratorical.

If there is any additional information needed concerning the Youth Program, please contact Reverend Whitt at (205) 441-3783.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Vincent Witt  
JCDA Youth Director