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The Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Virginia

Newsletter 2016

From the President's Pen

**Greetings from The Baptist Sunday School
and Baptist Training Union Congress of
Virginia.**



We thank and praise our God for my first year as president of the Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Virginia. This year 2016, we are looking forward to celebrating 116 years. We cannot forget those clouds of witnesses in heaven, as mentioned in the book of Hebrews, who encouraged us. Certainly the Lord's hand has been with us throughout the years.

The journey has been challenging, but fruitful. Through faith and prayer we have remained dedicated and loyal to Almighty God and to the Congress. When we look at what God has done and is still doing, we must give thanks and continue to praise God for the great things being done in our lives and in the community of faith.

A special thanks to those individuals who devoted their time and talents throughout the year and have agreed to continue to make 2016 another successful year. We praise God for your continued support.

Please continue to pray for the leadership of The Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Virginia in that it will be what God wants it be. God has promised never to leave or forsake us.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19

BE BLESSED

The 116th Annual Session of The Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Virginia will convene at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA from July 18 – July 22, 2016.

CONGRESS OFFICERS

Ms. Aaronita Brown, President

Ms. Aaronita Brown – President
Rev. Jocelyn Blount – 1st Vice President
Minister Matthew Brown – 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Kay Williams - Treasurer

Deacon Rico Dillard – Director General
Mrs. Michele Goings – General Secretary
Mrs. Janie Luck – Assistant General Secretary

Rev. Kevin Northam - Chairman, Executive Board



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Mrs. Kay Williams
Treasurer

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Congress Fees for 2016

	Adults, Children, Board Members, Officers	Instructors	Commuters
Registration	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Room and Board	\$265.00	NA	NA
Books (optional)	\$45	\$45.00	\$45.00
Participation Fee (Commuters only)	NA	NA	\$25.00
Total with Books	\$340.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Total with No Books	\$295.00	\$30.00	\$55.00
Single Room (21 and up)	\$50.00	\$50.00	NA
Total Single Room with Books	\$390.00	\$125.00	NA
Total Single Room and NO Books	\$345.00	\$80.00	NA

- NOTES:**
1. **Officers and board members** who are also instructors must pay the full fee.
 2. **Instructors** must pay the \$50.00 fee for a single room if one is desired.
 3. Meals for **commuters** are extra. (**Breakfast \$6.25; Lunch \$7.25; Dinner \$8.50**)

**MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:
The B.S.S. & B.T.U. CONGRESS OF VA**

MAIL PAYMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

THE B.S.S. & B.T.U. CONGRESS OF VA
ATTN: Tonya Pitzer-Jones
409 Swanson Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

DO NOT SEND REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL.

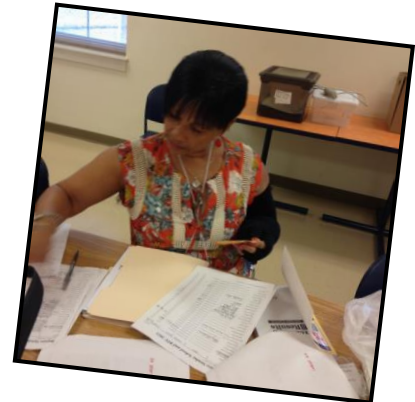
Do not mail forms or monies after July 1, 2016. Any submissions postmarked after that date will be treated as walk-up registrations and will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. To avoid late charges, make contact with Tonya Pitzer BEFORE July 1st to reserve space. Call 276-638-2217 or email fullfiguredgal@hotmail.com.

Church letter forms must be mailed to Sister Catherine Coleman, Field Worker Coordinator.

IMPORTANT!!!

- ◆ **NO** linens will be provided this year. This includes bedding and bathing needs.
- ◆ Banquet tickets for commuters and those who are not residing at VSU are \$40.00
- ◆ Lost keys or keys not returned will incur a \$75.00 fee.
- ◆ Fill out **ENTIRE** registration form; your contact information will be needed. Also, you can avoid standing in Bookstore lines if you enter your classes on the form; this way, books will be in your registration packet when you arrive at the session.
- ◆ Choose only **ONE** roommate. There are no triple or quadruple occupancy rooms at VSU.
- ◆ Only authorized persons are allowed to arrive before Monday.
- ◆ The first meal will be dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Persons eating lunch in the VSU dining hall will be required to pay \$9.50.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.



PLEASE DESTROY ALL OLD REGISTRATIONS FORMS – USE ONLY THE NEWLY REVISED 2016 FORMS

PLEASE OBTAIN REGISTRATION FORMS FROM YOUR AREA FIELD WORKER.

1. Please submit all registrations for your church at once. Send **all three copies** of the registration form.
 - a. You will be issued the pink copy as a receipt.
 - b. It is invalid unless it is stamped with the name of the registrar or signed by a person the registration committee.
2. If substitutions are made in delegates, same gender substitutions are encouraged.
3. Chaperones **MUST** be listed for persons under 18 years of age. Same gender chaperones should be assigned, as chaperones and their charges will be housed together.
4. Parents or Guardians **MUST** fill out and sign a medical information and release form for each person under 18 years of age.
5. Please fill out forms in their entirety. Be sure to include the age of all delegates under age 21.
6. Person's arriving prior to Monday without authorization will be charged an additional fee.
7. When writing checks for registration fees to the Congress, **DO NOT** include transportation and personal funds designated for the delegates.
8. **Checks written to the Congress** (Registration, books, room & board) should be sent to **Ms. Tonya Pitzer-Jones**.
9. **Checks written for Donations** (Children's Home, Lott Carey, Christian Education & Congress Expenses, etc.) should be sent to:
Ms. Catherine Coleman, Field Work Coordinator
243 Timberlake Drive
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 797-2070

FIELD WORKERS

<p>Miss Sharice Allen (Hampton) 100 Nansemond Point Drive #218 Suffolk, VA 23245 (757) 576-2642</p>	<p>Minister Irene Ashlock (Newport News) 752 20th Street Newport News, VA 23607 (757) 245-7850</p>
<p>Dr. Allan Bagby (Roanoke) 4101 Guernsey Lane N.W. Roanoke, VA 24017 (540) 265-5693</p>	<p>Ms. Emma Baskerville (Kenbridge, Blackstone, Victoria) 905 E. 5th Street Kenbridge, VA 23944 (434) 676-2436</p>
<p>Mrs. Florence Branch (Richmond & Petersburg) 20201 Charlotte Road Southerland, VA 23885 (804) 732-2248</p>	<p>Ms. Aaronita M. Brown (Northern VA & DC) 2123 S. Pollard St. Arlington, VA 22204 (703) 521-3337</p>
<p>Mrs. Marian Brown (Assistant Newport News) 7272 Little Creek Dam Road Toano, VA 23168 757-566-4382</p>	<p>Mr. Barry Ellis (Assistant Richmond & Petersburg) 18610 White Oak Road Southerland, VA 23855 (804) 919-1204</p>
<p>Ms. Cynthia Forrest (Assistant Roanoke) 1707 Carroll Avenue, NW Roanoke, VA 24017 (540) 342-6874</p>	<p>Mrs. Ernestine Langston (Suffolk) 5264 Whaleyville Blvd. Suffolk, VA 23438 (757) 986-4444</p>
<p>Mrs. Janie Luck (Pittsylvania & Halifax Counties) 2244 Leda Road Nathalie, VA 24577 (434) 349-3300</p>	<p>Mrs. Ocie M. Mack (Peaks of Otter) 2134 Powell School Road Big Island, VA 24526 (434) 299-5717</p>
<p>Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland Mayo (Newport News) 1014 32nd Street Newport News, VA 23607 (757) 245-6081</p>	<p>Miss Mary Alice Mooney (SW VA & Coeburn) P. O. Box 1864 Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-2144</p>
<p>Rev. Jocelyn Blount (Norfolk & Tidewater) 3901 Prominence Place #202 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-675-9750</p>	<p>Mrs. Jacqueline P. Reeves (Lynchburg) 1100 Pansy Street Lynchburg, VA 24504 (434) 846-0883</p>
<p>Mrs. Deborah Robinson (Martinsville & Smith River) P.O. Box 383 Ferrum, VA 24088 (276) 629-8529</p>	<p>Mr. Earl Waller (Danville) 181 Shepard Deering Lane Cascade, VA 24069 (434) 685-7811</p>
<p>Mrs. Eunice Wiggins (Assistant Suffolk) 1056 Centerbrook Lane, Apt. 218 Suffolk, VA 23414 (757) 934-7722</p>	<p>REMINDER Monday Night, July 18, 2016 Field Worker Meeting Immediately Following Night Session</p>
<p>Field Worker Coordinator Ms. Catherine Coleman 243 Timberlake Drive Danville, VA 224540 (434) 797-2070</p> 	

PLEASE OBTAIN REGISTRATION FORMS FROM YOUR AREA FIELD WORKER OR FROM MS. CATHERINE COLEMAN.

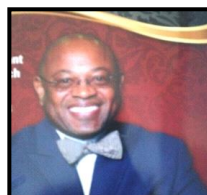
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Ms. Eloise Clarke, Dean of Studies

ADULT DOCTRINE CLASS: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA



ADULT COURSE OFFERINGS

A LIFESTYLE OF COMPASSION

Instructor: Dr. Howard Heard

TEXT: *The Samaritan Way: Lifestyle Compassion Ministry* by David W. Crocker

Course Description: *Most people get a warm feeling inside when they hear of acts of compassion towards others, especially strangers. These acts should not be special but a way of life. This class will promote the development of a lifestyle of compassion through learning how Jesus modeled compassion and calls us to do likewise. (pm class)*

QUESTION-LED LEADERSHIP

Instructor: Dr. William Randolph

TEXT: *Curious: The Unexpected Power of a Question-Led Life* by Tom Hughes

Course Description: *When Jesus was presented with a question, He usually responded with questions, parables or remarks that generated more questions. During this class students will explore how Jesus answered questions and demonstrate how using questions and cultivating curiosity may help grow leadership. (am class)*

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BAPTIST

Instructor: Dr. Charles Dunning

TEXT: *Why I Am A Baptist* by Tom J. Nettles & Russell D. Moore

Course Description: *Why do you describe yourself as Baptist? Is there more to it than that you belong to a Baptist church? Can you explain what makes you different? These and other questions will be addressed in this engaging class. (am class)*

STATE YOUR POSITION IN LOVE

Instructor: Minister Barry Sessoms

TEXT: *Culture Shock: A Biblical Response to Today's Divisive Issues* by Chip Ingram

Course Description: *Delve into some of the most controversial issues of today's world. This class will discuss topics that are not often addressed in the confines of church classes or sermons. When addressed the environment often becomes divisive. Students will discuss why this occurs and use the Word to present the Truth with respect and love and not reactionary hate. (pm class)*

THE BIBLE TRANSLATION DEBATE

Instructor: Minister E. Chris White

TEXT: *One Bible, Many Versions* by Dave Brunn

Course Description: *Are all Bibles the same? Why should one be recommended over the other? How do you explain the differences in Bible translations to new or seasoned saints? Take your teaching and understanding to another level as these and other related questions are addressed during this class. (am class)*

THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF WORSHIP

Instructor: Rev. Jessica Freeman

TEXT: Real Worship: Playground, Battle Ground or Holy Ground? by Warren W. Wiersbe

Course Description: *God's greatest desire is for His children to experience the fullness of a genuine relationship with him. Gain a greater understanding of the principles of and the environment needed for maximum praise and worship. Move to a level beyond ritual and form to true praise as in the presence of God. Discover the awesome power of praise and worship, corporate and personal. (pm class)*

PARABLES: MORE THAN JUST STORIES

Instructor: Rev. Kevin Northam

TEXT: The Parables: Understanding the Stories Jesus Told

Course Description: *This class will examine parables from the Synoptic Gospels in light of their historical setting and cultural implications and will then be applied to Christian life today. (pm class)*

YOUNG ADULTS – TOO OLD FOR YOUTH AND TOO YOUNG FOR ADULT

Instructor: Rev. Vernon Woodard

TEXT: In Real time by Mike Glenn

Course Description: *What happens when a person feels that they are too old for youth ministry but too young for the small group ministries designed for adults? Discover how to promote successful programming for those who fit the age-defined group referred to as Young Adults. (am class)*



YOUTH DOCTRINE CLASS: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Rev. Jonathan Waldon, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Mathews County, VA



YOUTH COURSE OFFERINGS

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! GOD HAS AN APP

TEXT: God Has an App for That by Dudley Rutherford

Course Description: *Wouldn't it be great if finding the answers to your spiritual problems was as simple as downloading an app to your smartphone? Stressed out, experiencing temptation, struggling with foul language or a broken heart: God has an app for that! Dig into God's Word to find some of His user-friendly solutions to some of life's greatest challenges.*

Ages 13-15 (10:15-11:45 am)

Instructor: Brother Lance Watson, Jr.

Ages 16-18 (1:30-3:00 pm)

A COURAGEOUS LIFESTYLE

TEXT: Living for God as Courageous Teens by Michael Catt

Course Description: *How's your courage? Can you say no when the world entices you? Can you stand strong when everything is falling apart? Answer these questions and more through this class.*

Ages 13-15 (10:15-11:45 am)

Instructor: Sister Renee Lewis

Ages 16-18 (1:30-3:00 pm)

IS THERE ANYONE IN THE BIBLE LIKE ME?

TEXT: God's Graffiti by Romal Tune

Course Description: *The answer to the question is "yes". Read and discuss stories of individuals in the Bible who traveled paths similar to yours. Discover how much God loves you and how you can learn to love yourself more.*

Ages 16-18 (10:15-11:45 am)

Instructor: Rev. Akeem Walker

Ages 13-15 (1:30-3:00 pm)

LEADERSHIP GUIDANCE FROM OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

TEXT: Running with Giants by John Maxwell

Course Description: *The answer to the question is "yes". Read and discuss stories of individuals in the Bible who traveled paths similar to yours. Discover how much God loves you and how you can learn to love yourself more.*

Ages 16-18 (10:15-11:45 am)

Instructor: Minister Candice Smith

Ages 13-15 (1:30-3:00 pm)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS: LIFE ON GOD'S TERMS AUGUST 2016

Instructor: Deacon Johnny Nelson

9:00 PM or 15 minutes after the Evening Worship on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



DAILY SCHEDULE

ADULTS AND YOUTH

6:30 AM	-	7:15 AM	Morning Prayer
7:30 AM	-	8:15 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	-	10:00 AM	Doctrine Classes
10:15 AM	-	11:45 AM	Class #1
12:00 PM	-	1:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	-	3:00 PM	Class #2
1:30 PM	-	4:45 PM	Music, Classes, Choir Rehearsals
3:15 PM	-	4:45 PM	Activities, Meetings, Relaxation, Homework
5:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Dinner (Except Wednesday)
7:00 PM	-		Evening Worship
9:00 PM	-		Sunday School Lessons and Youth Activities

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Theme: Facing Fear and Trusting God

The children's department mission is to teach the children how to learn and have fun doing it. The teachers will hold one satellite and two face-to-face hands-on training before the week of July 18-22, 2016. This year we have chosen a curriculum for the week entitled "**Facing Fear and Trusting God**". The lessons will captivate the kids with exciting Bible adventures and walk them through kid-focused application questions to discover how they can face their fear. We will have three them days: *Dare to Speak (Acts 9:20-30)*, *Dare to Stand Strong (Acts 21:27-23:11)*, and *Dare to Trust (Acts 27)*. We will use technology in our lessons to be more interactive with our children. The teachers will review the lessons for each age group during our meetings before the week of Congress. The teachers will provide age-appropriate crafts that go along with the lessons. This year our 12 year olds will be attending our classes during the mid-morning and afternoon sessions. Each 12 year old will be assigned to a teacher and group assignment. Their job is to help the teacher with the activity, craft, or outside game. They will also be in charge of evening service commercial breaks. They will choose a pre-created commercial break to present during the evening service. This can be done vocally or computerized. The assistant director will help the 12 year olds carry out their assignments. This will engage the children to participate during the evening service. The children will present a presentation during Youth Night to show how their adventure prepared them to **Face Fear and Trust God**.

Children Schedule

8:30 AM	Arrive to Class / Morning Warm-up Activity
8:45 AM	Praise Explosion
8:55 AM	Proceed to Class
9:00 AM	Lessons Time
10:10 AM	Outside Activity
10:50 AM	Restroom Break
11:00 AM	Craft Session
12:00 AM	Parent Pickup
1:15 PM	Parent Return Student to Classroom
1:20 PM	Afternoon Activities
3:15 PM	Parent Pickup in the Classroom



Sunday School Lesson Reviews begin as soon as possible following worship services on Monday - Thursday

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2016

DAY TIME ACTIVITIES (3:15 – 4:45 PM)

TUESDAY

Activity: *Wheel of Faith*

WEDNESDAY

Activity: *Song Birds*

THURSDAY

Activity: *Scavenger Hunt*

THURSDAY

Activity: *Poetry in Motion*

NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

Activity: *Flag Football*

TUESDAY

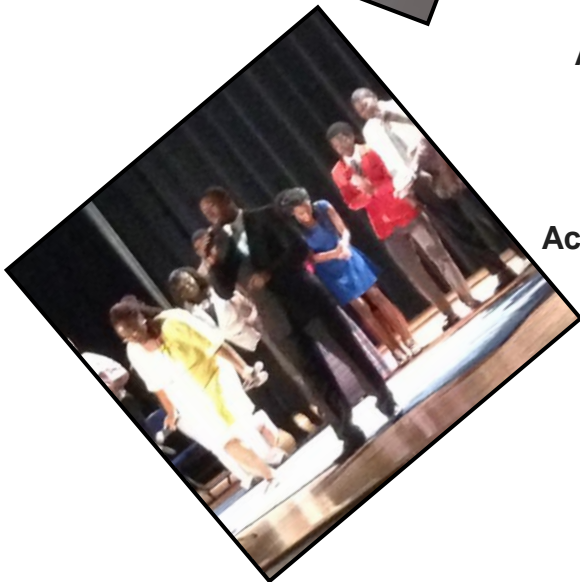
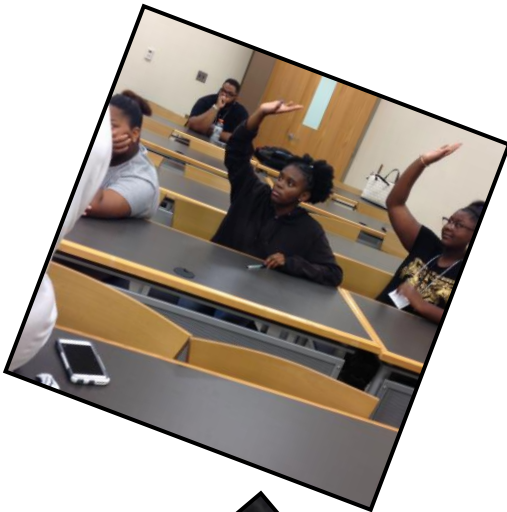
Activity: *Balloon Madness and
Who's Line is it Anyway?*

WEDNESDAY

Activity: *Field Night and Nine Lives*

THURSDAY

Activity: *Youth Night*



2016 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE YEAR

Criteria for the Christian Education Worker of the Year Award

1. The Christian Education Worker should be called to work for the building of the kingdom of Christ.
2. The Christian Education Worker must be a unique specimen of his kind, clearly sought out to do the work of God.
3. The Christian Education Worker knows who the boss is. He knows that he is accountable to God for the gifts he has given to him to share with others.
4. The Christian Education Worker knows what job he is best suited for, and performs his tasks ALWAYS to the glory of God.
5. The Christian Education Worker is ALWAYS prepared for his job.
6. The Christian Education Worker knows his job, and performs it without hesitation.
7. The Christian Education Worker is steadfast and loyal, going above his call of duty to strive for God.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Brief Resume on Worker: _____

Pastor

Director / Superintendent

- Note:**
- Picture of the nominee should be a 2" x 3" close-up shot that shows the upper body **only**.
 - Please return this form completed with a fee of \$25.00 per nominee and a picture to:

The Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress of VA
Ms. Tonya Pitzer-Jones
409 Swanson Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Deadline for submission of forms and fees is July 1, 2016.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

2015 Winners

1st Place Victoria Ross, First Baptist , Morrison
Newport News, VA

2nd Place Cameryn Carelock, Mount Calvary Baptist Church
Freeman, VA

3rd Place Jamelle Starke, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Fieldale, VA



2016 Guidelines

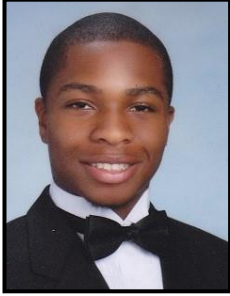
Theme: Exhortation to Know Christ – Pressing Toward the Mark (Philippians 3:14)

GENERAL GUIDELINES – ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS

- 1) The **Oratorical Contest** is open to youth who are in grades 9 to 12 as of May 2016, and who are registered delegates and attending classes at the Congress session.
 - 2) One contestant will represent each district. Each **Field Worker** is responsible for the selection of the representative from his or her district.
 - 3) The time limit for orations shall not be under **four (4) minutes** or **over five (5) minutes**. **Five (5) points** will be reduced from the speaker's score if time requirements are not met.
 - 4) Each contestant must furnish the contest coordinator with a **TYPED** copy of her or his oration **24 hours** prior to the contest. Copies are to be filed.
 - 5) All contestants will receive trophies and certificates for participation.
 - 6) An adult will be appointed **Official Timekeeper**. Her / his duties are as follows:
 - * be seated within full view of the contestants, audience, and the person presiding;
 - * rise with the speaker and sit down at the close of the salutation;
 - * begin to time the speech from that point;
 - * stand again at the end of **four (4) minutes** to signal the contestant has **one (1) minute** left; and sit again at the end of the **five (5) minutes**.
 - 7) The salutation for all orations shall be uniform. Without exception, as follows: "Madam. President, Honorable Judge; Ladies and Gentlemen: I have chosen for my Subject: _____."
 - 8) The **Contest Coordinator** will select **three (3) Judges** who will be teachers, speakers, or persons with similar qualifications.
 - 9) Orations will be judged on personal qualities; organization; delivery and presentation; and overall effectiveness.
 - 10) **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**
 - * meet the **Contest Coordinator** on Tuesday evening following the night session and present a copy of a biographical sketch at that time;
 - * obtain forms for biographical sketches from the **Youth Coordinator**;
 - * on the afternoon of the contest, enter the assembly as a group escorted by their **Field Workers**, and be seated together;
 - * young ladies are to wear dresses suitable for worship service;
 - * young men are to wear suits or dress slacks with jacket and tie;
 - * the use of props, costumes or prompters is not permitted;
 - * notes may be used if the person desires to do so; and
 - * persons who fail to follow the above guidelines will be disqualified.
 - 11) Items to be judged are as follows:
 - * **PERSONAL QUALITIES**.....(*Appearance, Poise, Personality, Attitude*).....20 POINTS
 - * **MATERIAL ORGANIZATION**...(*Subject Adherence, Theme, Value, Logic, Color*).....30 POINTS
 - * **DELIVERY AND PRESENTATION**
(*Voice Enunciation, Pronunciation, Gestures, Sincerity, & Emphasis*).....30 POINTS
 - * **OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS**.....(*Appeal, Impression, Effect*).....20 POINTS
- TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 100**

2015 MADGE J. BURRELL SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS

The Madge J. Burrell Scholarship Committee met on Tuesday, July 23, 2015, during the Annual Sunday School and B.T.U. Session. The committee reviewed and approved applications from four (4) applicants who applied for scholarships. They are as follows:



Desmond L. Gray
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Alexandria, Virginia



Victoria Ross
First Baptist Morrison
Newport News, Virginia



Kayla E. Hylton
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Alexandria, Virginia



Erika G. Lawrence
New Beech Grove Baptist Church
Newport News, Virginia



CRITERIA

IMPORTANT!
Deadline for applications is
July 1st
of each year.

1. An applicant for the scholarship will apply by letter and is entering college for the first time.
2. The applicant must hold membership in a church participating in the Congress. He/She must be active in Sunday School, Baptist Training Union or other organizations of the church, especially the Congress.
3. The applicant must present to the committee a recommendation from his/her pastor along with two other references. These recommendations should be mailed to the chairperson of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must attend the accredited school of his/her choice.
5. The applicant must maintain a "C" grade point average.
6. The applicant must see that a letter is sent to the committee chairman from the college as evidence of his/her enrollment.
7. Funds will be sent to the college at the end of the first semester. The initial amount will be \$500.00.

Applications are to be mailed to:

Mrs. Ernestine Langston, Scholarship Committee Chairperson
5624 Whaleyville Blvd.
Suffolk, VA 23438

PARENTAL MEDICAL CONSENT

The Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Virginia

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT(s) / LEGAL GUARDIAN(s): _____

Physical Address: _____ APT NO: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Alternate Phone: (_____) _____

CHAPERONE(s): Full Name: _____

I authorize the chaperone or appropriate personnel solicited by The Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Virginia, in the event that I cannot be contacted or if any urgency dictates, to act in my stead for my child in respect of any circumstances, including any accident or illness, which may necessitate medical treatment, including surgery, and on my behalf to authorize any such treatment or surgery which they, in their sole discretion, (which discretion shall not be unreasonably exercised), may deem necessary. Medical treatment for the child may also include dental surgery, x-ray, blood transfusion, anesthetic and medication provided any such medical treatment is performed by a duly licensed practitioner. I hereby accept full liability for all costs incurred through such medical treatment for the child.

Please list any allergies or other medical conditions:

Please list prescribed or other medication that is being administered:

The following information is essential in case of medical treatment or hospitalization:

Medical Aid / Insurer: _____ Policy Number _____

I declare that I am the parent or legal custodian of the child listed above and that I have legal authority to grant medical consent to the chaperone for my child or to The Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Virginia.

This medical consent will be in effect for the duration of the Congress session, including during transportation to and from the facilities where the session is held.

SIGNATURE _____ (Parent/Guardian) **Date:** _____

SIGNATURE _____ (Parent/Guardian) **Date:** _____

THE BAPTIST SUNDY SCHOOL and B.T.U. CONGRESS of VIRGINIA

Rules and Regulations

ALL CHURCHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING AN ORIENTATION SESSION WITH DELEGATES IN REGARDS TO CONDUCT, DRESS, AND RULES PRIOR TO CONGRESS

Congress Conduct and Dress - Participants must adhere to the following:

1. Dress must be conservative and modest; modest attire is considered to be clothing that covers the body appropriately. Delegates should wear suits, dresses, skirts, capris, slacks, and shirts or blouses. No spandex leggings, biker shorts, midriff tops, or tank tops and "wifebeaters" will be allowed. Straps on tops and sundresses must be AT LEAST two inches in width. Appropriate shorts, dresses and skirts are those which, when standing with the arms straight down by the sides, reach BEYOND the tip of the middle finger.)
2. Appropriate swimwear is required; a covering must be worn over swimsuits when away from the pool;
3. Church attire must be worn at evening worship or programs. Banquet attire must be modest as well. No strapless dresses will be permitted. Straps should be at least two inches in width, and preferably, a wrap will be worn. Splits in gowns and dresses that reach more than two inches above the knee or back of the knee will not be allowed. Gowns and dresses must show NO cleavage.
4. T-shirt monograms should be consistent with Christian standards;
5. All delegates must be present for doctrine;
6. Delegates are required to wear badges around the neck at all times;
7. All Congress choir members must be Christians;
8. Technological devices are permitted for recording/research purposes for classes; however, they should not be used in such a way as to cause distractions in classes or worship sessions or are the cause of individuals missing class or being late to class. When used in the dormitories, they should not be a source of unnecessary noise or disturbance. Televisions will not be allowed.)
9. No outside deliveries to rooms or dormitories will be permitted;
10. Loungewear, bedclothes and pajamas are forbidden for wear outside of the suite/bedroom;
11. No do-rags, wave caps, rollers, and head scarves (etc.) are to be worn outside of the suite/bedroom;
12. Cell phones should be used only in emergencies and during free time; texting during class time and worship will not be permitted.
13. Youth are required to be in their assigned rooms within 30 minutes after the scheduled nightly activity, and no one is allowed to go out after that time.

Leaving Campus Grounds

No delegate under 18 years of age may leave the campus grounds without a written permit or pass from the Dean of Men, Dean of Women, or a sponsor.

Suspension or other Disciplinary Actions – may result for the following reasons:

1. Willful disobedience of Congress regulations;
2. Defiance and disrespect of Executive Board members or staff;
3. Profanity or vulgarity;
4. Smoking, drinking (alcoholic beverages), or use of illegal drugs with accompanying influences while under Congress authority;
5. Gambling or acts of dishonesty, particularly cheating and stealing;
6. Damaging or defacing host facility's or roommate's property;
7. Absence from classes, business sessions, and evening programs;
8. Involvement (individually or collectively) in fights; and
9. Visitation in the room of a delegate of the opposite sex without supervision of a chaperone or adult member of the Congress staff.

Reminders - are as follows:

1. All children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian(s);
2. Parents or guardians are responsible for the attendance of children 12 years of age and under at class sessions and all afternoon and evening activities;
3. The parents or guardians are solely responsible for their child(ren) after class time or activities planned for her/his age group; this includes picking up children from classes and activities ON TIME;
4. EVERYONE is encouraged to attend business sessions;
5. EVERYONE should bring a Bible to the Congress;
6. All delegates under 21 years of age must have a completed emergency care form (obtain form from your Field Worker prior to the session); and
7. We strongly encourage all delegates to eat regular meals in the host facility's dining hall.



1. **All delegates will be responsible for their own linens. (twin sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, washcloths)** NO linens will be provided by VSU.
2. All parking lots will be available for Congress participants except for the one posted "President's Parking".
3. Buses and vans are to park in Lot #27.
4. The Howard Quad B multipurpose room will be used for registration. The book store will be set up in the Howard Quad A multipurpose room.
5. Banquet colors for 2016 are pink and purple (lavender).

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