

Joining Together

Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Commission

Celebrate! Remember! Act!

A Day On... Not a Day Off!!!



**33rd Annual Walk for
Peace, Justice, and Equality**

**Monday
January 17, 2022
Bastrop**

*10AM: Walk begins at
Paul Quinn African
Methodist Episcopal Church*

*11:30AM: Virtual Program on
City of Bastrop Facebook Page*

**2022 MLK Walk for Peace Program
Monday, January 17, 2022
Bastrop Convention Center**

Master of Ceremonies

Bastrop Council Member Dock Jackson

Musical Prelude

Ms. Nelia Kerr Greene

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Bastrop County MLK Singers

Invocation/Blessing of the Food

Pastor Phil Woods – First Assembly of God, Bastrop

Remarks

City of Bastrop: Hon. Connie Schroeder, Mayor

City of Smithville: Hon. Joanna Morgan, Mayor
and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Gordon

City of Elgin: Hon. Ron Ramirez, Mayor

Bastrop County: Hon. Paul Pape, County Judge

Entertainment

Tyler Hughes - Elgin

Student Speakers from

Bastrop County High Schools

Bastrop High School: Dwayne Jackson

Cedar Creek High School: Ja'Faar Johnson

Smithville High School: LaDarian Sullivan

Entertainment

Melinda Anderson - Smithville

Student Speakers from

Bastrop County High Schools

Colorado River Collegiate Academy: Mayra Marcelino

McDade High School: Christian Johnson

Elgin High School: Sebastian Jackson

Acknowledgements

2023 Host: Remarks & Acknowledgements

Hon. Bettye Lofton

Joint Appeal for Student Scholarships

We Shall Overcome

Benediction

Rev. Cecilia Ann Mack – Union Chapel African Methodist
Episcopal Church, Cedar Creek

**The Negro National Anthem
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
James Weldon Johnson**

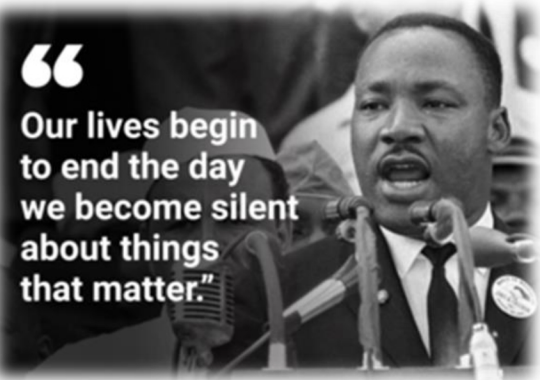
Lift ev'ry voice and sing. Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has
been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of
the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Here now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forgot Thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



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Our lives begin
to end the day
we become silent
about things
that matter.”

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inspiring-martin-luther-king-jr-quotes-2017-1](https://www.businessinsider.com/inspiring-martin-luther-king-jr-quotes-2017-1))

We Shall Overcome Charles Albert Tindley

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We'll walk hand in hand some day

We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid today
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We are not afraid today

The truth shall make us free
The truth shall make us free
The truth shall make us free some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
The truth shall make us free some day

We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall live in peace some day

Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Ex-Officio Members

County Officials

Hon. Paul Pape, Bastrop County Judge
Hon. Mel Hamner, Bastrop County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Hon. Clara Beckett, Bastrop County Commissioner, Pct. 2
Hon. Mark Meuth, Bastrop County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Hon. Donna Snowden, Bastrop County Commissioner, Pct. 4

City Officials

Hon. Connie Schroeder, Mayor, City of Bastrop
Mr. Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, City of Bastrop
Hon. Ron Ramirez, Mayor, City of Elgin
Mr. Thomas Mattis, City Manager, City of Elgin
Hon. Joanna Morgan, Mayor, City of Smithville
Hon. Robert Tamble, City Manager, City of Smithville

School District Officials

Mr. Barry Edwards, Superintendent, Bastrop ISD
Dr. Jodi Duron, Superintendent, Elgin ISD
Ms. Cheryl Burns, Superintendent, Smithville ISD
Ms. Heather Stidman, Interim Superintendent, McDade ISD



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In Memoriam: Hon. Judge Clarence Culberson, Ida Mae East, Rev. Q.S. Goins, Bernice Green, Marjorie Franklin Johnson, Hon. Judge Ron Jones, Mildred Rogers, Charles and Ernestine Sawyer, Rev. RD Smith, Rev. LR White, Hon. Clinton Wright

Acknowledgements

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Elgin Juneteenth Organization Gary Blake Blake Music
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The Commission thanks everyone who helped in any way to assure that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk and Tribute would succeed.

Black History Month Events/Programs

Hatitute Salutes Ruby Jean Simms: Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 10am
Elgin Recreation Center (an Elgin Sesquicentennial Event)

CROWNS a Musical: February 4-20, 2022 at the Bastrop Opera House