

# Joining Together

Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday Commission

**Celebrate! Remember! Act!**

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



**33<sup>rd</sup> 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**

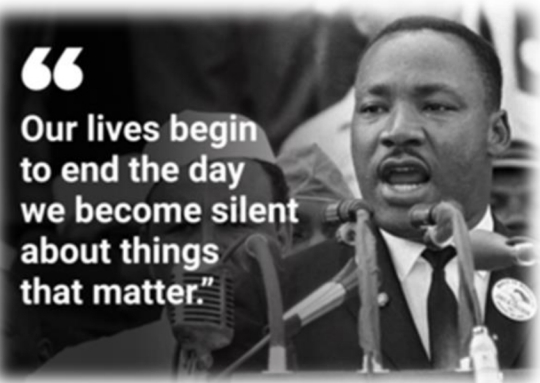
Lift ev'ry voice and sing. Till earth and heaven ring.  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present 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.”

(Source: Business Insider: [businessinsider.com/  
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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## Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Members

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Kathy Danielson  
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Nelia Kerr Greene  
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Hon. Tom Scott  
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Tish Winston

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Bishop Mayes  
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Rev. Bunnie Stark  
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Abeline Oliver  
Jill Strube  
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Hon. Samella Williams

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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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission  
Bastrop & Elgin Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committees  
Smithville Martin Luther King, Jr. Beautification Committee  
Smithville Homecoming Organization  
City of Bastrop      City of Elgin      City of Smithville  
Bastrop ISD      Elgin ISD      McDade ISD      Smithville ISD  
Bastrop Advertiser      Elgin Courier      Smithville Times  
First National Bank      Bastrop Opera House  
Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville Area Churches  
Elgin Juneteenth Organization      Gary Blake      Blake Music  
Bastrop High School Go-Force

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

Hatitude 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