

**Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Mr. Barry Edwards, Superintendent, Bastrop 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, David Sartain, Charles and Ernestine Sawyer, Rev. RD Smith, Rev. LR White, Hon. Clinton Wright, Mrs. 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
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 City of Bastrop ----- City of Elgin ----- City of Smithville
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 Elgin Area Churches ----- Elgin Juneteenth Organization
 Elgin NAACP Branch 6174 ----- Elgin Main Street Board

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

“Steal Away Home”, February 3-19, 2023
 Bastrop Opera House,
www.bastropoperahouse.org

Hatitude Salutes Gwen Johnson
 Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 9am
 Firewild, 201 N Main St, Elgin

Joining Together

**Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Celebrate! Remember! Act!

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



**34th Annual Walk for
Peace, Justice, and Equality**

**Monday
January 16, 2023**

Elgin

10AM: Walk begins at the
 Veterans Memorial Park, 109 Depot St

Welcome
 Hon. Theresa McShan, Mayor of Elgin
 11AM: Program at
 Booker T. Washington Elementary School

**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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**2023 MLK Walk for Peace Program
Monday, January 16, 2023
Booker T. Washington Elementary School**

Master of Ceremonies

Hon. Theresa McShan, Mayor of Elgin

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Carolyn Carter

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Hon. Byron Mitchell, Linda Green, Hon. Dock Jackson

Invocation

Rev. Steven Ward, Pastor of Mt. Moriah, Elgin

Entertainment

Elgin Choir

Remarks

City of Bastrop: Hon. Connie Schroeder, Mayor
City of Smithville: Hon. Sharon Foerster, Mayor
City of Elgin: Hon. Theresa McShan, Mayor
Bastrop County: Hon. Gregory Klaus, County Judge

Entertainment

MPBC Praise Team, Smithville

Student Speakers from

Bastrop County High Schools

Bastrop High School: Xenia Jackson
Cedar Creek High School: Alexa McDonald
Smithville High School: Tiyonna Washington

Entertainment

Bastrop's Dazzling Diamonds Dance Factory

Student Speakers from

Bastrop County High Schools

Colorado River Collegiate Academy: Ramon Gutierrez-Bruno
McDade High School: Mariana Palacios-Suaste
Elgin High School: Ralyssa Enueshike

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Mrs. Bettye Lofton

2024 Host: Remarks & Acknowledgements

Hon. Bill Gordon, Mayor Pro tem, Smithville

Joint Appeal for Student Scholarships

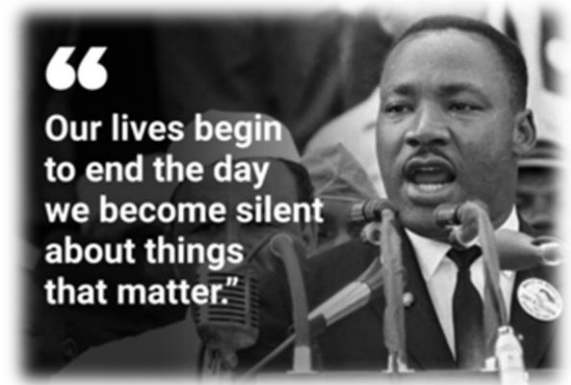
We Shall Overcome

Benediction

Rev. Steven Ward

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



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**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