



**Man With a Dream**  
Martin Luther King Jr.

THE telephone awoke the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday in an Atlanta hospital room, where he had gone for a rest. The caller was his wife, Coretta. She told him that he had just won the Nobel Peace Prize. "I was not fully awake," Dr. King said later, "for a while I thought it was a dream, and then I realized that it was true." News are important to Dr. King. There was something of the intensity in the young Negro minister who was chosen to lead a bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. in December, 1955. He arrived in Montgomery with a solid education behind him. He was an undergraduate at Morehouse College in Atlanta, where his father was a highly-respected Baptist minister, and then was the top man in his class at Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa.

In 1954 he left Boston University with a doctorate in systematic theology. The woman who was to become his wife was an Alabamian who was studying music in Boston.

**More than a symbol**

Lewis Baldwin grew up in a segregated Camden, Ala. As a teen, he was forced to ride in the rear of the city bus and to drink only from public water fountains.

At the time, he said, it was a "shocking" experience. Baldwin, who now works as a systems analyst in Birmingham, said he was "in awe" of King's leadership.

The Vincentian University religious studies professor has spent decades examining King's life. He's taught hundreds of students about the civil rights leader.

His latest work is a book about King and President Barack Obama together in countless books on the fall-an ice.

While Baldwin won't be at Sunday's celebration, he has contributed to the project financially since fund-raising began about 15 years ago.

**Part of the project**

Nashville native Deryl McKissack helped draft plans for projects at Fisk and Tennessee State universities. Years later, her architectural and engineering firm was part of a design team for the MLK memorial and managed its construction.

She acquired master building skills from her father, William McKissack, who was part of a long legacy of architects that helped build the city.

"We are finally recognizing the role that African Americans played in the development of our country," she said.

The family's architectural history dates back to before the Civil War, when Deryl McKissack's great-grandfather, a slave named Moses McKissack, founded a business with her father.

Her twin sister, Cheryl McKissack, operates the general contracting firm McKissack & McKissack in Nashville, a separate company that is considered the oldest Black-owned architecture firm in the country.

**Name never fades**

Micah Wells is acquainted with streets across the nation that bear King's name.

That name was everywhere when he was growing up, from courses told by his elders to the history books in his schools.

But the Tennessee State University senior never experienced the abuse of the segregation of the 1960s. And it wasn't until his intense study as a adult that he's come to appreciate what that name stands for.

King's message of peace, he says, continues to resonate with his generation decades later.

Wells is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the African American fraternity which King belonged to whose members created the national movement and launched the non-violent effort.

"Being an Alpha, I wanted to know more about his life and what type of experiences he went through for us to be where we are right now," said Wells, a native of Cleveland. "I believe I'm now charged to reach back to other individuals who may not have the opportunities that are presented to me."

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## Calendar

- (1/20) - Martin Luther King Day (No School!)
- (1/17) - Make Up Exam Day
- Note: All make-up tests must be scheduled with the teacher for that subject.
- 1/21 PTO Meeting 8:30am

## Inspirational Quote

If you can't **fly**, then **RUN**.  
if you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means, **keep moving.**"  
-Martin Luther King Jr.

## Who was MLK Jr?

Martin Luther King Jr, original name Michael King Jr, (born January 19, 1929) Atlanta, Georgia US, and died April 4, 1968 Memphis, Tennessee. Baptist Minister, Civil Rights Activist (1929–1968) Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King is remembered for his non-violent protests against segregation and his "I Have a Dream" speech.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_Luther\\_King\\_Jr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr)

## Facts about MLK Jr.

- 1.) King's birth name was Michael, not Martin.
- 2.) King entered college at the age of 15.
- 3.) King received his doctorate in systematic theology.

- 4.) His "I Have a Dream" speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial.
- 5.) King was imprisoned nearly 30 times.

## Staff Interview Kourtney Carr



**What advice would you give to students that want to pursue careers but do not have the support base at home to encourage them?**

My advice would be that in life, you are responsible for your own actions. If you do not have a great support base at home, there are many resources with people that care to support you in your career, as well as friends or teachers. Do not think that you are a product of your home environment. God will always be there to listen and support you in unimaginable ways.

**What accomplishment in the teaching field are you most proud of?**

My greatest accomplishment in the teaching field has been with my students. I am one of the youngest teacher's aides here which I thought would be an issue. However, my students respect me as a teacher. I also feel like my students trust me enough to come to me about their problems. I give them my advice and pray with them.

**What are the skills that you think make students most successful in school?**

Skills, I believe make students successful in organization, time management and respect. It is crucial that you keep your work and schedule organized. Time management will keep you prepared and on track for your assignments. Respect is also a big aspect. You will never get anything good from disrespecting others.

## Bible Verse

Above all, love one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.  
**1 Peter 4:8**

## Poem of the Week

Instead of making a New Year's resolution Consider committing to a biblical solution Your promises are easily broken Empty words, though earnestly spoken But God's Word transforms the soul By His Holy Spirit making you whole As you spend time alone with Him He will change you from within.  
- Mary Fairchild

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