

# Galveston's Commitment to The Dream is to rebuild for all

## Thursday, August 29, 2013

### MARCH - LEAVES FROM EMANCIPATION PARK

(Site of Emancipation Proclamation in Texas on June 19, 1865)

2300 Broadway, Galveston, TX

March to Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church

**5:30 p.m.**

**Prayer**

Pastor Shirlyn Thomas

**Brief remarks**

Rev. Michael Merritt

### PROGRAM - AVENUE L MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

(Oldest African-American Church in Texas)

2805 Avenue L, Galveston, TX

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Invocation**

Rev. E.R. Johnson, Avenue L Baptist Church

**"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"** - David Mitchell

**Welcome by Master of Ceremonies**

Rev. E.R. Johnson, Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church

**Reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" Speech**

Rev. Walter Jones, New Hope Baptist Church

### Comments from the community on the struggle for Justice in Galveston

**50 years after Dr. King's speech:**

Cornelia Harris-Banks, Galveston City Councilmember

Carlos Garza, former Texas City Mayor

Terrilyn Tarlton, Galveston City Councilmember

Edward Grogan III, NAACP Youth member

Jared Hernandez, LULAC Youth member

**"We've Come This Far By Faith,"** - David Mitchell & Diane Moore

**Recognition of guests**

Rev. E.R. Johnson, Avenue L Baptist Church

**Comments from the clergy:**

Rev. Kevin L Hodge Sr, Shiloh A.M.E.

Michael Jackson, St. Vincent's House

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, Congregation B'nai Israel

Dr. Ahmed Ahmed, Galveston Islamic Center

Father Maynard Tetreault, Holy Family Parish

**Remarks: "The significance of the "I Have A Dream" speech and our shared American history"**

Lynn Ellison, former Texas City Commissioner

Hon. Gregg Costa, United States District Judge

**Closing Comments**

Anne Olivares President LULAC Galveston Council 151

David Miller, President NAACP Galveston Unit 6180

**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"** - David Mitchell

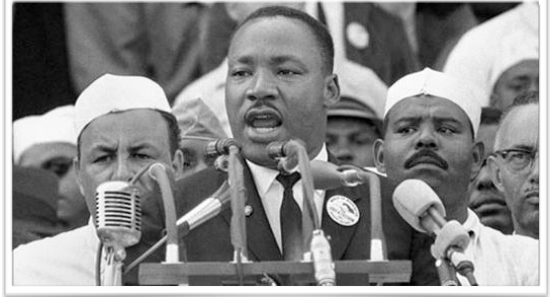
**Benediction**

Rev. E.R. Johnson, Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church

**This event is supported by the Galveston residents who believe in The Dream:**

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"It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check -- a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." ...

"And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
August 28, 1963*