

The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



• **Jan. 15, 1929**
Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Ga., the son of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., a Baptist minister, and Alberta Williams King, a school teacher.

• **September 1935**
Martin Luther King Jr. begins at the all-black Yonge Street Elementary School in Atlanta. He is an exemplary student.

• **Sept. 20, 1944**
Martin Luther King Jr. enters Morehouse College in Atlanta at age 15.

• **Feb. 25, 1948**
Martin Luther King Jr. is ordained as a Baptist minister. After graduating from Morehouse College in June, he enters the Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.



• **June 18, 1953**
Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott are married in Marion, Ala.

• **Oct. 31, 1954**
Martin Luther King Jr. becomes pastor of the Dexter Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. It was in Montgomery that King first put into practice his belief in passive resistance.

• **June 1955**
Martin Luther King, Jr. receives his doctorate in theology from Boston University.

• **Nov. 17, 1955**
Yolanda Denise King, the Kings' first child is born.



Martin Luther King, Jr. displayed a natural charisma at an early age derived from his confidence, intelligence and passion for equality.



A portrait of Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow Coretta Scott King (top left), and their children.

• **Dec. 1, 1955**
Mrs. Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala. She is arrested. When Mrs. Parks was brought to trial she was found guilty of violating a Montgomery city ordinance and ordered to pay a fine.



• **Dec. 5, 1955**
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association and leads a yearlong boycott of the desegregated bus system in Montgomery, Ala.

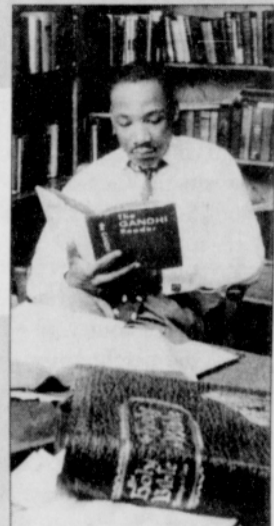


• **Jan. 26, 1956**
Martin Luther King Jr. arrested for the first time, for a traffic violation.

• **Jan. 30, 1956**
The Kings' home is bombed. Although Mrs. King and Yolanda are at home with a friend, no one is injured.

• **Dec. 21, 1956**
Montgomery buses are integrated after the U.S. Supreme Court declares Alabama's segregation laws illegal, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is among the first people to ride an integrated Montgomery bus.

• **Jan. 9-10, 1957**
Black ministers in other parts of the South, encouraged by the movement in Montgomery, decide to form an organization called the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is elected its president.



• **February 1959**
Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, visit India as guests of Prime Minister Nehru. They study Mahatma Gandhi's methods of nonviolent protest.

• **January 1960**
The King family moves to Atlanta, where Martin Luther King Jr. becomes co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father, Martin Luther King Sr.

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— Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)

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