

Changes made for Monday's Atchison MLK services

(KAIR)--Changes are made to the schedule of Atchison's commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ceremonies are planned for Monday, the national day of recognition for the slain Civil Rights leader.

The remembrance service, which begins at 12 noon Monday at the Atchison United Methodist Church, will be held as planned, followed by a march, held to reflect those once undertaken by Dr. King. Those attending will walk from the church, located at 5th and Kansas Avenue, down 5th Street to Commercial Street, and to the location of the George Johnson Memorial. Johnson was lynched in Atchison in 1870.

Those who plan to attend the march, scheduled around 1:00 Monday afternoon, are reminded to dress warmly, with a high of only around 2 degrees expected for the day.

Among the special guests set to attend Monday's ceremonies is Jermaine Wilson, a City Commissioner for the City of Leavenworth, where he formerly served as Mayor, a role he gained after living a criminal lifestyle in his youth.

However, another special guest, Darryl Burton, who spent 24-years in prison, but was exonerated in 2008 when his innocence was proven, will not attend, leaving his book reading and reception postponed. However, work is underway to reschedule Burton's visit to Atchison.

The public is invited to attend Monday's ceremonies.

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