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**EVANSVILLE NAACP TO HOST 2026 MLK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:
“THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW”**

Evansville, IN — The Evansville Branch of the NAACP will host its 2026 MLK Community Breakfast on **Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at C-REC (Greater St. James Church), 484 S. Governor Street, Evansville, IN.**

The annual breakfast brings the community together to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while encouraging collective reflection, unity, and action. This year’s theme, “**The Fierce Urgency of Now**,” draws from Dr. King’s powerful call to move beyond commemoration and confront the work of justice with immediacy and purpose.

While celebrating Black History Month in Evansville, the event creates space for inspiration, dialogue, and a renewed commitment to equity and progress across the community.

The featured speaker for the morning will be **Pastor Ryan Jackson of New Hope Baptist Church** in Evansville, whose leadership and voice inspires faith-based and civic engagement throughout the community. The program will be emceed by **De’Onta Bush of WEHT/WTVW Eyewitness News**, bringing a trusted local voice to guide the morning’s reflections and presentations.

“The MLK Community Breakfast is an annual celebration hosted by the Evansville Branch NAACP honoring the life, legacy, and vision of Dr. King. This inspiring event brings together community leaders, organizations, clergy, and citizens to reflect on Dr. King’s message of justice, unity, and service. We celebrate individuals who embody courage, compassion, and a commitment to positive change in our community,” says Ed Lander, President of the branch.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$40 and may be purchased online at:

<https://www.naacpevv.org/event-details/evansville-naacp-2026-mlk-community-breakfast-the-fierce-urgency-of-now>

Event Sponsorships also available on the website.

Community members, faith leaders, advocates, and organizations are encouraged to attend and participate in this meaningful gathering as Evansville reflects on Dr. King's legacy and recommits to action in the present moment.

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NAACP Mission: Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.