

KING IN THE TRI-CITIES

OCTOBER 5, 1956
MT. OLIVET BAPTIST
CHURCH, PETERSBURG

When Dr. King spoke at the NAACP's 21st Annual Convention, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Petersburg was filled to capacity, and his talk, "Desegregation in the Future," was broadcast to other local churches. Dr. King stayed at the home of his friend Wyatt Tee Walker during his visit.

JUNE 1, 1960
GILLFIELD BAPTIST
CHURCH, PETERSBURG

Dr. King spoke at a meeting of the Petersburg Improvement Association and, during his visit, announced that Wyatt Tee Walker would go with him to Atlanta as Executive Director of the SCLC. Dorothy Cotton also left Petersburg to work with Dr. King in Atlanta.

MARCH 27-29, 1962
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE
TOUR OF VIRGINIA

In support of a voter registration drive, Dr. King toured Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, making stops throughout southern Virginia. Over the course of his visit, he gave lectures addressing thousands of students and members of the public, including a talk at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, one at First Baptist Church in Farmville, remarks at two stops in Dinwiddie, and another talk at Virginia State College in Petersburg. At the end of his visit, Dr. King visited Hopewell in a show of support for Rev. Curtis West Harris, who was then facing a contempt trial after refusing to give up information on individuals associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to a Virginia legislative committee.

JULY 2, 1965
VIRGINIA STATE
COLLEGE, PETERSBURG

In the athletic stadium of Virginia State College, Dr. King addressed an audience of 2,000. In his talk he urged an end to the Vietnam War, saying, "We can beat communism with democracy, if we can make democracy work." He suggested using teach-ins and peace rallies to protest the war.

JUNE 2, 1967
VIRGINIA STATE
COLLEGE, PETERSBURG

Dr. King returned to Virginia State College where he spoke in Jones Hall at a banquet hosted by the Hopewell Improvement Foundation to honor Rev. Curtis West Harris. This was Dr. King's last address in Virginia.



*Dr. King in Petersburg on July 2, 1965. Among those pictured with Dr. King are Virginia SCLC leaders Rev. Curtis West Harris and Rev. Milton Reid
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Dr. King and Wyatt Tee Walker

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