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Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Trustee Board meeting August 4 - 5 in Chicago, IL.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at Salem Bible Church for their Summer Revival. Services will be held at the Lithonia campus (5460 Hillandale Dr. Lithonia, GA 30058/770.981.2160) on Wednesday, August 13 and the Atlanta campus (2283 Baker Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30318/404.792.0303) on Thursday, August 14 at 7pm. Dr. Jasper W. Williams Jr. is the Pastor.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at New Covenant of Faith Church for their 11th Church Anniversary on Sunday, August 24 at 3:30pm. The Brentwood Chorale will be singing. The church is located at 204 Ridge St., Crosby, TX 77532 (281.328.1315). Rev. M. Keith Cooksey is the Pastor.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
7:45am & 10:45am

Immediately following the 10:45am worship service.

BRENTWOOD LEADERSHIP STAFF

DR. JOE SAMUEL RATLIFF, PASTOR
Mr. Paul E. Jefferson, Church Business Administrator
Ms. Lydia A. Alston, Minister of Worship and Praise
Rev. Joseph G. Ford, Minister of College, Young Adults and Singles
Rev. Mary A. Frazier, Minister of Youth
Mr. Augusta Green IV, Lifelong Learning Center Manager
Rev. Albert A. Kemp, Minister of Evangelism
Rev. Jimmie E. Lee, Minister of Congregational Care and Recreation
Rev. C. Clay Pickens, Institutional Advancement Director
Mrs. Doris G. Ratliff, Center for Child Development Executive Director
Rev. Lillie M. Seals, Minister of Christian Counseling
Rev. Barbara A. Thomas, Minister of Children and Senior Adults
Rev. Kevin W. Williams, Minister of Facilities Management
### RELAY...
**Relational Evangelism Lifestyle Approach for You**

RELAY is designed to teach believers how to live out their responsibility in obedience to the Great Commission (Matthew 28). It will add excitement and value to your life as you learn to share the Gospel Your Way!

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD: AUGUST AND NOVEMBER**
You may participate individually or as a part of your organization. Register at brentwoodbaptist.org. Forms are also available at the Receptionist and Lifelong Learning Center Counters.

Rev. Albert Kemp at 713.852.1439 or akemp@brentwoodbaptist.org.

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### RELAY CLASSES

**AUGUST**

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### Scholarships & Grants

Applications are available at [www.brentwoodfoundation.org](http://www.brentwoodfoundation.org)! Deadline to submit completed applications: FRIDAY, AUGUST 22!

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### New Member Marathon

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**
Lifelong Learning Center

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### Event Calendar

**Thursday, August 28**

1. **7pm**
   - Children Praise Dance Ministry LLC
   - Usher Board Leaders LLC
   - Voices of Praise Worship Center
   - Youth Praise Dance Ministry LLC

**Saturday, August 30**

1. **10:30am**
   - Adult Praise Dancers Worship Center

**Sunday, August 31**

1. **9am**
   - BBDA Spotlight Expo’ Fellowship Hall
2. **9:30am**
   - Mass Sunday School LLC
MEMBERS & VISITORS

MEMBERS

UPDATES
If you have moved or have a name change, please visit our website and complete a Membership Update Form or contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486. Forms are also available at the Receptionist Desk.

SICK & DEATH REPORTS
To report or give an update of a death or illness, please visit our website and complete a Sick or Death Report Form or call 713.852.1410 and leave a detailed message. Forms are also available at the Receptionist Desk.

CONTRIBUTIONS
Please use a contribution envelope to ensure that your tithes, offerings and designated donations are recorded. Contributions made to Brentwood Baptist Church are posted by your individual membership number. Therefore, it is important that you legibly record your complete name, address and amount on your envelope. When designating monies to an organization, please write the full name of the organization.

MEDIA
CD’s and DVD’s may be purchased at www.brentwoodbaptist.org/store/shop or in the Media Center. MP3 downloads are also available online. Please contact George Micheaux at 713.852.1426 for more information.

VISITORS

If you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to join in as we give our highest praise to God our Father for giving us the opportunity to come together in worship. If you are looking for a church home please consider us in your spiritual journey. If you would like more information about us, please call 713.852.1400.

If you are not receiving your monthly bulletin, please contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486.

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Sunday, August 10
9:30pm  Common Ground   Room 118
10:45am  Middle & Youth School Councils   Fellowship Hall
12:30pm  Usher Board Intensive Training   Worship Center

Monday, August 11
6pm  Electrician Class   LLC
6:30pm  Deacon Ministry   LLC
7pm  Women’s Day Choir   Worship Center

Tuesday, August 12
10am  Baptist Women III   LLC
6:30pm  Cancer Support Ministry   LLC
6:30pm  Virtuous Dance Cru   LLC
7pm  Women’s Day Choir   Worship Center
Worship Center
Wellness Ministry   LLC
Young Adult Ministry   Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 13
5:30pm  RELAY Your Faith   LLC
6pm  Sisters Who Care   LLC

Thursday, August 14
12noon  Noon Bible Study   LLC
6:30pm  Drill Team Camp   LLC
Sunday School Workers   LLC
Children’s Work Ministry   LLC
Chorale   Choir Room
7pm  Youth Praise Dancers   LLC
Greeters Association   LLC
Voices of Praise   Sanctuary

Friday, August 15
6:30pm  Drill Team Camp   LLC

Saturday, August 16
9am  Veterans Assistance Ministry   LLC
Drill Team Camp   Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 17
10:45am  Middle School & Youth Ministry   LLC
RELAY Your Faith   LLC

Monday, August 18
6pm  Electrician Class   LLC
6:45pm  Cheerleaders for Christ   LLC
7pm  Church Choir   Worship Center

The Jewels Present
Sisters in Sync: Spirit & Soul
JEWELS CROSSOVER CELEBRATION
Wednesday, August 13 • 7PM
GUEST PREACHER
Dr. Yolande Herron-Palmore
KAINOS COMMUNITY CHURCH
KATY, TX
JAZZY BRUNCH & WORSHIP
Saturday, August 16 • 9AM
LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER
WITH GUEST PSALMIST
Yvonne Washington

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
RESERVED TABLES (FOR 10)
UNTIL JULY 31 - $30
UNTIL JULY 31 - $350
ON AUGUST 1 - $35
ON AUGUST 1 - $400

WOMEN’S DAY WORSHIP
Sunday, August 17 • 7:45AM & 10:45AM
Worship Center
GUEST PREACHER
Dr. Ann Lightner Fuller
MT. CALVARY AME CHURCH
TOWSON, MD
MUSIC BY: THE WOMEN’S DAY CHOIR
REHEARSALS: AUGUST 5, 11 & 12
Children & Youth Announcements

Full Court Press For God
Boys Conference for Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, August 2 • 8am - 4:30pm
Joe Samuel Ratliff Lifelong Learning Center
Cost: FREE

Bible Skills Workshop • 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Compete in a Madden Tournament • Have opportunity to win door or cash prizes!

Contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440 for more details.

Girls Conference
Chosen Too
For Girls Grades 6-12

Saturday, August 9
8am - 2:30pm
Lifelong Learning Center

Contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440 for more details.

Drill Team Camp
AUGUST 14, 15 & 16
Junior Drill Team: Grades 1 - 5
Senior Drill Team: Grades 6 - 12
Visit the table in the foyer or contact LaTeira Jefferson at 832.982.5802.

Saturday, August 2
8am    Bays’ Conference LLC
9am    Jewels’ Planning Committee LLC
10am   Mission Outreach Ministry LLC
10:30am Adult Praise Dance Ministry LLC

Sunday, August 3
12:30pm Conversations with the Ratliff’s Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 4
6pm    Electrician Class LLC
       Sunday School Council LLC

Tuesday, August 5
6:30pm Virtuous Dance Cru LLC
       Fellowship Hall
7pm    Intercessory Prayerline Ministry LLC
       Girl Scouts LLC
       Singles Ministry LLC
       Male Chorus Sanctuary
       Women’s Day Choir Worship Center

Wednesday, August 6
5:30pm RELAY Your Faith LLC

Thursday, August 7
12noon Noon Bible Study LLC
6pm    BUB Training & Development Worship Center
6:30pm Sunday School Workers LLC
       Associate Ministers LLC
       Chorale Choir Room
6pm    Intercessory Prayerline Ministry LLC
6:30pm Sunday School Workers LLC
       Associate Ministers LLC
       Chorale Choir Room
7pm    Youth Praise Dancers LLC
       BUB General Meeting Worship Center
       Voices of Praise Sanctuary

Friday, August 8
7pm    Married Couples Enrichment Ministry Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 9
8am    Girls’ Conference LLC
8:30am RELAY Your Faith LLC
9am    Sunday School Teachers’ Development LLC
       Jewels Planning Committee LLC
       Children’s Usher Board Sanctuary
10am   Girls of Grace LLC
10:30am Adult Praise Dance Ministry LLC
12pm   Youth Usher Board Worship Center
Jewels Bible Study

September 11, 18 & 25 • 6:30pm
Lifelong Learning Center

All ladies are invited to join us as we focus on “Forgiveness.”

BRENTWOOD BOOK CLUB
Mission Project

Open Door Mission
Transforming Lives through Recovery Healing Learning

This organization is a faith and evidence based recovery and rehabilitation facility transforming the lives of the most severely addicted, homeless and disabled men in our community.

You may donate the following items to this project:
Soap • Deodorant • Socks • Pillows
Bath & Face Towels • Batteries
Bed Linen (Twin Beds)

For more info about volunteering or donating in-kind items contact Fanny Browne at 713.921.7520 or fbrowne@opendoorhouston.org

Let’s Go...Shopping!

The Jewels of Brentwood invite you to the SAN MARCOS PREMIUM OUTLET

Saturday, September 27

Depart at 6am & Return at 9pm
Cost $40
Cost includes transportation and a light Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner will be at your own expense.

For more info contact Rev. Karen Jacobs at 713.306.8669.

Beaus & Debs
Registration
August 17 – September 7

Brentwood seniors are encouraged to join this esteemed ministry which supports the transition from high school to college and careers. You will participate in many exciting activities and events which focus on college and career preparation, social outings, service projects and a formal cotillion.

Sponsors are available.
For more information contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440 or mfrazier@brentwoodbaptist.org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 • 7PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a study based on “The Four Seasons of Marriage” by Dr. Gary Chapman. A potluck meal will be provided. If childcare is needed, contact Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.852.1430 or lseals@brentwoodbaptist.org.

The Brentwood Federal Credit Union is here to help! Stop by today!

CREDIT UNION HOURS:
Sunday 9:30am - 1:00pm
Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm
The Marriage Ministry
invites you to
Date Night
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
4pm – 7pm
Aquarium Restaurant
Kemah Boardwalk
Reservations are limited. Please register by Sunday, August 3. Contact Jimmie & Bonita Wright at 281.436.0011

Young Adults ages 20-39 are invited!

TUESDAY, August 26 • 7PM
Lifelong Learning Center
Live Music • Worship • Food • Fellowship

Tuesday, September 9 • 7pm
Lifelong Learning Center
Guest Speaker
Jackie Baker, RN, MSN.Ed, CCRC, CCRP
MD Anderson Hospital
Contact Henry Davis at 281.437.2274 or Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.852.1430.

We invite you to join us for forty days in prayer and fasting!

Types of Fasting Referenced in the Bible:
1. Normal Fasting - going without food for up to 40 days.
2. Partial Fasting - abstaining from certain foods.
3. Absolute Fasting - going without food or water no more than 3 days.
4. Voluntary Group Fasting - called for a specific reason for a specific group of people.

The Purpose:
1. Fasting as a means of worship, which must be God-centered, God-intended, and God ordained
2. Fasting as an expression of grief, distress, or repentance
3. Fasting as preparation for God’s guidance and renewal
4. Fasting to reveal the things that control us and hinder our intimacy with God
5. Fasting to remind us that we are sustained “by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”
6. Fasting to help keep our balance in life

The Practice:
1. Occasional Fasting - eat a light meal (fruit, vegetables, yogurt, etc.) Skip 2-3 Meals, and drinks a lot of water. Break the fast with fruit juices followed by a light meal. Avoid oils, dressings, and starch for a couple of meals.
2. Regular Discipline of Fasting - begin slowly with a partial 24-hour (2 meal) fast once a week for several weeks. During this fast time, drink fruit juices. After succeeding with this for several weeks, move to a 36 hour (3 meals) fast. Break these fasts with a light meal of fruit and vegetables.
3. Optional Fasting - If skipping meals is not possible, try fasting from certain types of food (sweets, soft drinks, etc.) or leisure activities (TV, sports, etc.).

Points to Remember:
1. Monitor your inner attitudes and maintain a worshipful attitude.
2. Be careful not to call attention to what you are doing.
3. Devote this fasting time to devotional activities.
4. Seek the Lord regarding extended fasting.*
5. Remember that the major work of scriptural fasting is in the realm of the Spirit.

*If you are diabetic, or have other serious medical conditions, please seek advice from your physician prior to fasting from food.