When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great JOY.
Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest Preacher for Greater Elizabeth Baptist Church Saturday, December 10 at 6:30pm. A Pastoral Retirement Celebration for Dr. Kenneth A. Walker will be held at the Airport Renaissance Concourse Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest Preacher for the Cathedral of Faith Church Sunday, December 11 at 4pm. The worship service will be held at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 7934 North Highway 6, Houston, TX 77095 (713.683.1919). Dr. Michael Lee Jones is the Pastor.

Happy Birthday Staff Members!

Rev. Lillie Seals - 12th
Rev. Barbara Thomas - 26th

BRENTWOOD LEADERSHIP STAFF

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Rev. Mary A. Frazier, Minister of Youth
Mr. Augusta Green IV, Lifelong Learning Center Manager
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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. Garland W. Ward, Minister of Visitation
Rev. Kevin W. Williams, Minister of Facilities Management and Recreation

BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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South Africa Tour Hosted by Dr. Ratliff

July 18–29, 2012
$6,195 per person (from Houston)

A fee of $500 per person is due at registration. A fee of $1,500 per person is due by March 1, 2012. For a brochure and payment information contact Tena Davis at 713.852.1412.
### Preaching Schedule

**Sunday**  
*7:45 AM & 10:45 AM*

- **4**  
  *Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am)*  
  *Music By: Church Choir*

- **11**  
  *Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am)*  
  *Music By: Male Chorus*

- **18**  
  *Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am)*  
  *Christmas Concert (11am)*  
  *Music By: Voices of Praise (7:45am) & Music Ministry (11am)*

- **25**  
  **CHRISTMAS DAY - One Worship Service (10:45am)**  
  *Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff*  
  *Music By: Mass Choir*

**Wednesday**  
*7:00 PM*

- **7**  
  **SERVICE OF CARING & SHARING**

- **14**  
  **NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

- **21**  
  **NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

- **28**  
  **NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

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**Christmas Holiday**

*Office Closed: December 19-30*  
*No Weekday Activities!*

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**Happy Holidays!**

*It is the season to be grateful for those who make this world more wonderful - people just like you.*  
*Have a joyous holiday!*

*Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff*  
*and Staff*
## Members & Visitors

### MEMBERS

#### UPDATES
If you have moved or have a name change, please obtain and complete a Membership Update Form at the Receptionist Desk or contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486.

#### SICK & DEATH REPORTS
To report or give an update on a death or illness, please complete a Sick or Death Report form located at the Receptionist Desk or call 713.852.1410 and leave a detailed message.

#### 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.

#### MEDIA
CD’s, DVD’s and audio cassettes are available in the Media Center. Please contact George Micheaux at 713.852.1426 or online www.brentwoodbaptist.org/store/shop.

#### VISITORS
We are delighted that 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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Interpreters for the hearing impaired are available each Sunday during the 10:45 am worship service and for all other church sponsored events by request only. Please contact the Church Office at 713.852.1400.

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### All Weekday Activities Cancelled
December 19-30

#### Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not just to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself…

~ Norman Wesley Brooks

“Let Every Day Be Christmas” 1976

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### Winter Bible Study

#### Wednesdays
January 4, 11, 18 and 25
Sanctuary @ 7pm

Hosted by the Brentwood Sunday School Department
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**REPORTING DEATH OR ILLNESS DURING HOLIDAYS**

Please call 713.852.1410 and leave a detailed message. Messages will be checked frequently.
A SPECIAL INVITATION...

God stuck U in the name of His Son. For U He came, for U He was born. Once U accept Him, your life will be new. U can’t spell JesUs and not use U. He commands U to “Go” and tell them it’s true, I love them all—Just like I love U. Now it all depends on what U will do, He’d like them to know, but it all starts with U.

BRENTWOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL
Lifelong Learning Center ▪ 9:30am (Adults, Youth, Children, PreK)
Lifelong Learning Center ▪ 10:45am (Youth, Children, PreK)
Brentwood Baptist Church Music Ministry Requests the Honor of Your Presence at

A Royal Celebration: The Birth of a King

Sunday, December 18, 2011 • 11am

Featuring...
The Mass Choir, Bronze Voices, Orchestra, Anointed for Christ Praise Dancers, Tiny Tots & Children’s Choirs

WORLD AIDS DAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

HIV and AIDS are serious life-threatening viruses with no cure. Know your status by getting tested. A list of testing sites will be distributed on Sunday, December 4 during worship service.

Sponsored by the Brentwood AIDS Ministry

Service of Caring and Sharing

Remembering our Loved Ones

Wednesday, December 7 • 7pm
Sanctuary

Hosted by the Brentwood Love Ministry

Brentwood Book Club

“REWIRING THE SCRIPT”
By Arlether Wilson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 11AM
Doris Gardner Ratliff Center for Child Development

THE BRENTWOOD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
CHRISTMAS LOANS

Come in today and inquire about our special rates for Christmas Loans. Don’t forget to ask about our Pre-Paid Debit Cards. Debit Cards may be used for in-store and online purchases and at any ATM machine for cash withdrawals.

Visit the Credit Union today!
23rd Annual AIDS Walk Houston

WALK WITH A PURPOSE

Sunday, March 11, 2012
Sam Houston Park - Downtown

Please join the Brentwood Community Foundation in AIDS Walk Houston. This exciting, non-competitive event helps to increase community awareness, raises funds and educates Houstonians about AIDS. Seventy (70) percent of the money we raise will be awarded to the BCF and other benefiting agencies that help individuals and families affected by the disease. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or donating, please contact Willie Sylvester at 713.852.2552 or by email at wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

This month the Brentwood’s Criminal Justice Ministry will celebrate its 25th year of participating in Project Angel Tree. The project is responsive to the needs of children who are from homes where at least one parent is incarcerated.

Angel Tree provides each child with two Christmas gifts such as toys, clothing, electronics, board games and storybooks of the birth of Christ. Over the years Brentwood’s participation has increased from sponsoring 100 children to approximately 700 children annually. Brentwood’s members respond each year in a phenomenal way, giving generously of their resources and time.

In prior years, our Deacons and volunteers have delivered gifts to the homes of the children. Today the Criminal Justice Ministry sponsors a Christmas Program in our Lifelong Learning Center for the children and their family. In addition to receiving gifts, they are ministered to by our Children’s Praise Dance Ministry, our Cheerleaders for Christ and other ministries. Our First Lady, Sister Doris Gardner Ratliff serves as our Mistress of Ceremony each year.

Some years ago, the Criminal Justice Ministry extended Angel Tree to serve as a year-round ministry for selected families called Guardian Angels. The Ministry provides mentors to children of all ages and sponsors family outings, summer camp, field trips and other fun activities. This ministry also sponsors a Back to School Fair in August. At the Fair children receive school supplies and school clothing.

During the month of December, you will find the Criminal Justice Ministry and its many volunteers shopping, sorting and wrapping gifts.

This year, please include a special donation in your church offering envelope for Project Angel Tree (December) and Guardian Angel (August). To find out more about the Criminal Justice Ministry, Project Angel Tree and Guardian Angel, please contact Rev. C. Clay Pickens at 713.852.1414 or Gloria Ruffin at 713.852.1409.

Thanks to your generosity, the Brentwood Criminal Justice Ministry has service approximately 16,000 children.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!