For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11
Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will facilitate a Leadership Retreat at Faith Fellowship Bible Church Saturday, December 5 from 9am-1pm. The church is located at 4225 Prado Road, Suite 105 in Corona, CA (951.808.1803). Rev. Mark A. Williams, Pastor.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at Saints Rest Missionary Baptist Church for their 3rd Pastoral Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, December 13 at 11am. The church is located at 1550 East Florence Avenue, Fresno, CA. Rev. Shane B. Scott, Pastor.

**STAFF ON THE MOVE**

**Happy Birthday!**

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

**WORLD AIDS DAY**

*Tuesday, December 1  
Brentwood will observe World AIDS  
Sunday, December 6  
FREE/Confidential HIV Screening  
Lifelong Learning Center • 9:30am - 1:30pm*

**Happy Holidays!**

*There is no better time than the holidays to express our appreciation for your friendship and trust. May all the joys of the season be yours!  
Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff  
& Brentwood Staff*

**Upcoming Events At The Wood…**

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| Corporate Prayer / Last Day of Activities / Angel Tree  
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| 13       | 6-8     |
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| Elders Preaching Series  
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| Christmas Concert  
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
| Office Closed / All Activities Cancelled  
| 21 - 26   | 25      |
| Office Closed / All Activities Cancelled  
| Quarterly Business Meeting  
| 27       |         |
| Blood Drive  
| 31       |         |
| Watchnight Worship  

**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. 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

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**ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like your wedding anniversary or retirement announced, please contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486 at least five days in advance.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Items to be considered for the January Bulletin must be received by December 5.

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7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

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Uncelebrated Saint

Betty Cox
MEMBERS/ VISITORS

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Interpretors 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.

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.

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 1
9am    Angel Tree Volunteers LLC
6pm    Christmas Concert Rehearsal Worship Center LLC
6:30pm Girl Scouts LLC
       Beaus & Debs LLC
6:45pm Singles Bible Study LLC
7pm    Kickboxing Aerobics Room LLC
       Creative Artists for Christ LLC
       Glory Ministry LLC
       Prayer Line Ministry Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 2
6:30pm Challengers Gym LLC
       Corporate Prayer Sanctuary LLC
7pm    Midweek Worship Sanctuary LLC

Thursday, December 3
9am    Angel Tree Volunteers LLC
12pm   Noon Bible Study LLC
6pm    Ballet Troupe Aerobics Room LLC
       Tutoring LLC
       Usher Board Fellowship Hall LLC
       Drill Team LLC
6:30pm Children’s Christmas Rehearsal Church Center Worship Center LLC
       Christmas Concert Rehearsal
6:30pm Praise Dancers (PreK-5th) LLC
7pm    Sunday School LLC

Friday, December 4
9am    Angel Tree Volunteers LLC
7:30pm Love Ministry Fellowship LLC
8pm    Youth Christmas Gala LLC

Saturday, December 5
9 am   Boy Scouts Fellowship Fellowship Hall
10 am  Angel Tree Christmas Program LLC
       Kids Pal Volunteer Training LLC
       Children’s Christmas Rehearsal Sanctuary LLC
**Infants/Children/Youth**

**Child Care**
The Doris Gardner Ratliff Center for Child Development offers childcare for ages 0 to 4, Sundays during worship services and Monday - Friday from 6 am to 6 pm. After school care also available!
Contact Cheryl Kimbrel at 713.852.1470.

**Children’s Christmas Play**
“The Reason For The Season”
Sunday, December 13 • 11 am
Sanctuary

**Historically Black College University Tour 2010**
Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
March 12 - 20
Cost: $725 (before January 16)
$850 (after January 16)
For a complete list of universities, contact Daryl Walton at 713.773.0125

**Youth Watchnight Lock-In**
Thursday, December 31
Lifelong Learning Center
12 midnight - 7 am
Cost is $5
PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED!!

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**January Events**

**Elders Preaching Series**
January 6 - 8
Worship Center • 7pm

**Wednesday**
Bishop Barbara C. Harris (Emeritus)
African Episcopal Churches
Foxboro, MA
Music: Male Chorus

**Thursday**
Elder Thomas W. Samuels (Pastor & President Emeritus)
Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC
Music: Voices of Praise

**Friday**
Dr. Jasper W. Williams, Jr. (Senior Pastor)
Salem Baptist Church
Atlanta, GA
Music: Church Choir

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**Winter Bible Study**
“Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew”
Wednesday, January 13, 20 & 27
Sanctuary • 7pm
**Adults**

**Singles Bible Study** – Join the Singles Ministry on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:45 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center. Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be leading us in bible study.

**Marriage Ministry at the Ensemble** - Join the Marriage Ministry for “Christmas with Great Aunt” by Thomas Meloncon at the Ensemble Theatre on Friday, December 11. Tickets are $16 per person and will be available for purchase December 6. Contact Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.852.1430.

**Brentwood Federal Credit Union** – Been putting off joining the BFCU? Now is a great time to join. Starting January 1, the first 25 people to open an account will receive a chance to win a fabulous prize. Office hours are 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Sundays, and 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please contact the Credit Union at 713.852.1459.

**Boy Scouts Food Drive** - Service to others is an essential part of scouting. In celebration of the 100th anniversary, Troop 500 will be hosting a food drive on Sunday, January 10 and January 17. All food will be donated to the Brentwood Baptist Church Food Pantry. For more information contact Julia Jones-Rivers 281.858.5060.

**Walk For A Cause** – Mark your calendars and join the Brentwood Community Foundation in the 21st Annual AIDSWalk Houston on Sunday, March 14, 2010. AIDSWalk Houston is an exciting, non-competitive walk that helps increase community awareness and raise funds. Seventy-five percent of the money we raise will be awarded to the Brentwood Community Foundation. To participate, please contact Willie Sylvester at 713-852-2552 or by email at wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org.

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**Watchnight at the Wood**

**Adults**

Worship Center
10pm
Doors Open at 9pm

**Youth (Grades 6-12)**

Lifelong Learning Center Gym
10pm - 12midnight
Doors Open at 9pm
Youth Lock-In: see page 5

**Children (Grades Pre-K - 5)**

Lifelong Learning Center Ballroom
10pm
Doors Open at 9pm

**Infants & Toddlers**

Center for Child Development
9pm
Doors Open at 9pm

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**Dr. & Mrs. Ratliff invite you to join them in**

**Israel & Jordan**

June 13-24, 2010

$4,695 from Houston
$500 Deposit due at registration
Balance due March 1, 2010

Brochures are available at the Receptionist Desk. Space limited!
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**HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

**REPORTING DEATH OR ILLNESS DURING HOLIDAYS**

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

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**Happy Holidays from BEAM!**

Join BEAM’s **JOB CLUB** Saturday, December 5 to celebrate those of us who have found jobs and pray for those still looking! The fun begins at 11 AM at the LLC in the Children’s Lobby on the west wing. For more information, contact us at 713.852.1408 or beam@brentwoodbaptist.org

**BEAM. We’re your resource for support.**

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**2010 Church Calendar**

Get your 2010 calendars today! It would make a great Christmas gift! Visit our table in the foyer or contact the Music Department at 713.852.1426.

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Thursday: 4pm–7pm
Saturday: By Request Only

Phone: 713.283.5253

Jake’s Christian Books & Gifts is a place to gather and enjoy a quiet moment browsing through a book while sipping on a cup of hot java. This holiday season give a gift that says, I love and care about your relationship with our Lord & Savior.

SAVE THE DATE...
Brentwood Community Foundation
Scholarship Fashion Show
Sunday, May 2

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.

The Brentwood Baptist Church Music Ministry Presents...

The Colors of Christmas
Sunday, December 20
Worship Center • 11am

Featuring Recording Artist...
Oleta Adams

Also Featuring The...
Brentwood Mass Choir, Anointed for Christ Praise Dancers,
Bronze Voices & Orchestra

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 21 - 30
OFFICE CLOSED / ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED!
(With the exception of Sunday Worship Services)