Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher for Cathedral of Faith’s 15th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, December 8 at 10:15am. The celebration will be held at The Houstonian located at 111 N. Post Oak, Houston 77029. Rev. Michael Lee Jones, Pastor.

**WORLD AIDS DAY**

**SUNDAY, 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 1 during worship service. Sponsored by the Brentwood AIDS Ministry

**AIDS WALK HOUSTON**

MARCH 9, 2014

Sam Houston Park Downtown

Please join the Brentwood Community Foundation (BCF) in this non-competitive event to help increase awareness, raise funds and educate about AIDS. Seventy percent of funds raised will be awarded to the BCF and other benefiting agencies that help individuals and families affected by AIDS. To participate, volunteer or donate please contact Willie Sylvester at 713.852.2552 or wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org.

**Pictorial Directory**

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5

Don’t miss your next opportunity to be photographed for the 2015 Brentwood Pictorial Directory! Appointments are going fast!

Schedule your appointment online at www.brentwoodbaptist.org or call 713.852.1432!

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOOD**

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**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*

**BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

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713.926.PRAY (7729)/Prayerline
www.brentwoodbaptist.org
www.brentwoodtravel.org
Sunday, December 8
10:45am  Children’s Christmas Program  Sanctuary
           Middle School Council  LLC
           BUB Intensive Training  Worship Center

Monday, December 9
5pm     Angel Tree Gift Wrapping  LLC
6pm     Tutoring  LLC
6:30pm  Youth Choir  Sanctuary
        Bronze Voices  Music Library
        Deacon Ministry  LLC
        Mass Choir/Praise Dancers  Worship Center

Tuesday, December 10
9am     Baptist Women III  Fellowship Hall
5pm     Angel Tree Gift Wrapping  LLC
6:30pm  Cancer Support Ministry  LLC
7pm     Mass Choir  Worship Center

Wednesday, December 11
6pm     Girls In Action  LLC
7pm     Mass Choir  Worship Center

Thursday, December 12
12pm    Noon Day Bible Study  LLC
5pm     Angel Tree Gift Wrapping  LLC
6pm     Tutoring  LLC
7pm     Mass Choir/Dancers/Cast/Crew  Worship Center

Friday, December 13
9am     Angel Tree Gift Wrapping  LLC

Saturday, December 14
9am     Boy Scouts  Fellowship Hall
11am    Angel Tree Christmas Program  LLC

Sunday, December 15
9:30pm  Common Ground  Room 118

Monday, December 16 - Sunday, January 5
No Organizational Meetings
MEMBERS & VISITORS

Members

Dec 1 Communion 7:45 am/10:45 am
Dec 4 Communion 7 pm
Dec 8 Baptism 10:45 am

Sunday School Sundays 9:30 am - Adults/Children/Youth
10:45 am - Children

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.

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
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.
Questions: What is Tithes?
Answer: Tithes refers to giving 10% of one’s gross income to God as stated in Malachi 3:8-12.

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. KJV

EXAMPLES OF CONSISTENT PLANNED GIVING:

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Please do your share to honor God in your giving and watch “God open the windows of Heaven and pour you out blessings that there shall not be room enough to receive it” - Malachi 3:10

“Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into you.” - Luke 6:38

The Music Ministry Presents...

From rousing renditions of Christmas carols and traditional holiday favorites to beautiful recitations and spirit-filled gospel songs, “A Soulful Christmas” is a unique musical celebration that is sure to fill you with the spirit of hope this holiday season and renew your love for the story of the birth of Jesus.
## Holiday Calendar

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**TO REPORT DEATH OR ILLNESS DURING HOLIDAYS**

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

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## Sunday School Equipping Institute

**Serving God:**

"Called to Serve One Another in Love"

**Saturday, February 1, 2014 • 7:45am – 3:30pm**

**Lifelong Learning Center**

$10.00 Pre-registration • $15.00 Onsite registration

Seize the opportunity to strengthen your commitment to God, to serve and love others. Join us for sessions on Discipleship, Administration, Teaching, Reaching, Caring & Witnessing.

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## American History & Celebration of Gospel

**Sunday, February 16, 2014 • 5pm**

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

The Texas Medical Center Orchestra presents a concert featuring works by American composers, including Mississippi Suite by Ferde Grofé and A Lincoln Portrait by Aaron Copland. The Brentwood Mass Choir will join the orchestra for an evening celebrating gospel.

For tickets visit [www.TMCOchestra.org](http://www.TMCOchestra.org)
This study challenges believers to move away from performance-based religion. The Christian life is not about trying harder, but trusting Christ more. The issue is not being versus doing; the issue is doing from the overflow of being. As you walk through the Christological themes of Colossians, you will be reminded that everything God desires to do in and through our lives, He will accomplish out of the overflow of our relationship with Christ. Christ is all we need.
Watchnight at the Wood

Tuesday, December 31

**ADULTS**
Worship Center
10pm - 12 midnight
Doors Open at 9pm

**YOUTH (Grades 6-12)**
Sanctuary
10pm - 12 midnight
Doors Open at 9pm

**CHILDREN (Grades PreK - 5)**
Lifelong Learning Center Gym
10pm - 12:30pm
Doors Open at 9pm

**INFANTS & TODDLERS**
Center for Child Development
9pm - 12:30pm
Doors Open at 9pm

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The only place in the Bible where God challenges us to test Him is in our tithing and I’m asking you to do just that. What is tithing? Giving 10% of your income.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**
The RESULT:
Overflow to the Kingdom of God!
(See page 10)

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**THURSDAY**
Bishop Violet L. Fisher, Retired
Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church
Wilmington, Delaware

Music: Voices of Praise

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**FRIDAY**
Rev. Sammie Rash, Pastor
United Baptist Church
Cleveland, Mississippi

Music: Church Choir

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Brentwood Federal Credit Union

HOLIDAY LOANS

Credit Union Hours
Sunday 9:30am - 1:00pm
Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Make a deposit now through December 8 and be eligible to win a Christmas gift valued up to $100 for our Christmas Giveaway on December 15!