For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. - Isaiah 61:11

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The Tithers Confession

The Word of GOD says that the tithe is holy unto the Lord: therefore, I bring my tithes!

I confess that my finances are now under GOD’s divine protection. GOD is opening the windows of Heaven and pouring out for me such blessings that I won’t have room enough to receive them. GOD is rebuking everything that seeks to devour my finances. I bring my tithes to the Lord.

GOD is blessing everything I undertake. I am blessed going out, blessed coming in, blessed on my job, blessed in my home, my family is blessed and my finances are blessed. I am the head and not the tail: I am the lender not the borrower. Overflow is coming into my life. I AM JUST BLESSED!

Church Etiquette

1. Dress as if you are going to meet the Lord.
2. Come to worship on time and come regularly.
3. Bring your Bible and begin worship before you get to church.
4. Do not leave the singing to the choir. Lift your voice in praise.
5. Do not leave the preaching to the preacher. Give vocal and visual responses.
6. Help the ushers keep order. Control yourself and tactfully ask others to do likewise.
7. Do not walk or talk unnecessarily. It disturbs others and the sanctity of worship.
8. Do not consume food or drink in the Worship Center.
9. Do not leave before the Benediction. It is your final blessing for the week.
10. Don’t leave the Lord in the Sanctuary. Take Him with you!

Amen!

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. Mary A. Frazier, Minister of Youth and Young Adults
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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www.brentwoodbaptist.org
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Monday, January 26 (Continued)
6:45 pm Cheerleaders for Christ LLC
7 pm Quarterly Business Meeting LLC
Church Choir Worship Center

Tuesday, January 27
6:30 pm Jewels Bible Study LLC
7 pm Beaus & Debs LLC
Male Chorus Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 28
6 pm Sisters Who Care LLC
Girls in Action LLC
6:30 pm Challengers LLC
7 pm Youth Bible Study Fellowship Hall
Winter Bible Study Sanctuary
Young and Restless LLC

Thursday, January 29
12 pm Noon Bible Study LLC
6:30 pm Drill Team Fellowship Hall
Divorce Recovery LLC
Tutoring LLC
7 pm Children Praise Dancers (PreK-K) LLC
Children Praise Dancers (Grade 1&2) LLC
Voices of Praise Sanctuary
7:45 pm Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5) LLC

Saturday, January 31
9am Criminal Justice Ministry LLC

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the United Negro College Fund Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 11:30 am here in the city.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the 44th Presidential Inaugural Celebration on Tuesday, January 20 in Washington, DC.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will deliver the message at Mount Ephraim Baptist Church Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 am and 10:45 am for their 25th Church Anniversary. The church address is 610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 (301.808.1584). Rev. Joseph A. Gilmore is the Pastor.

Doris Gardner Ratliff will be the guest speaker at New Hope Community Church on Saturday, January 24 for their Prayer Breakfast. The church is located at 4170 West Greens Road, Houston, TX 77066 (281.580.8686). Dr. Ethan W. Ogletree, Sr. is the Pastor. You may contact New Hope for ticket information.

Happy Birthday
Willie Sylvester - January 2
Roshanda Williams - January 4
Maria Torres - January 9
Grover Fortenberry - January 10
Gloria Ruffin - January 12
Joy Wright - January 27

Unclebrated Saints
Carrie M. Sims

Quarterly Business Meeting
Monday, January 26
Sanctuary • 7pm
MEMBERS/VISITORS

Communion  January 4  7:45 am/10:45 am
Baptism  January 11  10:45 am
Baby Dedication  January 18  7:45 am/10:45 am
Sunday School  Sundays  9:30 am - Adults/Children/Youth
10:45 am - Children/Youth

Intepreters 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 Velekia Jordan at 713.852.1415.

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 contact Velekia Jordan at 713.852.1415 or via email at vjordan@brentwoodbaptist.org before Friday, noon.

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.

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.

Saturday, January 17
10 am  Youth Career Day  LLC
Women’s Conference Committee  LLC

Monday, January 19
OFFICE CLOSED – NO ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, January 20
6:30 pm  Girl Scouts  LLC
Business Development Ministry  LLC
Male Chorus  Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 21
6:30 pm  Challengers  LLC
7 pm  Youth Bible Study  Fellowship Hall
Winter Bible Study  Sanctuary

Thursday, January 22
12 pm  Noon Bible Study  LLC
6:30 pm  Divorce Recovery  LLC
Drill Team  Fellowship Hall
Tutoring  LLC
Children’s Work Ministry  LLC
7 pm  Children Praise Dancers (PreK – K)  LLC
Children Praise Dancers (Grade 1-2)  LLC
Voices of Praise  Sanctuary
7:45 pm  Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)  LLC

Friday, January 23
6 pm  Kids Pals  LLC

Saturday, January 24
9 am  Boy/Cub Scouts  LLC
Boys Rites of Passage  LLC

Monday, January 26
6:30 pm  Deacon Ministry  LLC
Righteous Rhythm Band  LLC
Tutoring  LLC
Youth Choir  Sanctuary
**January 1 - 15**

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!**

**Monday, January 19**

**Office Closed! No Activities!**
CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Ages PreK - 5th Grade

Sunday, January 11
Sanctuary
10:45 am

Theme: Giving to God - Malachi 3:8-10
“I will pour you out a blessing”

Speaker: Deacon Derrick Ardoin

Career Day – Attention Youth! Eta Phi Beta Sorority and TRUTH (BBC Youth Ministry) presents Career Day ’09, Saturday, January 17 from 9 am - 2 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center. Please visit the table in the foyer to register or logon to www.brentwoodbaptist.org or contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440.

Beaus & Debs – Class of 2009 will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center. For further details contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440.

JAM (Youth Worship) – Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us Sunday, January 25 at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary for worship.

Historically Black College/University Tour
March 13 - 21

We will visit Historically Black Colleges & Universities such as Southern University, Xavier University, Florida A&M, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta, Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Fisk University, Tennessee State University and Alcorn State University.

Early Registration: $700/Due January 10
Regular Registration: $850/Due February 28

For more info, contact Roger McDonald (713.988.8440) & Daryl Walton (713.773.0125).
Elders Preaching Series

Worship Center • 7 pm Nightly

Wednesday, January 7
Dr. Henry F. Davis, Jr.
Atlantic Highlands, NJ
Guest Psalmist: Deacon Melvin East
Music by: Male Chorus

Thursday, January 8
Dr. Henry Lyons
Tampa, FL
Guest Psalmist: Angela Bennett
Music by: Voices of Praise

Friday, January 9
Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.
Chicago, IL
Guest Psalmist: Rev. Alecia Johnson
Music by: Church Choir

Walk For A Cause – Join the Brentwood Community Foundation (BCF) in the 20th Annual AIDS Walk Houston on Sunday, March 15 in Sam Houston Park, Downtown. AIDS Walk Houston is an exciting, non-competitive walk event that helps increase community awareness, raises funds and educates Houstonians about AIDS. Seventy-five percent of the money raised will be awarded to the BCF and other organizations that help individuals and families affected by the disease. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or donating, please contact Claudia Gonzalez at 713.852.2551 or by email at cgonzalez@brentwoodfoundation.org.

Divorce Recovery – “WE CAN RECOVER” The Divorce Recovery Ministry will be offering a FREE seven week class. Join us in studying God’s Word as it relates to divorce. For more information contact Mary Henry at 281.888.1050.

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff

29th Pastoral Anniversary

Wednesday, February 4
Sanctuary • 7 pm

&

Sunday, February 8
Worship Center • 7:45 am/10:45 am

More details to come!

Come and Celebrate the Inauguration Ceremony of our 44th President of the United States of America

Barack H. Obama
Hosted by The Brentwood Business Development Association

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
JSR Lifelong Learning Center
(Hours of the celebration are to be announced)
**Singles Ministry Open Forum**

**Love, Sex & Relationships**

January 13
7 pm - 9 pm
Lifelong Learning Center

Join us as we kick off 2009! Our Bible Study will focus on entering into and maintaining healthy relationships. For more information, contact Karlene Stevens at 832.208.1095.

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**Dance for Fitness**

With Marko Jones
Presented by the Wellness Fitness Ministry

**Thursday January 15**
Lifelong Learning Center
6:45 pm

Contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486 to register.

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**Young & Restless Bible Study**

Ages 18-28
Thursdays • 7 pm
Lifelong Learning Center

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**Praise Dance Ministry Auction**

Sunday, January 25 through Sunday, February 8

We are sponsoring a “silent auction” with handbags, accessories and more. Winners will be announced Sunday, February 15. Place your bid now!

For details contact Baretta Duke at 713.729.9295 or via email at baretta_duke@hotmail.com.

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**End of Year Clearance Extended!**

You still have time to purchase CD’s & DVD’s!

Stop by the Brentwood Media Center today and get all the spiritual inspiration you need for your family, yourself and your friends.

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**You are invited to Winter Bible Study**

Wednesday, January 14, 21 & 28
Sanctuary • 7pm