Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

- Hebrews 12:1-2

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Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at First Baptist Church of Highland Park Sunday, September 1 at 7:30am & 11:15am for the 13th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. The address is 6801 Shenk Rd., Landover, MD 20785 (318.323.2469). Dr. Henry P. Davis III is the Pastor.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the Revivalist at King Solomon United Baptist Church Tuesday, September 17 through Thursday, September 19 at 7pm. The address is 2221 Forest St., Jacksonville, FL 32204 (904.354.8052). Rev. Mariko T. Billups is the Pastor.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church on Sunday, September 22 at 7:45am and 10:45am. The Mass Choir will accompany him. The church is located at 425 Howard Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11233 (718.342.1571). Rev. Steven E. Carter will be celebrating his 9th Pastoral Anniversary.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will deliver the Invocation at the Boy Scouts of America Whitney Young Luncheon on Thursday, September 26. The Sam Houston Area Council will recognize Nolan and Glennie Gordon, members of Brentwood Baptist Church, for their many years of dedication.

Dr. and Mrs. Ratliff will attend Pamper, Pray and Play, a retreat for pastors and their spouses September 30 - October 3 in Niagra Falls, NY.
Thursday, September 26 (Continued)
6:30pm  Sunday School Workers LLC
        Children’s Music Ministry LLC
        Children’s Work Ministry LLC
7pm  Children Praise Dancers LLC
        BUB Leadership Team LLC
        Chorale Choir Room
        Voices of Praise Sanctuary

Friday, September 27
5:30pm  Kids’ Pals LLC

Saturday, September 28
8:15am  RELAY Your Faith LLC
9:30am  Gathering Place LLC
10am  Girls of Grace LLC
10:30am  Adult Praise Dancers Worship Center

Sunday, September 29
9:30am  Mass Sunday School Sanctuary

Monday, September 30
6:15pm  Deacons In Training LLC
6:30pm  Bronze Voices Music Library
        Sunday School Council LLC
7pm  Church Choir Worship Center

Preaching Schedule
Sunday
7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

1  Rev. Jimmie E. Lee (7:45am & 10:45am)
   Music By: Church Choir

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

15 CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
    Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am)
    Music By: Mass Choir

22 Rev. Darryll Carr (7:45am)
    Pastor, Believers Faith Center, Houston, TX
    Rev. C. Clay Pickens (10:45am)
    Music By: Chorale

29 Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am)
    Music By: Women’s Chorus (7:45am) & Mass Choir (10:45am)

Wednesday
7:00 PM

4 Rev. Erick Powers, Associate Minister

11 Rev. Robin Cook, Associate Minister

18 Rev. Wendell Williams, Associate Minister

25 Rev. Kevin Riles, Associate Minister

Labor Day
Monday, September 3
Office Closed & All Activities Cancelled!

A Family Affair
Generational Gap Bowling

Hosted by the Jewels, Business Development Association & T.R.U.T.H. Ministry

Saturday, October 19 • 2PM - 5PM

Each team should consist of three adults and three youth. A $50 deposit per team is due by Sunday, October 6. Contact Gloria Ruffin at 713.852.1409.

Prizes will be awarded!
MEMBERS & VISITORS

MEMBERS

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.

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**MEMBERS UPDATE**

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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.

**SICK & DEATH REPORTS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**VISITORS**

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**Wednesday, September 18**

- 5pm | RELAY Your Faith LLC
- 6pm | Challengers LLC
- 6pm | Jr. Drill Team LLC

**Thursday, September 19**

- 12noon | Noon Bible Study LLC
- 6pm | Sr. Drill Team Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm | New Members Committee Room 230
- 6pm | Sunday School Workers LLC
- 6pm | Children’s Work Ministry LLC
- 7pm | Children Praise Dancers LLC
- 7pm | Youth Parent Leaders Chorale Worship Center

**Friday, September 20**

- 6pm | Senior Adult Ministry Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, September 21**

- 9am | Youth Sunday School Teachers Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am | Veterans Assistance Ministry Worship Center
- 10:30am | Adult Praise Dancers LLC

**Sunday, September 22**

- 10:45am | JAM Worship Sanctuary
- 6pm | RELAY Your Faith LLC

**Monday, September 23**

- 9am | Food Pantry LLC
- 6:30pm | Bronze Voices Music Library
- 7pm | Deacon Ministry Worship Center

**Tuesday, September 24**

- 6pm | Virtuous Dance Cru LLC
- 6:15pm | Deacons In Training LLC
- 6:30pm | Deacon Wives LLC
- 7pm | STEW Ministry Fellowship Hall
- 7pm | Young Adult Ministry Sanctuary
- 7pm | Male Chorus Worship Center
- 7pm | Women’s Chorus

**Wednesday, September 25**

- 5pm | RELAY Your Faith LLC
- 6pm | Challengers LLC
- 6pm | Sisters Who Care LLC
- 6pm | Jr. Drill Team LLC

**Thursday, September 26**

- 12noon | Noon Bible Study LLC
- 6pm | Sr. Drill Team Fellowship Hall
- 6pm | BUB Planning Team LLC
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**Adult Announcements**

**Tuesday, September 3 • 7pm**
Lifelong Learning Center

Learn to “speak” with your hands!

**"Empowerment to Take Charge of YOUR Health!"**
Sponsored by the Wellness Ministry

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**
7pm - 8:30pm
Lifelong Learning Center
Dr. Jacqueline Minter MD, Speaker

**Married Couples Enrichment Ministry**
**Bible Study**

"Spiritual Warfare in Marriage & Family"

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 7PM**
FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you require childcare, contact Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.852.1430 by September 13 at 12noon.

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**Monday, September 2**  
Office Closed / All Activities Cancelled

**Tuesday, September 3**

| 6pm | Virtuous Dance Cru LLC |
| 7pm | Ushers/Greeters Planning Committee Room 236 |
| 7pm | Singles Ministry LLC |
| 7pm | Male Chorus Worship Center |
| 7pm | Women’s Choir Choir Room |
| 7pm | Intercessory Prayerline Ministry Fellowship Hall |

**Wednesday, September 4**

| 6pm | Challengers LLC |
| 6pm | Jr. Drill Team LLC |

**Thursday, September 5**

| 12noon | Noon Bible Study LLC |
| 6pm | Usher Board Worship Center |
| 6:30pm | Sr. Drill Team Fellowship Hall |
| 7pm | Sunday School Workers LLC |
| 7pm | Children’s Music Ministry LLC |
| 7pm | Children Praise Dancers LLC |
| 7pm | Chorale Choir Room |
| 7pm | Voices of Praise Sanctuary |

**Saturday, September 7**

| 9am | Children’s Usher Board Sanctuary |
| 10:30am | Adult Praise Dancers LLC |
| 12pm | Youth Usher Board Worship Center |

**Sunday, September 8**

| 10:45am | RELAY Your Faith LLC |
| 10:45am | Middle School & Youth Councils Fellowship Hall |
| 12:15pm | Usher Board Training Worship Center |

**Monday, September 9**

| 9am | Food Pantry LLC |
| 6:30pm | Youth Choir Sanctuary |
| 6:30pm | Bronze Voices Handbell Choir Music Library |
| 7pm | Deacon Ministry LLC |
| 7pm | Church Choir Worship Center |

**Tuesday, September 10**

| 10am | Baptist Women III LLC |
| 6pm | Virtuous Dance Cru LLC |
| 6:15pm | Deacons In Training LLC |
| 6:45pm | Wellness Ministry LLC |
| 7pm | Cancer Support Ministry LLC |
| 7pm | Beaus and Debs Parent Orientation Sanctuary |
| 7pm | Making Great Men Choir Room |
| 7pm | Women’s Choir Choir Room |
To purchase your ticket or table contact the Music Department at 713.852.1426 or visit us online at www.brentwoodbaptist.org.

COLLEGE SPIRIT DAY & UNCF OFFERING
Sunday, October 20
Show your school spirit by wearing your attire!

If you would like to attend, please contact the Foundation at 713.852.1452. Must be a member of Brentwood Baptist Church and AARP.

If you joined AARP during our Membership Campaign, we encourage you to renew your membership at the low rate of $15. With each renewal, the Brentwood Community Foundation receives $5.

September is FRANgelism Month
 Invite your Friends, Relatives, Associates & Neighbors to worship with us!
**40 Days of Prayer**

**August 27 - October 5**

*See Fasting & Prayer information on opposite page.*

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**Power Lunch**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Lifelong Learning Center • 12pm - 1pm

*Come and receive a message from Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff that will recharge the rest of your day! Everyone invited!*

$8 box lunch provided
*(Lunch ticket must be purchased in advance)*

Visit our table September 1 or 8.

Contact Lydia Alston at 713.852.1425 for more info.

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**August 27 - October 5**

*See Fasting & Prayer information on opposite page.*

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**Health & Healing**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 7PM - 8:30PM**

Lifelong Learning Center

Presenter: Louise Stiedle Hayes, PhD

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**Why Fast?**

True prayer and fasting are attitudes of the heart and cries of the soul. Fasting allows the flesh to practice self-denial or abstinence from the comforts and pleasures that distract Christians from concentrating and meditating on God. It teaches us self-discipline and deepens our relationship with the Lord. It does not change or impress God but it will change us.

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**Instructions**

*You may choose one of the following or use your own plan:*

3 types of fasts:

**Partial Fast** – Deny yourself of certain foods. Daniel’s fast (see Daniel 10). This fast may also include TV, Computers, or any other activities.

**Normal Fast** – Deny yourself of food, but drink water. Fast used by Jesus during his 40 days in the wilderness.

**Absolute fast** – Deny yourself of both food and water. Paul on the Damascus road went on an absolute fast. Fast from 6am - 6pm.

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You may also choose to:

- Refrain from eating red meat and sweets
- No caffeine, carbonated beverages, or alcoholic beverages
- Drink only water, juice *(fruit/vegetable)*, or decaffeinated beverages
- No eating after 10pm
- Choose one (1) Fast free day weekly
- Fast for a specified time *(Ex. 6am-6pm)*

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**Recommendations**

You might want to journal during this time to keep a record of all God does in you and through you. Take the time to seek the Lord or anyone you need to forgive or receive forgiveness from.

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**What Should be Included in Prayer?**

**Adoration** - To show adoration to God is to worship, praise, honor and exalt Him. Psalm 103 and 145 are good examples.

**Confession** - Admitting and confessing our sins *(1 John 1:9)* and knowing He has forgiven our past, present and future sin is vital to our prayer life. God is a Holy God, so we need to come to Him with a clean heart.

**Thanksgiving** - Giving thanks expresses our faith. Hebrews 11:6 reads, “And without faith it is impossible to please God.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 states, “In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you.”

**Supplication** - Asking seems to come naturally to children. As God’s children, we can freely talk to Him and ask Him for anything. And like any caring parent, He will say, “Yes” to some of our requests, “No” to some and at times, He will say, “Wait.”

You can remember this outline for prayer through the acronym ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each component is necessary for an effective prayer life.