49th Church Anniversary
Sunday, September 21 • 7:45am & 10:45am

Preaching...
Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff

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Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the National Baptist Convention in New Orleans Tuesday September 2 through Friday, September 5.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the keynote speaker for First Baptist Church of Highland Park Sunday, September 7 at 7:30am & 11:15am. Dr. Henry P. Davis III will be celebrating his 14th Pastoral Anniversary. The church address is 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785 (301.773.6655).

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at Ruth Fellowship Ministries September 19 for their 15th Pastoral Anniversary Banquet. The celebration will be held at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, NJ. 07027 (908.412.0500). Rev. Tracey L. Brown is the Pastor.

Rev. Lillie M. Seals serves on the Board of Representatives for CanCare, a cancer support network. She will attend a board meeting Wednesday, September 10 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church located at 11140 Greenbay, Houston, TX 77024 (713.635.3722).

Rev. Jimmie E. Lee will be the Revivalist at Greater Pure Light Church on Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26 at 7pm. The address is 12330 Vickery Rd., Houston, TX 77039 (281.987.1980). Dr. Darryl W. Broussard is the Pastor.

Rev. Jimmie E. Lee will deliver the message at Northeast Community Church for their Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 28 at 3:30pm. The address is 7935 Snowden, Houston, TX 77028. Rev. Keith Strahan is the Pastor.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher at Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, September 28 at 7:45am & 10:45am. Rev. Steven E. Carter will celebrate his 10th Pastoral Anniversary. The address is 425 Howard Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11233 (713.342.1571).

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the Pamper, Pray & Play Ministers’ and Spouses’ Retreat in Nassau, Bahamas September 29 - October 1.

### Upcoming Events

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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

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713.926.PRAY (7729)/Prayerline
www.brentwoodbaptist.org
www.brentwoodtravel.org
Thursday, September 25  Continued...
7pm  Sunday School Division Leaders  LLC
Children Praise Dancers  LLC
Youth Praise Dancers  LLC

Friday, September 26
5:30pm  Kids’ Pals  LLC

Saturday, September 27
9am  Computer Software Development  LLC
10am  Girls of Grace  LLC
      Gathering Place  LLC

Monday, September 29
6pm  Electrician Class  LLC
6:30pm  Sunday School Council  LLC
6:45pm  Cheerleaders for Christ  LLC

Tuesday, September 30
6:30pm  Virtuous Dance Cru  LLC
        STEW Ministry  LLC
7pm  Male Chorus  Sanctuary
      Women's Choir  Choir Room

Baptist Women III Annual

Baby Shower

Coming in October!
Get your baby gifts for the Church-wide Baby Shower. Gifts benefit indigent mothers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS
9AM - CHILDREN/YOUTH/ADULTS
10:45AM - CHILDREN
CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT
AGES 0 - 4
COME AND GROW IN GOD!

Sunday, 7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

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

14  Rev. Mary A. Frazier (7:45am) & Rev. Kevin W. Williams (10:45am)
    Music By: Male Chorus

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

28  Rev. Joseph G. Ford (7:45am) & Rev. Lillie M. Seals (10:45am)
    Music By: Chorale

Wednesday 7PM

3  Rev. Albert A. Kemp - Definition and scriptural basis of “Apologetics”

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Fitness LINE DANCING
SESSION II
September 9 - October 16
Seniors (Ages 65 & Up) - FREE
Youth (Ages 12-17) - FREE

COST
12 Classes - $36
Per Class - $3

Register online via our website or onsite!
MEMBERS & VISITORS

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.

CONNECT WITH US!
Text Alerts: Text “brentwoodbaptist” to 781-728-9542
E-blast: http://www.brentwoodbaptist.org/eblast.aspx
Twitter: @brentwoodbapt
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brentwoodhouston

If you are not receiving your monthly bulletin, please contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486.

Thursday, September 18  Continued...
6:30pm  New Members Committee
         Sr. Drill Team
         Chorale
7pm  Children Praise Dancers
     Youth Praise Dancers
     Sunday School Division Leaders
     Puppet Ministry
     Voices of Praise

Saturday, September 20
9am  Veterans’ Assistance Ministry
    Computer Software Development
11:30am  Girl Scouts

Sunday, September 21
9:30pm  Common Ground
10:45am  Middle School Ministry
         Youth Ministry

Monday, September 22
6pm  Electrician Class
6:30pm  Deacon Ministry
6:45pm  Cheerleaders for Christ
7pm  Church Choir

Tuesday, September 23
6:30pm  Virtuous Dance Cru
         SWAGG
         Deacon Spouses
7pm  Male Chorus
     Women’s Choir

Wednesday, September 24
6pm  Sisters Who Care
     Girls In Action
6:45pm  Jr. Drill Team

Thursday, September 25
12pm  Noon Day Bible Study
6pm  Usher Board TQM Committee
6:30pm  Children’s Music Ministry
         Jewels’ Bible Study
         Sr. Drill Team
         Children’s Work Ministry
         Chorale
7pm  Puppet Ministry
     Usher Board Leaders
Thursday, September 11
12noon Noon Bible Study
6:30pm Sr. Drill Team
Children’s Music Ministry
Heart to Heart
Children’s Work Ministry
Jewels’ Bible Study
Chorale
6:45p LOVE Ministry
7pm Children Praise Dancers
Youth Praise Dancers
Greeters Association
Sunday School Workers
Voices of Praise

Friday, September 12
7pm Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Saturday, September 13
9am Computer Software Development
Sunday School Development
10am Children Ushers
Girls of Grace
11am Book Club
12pm Youth Ushers

Sunday, September 14
10:45am Middle School & Youth Ministry
12:30pm Usher Board Intensive Training

Monday, September 15
6pm Electrician Class
6:45pm Cheerleaders for Christ
7pm Church Choir

Tuesday, September 16
6:30pm Cancer Support Ministry
Virtuous Dance Cru
Girl Scouts
7pm Women’s Choir
Singles’ Ministry
Sign Language

Wednesday, September 17
12pm Power Lunch
6:45pm Jr. Drill Team

Thursday, September 18
6:30pm Children’s Music Ministry
Jewels’ Bible Study

Types of Fasting Referenced in the Bible:
1. Normal Fasting - going without food for up to 40 days.
2. Partial Fasting - abstaining from certain foods.
3. Absolute Fasting - going without food or water no more than 3 days.
4. Voluntary Group Fasting - called for a specific reason for a specific group of people.

The Purpose:
1. Fasting as a means of worship, which must be God-centered, God-intended, and God ordained
2. Fasting as an expression of grief, distress, or repentance
3. Fasting as preparation for God’s guidance and renewal
4. Fasting to reveal the things that control us and hinder our intimacy with God
5. Fasting to remind us that we are sustained “by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”
6. Fasting to help keep our balance in life

The Practice:
1. Occasional Fasting - eat a light meal (fruit, vegetables, yogurt, etc.) Skip 2-3 meals, and drink a lot of water. Break the fast with fruit juices followed by a light meal. Avoid oils, dressings, and starch for a couple of meals.
2. Regular Discipline of Fasting - begin slowly with a partial 24-hour (2 meal) fast once a week for several weeks. During this fast time, drink fruit juices. After succeeding with this for several weeks, move to a 36 hour (3 meals) fast. Break these fasts with a light meal of fruit and vegetables.
3. Optional Fasting - if skipping meals is not possible, try fasting from certain types of food (sweets, soft drinks, etc.) or leisure activities (TV, sports, etc.).

Points to Remember:
1. Monitor your inner attitudes and maintain a worshipful attitude.
2. Be careful not to call attention to what you are doing.
3. Devote this fasting time to devotional activities.
4. Seek the Lord regarding extended fasting.*
5. Remember that the major work of scriptural fasting is in the realm of the Spirit.

*If you are diabetic, or have other serious medical conditions, please seek advice from your physician prior to fasting from food.
All Brentwood Seniors are encouraged to join! Throughout the year, you will participate in exciting activities and events which focus on college and career preparation, social outings, service projects and a formal cotillion.

PARENT ORIENTATION
Tuesday, September 9 • 7pm
Lifelong Learning Center

Contact Rev. Mary Frazier at 713.852.1440.
**Tithers Demonstration**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**THE PURPOSE:**
To demonstrate the strength of Brentwood Baptist Church when the church body tithe.

**THE CHALLENGE:**
I am asking each individual to give 10% of one week's salary or to give one week's salary.

**THE RESULT:**
Overflow to the Kingdom of God!

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**Announcements**

**Jewels Bible Study**
“Forgiveness...The Ultimate Miracle”
By Paul Myers
September 11, 18 & 25 • 6:30pm
Lifelong Learning Center
This will be an opportunity for fellowship, healing, liberation and Holy Spirit empowerment to develop a lifestyle practice for forgiveness.

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**HEART TO HEART**
Thursday, September 11 • 7pm
Lifelong Learning Center
Timothy Anderson, MD Anderson Hospital

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**Marriage Enrichment**
Friday, September 12 • 7pm
Fellowship Hall
All couples are invited to join us for a study based on “The Four Seasons of Marriage” by Dr. Gary Chapman. A potluck meal will be provided. If childcare is needed, contact Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.85.1430 or lseals@brentwoodbaptist.org.

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**Power Lunch**
Wednesday, September 17 • 12pm – 1pm
Lifelong Learning Center
$8 box lunch provided
(Lunch ticket must be purchased in advance)
Come and receive a message from Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff that will recharge the rest of your day! Contact Lydia Alston at 713.852.1425 for more info.
Let’s Go...Shopping!

The Jewels of Brentwood invite you to the
SAN MARCOS PREMIUM OUTLET

Saturday, September 27

Depart at 6am & Return at 9pm
Cost $40
Cost includes transportation and a light breakfast. Lunch and Dinner will be at your own expense.

For more info contact Rev. Karen Jacobs at 713.306.8669.

All Women are invited to celebrate our
EMERALDS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Don’t forget to wear your green!

Before Time Runs Out

By Thomas Meloncon

Wednesday, September 24 • 7pm
Sanctuary

“Before Time Runs Out” is an educational drama that focuses on the importance of clinical breast exams and annual mammography. This drama concentrates on the importance of family and friends, and how they can play a positive role in the lives of those who are diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

Prayer & Praise Breakfast

Saturday, October 4 • 9am
Corporate Prayer begins at 7am
Hilton Americas - Houston
1600 Lamar

Guest Psalmist
Gospel Recording Artist Earnest Pugh

Guest Preacher
Dr. Raphael G. Warnock
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, GA

Individual Tickets
$50
Tables
$500/$750/$1000

To purchase your ticket or table contact the Music Department at 713.852.1426.

SWAGG

Young Adults ages 20-39 are invited!

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