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Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

DECEMBER 2011



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great **JOY.***

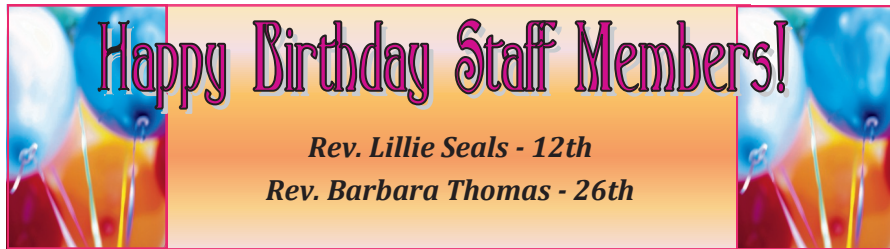
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Staff on the Move

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest Preacher for Greater Elizabeth Baptist Church Saturday, December 10 at 6:30pm. A Pastoral Retirement Celebration for Dr. Kenneth A. Walker will be held at the Airport Renaissance Concourse Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest Preacher for the Cathedral of Faith Church Sunday, December 11 at 4pm. The worship service will be held at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 7934 North Highway 6, Houston, TX 77095 (713.683.1919). Dr. Michael Lee Jones is the Pastor.



SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

HOSTED BY DR. RATLIFF



July 18–29, 2012
\$6,195 per person (from Houston)

A fee of \$500 per person is due at registration. A fee of \$1,500 per person is due by March 1, 2012. For a brochure and payment information contact Tena Davis at 713.852.1412.

Upcoming Events at the Wood

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
3	Last Day of Weekday Activities	1	New Years Day
7	Service of Caring & Sharing	2	Office Closed / No Activities
11	Children's Christmas Program	9	Weekday Activities Resume
18	Music Ministry Christmas Concert	11	Winter Bible Study
19-24 and 26-30	Office Closed No Weekday Activities	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed/No Activities
25	Worship Service 10:45 am	18	Winter Bible Study
31	Watch Night Worship - 10pm	25	Winter Bible Study

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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NOTES

Preaching Schedule

SUNDAY

7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

4	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am) Music By: Church Choir
11	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am) Music By: Male Chorus
18	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am) Christmas Concert (11am) Music By: Voices of Praise (7:45am) & Music Ministry (11am)
25	CHRISTMAS DAY - One Worship Service (10:45am) Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff Music By: Mass Choir

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

7	SERVICE OF CARING & SHARING
14	NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP
21	NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP
28	NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Christmas Holiday

Office Closed: December 19-30
No Weekday Activities!

Happy Holidays!

It is the season to be grateful for those who make this world more wonderful - people just like you.

Have a joyous holiday!

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff
and Staff

Members & Visitors

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

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 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.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7pm Mass Choir Worship Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7pm Mass Choir Worship Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7pm Mass Choir Sanctuary

*All Weekday Activities Cancelled
December 19-30*

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not just to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself...*

*~ Norman Wesley Brooks
"Let Every Day Be Christmas" 1976*

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS

January 4, 11, 18 and 25

Sanctuary @ 7pm

Hosted by the Brentwood Sunday School Department

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9am	Angel Tree Ministry	LLC
12pm	Noon Day Bible Study	LLC
6pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30pm	Children's Play Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7pm	Youth Praise Dancers	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers	Sanctuary
	Mass Choir	Worship Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

9am	Angel Tree Ministry	LLC
8pm	Youth Christmas Gala	LLC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9am	Boys Scouts	Fellowship Hall
10am	Angel Tree Christmas Program	LLC
	Creative Artists for Christ	LLC
	Kids Pals Training	LLC
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30am	Common Ground	Conference Room
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:45pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7pm	Mass Choir	Worship Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7pm	Mass Choir	Worship Center
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30pm	Corporate Prayer	Sanctuary
7pm	Caring & Sharing Worship	Sanctuary
	Youth Bible Study	Conference Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30pm	Children's Play Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7pm	Children Praise Dancers	Sanctuary
	Mass Choir	Worship Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9am	Children's Play Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Holiday Calendar

Sunday	12/4	Worship - 7:45 am/10:45 am
Wednesday	12/7	Service of Caring & Sharing - 7 pm
Sunday	12/11	Worship - 7:45 am/10:45 am Children's Christmas Program - 10:45 am
Wednesday	12/14	No Midweek Worship
Sunday	12/18	Worship - 7:45 am Christmas Concert - 11:00 am
Monday - Saturday	12/19-24	Office Closed/No Activities
Sunday	12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY - One Worship Service Corporate Prayer - 8:45 am Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship & JAM - 10:45 am
Monday - Friday	12/26-30	Office Closed/No Activities
Wednesday	12/28	No Midweek Worship
Saturday	12/31	WATCH NIGHT SERVICES Adult (Worship Center - 10 pm) Youth (Sanctuary - 10 pm) Children (LLC - 9 pm)
Sunday	1/1	NEW YEARS DAY Worship - 7:45 am/10:45 am
Monday	1/2	Office Closed/No Activities

REPORTING DEATH OR ILLNESS DURING HOLIDAYS
Please call 713.852.1410 and leave a detailed message.
Messages will be checked frequently.

Infants, Children & Youth Announcements

The Children's Ministry
Invites you to

**"Where is the Line
to See Jesus?"**

Sunday, December 11 • 10:45 am
Sanctuary
(Ages Pre K - 5th Grade)



COMING JANUARY 2012!

**JAM (YOUTH WORSHIP)
GRADES 6-12**

**3rd & 4th Sundays
10:45am - Sanctuary**

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.

BRENTWOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lifelong Learning Center ▪ 9:30am (Adults, Youth, Children, PreK)
Lifelong Learning Center ▪ 10:45am (Youth, Children, PreK)



Watch Night at the Wood

SATURDAY, 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 PRE-K - 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

Brentwood Baptist Church Music Ministry
Requests the Honor of Your Presence

at

A Royal Celebration: The Birth of a King

Sunday, December 18, 2011 • 11am

Featuring...

The Mass Choir, Bronze Voices, Orchestra, Anointed for
Christ Praise Dancers, Tiny Tots & Children's Choirs

Adult Announcements



WORLD AIDS DAY

THURSDAY, 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 4 during worship service.

Sponsored by the Brentwood AIDS Ministry

Service of Caring and Sharing

Remembering our Loved Ones

Wednesday, December 7 • 7pm
Sanctuary

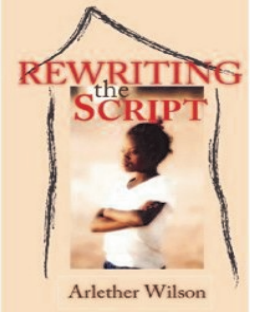
Hosted by the Brentwood Love Ministry

Brentwood Book Club

"REWRITING THE SCRIPT"

By Arlether Wilson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 11AM
Doris Gardner Ratliff Center for Child Development

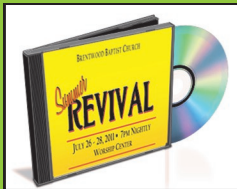


THE BRENTWOOD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS LOANS

Come in today and inquire about our special rates for Christmas Loans. Don't forget to ask about our Pre-Paid Debit Cards. Debit Cards may be used for in-store and online purchases and at any ATM machine for cash withdrawals. Visit the Credit Union today!

Adult Announcements

BIG SALE!



Buy 1 Recent media item at full price &
Get 4 Clearance items **FREE!**

OR

Buy 7 Clearance items &
Get 1 recent media item **FREE!**

Present this coupon at the time of purchase.
Offer expires January 31, 2012.

23rd Annual AIDS Walk Houston

WALK WITH A PURPOSE

Sunday, March 11, 2012
Sam Houston Park - Downtown

Please join the *Brentwood Community Foundation* in AIDS Walk Houston. This exciting, non-competitive event helps to increase community awareness, raises funds and educates Houstonians about AIDS. Seventy (70) percent of the money we raise will be awarded to the BCF and other benefiting agencies that help individuals and families affected by the disease. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or donating, please contact Willie Sylvester at 713.852.2552 or by email at wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

The Brentwood Community Foundation has been approved to participate in the City of Houston Combined Municipal Campaign, the Combined Federal Campaign and the State Employee Charitable Campaign. If you are a City, State, or Federal employee, you may designate the Foundation to receive your donation.



PROJECT ANGEL TREE

This month the Brentwood's Criminal Justice Ministry will celebrate its 25th year of participating in Project Angel Tree. The project is responsive to the needs of children who are from homes where at least one parent is incarcerated.

Angel Tree provides each child with two Christmas gifts such as toys, clothing, electronics, board games and storybooks of the birth of Christ. Over the years Brentwood's participation has increased from sponsoring 100 children to approximately 700 children annually. Brentwood's members respond each year in a phenomenal way, giving generously of their resources and time.

In prior years, our Deacons and volunteers have delivered gifts to the homes of the children. Today the Criminal Justice Ministry sponsors a Christmas Program in our Lifelong Learning Center for the children and their family. In addition to receiving gifts, they are ministered to by our Children's Praise Dance Ministry, our Cheerleaders for Christ and other ministries. Our First Lady, Sister Doris Gardner Ratliff serves as our Mistress of Ceremony each year.

Some years ago, the Criminal Justice Ministry extended Angel Tree to serve as a year-round ministry for selected families called Guardian Angels. The Ministry provides mentors to children of all ages and sponsors family outings, summer camp, field trips and other fun activities. This ministry also sponsors a Back to School Fair in August. At the Fair children receive school supplies and school clothing.

During the month of December, you will find the Criminal Justice Ministry and its many volunteers shopping, sorting and wrapping gifts.

This year, please include a special donation in your church offering envelope for Project Angel Tree (December) and Guardian Angel (August). To find out more about the Criminal Justice Ministry, Project Angel Tree and Guardian Angel, please contact Rev. C. Clay Pickens at 713.852.1414 or Gloria Ruffin at 713.852.1409.

Thanks to your generosity, the Brentwood Criminal Justice Ministry has service approximately 16,000 children.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!