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BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH  
13033 LANDMARK STREET  
HOUSTON, TX 77045

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# Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

**DECEMBER 2014**

AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON AND THOU SHALT  
CALL HIS NAME...

# Jesus



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# STAFF ON THE MOVE

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the guest preacher at The Church of New Beginnings 16<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary on Sunday, December 14 at 10:15am. The service will be held at Davis High School, 16525 Ella Blvd., Houston, TX 77067 (281.859.2312). Dr. Michael E. Jones is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the guest preacher at St. Michael Baptist Church on Sunday, December 14 at 4:30pm. Rev. Darius J. Jeffries will be installed as the Pastor. The church is located at 701 Colony Park Dr., LaPlace, LA. 70068 (985.651.8115).

*Happy Birthday!*



**Rev. Lillie Seals - 12th**  
**Rev. Barbara Thomas - 26th**

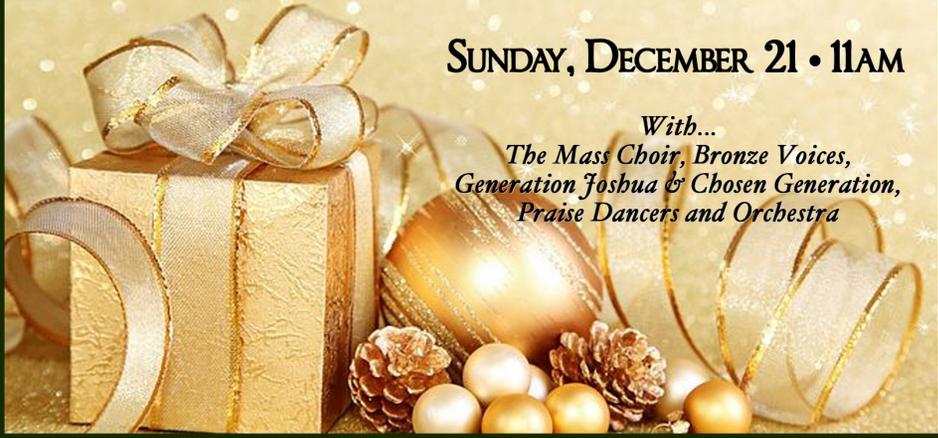
BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

## The Gift of Christmas

*Worshipping the Gift & the Giver*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 11AM**

*With...  
The Mass Choir, Bronze Voices,  
Generation Joshua & Chosen Generation,  
Praise Dancers and Orchestra*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER

## JANUARY

3	Caring & Sharing Worship Service	1	New Year's Day/Campus Closed
7	World AIDS Day Observed	2 - 3	Office Closed/No Activities
13	Angel Tree Christmas Program	4	Tithers Demonstration
14	Children's Christmas Program	5	Office Open/Activities Resume
21	Music Ministry Christmas Concert	15 - 16	Elders Preaching Series
31	Family Watchnight Worship	19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ Office Closed/No Activities
		26	Quarterly Business Meeting

## 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](http://www.brentwoodbaptist.org)

[www.brentwoodtravel.org](http://www.brentwoodtravel.org)

**Tuesday, December 9**

5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Tutoring	LLC
6:30pm	Cancer Support Ministry	LLC
7pm	Kick Boxing Aerobics	LLC
	Wellness Ministry	LLC
	Greeters Association	LLC
	Male Chorus	Worship Center
	Women's Choir	Choir Room

**Wednesday, December 10**

6pm	Girls In Action	LLC
6:45pm	Jr. Drill Team	LLC
7pm	Challengers	LLC
	Youth Bible Study	Room 118

**Thursday, December 11**

12pm	Noon Day Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6:30pm	Children's Music Ministry	LLC
	Senior Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Chorale	Choir Room
7pm	Spoken Word	Sanctuary
	Children Praise Dance Ministry	LLC
	Youth Praise Dance Ministry	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Worship Center

**Friday, December 12**

8pm	Youth Christmas Gala	LLC
9am	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC

**Saturday, December 13**

9am	Children's Usher Board	Sanctuary
	Boy Scouts	LLC
10am	Spoken Word	Sanctuary
10:30am	Adult Praise Dance Ministry	LLC
11:30am	Girl Scout Cadets	LLC

**Sunday, December 14**

9am	African American Book Festival	Fellowship Hall
9:30am	Common Ground	Room 118
10:45am	Middle School & Youth Ministry	Room 228

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**Organizational Meetings resume  
January 5!**

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**SUNDAY  
7:45 AM & 10:45 AM**

<b>7</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Church Choir</i>
<b>14</b>	<b>Dr. Joseph A. Gilmore, Jr. (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Pastor, Mount Ephraim Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, MD</i> <i>Music By: Male Chorus</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Voices of Praise</i> <b>Music Ministry Christmas Concert (11am)</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Rev. Albert A. Kemp (7:45am)</b> <b>Rev. Barbara A. Thomas (10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Chorale</i>

**WEDNESDAY  
7:00 PM**

<b>3</b>	<b>Rev. Jimmie E. Lee, Preaching</b> <b>Celebration of Caring &amp; Sharing</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>No Midweek Worship</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>No Midweek Worship</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>No Midweek Worship</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Family Watchnight Worship - 10pm</b>



**WORLD AIDS DAY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1**

HIV and AIDS are serious life-threatening viruses with no cure. Know your status by getting tested. Brentwood will observe World AIDS Day on Sunday, December 7.

*Sponsored by the Brentwood AIDS Ministry*



Please donate gift cards and items for children and teens by Sunday, December 7. If you would like to help wrap gifts please check the activity calendar on page 13. For more info contact Gloria Ruffin at 713.852.1409.

# 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](http://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.

### Monday, December 1

6pm	Tutoring	LLC
6:30pm	Sunday School Council	LLC
6:45pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

### Tuesday, December 2

5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Tutoring	LLC
7pm	GLORY Ministry	LLC
	Kick Boxing Aerobics	LLC
	Intercessory Prayerline Ministry	Fellowship Hall
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary
	Women's Choir	Choir Room

### Wednesday, December 3

6:30pm	Scholarship Committee	LLC
6:45pm	Jr. Drill Team	LLC
7pm	Challengers	LLC
	Youth Bible Study	Room 118

### Thursday, December 4

12noon	Noon Bible Study	LLC
5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6:30pm	Sunday School Appreciation	LLC
	Children's Music Ministry	LLC
	Senior Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Chorale	Choir Room
7pm	Spoken Word	Sanctuary
	Voices of Praise	Worship Center
	Children Praise Dance Ministry	LLC
	Youth Praise Dance Ministry	LLC

### Friday, December 5

5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
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### Saturday, December 6

9am	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
10am	Jewels Quilting Circle	LLC
	Kids' Pals Training	LLC
10:30am	Adult Praise Dance Ministry	LLC
11am	Book Club	LLC

### Sunday, December 7

9am	Youth Text-a-Thon	LLC
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### Monday, December 8

5:30pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Tutoring	LLC
6:30pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
6:45pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

# SUPER BOWL OF CARING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

As we share in the joy of the Super Bowl, we invite you to wear your Favorite NFL Team's attire and share with those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item to help replenish the Brentwood Food Pantry.

## Elders Preaching Series

JANUARY 15-16 • 7PM

### THURSDAY

Dr. George V. Clark  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Austin, TX

Music  
Voices of Praise

### FRIDAY

Dr. Harry Blake  
Mt. Canaan MBC  
Shreveport, LA

Music  
Church Choir

## AIDS WALK HOUSTON

Join the Brentwood Community Foundation Team!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015  
Sam Houston Park - Downtown

This community-wide event is sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. which strives to make an impact in the fight against AIDS. To participate contact Willie Sylvester at 713.852.2552 or [wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org](mailto:wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org). You can make a difference!

## Holiday Calendar



Wednesday	12/3	Sharing & Caring Service - 7pm
Sunday	12/7	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am
Wednesday	12/10	No Midweek Worship
Saturday	12/13	Angel Tree - 9am
Sunday	12/14	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am Children's Christmas Play - 10:45am Last Day of Activities
Monday - Saturday	12/15-20	Office Closed/No Activities
Wednesday	12/17	No Midweek Worship
Sunday	12/21	Worship - 7:45am / Christmas Concert - 11am
Monday - Saturday	12/22-27	Office Closed/No Activities
Wednesday	12/24	No Midweek Worship
Sunday	12/28	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am / JAM Worship - 10:45am
Monday - Tuesday	12/29-30	Office Closed/No Activities
Thursday	1/1	Office Closed /No Activities

### TO REPORT DEATH OR ILLNESS DURING HOLIDAYS

Please call 713.852.1410 and leave a detailed message.

Messages will be checked frequently.

## FAMILY WATCHNIGHT WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 10PM  
WORSHIP CENTER

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"NO GIFT CAN COMPARE"



Sunday, December 14 • 10:45am  
Sanctuary

All kids PreK-5th Grade invited!

## Sunday School Equipping Institute

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 • 7:45AM - 3:30PM

Lifelong Learning Center

December 1 - January 30: \$20

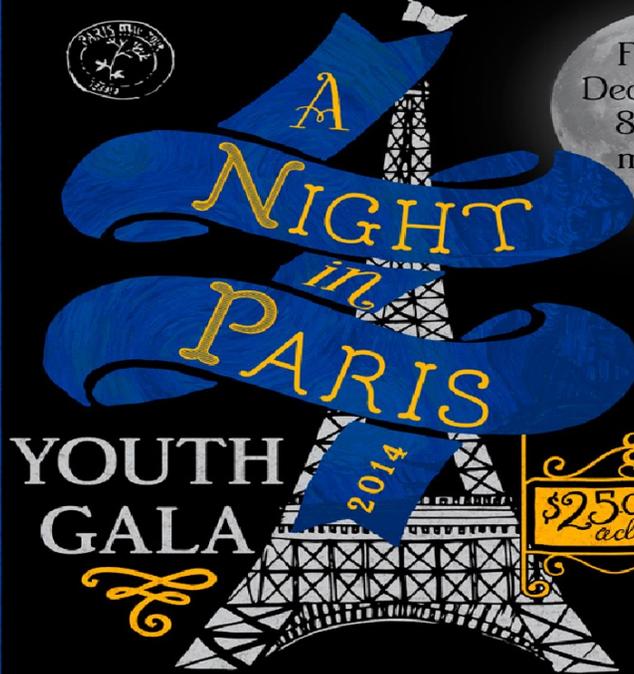
Onsite: \$25

You are invited to come and equip yourself for Kingdom service. This conference is designed to enhance your spiritual growth and leadership skills. You may register online @[brentwoodbaptist.org](http://brentwoodbaptist.org).

Brentwood Baptist Church  
T.R.U.T.H. Ministry proudly hosts



FRIDAY,  
Dec. 12, 2014  
8 p.m. to  
midnight



YOUTH  
GALA

2014

\$2500  
admission

Best Dressed Awards, karaoke, food, dancing and much more!  
Support the Brentwood Food Pantry & bring 5 canned goods.  
Permission slip required for all attendees.

DAVE RAMSEY'S

# FINANCIAL *Peace*

UNIVERSITY

Begins Feb 19, 2015

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm • Lifelong Learning Center

For more info and to register log on to [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)  
Click on "find a class" and click on Brentwood Baptist

## BOY SCOUTS RECRUITMENT

For Boys ages 6-18

Contact Cubmaster Devin Gordon at  
[dgordon80@yahoo.com](mailto:dgordon80@yahoo.com) or 281.795.8057  
and Scoutmaster Geoffrey Crawford at  
[t500\\_sm@yahoo.com](mailto:t500_sm@yahoo.com) or 281.980.9490.



# LIFE LINE SCREENING

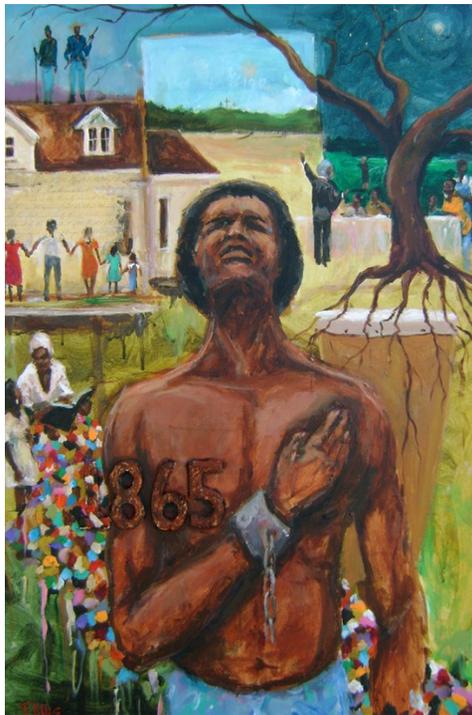
The Power of Prevention

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**  
**LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes 4 screenings:

Carotid Artery • Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm  
 Peripheral Arterial Disease • Atrial Fibrillation

Register and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129 by calling 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)



## Ted Ellis ART EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**  
**9AM-2PM • Worship Center**

### THE ARTIST

Growing up in New Orleans known for its style and artistic exuberance, has inspired Ted to capture the essence of his subjects in all the glory of its rich cultural heritage. He's been creating original black artwork for over thirty years. Many of his paintings have been collected by museums and collectors.

# ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAYCARE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Must be at least 25 years of age!

Do you have a gift for working with children? The Center for Child Development needs you!



**CCD HOURS**  
 Monday - Friday (6:30am-6pm)

Contact Cheryl Kimbrel or  
 Roshanda Williams at  
 713.852.1471.

## Service of Caring & Sharing

Hosted by the LOVE Ministry

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7PM**  
 Rev. Jimmie E. Lee, Preaching

*Communion will be served.*



## KIDS PAL TRAINING



**Saturday, December 6 • 10am**  
**Lifelong Learning Center**

This organization provides respite care once a month to parents/guardians of Special Needs Children and their siblings. Contact Aba Gayle Wiley at 713.728.3005 to register.

# SECURE SHRED

Sponsored by AARP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6  
9am - 12noon  
Brentwood Community Foundation

Bring your personal documents and have them securely shredded at no cost. Don't worry about removing those pesky staples!

# AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK SHOWCASE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
7:45am - 1pm

African-American Authors will be onsite to sell and sign their books. A variety of Spiritual, Mystery, Memoirs, Motivational and Children's Books will be available. Shop for an opportunity to win a free book.

BRENTWOOD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

# Holiday Loans

CREDIT UNION HOURS

Sunday 9:30am-1pm  
Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm

Come by and visit us today!

timesnow.info

# Tithers Demonstration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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.

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

# WINTER BIBLE STUDY

*Deuteronomy: A Challenge to a New Generation*

WEDNESDAYS - 7PM  
Sanctuary

JANUARY 7, 14, 21 & 28

This Bible Study identifies ways God continues to call His people to be set apart and holy, reflecting His character. Deuteronomy records Moses' final messages to the people of Israel as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. Participants will be reminded that only through Christ can the curse of sin be broken and that they are called to reflect God's holiness.

STUDY GUIDE: \$10