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Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

DECEMBER 2013

Thank God for his
Wonderful Gift

Jesus



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STAFF ON THE MOVE

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be the guest preacher for Cathedral of Faith's 15th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, December 8 at 10:15am. The celebration will be held at The Houstonian located at 111 N. Post Oak, Houston 77029. Rev. Michael Lee Jones, Pastor.



Happy Birthday Staff!

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



WORLD AIDS DAY

SUNDAY, 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 1 during worship service. Sponsored by the Brentwood AIDS Ministry

AIDS WALK HOUSTON

MARCH 9, 2014
Sam Houston Park Downtown

Please join the Brentwood Community Foundation (BCF) in this non-competitive event to help increase awareness, raise funds and educate about AIDS. Seventy percent of funds raised will be awarded to the BCF and other benefiting agencies that help individuals and families affected by AIDS. To participate, volunteer or donate please contact Willie Sylvester at 713.852.2552 or wsylvester@brentwoodfoundation.org.

Pictorial Directory

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5

Don't miss your next opportunity to be photographed for the 2015 Brentwood Pictorial Directory! Appointments are going fast!

Schedule your appointment online at www.brentwoodbaptist.org or call 713.852.1432!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOOD

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
1	Balm in Gilead AIDS Awareness/Deacon Ordination	1	New Years Day/Office Closed
4	Caring & Sharing Worship Service	2-3	Elders Preaching Series
8	Children's Christmas Program	5	Tithers Demonstration Day
14	Angel Tree Christmas Program	6	Activities Resume
15	Christmas Concert - 11am	20	MLK Jr. Day/Office Closed
31	Watchnight Worship	27	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*

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Sunday, December 8

10:45am Children's Christmas Program Sanctuary
Middle School Council LLC
BUB Intensive Training Worship Center

Monday, December 9

5pm Angel Tree Gift Wrapping LLC
6pm Tutoring LLC
6:30pm Youth Choir Sanctuary
Bronze Voices Music Library
Deacon Ministry LLC
Mass Choir/Praise Dancers Worship Center

Tuesday, December 10

9am Baptist Women III Fellowship Hall
5pm Angel Tree Gift Wrapping LLC
6:30pm Cancer Support Ministry LLC
7pm Mass Choir Worship Center

Wednesday, December 11

6pm Girls In Action LLC
7pm Mass Choir Worship Center

Thursday, December 12

12pm Noon Day Bible Study LLC
5pm Angel Tree Gift Wrapping LLC
6pm Tutoring LLC
7pm Mass Choir/Dancers/Cast/Crew Worship Center

Friday, December 13

9am Angel Tree Gift Wrapping LLC

Saturday, December 14

9am Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall
11am Angel Tree Christmas Program LLC

Sunday, December 15

9:30pm Common Ground Room 118

Monday, December 16 - Sunday, January 5
No Organizational Meetings

PREACHING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

1	DEACON ORDINATION Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff - (7:45am & 10:45am) <i>Music By: Church Choir</i>
8	Rev. Mariko T. Billups - (7:45am & 10:45am) <i>King Solomon United Baptist Church (Jacksonville, FL)</i> <i>Music By: Male Chorus</i>
15	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff - (7:45am) CHRISTMAS CONCERT - (11am) <i>Music By: Voices of Praise (7:45am) & Music Department (11am)</i>
22	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff - (7:45am & 10:45am) <i>Music By: Chorale</i>
29	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff - (7:45am & 10:45am) <i>Music By: Women's Chorus (7:45am) & Mass Choir (10:45am)</i>

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

4	CARING & SHARING Rev. Jimmie E. Lee
11	NO MIDWEEK
18	NO MIDWEEK - Campus Closed
25	NO MIDWEEK - Campus Closed

Service of Caring & Sharing

Hosted by the Brentwood
LOVE Ministry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
7PM

SANCTUARY

Communion will be served.



MEMBERS & VISITORS

Communion	December 1 December 4	7:45 am/10:45 am 7 pm
Baptism	December 8	10:45 am
Sunday School	Sundays	9:30 am - Adults/Children/Youth 10:45 am - Children

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.

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

Monday, December 2

5pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Tutoring	LLC
6:30pm	Sunday School Council	LLC
	Bronze Voices	Music Library
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
6:45pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7pm	Mass Choir	Worship Center

Tuesday, December 3

5pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
7pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
	Singles Ministry	LLC
	Virtuous Dance Cru	LLC
	Mass Choir	Worship Center

Wednesday, December 4

5pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Jr. Drill Team	LLC
	Challengers	LLC
	Scholarship Committee	LLC
	Youth Bible Study	Room 118

Thursday, December 5

12pm	Noon Day Bible Study	LLC
5pm	Angel Tree Gift Wrapping	LLC
6pm	Tutoring	LLC
6:30pm	Children's Music Ministry	LLC
	Sr. Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Children Praise Dancers	LLC
	Youth Praise Dancers	LLC
	Mass Choir	Worship Center

Friday, December 6

8pm	Youth Holiday Gala	LLC
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Saturday, December 7

9am	Boys Rites of Passage	LLC
	Children's Usher Board	Sanctuary
10am	Spoken Word	Sanctuary
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC
12pm	Youth Usher Board	Worship Center

Planned Consistent Growth in Giving

Questions: What is Tithes?

Answer: Tithes refers to giving 10% of one's gross income to God as stated in Malachi 3:8-12.

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. KJV

EXAMPLES OF CONSISTENT PLANNED GIVING:

ANNUAL INCOME	10% ANNUAL	1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$7,000	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$5,250	\$7,000
\$80,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$6,750	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$11,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$3,750	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
\$300,000	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$22,500	\$30,000
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000

Please do your share to honor God in your giving and watch "God open the windows of Heaven and pour you out blessings that there shall not be room enough to receive it" - Malachi 3:10

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into you." - Luke 6:38

The Music Ministry Presents...

A Soulful Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 11AM

From rousing renditions of Christmas carols and traditional holiday favorites to beautiful recitations and spirit-filled gospel songs, "A Soulful Christmas" is a unique musical celebration that is sure to fill you with the spirit of hope this holiday season and renew your love for the story of the birth of Jesus.

Holiday Calendar

Sunday	12/1	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am
Wednesday	12/4	Sharing & Caring Service - 7pm
Sunday	12/8	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am Children's Christmas Play - 10:45am
Wednesday	12/11	No Midweek Worship
Saturday	12/14	Last Day of Weekday Activities
Sunday	12/15	Worship - 7:45am Christmas Concert - 11am
Monday - Saturday	12/16 - 21	Office Closed/No Activities
Wednesday	12/18	No Midweek Worship
Sunday	12/22	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am JAM Worship Service - 10:45am
Monday - Saturday	12/23 - 28	Office Closed/No Activities
Wednesday	12/25	No Midweek Worship
Sunday	12/29	Worship - 7:45am & 10:45am
Monday	12/30	Office Open/No Activities
Tuesday	12/31	Watch Night Worship Adults (Worship Center - 10pm) Youth (Sanctuary - 10pm) Children (LLC - 9pm)
Wednesday	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.

FITNESS BOOT CAMP

Coming January 2014!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EQUIPPING INSTITUTE

Serving God:

"Called to Serve One Another in Love"

Saturday, February 1, 2014 • 7:45am - 3:30pm
Lifelong Learning Center

\$10.00 Pre-registration • \$15.00 Onsite registration

Seize the opportunity to strengthen your commitment to God, to serve and love others. Join us for sessions on Discipleship, Administration, Teaching, Reaching, Caring & Witnessing.

American History & Celebration of Gospel



Sunday, February 16, 2014 • 5pm
Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

The Texas Medical Center Orchestra presents a concert featuring works by American composers, including Mississippi Suite by Ferde Grofé and A Lincoln Portrait by Aaron Copland. The Brentwood Mass Choir will join the orchestra for an evening celebrating gospel.

For tickets visit www.TMCOchestra.org

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST IS ALL YOU NEED!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEACHING</u>
JANUARY 8	DR. JOE SAMUEL RATLIFF
JANUARY 15	SUNDAY SCHOOL
JANUARY 22	DR. JOE SAMUEL RATLIFF
JANUARY 29	SUNDAY SCHOOL

This study challenges believers to move away from performance-based religion. The Christian life is not about trying harder, but trusting Christ more. The issue is not being versus doing; the issue is doing from the overflow of being. As you walk through the Christological themes of Colossians, you will be reminded that everything God desires to do in and through our lives, He will accomplish out of the overflow of our relationship with Christ. Christ is all we need.

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Want financial freedom? Learn through a biblically based curriculum that teaches you how to handle money God's way.

CLASS PREVIEW

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 • 7PM
LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**

Some of the topics include:

SUPER SAVING, DUMPING DEBT, RETIREMENT AND COLLEGE PLANNING

For more information and to register visit www.daveramsey.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 8 • 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
(Adults, Youth, Children)
Lifelong Learning Center • 9:30am



Brentwood Criminal Justice Ministry Presents...

ANGEL TREE 2013



Please give to Angel Tree for children of incarcerated parents.





Watchnight at the Wood

TUESDAY, 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 PreK - 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 Federal Credit Union
HOLIDAY LOANS

Credit Union Hours
 Sunday 9:30am - 1:00pm
 Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Make a deposit now through December 8 and be eligible to win a Christmas gift valued up to \$100 for our Christmas Giveaway on December 15!



Elders Preaching Series

JANUARY 2-3, 2014 • 7PM

THURSDAY

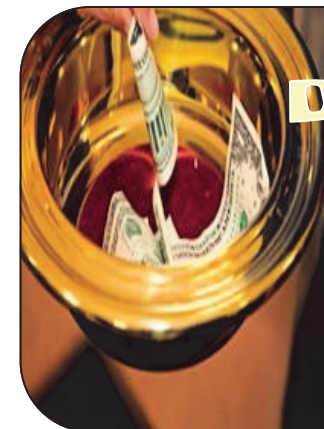
Bishop Violet L. Fisher, Retired
Council of Bishops of the
United Methodist Church
Wilmington, Delaware

Music: Voices of Praise

FRIDAY

Rev. Sammie Rash, Pastor
United Baptist Church
Cleveland, Mississippi

Music: Church Choir



Tithers' Demonstration

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

THE RESULT:

Overflow to the Kingdom of God!

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