

# Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

FEBRUARY 2009

## Congratulations...

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff  
29th Pastoral Anniversary



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**THE TITHERS CONFESSION**

The Word of GOD says that the tithe is holy unto the Lord: therefore, I bring my tithes!

I confess that my finances are now under GOD’s divine protection. GOD is opening the windows of Heaven and pouring out for me such blessings that I won’t have room enough to receive them. GOD is rebuking everything that seeks to devour my finances. I bring my tithes to the Lord.

GOD is blessing everything I undertake. I am blessed going out, blessed coming in, blessed on my job, blessed in my home, my family is blessed and my finances are blessed. I am the head and not the tail: I am the lender not the borrower. Overflow is coming into my life. I AM JUST BLESSED!

**NATIONAL NEGRO HYMN**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Verse 1 Lift ev’ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list’ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path thro’ the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
4	Pre-Pastoral Anniversary	1	World AIDS Day
8	Pastoral Anniversary	7	Family Prayer Conference
25	Youth Black History Program	11	Children’s Revival
28	Corporate Prayer	22	Blood Drive
		29	Beaus and Debs Cotillion

**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. Mary A. Frazier, *Minister of Youth and Young Adults*
- 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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**Tuesday, February 24**

6:30 pm	Jewels Bible Study	LLC
	Beaus and Debs	LLC
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary

**Wednesday, February 25**

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Girls In Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC
7 pm	Youth Black History Program	Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 26**

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
	Usher Board TQM Committee	LLC
6:30 pm	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Tutoring	LLC
	Children's Work Ministry	LLC
	Divorce Recovery	LLC
	Tiny Tots	LLC
7 pm	Children's Choir	LLC
	Usher Board Leadership Committee	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers (PreK—2nd)	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC

**Friday, February 27**

5:30 pm	Kids Pals	LLC
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**Saturday, February 28**

9 am	Boy Scouts	LLC
	Boys Rites of Passage	LLC

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will attend the Morehouse School of Religion Executive Board Meeting on Monday, February 9 in Atlanta, GA.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will attend the 63rd Annual Charles D. Hubert Lecture Series February 10 & 11. This event is sponsored by Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, GA.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will facilitate a Leadership Workshop at Olivet Fellowship Baptist Church located at 4450 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38118 (901.794.7177) on Saturday, February 14. Dr. Eugene L. Gibson, Jr. is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will deliver the message at Olivet Fellowship Baptist Church on Sunday, February 15 at 8 am and 11 am. The church address is 4450 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38118 (901.794.7177). Dr. Eugene L. Gibson, Jr. is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will attend the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference February 16-19 in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will deliver the message at First Institutional Baptist Church on Sunday, February 22 at 10:45 am and music will be provided by the Brentwood Church Choir. The church is located at 3144 Third Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712. Dr. Wayne G. Thompson is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the Keynote Speaker at St. John Baptist Church for the 90th Birthday Celebration of Dr. Harold T. Branch Friday, February 27 at 6:45 pm. The church is located at 5445 Greenwood, Corpus Christi, TX.

**Rev. Louis J. Bartlett**, a Brentwood Associate Minister, will be the guest Preacher at Gentle Hands Ministries on Sunday, February 22. The church is located at 1286 Wheeler St. in Farmerville, LA 71241. Rev. Vince Butler is the Pastor.

*Happy Birthday!*

*Ethel Murray - February 5*  
*Carolyn Pickens - February 11*  
*Perry Clark - February 28*



*Uncelebrated Saint*

*Linda Simmons*

## MEMBERS / VISITORS

Communion	February 1 February 4	7:45 am/10:45 am
Baptism	February 8	10:45 am
Baby Dedication	February 15	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 Velekia Jordan at 713.852.1415.

#### 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 contact Velekia Jordan at 713.852.1415 or via email at [vjordan@brentwoodbaptist.org](mailto:vjordan@brentwoodbaptist.org) before Friday, noon.

#### 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.

### 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.

#### Monday, February 16

6:30 pm	Alzheimer Ministry	LLC
	Righteous Rhythm Band	LLC
	Tutoring	LLC
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
	Bronze Voices	Music Library
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

#### Tuesday, February 17

6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
	Business Development Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Male Chorus	Sanctuary
	Women's Chorus	Choir Room

#### Wednesday, February 18

6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC
7 pm	Youth Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, February 19

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30 pm	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Tutoring	LLC
	Divorce Recovery	LLC
	Tiny Tots	LLC
7 pm	Children's Choir	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers (PreK- 2nd)	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC

#### Friday, February 20

6:30 pm	Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)	Fellowship Hall
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#### Monday, February 23

6:30 pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
	Righteous Rhythm Band	LLC
	Tutoring	LLC
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
	Bronze Voices	Music Library
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

FEBRUARY 16 - 23

**Monday, February 9**

6:30 pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
	Righteous Rhythm Band	LLC
	Tutoring	LLC
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
	Bronze Voices	Music Library
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

**Tuesday, February 10**

10 am	Baptist Women III	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Wellness Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Cancer Support Ministry	LLC
	Greeters Association	LLC
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary
	Women's Choir	Choir Room

**Wednesday, February 11**

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Girls In Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC

**Thursday, February 12**

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30 pm	Divorce Recovery	LLC
	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Tutoring	LLC
	Children's Work Ministry	LLC
	Tiny Tots	LLC
6:45 pm	LOVE Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Children Praise Dancers (PreK—2nd)	LLC
	Children's Choir	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC

**Saturday, February 14**

9 am	Boys Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	Boys Rites of Passage	LLC
	Sunday School Teachers	LLC
10 am	Women's Conference Committee	LLC

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

1	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45 am & 10:45 am) Music: Church Choir
8	Dr. Ralph D. West, Pastor(7:45 am & 10:45 am) <i>The Church Without Walls - Houston, TX</i> Music: Mass Choir
15	Rev. Jimmy Lee, Pastor (7:45 am) <i>New Life Church - Houston, TX</i> Rev. W. Jeffrey Campbell (10:45 am) Music: Voices of Praise
22	Rev. Shane Scott, Pastor (7:45 am & 10:45 am) <i>Saint's Rest Missionary Baptist Church - Fresno, CA</i> Music: Women's Chorus

**WEDNESDAY  
7:00 PM**

4	Pastor and Wife's 29th Pre-Anniversary Celebration <i>Featuring Yolanda Adams</i>
11	Ozen High School Choir in Concert Baptist Women III Black History Exhibit
18	Urban Souls Dance Troop
25	Youth Black History Program

**MARCH IS FRANGELISM MONTH!**



Invite your

Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors  
who are searching for a church home.

Sponsored by the Wellness Ministry

**Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)**

Thursday, March 5  
Center for Child Development  
6:30 pm

**Boy Scout's Fair** – This year's fair will be held on Saturday, April 18. Tickets go on sales Sunday, February 15. Monies raised help defray the cost of Summer Camp, training and campout materials. Ages 6 to 18 are welcomed to joined. Meetings are held each 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm. Contact Glennie Gordon at 281.438.7240 for further information.




**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Ages Pre K - 5th Grade

**Black History Program**  
Sunday, February 8  
Sanctuary • 10:45 am

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday, February 15  
Congratulations Boy & Cub Scouts  
for 21 years of  
scouting at "The Wood!"



<b>Sunday, February 1</b>		
1 pm	Church Choir	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, February 2</b>		
6:30 pm	Sunday School Council Tutoring Youth Choir	LLC LLC Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Righteous Rhythm Band Cheerleaders for Christ Bronze Voices	Choir Room LLC Music Library
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center
<b>Tuesday, February 3</b>		
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
6:45 pm	Singles Bible Study	LLC
7 pm	Prayerline Ministry Male Chorus Women's Choir	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Choir Room
<b>Wednesday, February 4</b>		
6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC
7 pm	Youth Bible Study Midweek Worship	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, February 5</b>		
12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6:30 pm	Sunday School Workers Divorce Recovery Drill Team Tutoring Tiny Tots	LLC LLC Fellowship Hall LLC LLC
7 pm	Children Praise Dancers Children's Choir Usher Board Voices of Praise	LLC LLC Worship Center Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC
<b>Saturday, February 7</b>		
9 am	Sunday School Institute	LLC
10 am	Children's Play Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>		
12:30 pm	Usher Board Training	Worship Center



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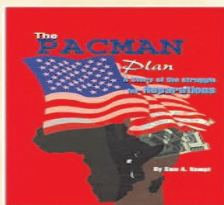
**"THE PACMAN PLAN"**

By Sam A. Kempt

Saturday, March 14

11 am

Lifelong Learning Center



This novel brings a refreshing and informative look at how the political process in America has been slowly eroded by the formation of special interest groups. The character of Reverend Williams, Jr. has shades of Martin Luther King, Jr. and comes off at times as a bit naïve, but the author does a decent job of showing the many layers of operation that are required of a person of the cloth. Call 713.852.1470 to register.

**JAM WORSHIP SERVICE**

(Grades 6-12)

Sunday, February 22

10:45 am

**Divorce Recovery** "WE CAN RECOVER" is a FREE seven week seminar. Classes will be held each Thursday through February 26 at 6:30 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center. For more information contact Mary Henry at 281.888.1050.

**Women's Conference** The 2009 committee invites you to attend their planning meeting and join the TEAM on Saturday, February 14 at 10 am in the Lifelong Learning Center.

Brentwood Community Foundation Scholarship Committee  
Presents The 27th Luncheon/Fashion Benefit

*"Fashion Revisited: The Empowered You"*

hosted by



*Sunday, May 3, 2009*

*3 pm - 6 pm*

*Hilton Americas - Houston*

*1600 Dallas*

Subscription: \$40

(Tax deductible to extent of law)

*Singles Bible Study*

Tuesday, February 3

Lifelong Learning Center • 7pm

*Young & Restless Bible Study*

Ages 18-28

Thursdays • 7 pm  
Lifelong Learning Center

## 29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, February 4  
Worship Center • 7 pm

Gospel Recording Artist  
Yolanda Adams



Sunday, February 8  
Worship Center • 7:45 am & 10:45 am

Dr. Ralph Douglas West, Pastor  
Church Without Walls  
Houston, TX



Music by: Mass Choir



## Brentwood Federal Credit Union

Now is the time to kick off the New Year with a "Savings Plan", - either a Share Certificate (CD) or Club Account—vacation or Christmas. Come by the Credit Union or give us a call at 713.852.1459 for details.

## All Women are Invited to the Jewels of Brentwood Bible Study

Tuesday, February 24  
6:30 pm • Lifelong Learning Center



## Balm in Gilead

This national AIDS awareness campaign engages Black congregations to support, encourage and empower African Americans, Africans and all people of the Diaspora to take action toward stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS in Black communities worldwide.

Week of Prayer - March 2 - 8

## You and your family are invited to the 2009 Family Prayer Conference

Saturday, March 7  
8 am - 2:30 pm  
Lifelong Learning Center



**Keynote Speaker**  
Bishop Ernestine C. Reems-Dickerson  
Center of Hope Community Church  
Oakland, California