

Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

JANUARY 2009



For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. - Isaiah 61:11

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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!

Church Etiquette

1. Dress as if you are going to meet the Lord.
2. Come to worship on time and come regularly.
3. Bring your Bible and begin worship before you get to church.
4. Do not leave the singing to the choir. Lift your voice in praise.
5. Do not leave the preaching to the preacher. Give vocal and visual responses.
6. Help the ushers keep order. Control yourself and tactfully ask others to do likewise.
7. Do not walk or talk unnecessarily. It disturbs others and the sanctity of worship.
8. Do not consume food or drink in the Worship Center.
9. Do not leave before the Benediction. It is your final blessing for the week.
10. Don’t leave the Lord in the Sanctuary. Take Him with you!

Amen!

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
1	New Year’s Day	4	Pre-Pastoral Anniversary
2	Office Closed	8	Pastoral Anniversary
7-9	Elders Preaching Series	25	Youth Black History Program
12	Weekday Activities Resume	28	Corporate Prayer
14	Winter Bible Study Begins		
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed		
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. 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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Monday, January 26 (Continued)

6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7 pm	Quarterly Business Meeting	LLC
	Church Choir	Worship Center

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Girls in Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC
7 pm	Youth Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	Winter Bible Study	Sanctuary
	Young and Restless	LLC

Thursday, January 29

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6:30 pm	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Divorce Recovery	LLC
	Tutoring	LLC
7 pm	Children Praise Dancers (PreK-K)	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 1&2)	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC

Saturday, January 31

9am	Criminal Justice Ministry	LLC
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Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the United Negro College Fund Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 11:30 am here in the city.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will attend the 44th Presidential Inaugural Celebration on Tuesday, January 20 in Washington, DC.

Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will deliver the message at Mount Ephraim Baptist Church Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 am and 10:45 am for their 25th Church Anniversary. The church address is 610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 (301.808.1584). Rev. Joseph A. Gilmore is the Pastor.

Doris Gardner Ratliff will be the quest speaker at New Hope Community Church on Saturday, January 24 for their Prayer Breakfast. The church is located at 4170 West Greens Road, Houston, TX 77066 (281.580.8686). Dr. Ethan W. Ogletree, Sr. is the Pastor. You may contact New Hope for ticket information.



Happy Birthday

- Willie Sylvester - January 2*
- Roshanda Williams - January 4*
- Maria Torres - January 9*
- Grover Fortenberry - January 10*
- Gloria Ruffin - January 12*
- Joy Wright - January 27*

Uncelebrated Saint

Carrie M. Sims



Quarterly Business Meeting

**Monday, January 26
Sanctuary • 7pm**

MEMBERS / VISITORS

Communion	January 4	7:45 am/10:45 am
Baptism	January 11	10:45 am
Baby Dedication	January 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 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 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.

Saturday, January 17

10 am	Youth Career Day	LLC
	Women's Conference Committee	LLC

Monday, January 19

OFFICE CLOSED – NO ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, January 20

6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
	Business Development Ministry	LLC
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 21

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

Thursday, January 22

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6:30 pm	Divorce Recovery	LLC
	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Tutoring	LLC
	Children's Work Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Children Praise Dancers (PreK – K)	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 1–2)	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3–5)	LLC

Friday, January 23

6 pm	Kids Pals	LLC
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Saturday, January 24

9 am	Boy/Cub Scouts	LLC
	Boys Rites of Passage	LLC

Monday, January 26

6:30 pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
	Righteous Rhythm Band	LLC
	Tutoring	LLC
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary

JANUARY 16 - 26

Thursday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY - CAMPUS CLOSED

Friday, January 2
OFFICE CLOSED - NO ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 3 - Tuesday, January 6
NO ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 7
7 pm Elders Preaching Series Worship Center

Thursday, January 8
7 pm Elders Preaching Series Worship Center

Friday, January 9
7 pm Elders Preaching Series Worship Center

Monday, January 12
OFFICE OPEN - NO ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, January 13

10 am	Baptist Women III	LLC
6:30 pm	Wellness Ministry	LLC
6:45 pm	Singles Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Cancer Support Ministry	LLC
	Greeters	LLC
	Women's Chorus	Choir Room
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 14

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Girls in Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Challengers	LLC
7 pm	Youth Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	Winter Bible Study	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 15

12 pm	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6:30 pm	Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
	Tutoring	LLC
	Divorce Recovery	LLC
7 pm	Children Praise Dancers (PreK - K)	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 1- 2)	LLC
7:45 pm	Children Praise Dancers (Grade 3-5)	LLC

SUNDAY
7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

4	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff Music: Church Choir
11	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff Music: Male Chorus
18	Rev. Hosie L. Hopkins New Hope Baptist Church - Memphis, TN Music: Voices of Praise
25	Dr. Mark A. Williams Faith Fellowship Bible Church - Corona, CA Music: Chorale (7:45 am) & Women's Chorus (10:45 am)

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM

7	Elders Preaching Series
14	Winter Bible Study
21	Winter Bible Study
28	Winter Bible Study

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Monday, January 19

Office Closed! No Activities!



Come and Celebrate the Inauguration Ceremony of our
44th President of the United States of America



Barack H. Obama

Hosted by The Brentwood Business Development Association

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
JSR Lifelong Learning Center
(Hours of the celebration are to be announced)

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



Wednesday, February 4
Sanctuary · 7 pm
&
Sunday, February 8
Worship Center · 7:45 am/10:45 am

More details to come!

Walk For A Cause – Join the **Brentwood Community Foundation (BCF)** in the 20th Annual AIDS Walk Houston on Sunday, March 15 in Sam Houston Park, Downtown. AIDS Walk Houston is an exciting, non-competitive walk event that helps increase community awareness, raises funds and educates Houstonians about AIDS. Seventy-five percent of the money raised will be awarded to the BCF and other organizations that help individuals and families affected by the disease. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or donating, please contact Claudia Gonzalez at 713.852.2551 or by email at cgonzalez@brentwoodfoundation.org.

Divorce Recovery – “WE CAN RECOVER” The Divorce Recovery Ministry will be offering a FREE seven week class. Join us in studying God’s Word as it relates to divorce. For more information contact Mary Henry at 281.888.1050.

Elders Preaching Series

Worship Center ♦ 7 pm Nightly

Wednesday, January 7

Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr.

Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Guest Psalmist: Deacon Melvin East

Music by: Male Chorus

Thursday, January 8

Dr. Henry Lyons

Tampa, FL

Guest Psalmist: Angela Bennett

Music by: Voices of Praise

Friday, January 9

Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

Chicago, IL

Guest Psalmist: Rev. Alecia Johnson

Music by: Church Choir

SINGLES MINISTRY OPEN FORUM

Love, Sex & Relationships



January 13
7 pm - 9 pm
Lifelong Learning Center

Join us as we kick off 2009! Our Bible Study will focus on entering into and maintaining healthy relationships. For more information, contact Karlene Stevens at 832.208.1095.

DANCE FOR FITNESS

With Marko Jones
Presented by the Wellness Fitness Ministry

Thursday January 15
Lifelong Learning Center
6:45 pm

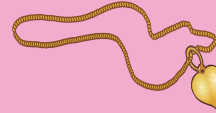
Contact Debra Jordan at 713.852.1486
to register.



Young & Restless Bible Study

Ages 18-28
Thursdays • 7 pm
Lifelong Learning Center

Praise Dance Ministry Auction



Sunday, January 25
through
Sunday, February 8



We are sponsoring a "silent auction" with handbags, accessories and more. Winners will be announced Sunday, February 15. Place your bid now! For details contact Baretta Duke at 713.729.9295 or via email at baretta_duke@hotmail.com.

END OF YEAR CLEARANCE EXTENDED!

You still have time to purchase CD's & DVD's!

Stop by the Brentwood Media Center today and get all the spiritual inspiration you need for your family, yourself and your friends.

You are invited to

Winter Bible Study

Wednesday, January 14, 21 & 28
Sanctuary • 7pm