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# Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

SEPTEMBER 2009



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## STAFF ON THE MOVE

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will deliver the message at First Baptist Church of Highland Park for their 9th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 6 at 7:45 am and 11:15 am. The Voices of Praise will accompany Dr. Ratliff. The church is located at 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785 (301.773.6655). Dr. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will attend the National Baptist Convention in Memphis, TN September 8 - 11.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the guest preacher at First Baptist Church for their 10th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, September 13 at 10 am. The church is located at 236 Harrison Street, Petersburg, VA 23803 (804.732.2841). Dr. Jeremiah Tillman, Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be guest preacher at The Worship Center Church, September 15 - 16 at 7 pm nightly for their Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. The church address is 9553 Parkway East, Birmingham, AL 35215 (205.451.1750). Dr. Vanable Moody III, Pastor.

**Willa Scott** will be recognized as a "Pioneer/Sister of Distinction" on Friday, September 18 at the WMU Texas - "Sisters Who Care" Women's Leadership Conference at Fallbrook Baptist Church. The address is 12512 Walters Rd. Houston, TX 77014 (281.444.2733).

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be a Facilitator at the Messiah Baptist Church Leadership Conference Saturday, September 26 from 9 am - 3 pm and as guest speaker on Sunday, September 27 at the 7:45 am & 10:45 am worship services. The church is located at 210 Congress Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203.368.2405). Rev. Tyrone P. Jones IV, Pastor.

**Dr. & Mrs. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will attend the Pamper, Pray & Play Ministers & Wives Conference September 28 - 30 in Las Vegas, NV. They will be accompanied by Rev. Kevin W. Williams. Mrs. Ratliff will serve as a Co-Facilitator of this event.

**Rev. C. Clay Pickens** Congratulations for 15 years of service with the Brentwood Staff!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOOD...

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
5	Corporate Prayer	3	Corporate Prayer & Prayer Breakfast
7	Labor Day - No Activities	10	Making Great Men Hot Topics
20	44th Church Anniversary	11	Breast Cancer Awareness
		26	Quarterly Business Meeting
		31	Corporate Prayer & Holy Ghost Party

## 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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## Wednesday, September 23

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Challengers	LLC
	Girls in Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Corporate Prayer	Worship Center
7 pm	Midweek Worship	Worship Center

## Thursday, September 24

6 pm	Usher Board TQM Committee	LLC
6:30 pm	Children's Work	LLC
	Tiny Tots Choir	LLC
7 pm	Praise Dancers (Pre-K - 5th)	LLC
	Youth Praise Dancers	LLC
	Children's Choir	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Worship Center
	Usher Board Leadership	LLC
	Chorale	Choir Room
	Young & Restless Bible Study	Conference Room

## Friday, September 25

5:30 pm	Kids Pals	LLC
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## Saturday, September 26

9 am	Foreclosure & Counseling Seminar	LLC
10 am	Girls of Grace	LLC
	The Gathering Place	LLC
11 am	BEAM Ministry	LLC
12 pm	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC

## Monday, September 28

6:15 pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
6:30 pm	Youth Choir	Choir Room
6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

## Tuesday, September 29

6:30 pm	Jewels Bible Study	LLC
7 pm	STEW Foreign Missions	LLC
	Creative Artists for Christ	LLC
	Male Chorus	LLC

## Wednesday, September 30

6:30 pm	Corporate Prayer	Worship Center
7 pm	Midweek Worship	Worship Center

## SUNDAY 7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

6	Rev. Albert A. Kemp (7:45am) Rev. Joseph G. Ford (10:45am) <i>Music By: Male Chorus</i>
13	Rev. Mary A. Frazier (7:45am) Rev. Kevin W. Williams (10:45am) <i>Music By: Church Choir</i>
20	44th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am & 10:45am) <i>Music By: Voices of Praise</i>
27	Rev. Lillie M. Seals (7:45am) Rev. C. Clay Pickens (10:45am) <i>Music By: Women's Chorus</i>

## WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

2	Rev. Ray Hatton, <i>Associate Minister</i>
9	Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff
16	Rev. Robin K. Cook, <i>Associate Minister</i>
23	Rev. W. Jeffrey Campbell, <i>Associate Minister</i>
30	Rev. Darrell E. Luckett, <i>Associate Minister</i>

Uncelebrated Saint  
Leroy Rogers

## MEMBERS / VISITORS

Communion	September 6 September 9	7:45 am/10:45 am 7 pm
Baptism	September 13	10:45 am
Baby Dedication	September 20	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 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. Please contact George Micheaux at 713.852.1426.

### 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.

#### Tuesday, September 15

6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
7 pm	Women's Chorus Creative Artists for Christ Men's Bible Study	Worship Center LLC Choir Room

#### Wednesday, September 16

6 pm	Challengers	LLC
6:30 pm	Corporate Prayer Scholarship Committee	Worship Center LLC
7 pm	Midweek Worship	Worship Center

#### Thursday, September 17

12 pm	Noon Day Bible Study	LLC
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30 pm	Tutoring New Members Committee Tiny Tots Choir	LLC LLC LLC
7 pm	Children's Choir Praise Dancers (Pre-K – 5th Grade) Youth Praise Dancers Voices of Praise Young & Restless Bible Study Youth Ministry Parent Leaders	LLC LLC LLC Worship Center Conference Room LLC

#### Friday, September 18

6:30 pm	Senior Adult Ministry	LLC
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#### Sunday, September 20

9:30 am	Common Ground	Bridal Suite
10 am	Youth Council	Conference Room

#### Monday, September 21

6:30 pm	Alzheimer Ministry Youth Choir	LLC Choir Room
6:45 pm	Deacon Training Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC LLC
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

#### Tuesday, September 22

6:30 pm	Business Development Ministry Deacon Wives	LLC LLC
7 pm	Male Chorus Women's Chorus	Choir Room Worship Center

SEPTEMBER 15 - 22

## Wednesday, September 9

6 pm	Sisters Who Care	LLC
	Challengers	LLC
	Girls in Action	LLC
6:30 pm	Corporate Prayer	Worship Center
7 pm	Midweek Worship	Worship Center

## Thursday, September 10

12 pm	Noon Day Bible Study	LLC
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30 pm	Tutoring	LLC
	Tiny Tots Choir	LLC
6:30 pm	Children's Work Ministry	LLC
6:45 pm	LOVE Ministry	LLC
7 pm	Praise Dancers (Pre-K - 5th Grade)	LLC
	Youth Praise Dancers	LLC
	Young & Restless Bible Study	Conference Room
	Greeters	LLC
	Wellness Ministry	LLC
	Chorale	Choir Room
	Voices of Praise	Worship Center
	Children's Choir	LLC

## Friday, September 11

7 pm	Marriage Ministry	LLC
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## Saturday, September 12

9 am	Children's Usher Board	LLC
	Sunday School Teachers	LLC
10 am	Girls of Grace	LLC
	Children's Praise Dancers (1st-2nd)	LLC
12 pm	Youth Usher Board	Worship Center
	Adult Praise Dance Ministry	LLC

## Sunday, September 13

12:15 pm	Usher Board Training	Worship Center
1 pm	Decision Time Counselors	Conference Room

## Monday, September 14

6:15 pm	Deacon Ministry	LLC
6:30 pm	Youth Choir	Choir Room
6:45 pm	Cheerleaders for Christ	LLC
7 pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

**CHILD CARE**

The Doris Gardner Ratliff Center for Child Development offers childcare for ages 0 to 4, Sundays during worship services and Monday - Friday from 6 am to 6 pm. After school care also available! Contact Cheryl Kimbrel at 713.852.1470.

**WE ARE BACK!!**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
PreK - 5th Grade

**Every 2nd Sunday • 10:45am**  
**Lifelong Learning Center**

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# ADULTS

**Healthy Lifestyle Living** Are you trying to optimize your health while managing diabetes, heart disease or other illnesses? Join us for *"What Choice Do I Have? How Healthy Lifestyle Choices Can Impact My Health"* on Thursday, September 10 at 7 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center. Baylor College of Medicine's, Dr. Jacqueline Minter will be the speaker.

**Your Contribution Matters** During the month of September, you may donate to the Brentwood Community Foundation through your workplace contribution to the 2009 State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) and the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). For more information, call the Brentwood Community Foundation at 713.852.1451.

**Brentwood Federal Credit Union New Service** What better way to show your love than to give the gift of SAVING! Make a deposit into the account of your child, grandchild, niece or nephew, and the Credit Union will send them a **GIFT DEPOSIT CERTIFICATE** saying that a deposit has been made into their account.

**Jewels of Brentwood Bible Application** Ladies come see what's happening in our community and search the Bible for guidance and instruction on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30 pm in the Lifelong Learning Center.



**THE BOOK CLUB PRESENTS...**  
*"The Shack"*  
 By: William P. Young  
**Saturday, September 12 • 11am**  
 Join us for an engaging discussion!



**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**  
 Formed by the Usher Board Task Force

The purpose is to develop procedures for medical emergencies that may arise among parishioners while attending worship and other church-related events. If you are an active or retired medical personnel, please send your name and contact info to Clara Pruitt at [clarap25@aol.com](mailto:clarap25@aol.com) or you may register at the table in the foyer on Sunday, September 6 and 13.

## Tuesday, September 1

6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	LLC
6:45 pm	Singles Bible Study	LLC
7 pm	Creative Artists for Christ	LLC
	Women's Chorus	Choir Room
	Male Chorus	Worship Center

## Wednesday, September 2

6 pm	Challengers	LLC
6:30 pm	Corporate Prayer	Worship Center
7 pm	Midweek Worship	Worship Center

## Thursday, September 3

12 pm	Noon Day Bible Study	LLC
6 pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
6:30 pm	Tiny Tots Choir	LLC
	Associate Ministers	LLC
7 pm	Usher Board	Worship Center
	Voices of Praise	Choir Room
	Praise Dancers ( Pre K -5th Grade)	LLC
	Children's Choir	LLC
	Young & Restless Bible Study	Conference Room
	Youth Praise Dancers	LLC

## Saturday, September 5

9 am	Criminal Justice Ministry	LLC
12 pm	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC

## Monday, September 7

**LABOR DAY - ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED**

## Tuesday, September 8

10 am	Baptist Women III	LLC
6:30 pm	Wellness Ministry	LLC
6:45 pm	Deacon Training	LLC
7 pm	Intercessory Prayerline	LLC
	Women's Chorus	Choir Room
	Male Chorus	Worship Center
	Creative Artists for Christ	LLC
	Cancer Support Ministry	LLC

**SEPTEMBER 1 - 8**

Brentwood Baptist Church &  
The Houston Foreclosure Task Force Presents...

## *Foreclosure Prevention Seminar & Housing Fair*

Saturday, September 26 • 9am  
Lifelong Learning Center

If you or someone you know is facing Foreclosure please make time to attend this seminar. Housing Counseling Agencies and Lenders will be in attendance to help you through the maze of preventing foreclosures.

Agencies scheduled to attend are:

- Houston Area Urban League
- Credit Coalition
- Money Management, Inc
- NID-Housing Counseling Agency
- Tejano Center
- Gulf Coast Community Services

Lenders that will be in attendance:

- Wells Fargo Bank
- Fannie Mae
- Federal Reserve Bank
- Countrywide Home Loans/Bank of America

Come and receive helpful information!

## LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7

**Campus Closed & All Activities Cancelled!**

## *Prayer & Praise Breakfast* *"A Concert of Prayer"*

Saturday, October 3, 2009 • 9:00 am

Intercontinental Hotel  
2222 West Loop South  
Houston, Texas 77027

Guest Speaker...

Rev. Arthur Jackson, III

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City  
Miami, FL

Guest Psalmists...

Shawn & Rhonda McLemore

Tickets: \$40

Tables: \$450 - \$1,000

To purchase your ticket or table, contact the  
Music Department at 713.852.1426.



Job woes got you down?  
Unemployment? Underemployed?  
On-the-job stress?

**JOIN THE BEAM JOB CLUB**

We are here to lift you! Join us for inspiring tips & tales on how to cope!

Saturday September 26th at 11:00 am in the LLC room 308C-East Wing  
For more info, contact us at 713.852.1408 or [beam@brentwoodbaptist.org](mailto:beam@brentwoodbaptist.org)

# "A Concert of Prayer"

40-Day Prayer Journey

August 25 - October 3, 2009

## Weekly Focus

### **Repentance** (August 25 - 28)

Turn away, both individually and corporately from all that might hinder fulfillment of that hope. *Acts 3:19*

### **Resistance** (August 29 - September 4)

Intercede at every point where the enemy is seeking to prevent the unfolding of what God has promised to His church and to its mission in the world. *James 4:7*

### **Restoration** (September 5 - 11)

Pray for God to fill the church with the fullness of the life of Christ. *Psalms 51:12*

### **Releasing** (September 12 - 18)

Ask God to release many new works of His kingdom, both locally and world-wide. *Romans 7:6*

### **Receiving** (September 19 - 25)

Listen to hear and confirm whatever the new words of promise and mission God may be speaking to us. *John 16:24*

### **Recommitment** (September 26 - October 2)

Offer ourselves back to the Lord, in view of the great hopes towards which we've prayed. *Psalms 37:5*

### **Rejoicing** (October 3)

Praise and celebration of the hope that God has set before us in Christ. *1 Samuel 2:1*

## Why Do We Fast?

True prayer and fasting are attitudes of the heart and cries of the soul. Fasting is not an end of itself. It is a means by which we can worship the Lord and submit ourselves in humility to Him. It is a time for us to relax, relate and release from all of our problems and situations and put all of our focus on Him who can fix all things.

Fasting allows the flesh to practice self-denial or abstinence from the comforts and pleasures that distract Christians from concentrating and meditating on God. It teaches us self-discipline, reminds us that we can live with a lot less and deepens our relationship with the Lord. Fasting may involve spiritual agony and intercession. It does not change or impress God but it will change us.

Please ask God for wisdom and strength during your fast.

## Schedule of Fast

As a result of fasting and praying, God will perform some phenomenal things in our midst. Please join us in a weekly corporate fast. Pray and seek God's leading for the appropriate choice of fasting options. Skipping meals alone will not result in a meaningful fast. During this time of fasting, set aside time with God in prayer, studying, reflecting and journaling while seeking spiritual insight.

## Instructions for All Levels

*Begin to fast and pray on August 25*

- ◆ Refrain from eating red meat and sweets
- ◆ No caffeine, carbonated beverages, or alcoholic beverages
- ◆ Drink only water, juice (*fruit/vegetable*), or decaffeinated beverages
- ◆ No eating after 10pm
- ◆ Choose one (1) fast free day weekly

*Please study and meditate each day  
on the focus of the week.*