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"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.

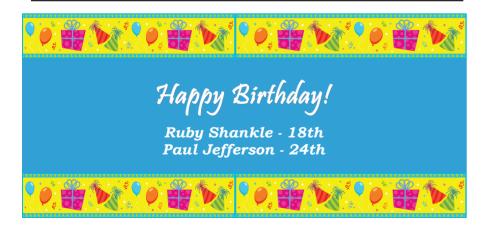
Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff will be guest preacher at The Worship Center Church, September 15 - 16 at 7 pm nightly for their Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. The church address is 9553 Parkway East, Birmingham, AL 35215 (205.451.1750). Dr. Vanable Moody III, Pastor.

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!



MCOMING EVENTS AT THE MOOD...

SEPT	TEMBER	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

BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday, September 23 6 pm Sisters Wi

5 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

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) Music By: Voices of Praise
27	Rev. Lillie M. Seals (7:45am) Rev. C. Clay Pickens (10:45am) Music By: Women's Chorus

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

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

Uncelebrated Saint Leroy Rogers

MEMBERS/ FISITORS

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 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 Worship Center

Creative Artists for Christ

Men's Bible Study Choir Room

LLC

Wednesday, September 16

6 pm Challengers LLC

6:30 pm Corporate Prayer Worship Center

Scholarship Committee 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	LLC
	New Members Committee	LLC
	Tiny Tots Choir	LLC
7 pm	Children's Choir	LLC

Praise Dancers (Pre-K - 5th Grade) LLC Youth Praise Dancers LLC

Voices of Praise Worship Center
Young & Restless Bible Study Conference Room

Youth Ministry Parent Leaders LLC

Friday, September 18

6:30 pm Senior Adult Ministry LLC

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

6:30 pm	Alzheimer Ministry	LLC
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Youth Choir Choir Room

6:45 pm Deacon Training LLC

Cheerleaders for Christ LLC

7 pm Church Choir Worship Center

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 pm Business Development Ministry LLC

Deacon Wives LLC

7 pm Male Chorus Choir Room

Women's Chorus Worship Center

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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

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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

Saturday, September 12

Children's Usher Board	LLC
Sunday School Teachers	LLC
Girls of Grace	LLC
Children's Praise Dancers (1st-2nd)	LLC
	Sunday School Teachers Girls of Grace

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

SNFANTS/CHILDREN/ COUTH

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



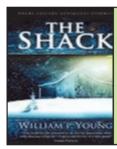
ADULTS

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"

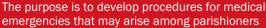
By: William P. Young

Saturday, September 12 • 11am

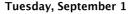
Join us for an engaging discussion!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Formed by the Usher Board Task Force



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 or you may register at the table in the foyer on Sunday, September 6 and 13.



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
O PIII	Chancingers	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 nm	Adult Praise Dancers	110

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



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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
- Teiano Center
- Gulf Coast Community Services

Lenders that will be in attendance:

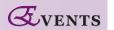
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Fannie Mae

- Federal Reserve Bank
- Countrywide Home Loans/Bank of **America**

Come and receive helpful information!

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7 **Campus Closed & All Activities Cancelled!**





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!

Saturdav 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



"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. *Psalm* 51:12

Reseasing (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. *Psalm 37:5*

Rejoicing (October 3)

Praise and celebration of the hope that God has set before us in Christ. I 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.