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# Brentwood Baptist Church

"The Church Where Christ is the Main Attraction"

SEPTEMBER 2013

## Celebrating 48 Years!

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus,  
the author and finisher of our faith.

- Hebrews 12:1-2



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# STAFF ON THE MOVE


**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the guest preacher at First Baptist Church of Highland Park Sunday, September 1 at 7:30am & 11:15am for the 13th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. The address is 6801 Sheriff Rd., Landover, MD 20785 (318.323.2469). Dr. Henry P. Davis III is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the Revivalist at King Solomon United Baptist Church Tuesday, September 17 through Thursday, September 19 at 7pm. The address is 2221 Forest St., Jacksonville, FL 32204 (904.354.8052). Rev. Mariko T. Billups is the Pastor.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will be the guest preacher at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church on Sunday, September 22 at 7:45am and 10:45am. The Mass Choir will accompany him. The church is located at 425 Howard Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11233 (718.342.1571). Rev. Steven E. Carter will be celebrating his 9th Pastoral Anniversary.

**Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff** will deliver the Invocation at the Boy Scouts of America Whitney Young Luncheon on Thursday, September 26. The Sam Houston Area Council will recognize Nolan and Glennie Gordon, members of Brentwood Baptist Church, for their many years of dedication.

**Dr. and Mrs. Ratliff** will attend Pamper, Pray and Play, a retreat for pastors and their spouses September 30 - October 3 in Niagra Falls, NY.




**Happy Birthday Staff Members**

Paul Jefferson - 24th  
Dwayne Rittenhouse - 24th



**SEPTEMBER IS  
Prostate Cancer Awareness**

**We invite you to pray for all those affected!**



**Happy Grandparents Day!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOOD

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
2	Labor Day/Office Closed/Activities Cancelled	1-3	Pamper, Pray & Play
11	Power Lunch	5	Prayer Breakfast
15	48th Church Anniversary/ Scholarship Recognition/New Member Marathon	20	College Spirit Day/UNCF Offering
29	New Member Graduation	21	Quarterly Business Meeting
		31	Children's 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. 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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**Thursday, September 26 (Continued)**

6:30pm	Sunday School Workers Children's Music Ministry Children's Work Ministry	LLC LLC LLC
7pm	Children Praise Dancers BUB Leadership Team Chorale Voices of Praise	LLC LLC Choir Room Sanctuary

**Friday, September 27**

5:30pm	Kids' Pals	LLC
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**Saturday, September 28**

8:15am	RELAY Your Faith	LLC
9:30am	Gathering Place	LLC
10am	Girls of Grace	LLC
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	Worship Center

**Sunday, September 29**

9:30am	Mass Sunday School	Sanctuary
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**Monday, September 30**

6:15pm	Deacons In Training	LLC
6:30pm	Bronze Voices Sunday School Council	Music Library LLC
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

**A Family Affair**


# Generational Gap Bowling

**Hosted by the Jewels, Business Development Association  
& T.R.U.T.H. Ministry**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 • 2PM - 5PM**

Each team should consist of three adults and three youth.  
A \$50 deposit per team is due by Sunday, October 6.  
Contact Gloria Ruffin at 713.852.1409.

**Prizes will be awarded!**



# PREACHING SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY

7:45 AM & 10:45 AM

<b>1</b>	<b>Rev. Jimmie E. Lee (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Church Choir</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Male Chorus</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>CHURCH ANNIVERSARY</b> <b>Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Mass Choir</i>
<b>22</b>	<b>Rev. Darryll Carr (7:45am )</b> <i>Pastor, Believers Faith Center, Houston , TX</i> <b>Rev. C. Clay Pickens (10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Chorale</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff (7:45am &amp; 10:45am)</b> <i>Music By: Women's Chorus (7:45am ) &amp; Mass Choir (10:45am)</i>

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

<b>4</b>	<b>Rev. Erick Powers, Associate Minister</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Rev. Robin Cook, Associate Minister</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Rev. Wendell Williams, Associate Minister</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Rev. Kevin Riles, Associate Minister</b>

## LABOR DAY

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

*Office Closed & All Activities Cancelled!*

# MEMBERS & VISITORS

Communion	September 1 September 4	7:45 am / 10:45 am 7 pm
Baptism	September 8	10:45 am
Baby Dedication	September 15	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](http://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.***

### Wednesday, September 18

5pm	RELAY Your Faith	LLC
6pm	Challengers Jr. Drill Team	LLC LLC

### Thursday, September 19

12noon	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6pm	Sr. Drill Team New Members Committee	Fellowship Hall Room 230
6:30pm	Sunday School Workers Children's Work Ministry	LLC LLC
7pm	Children Praise Dancers Youth Parent Leaders Chorale	LLC LLC Worship Center

### Friday, September 20

6pm	Senior Adult Ministry	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, September 21

9am	Youth Sunday School Teachers Veterans Assistance Ministry	LLC Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	Worship Center

### Sunday, September 22

10:45am	JAM Worship RELAY Your Faith	Sanctuary LLC
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### Monday, September 23

9am	Food Pantry	LLC
6:30pm	Bronze Voices Deacon Ministry	Music Library LLC
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

### Tuesday, September 24

6pm	Virtuous Dance Cru	LLC
6:15pm	Deacons In Training	LLC
6:30pm	Deacon Wives STEW Ministry	LLC LLC
7pm	Young Adult Ministry Male Chorus Women's Chorus	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Worship Center

### Wednesday, September 25

5pm	RELAY Your Faith	LLC
6pm	Challengers Sisters Who Care Jr. Drill Team	LLC LLC LLC

### Thursday, September 26

12noon	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6pm	Sr. Drill Team BUB Planning Team	Fellowship Hall LLC



**Wednesday, September 11**

12pm	Power Lunch	LLC
5pm	RELAY Your Faith	LLC
6pm	Challengers	LLC
	Jr. Drill Team	LLC
	Sisters Who Care	LLC

**Thursday, September 12**

6pm	Sr. Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
	Children's Music Ministry	LLC
	Children's Work Committee	LLC
6:45pm	LOVE Ministry	LLC
7pm	Take Charge of Your Health	LLC
	Greeters Association	LLC
	Children Praise Dancers	LLC
	Voices of Praise	Worship Center
	Chorale	Choir Room

**Friday, September 13**

7pm	Marriage Enrichment Ministry	Fellowship Hall
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**Saturday, September 14**

9am	Sunday School Teachers	Fellowship Hall
10am	Book Club	LLC
	Girls of Grace	LLC
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC

**Sunday, September 15**

8am	New Member Marathon Class	LLC
9:30am	Common Ground	Room 118
10:45am	Youth Ministry	Fellowship Hall
	Middle School Ministry	Sanctuary
	RELAY Your Faith	LLC

**Monday, September 16**

6:15pm	Deacon In Training	LLC
6:30pm	Bronze Voices	Music Library
	Alzheimer Ministry	LLC
	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

**Tuesday, September 17**

6pm	Virtuous Dance Cru	LLC
6:30pm	Equipping Institute Committee	LLC
	Business Development Association	LLC
7pm	Singles' Ministry	LLC
	Girl Scouts	LLC
	Male Chorus	Sanctuary
	Women's Chorus	Choir Room

# CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's Church

PreK-5th Grade



**Sunday, September 8 • 10:45am  
Sanctuary**

## Beaus & Debs

### PARENT MEETING & ORIENTATION

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 7PM  
LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**

**Student classes begins Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm.  
For more information contact Rev. Mary Frazier  
at 713.852.1440.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL LOANS!

**Get an early start with your "Back to School" loan. Why not start the school year worry-free!**

**BRENTWOOD CREDIT UNION HOURS:  
Sunday 9:30am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm**



# ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SIGN LANGUAGE


Tuesday, September 3 • 7pm  
Lifelong Learning Center

Learn to "speak" with your hands!

## "Empowerment to Take Charge of YOUR Health!"

Sponsored by the Wellness Ministry

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
7pm - 8:30pm  
Lifelong Learning Center  
Dr. Jacqueline Minter MD, Speaker




### MARRIED COUPLES ENRICHMENT MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

## "Spiritual Warfare in Marriage & Family"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 7PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*If you require childcare, contact Rev. Lillie Seals at 713.852.1430 by September 13 at 12noon.*



### Monday, September 2

Labor Day  
Office Closed / All Activities Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 3

6pm	Virtuous Dance Cru	LLC
	Ushers/Greeters Planning Committee	Room 236
7pm	Singles Ministry	LLC
	Male Chorus	Worship Center
	Women's Choir	Choir Room
	Intercessory Prayerline Ministry	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 4

6pm	Challengers	LLC
	Jr. Drill Team	LLC

### Thursday, September 5

12noon	Noon Bible Study	LLC
6pm	Usher Board	Worship Center
	Sr. Drill Team	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Sunday School Workers	LLC
	Children's Music Ministry	LLC
7pm	Children Praise Dancers	LLC
	Chorale	Choir Room
	Voices of Praise	Sanctuary

### Saturday, September 7

9am	Children's Usher Board	Sanctuary
10:30am	Adult Praise Dancers	LLC
12pm	Youth Usher Board	Worship Center

### Sunday, September 8

10:45am	RELAY Your Faith	LLC
	Middle School & Youth Councils	Fellowship Hall
12:15pm	Usher Board Training	Worship Center

### Monday, September 9

9am	Food Pantry	LLC
6:30pm	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
	Bronze Voices Handbell Choir	Music Library
	Deacon Ministry	LLC
7pm	Church Choir	Worship Center

### Tuesday, September 10

10am	Baptist Women III	LLC
6pm	Virtuous Dance Cru	LLC
6:15pm	Deacons In Training	LLC
6:45pm	Wellness Ministry	LLC
7pm	Cancer Support Ministry	LLC
	Beaus and Debs Parent Orientation	LLC
	Making Great Men	Sanctuary
	Women's Choir	Choir Room



# Prayer & Praise Breakfast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013 • 9AM

CORPORATE PRAYER BEGINS AT 7AM

HILTON AMERICAS HOUSTON

1600 LAMAR ST

HOUSTON, TX 77010

GUEST PSALMIST  
APRIL SHEARD  
Lakeside Family Life Church  
Austell, GA

GUEST MINISTER  
DR. JOHN E. GUNS  
St. Paul Church of Jacksonville  
Jacksonville, FL



INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$50  
TABLES: \$500/\$750/\$1000

To purchase your ticket or table contact the Music Department at 713.852.1426 or visit us online at [www.brentwoodbaptist.org](http://www.brentwoodbaptist.org).



## YOU GOT SPIRIT?

COLLEGE SPIRIT DAY & UNCF OFFERING  
Sunday, October 20

Show your school spirit by wearing your attire!



## CONNECT WITH US!

Text Alerts: Text "brentwoodbaptist" to 781-728-9542

E-blast: <http://www.brentwoodbaptist.org/eblast.aspx>

Twitter: @brentwoodbapt

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/brentwoodhouston>

# ADULT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BOOK CLUB

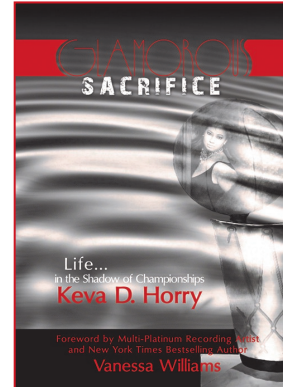
### "Glamorous Sacrifice"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10am - 12 noon

Lifelong Learning Center

Special Guest  
Author Keva Horry



## AARP LIFE @ 50+ CONFERENCE

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER  
ATLANTA, GA

OCTOBER 3 - 5

If you would like to attend, please contact the Foundation at 713.852.1452. Must be a member of Brentwood Baptist Church and AARP.



If you joined AARP during our Membership Campaign, we encourage you to renew your membership at the low rate of \$15. With each renewal, the Brentwood Community Foundation receives \$5.

September is

## FRANgelism Month

Invite your Friends, Relatives, Associates & Neighbors to worship with us!

# 40 Days of Prayer

AUGUST 27 - OCTOBER 5

See Fasting & Prayer information on opposite page.

## Power Lunch

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Lifelong Learning Center • 12pm - 1pm

Come and receive a message from Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff that will recharge the rest of your day! Everyone invited!

\$8 box lunch provided  
(Lunch ticket must be purchased in advance)  
Visit our table September 1 or 8.

Contact Lydia Alston at 713.852.1425 for more info.

# HEALTH & HEALING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 7PM - 8:30PM

Lifelong Learning Center

Presenter: Louise Stiedle Hayes, PhD



## Why Fast?

True prayer and fasting are attitudes of the heart and cries of the soul. 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 and deepens our relationship with the Lord. It does not change or impress God but it will change us.

## Instructions

You may choose one of the following or use your own plan:

### 3 types of fasts:

**Partial Fast** - Deny yourself of certain foods. Daniel's fast (see Daniel 10). This fast may also include TV, Computers, or any other activities.

**Normal Fast** - Deny yourself of food, but drink water. Fast used by Jesus during his 40 days in the wilderness.

**Absolute fast** - Deny yourself of both food and water. Paul on the Damascus road went on an absolute fast. Fast from 6am - 6pm.

### You may also choose to:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Fast for a specified time (*Ex. 6am-6pm*)

### Recommendations

You might want to journal during this time to keep a record of all God does in you and through you. Take the time to seek the Lord or anyone you need to forgive or receive forgiveness from.

## What Should be Included in Prayer?

**Adoration** - To show adoration to God is to worship, praise, honor and exalt Him. Psalm 103 and 145 are good examples.

**Confession** - Admitting and confessing our sins (1 John 1:9) and knowing He has forgiven our past, present and future sin is vital to our prayer life. God is a Holy God, so we need to come to Him with a clean heart.

**Thanksgiving** - Giving thanks expresses our faith. Hebrews 11:6 reads, "And without faith it is impossible to please God." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 states, "In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you."

**Supplication** - Asking seems to come naturally to children. As God's children, we can freely talk to Him and ask Him for anything. And like any caring parent, He will say, "Yes" to some of our requests, "No" to some and at times, He will say, "Wait." You can remember this outline for prayer through the acronym ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each component is necessary for an effective prayer life.