

Deep Common Journey Partners

Partnership with an organization in mission toward learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Please visit Blacknall's website for more information.

CONGO INITIATIVE

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Beni. There are signs that the spread of Ebola is being contained within the city of Beni, although it has now spread to other towns beyond Beni. Pray for the health workers and UCBC alumni who are fighting against this disease. Please also pray that the Lord would raise up a person who would be willing and able to serve as treasurer for Congo Initiative-USA.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Blacknall family, praise be to God for a great start to the spring semester of Supper Clubs. We thank the Lord for each international student and host family participating (~120 students and ~50 host homes). Continue in prayer that through Christian hospitality the love of Christ will be shown and Christ encountered. Here are some additional ways to get connected with international students at Duke:

- Serve with international students and others from Duke packing meals for those in need, Saturday, Feb 23.
- Provide a meal for the Thursday LIFE group (community of internationals sharing life and exploring faith in Christ), perhaps your small group would like to sign up to provide a meal?
- To find out more, go to <http://ivolunteers.website> or contact Dan Kronstad (630.903.1300) or Scott Hawkins (919.943.3096).

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Now in its third year, Chefs for Change is a fundraising dinner series that pairs the burgeoning Durham food scene with the needs of families experiencing homelessness. A distinguished chef will serve three or more courses at a ticketed dinner with the proceeds benefiting Families Moving Forward. Tickets are sold online in advance to 165 attendees and is held at the Rickhouse (609 Foster St, Durham). Go to the FMFnc.org web site to pick your favorite chef; dates are March 11, May 20, July 8, Sept. 9. A great evening to spend with friends while benefiting the homeless in Durham. Tickets sell out fast!

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality Community Worship – March 7, 7-8 p.m. at the Reality Center. This family-friendly hour of worship is led by Reality friends, and all are welcome! And be sure to mark your calendars for the 2019 Reality Talent Show on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. at DPAC!

Finance

July 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

Actual offerings: \$914,538

Offering needed: \$949,028

Ahead/(Behind): (\$34,490)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21.

Contribution statements for 2018 are ready for you to print from CCB. To abide by IRS regulations, we must now acknowledge gifts of stock differently from monetary contributions. More information will be included with stock gift receipts. If you gave a gift of stock to Blacknall in 2018 and have not yet notified the office of your gift, please contact Carol Smith (csmith@blacknall.org)

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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 10, 2019

Songs of Adoration

“Our Great God”

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

Invocation

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

Paulus

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

“The Lord is My Salvation”

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Blessing Age 4 – 2nd grade may leave for Children's & Junior Church

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or attend regularly, we hope you will find the rich presence of God, the warmth of genuine fellowship, and the abiding truth of the Word.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers. Hearing assistance units are available; please speak to a deacon.



Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Blacknall is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Fellowship Community.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Acts 11 *Goodie Bell*
(Pew Bible page 1103)

Song of Response: “For Your Gift of God the Spirit”

The Bread & the Cup *Gluten-free available by request at all stations*

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams Scott & Jenny Hawkins (8:30)
Frauke & Charlie Schaefer (11)

About the Music

Reading the account of Peter’s vision and subsequent interaction with Cornelius (Acts 10-11) leaves me with a sense of *déjà vu*. Peter’s experience is no less dramatic, and no less traumatic, than when Saul was knocked to the ground and Ananias’s certitudes challenged (chapter 9). Ananias and Peter were disciples of Jesus, and at least in Peter’s case a life-long law-observer – but both of them needed to be shaken. Their “security” was in what they knew to be true, as to Saul’s irredeemable status (Ananias) and the Law (Peter). God shows both of them that He is waaaay beyond their understanding; it’s as if He tells Peter, “Do you really think that I care more about dietary codes than the people I created?” Look at the new song from Keith & Kristyn Getty. I am drawn to the simply-stated breadth of the verses, and the focus of the repeated line, “the Lord is my salvation.” It reminds me to place my hope in Him, and not in my understanding of what I’m “certain” His plans might be. There was wisdom centuries ago when God’s people said “Deo volente” – if God is willing – when discussing almost everything. His ways and thoughts are not just different; they are higher, purer, more lovely, more grace-full, more... Who is like the Lord our God?

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea;
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls;
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, and faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.*

Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church is called to glorify the Triune God, to make known the crucified and risen Christ, and to advance the Kingdom that God is building in us, in Durham, and around the world.

Our Life Together

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

We rejoice with Joe & Melissa Marsh in the birth of their daughter Samantha Jordan Marsh on February 4.

Today we welcome **Mary Nolen to the Lord’s Table for the first time**, and last Sunday we welcomed Mary Claire Connolly and Mikayla Mitchell. They all recently completed the Communion Conversations class. We rejoice with their families in this milestone of their child’s faith and pray for God’s Spirit to continue His maturing work.

Pray for Blacknall missionaries Jonathan & Rocío Mikes, with Latin America Mission, working with a young church in Southern Mexico City. Jonathan wrote, “Without question, this past year was ‘The Year of BridgeWay.’ We’re blown away by God’s faithfulness with the opening of BridgeWay North American School. Though our primary ministry is serving in pastoral leadership of La Fuente Church, BridgeWay is a new initiative in partnership with La Fuente and other Christian organizations.” Prayer requests: 1) praises for many new people who attended a special Christmas event at La Fuente Church; 2) a series of messages based on Matthew to ignite a passion for many to follow Christ; 3) the church members to balance their busy work schedules and family commitments with time to serve in the church; 4) guidance and growth for the church’s leadership team and lay preachers; 5) growth in enrollment and financial stability for BridgeWay School.

Church Programs & Events

Tonight – Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach, 6-7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Gather to pray for God’s Kingdom to come on campuses, in Durham, and around the world. Childcare provided.

Today – 4th & 5th Grade Girls Bake Sale, Atrium & Commons. Pick up delicious, homemade goodies in time for Valentine’s Day! All proceeds go to our Deep Common Journey partner Families Moving Forward to help provide medical supplies for children and families. Last year we raised \$790; thank you very much for your generosity!

Mid-Winter Game Night! Friday, Feb. 15 6:30-9 p.m. The Hospitality Committee is hosting a game night in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll have various board games on hand, and you are encouraged to bring your favorites to share. Please come and join the fun! All ages welcome. Contact: Stefanie Tokiyama (stefanietokiyama@gmail.com).

Children’s Ministry

Children’s & Junior Church – A continuation of the worship service in their own space is offered for children after the Children’s Blessing. Children’s Church is for 4 and 5 year olds in Room 105, and Junior Church is for 1st and 2nd graders in Room 112. Please pick up your children promptly after the 11 a.m. service.

Youth Ministry

High School & Middle School BYG meet tonight 5-6:30 p.m. Middle School meets in the Corner Room and High School meets in the Youth Room. Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Young Adults

Today – Young Adult Lunch, 12:30 p.m. A time of fellowship and fun after the 11 a.m. service. Chicken from Alpaca is provided; bring a side dish or dessert, if you can. Even if it’s your first week here, please join us!

Women’s Ministry

Knit Together – Saturday, Feb. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sara Patten’s home (503 N. Driver St, Durham). A time to work on knitting/sewing/craft projects with the benefit of forming rich inter-generational friendships.

Mark your calendars and set your caps for the next appearance of The Betty: Keeping God in The Story! Thursday Mar. 14, 7:30-9 p.m., Fellowship Hall. In the spirit of Lent, the theme of this Betty is “Relinquishment.” If you are interested in sharing YOUR story of relinquishment, contact Kirsten Burkart (kmburkart@gmail.com).

Men’s Ministry

“Blind Spots” Mini-Series Lectures – Tuesday, Feb. 19 & Thursday, Mar. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Have you ever wondered why making changes to your life and relationships is so difficult? Men’s ministry guest speaker Fil Anderson will encourage us to turn to Jesus and ask for help to discover and avoid blind spots. Fil is the executive director of Journey Resources and a spiritual director. Dinner provided, no registration needed. Contact: Don Hoover (donhoov@gmail.com).

Announcements

Welcome Class of 2022 officers! Elders: Warren Gould, Nancy Grigg, Steve Hinkle, John Nicholson, Charlie Schaefer, Ashley Weinard. Deacons: Matt Eagleburger, Aaron Ebert, Maggie Holland, Nancy Jones, Chad Miller, Tana O’Keeffe. Thank you to the nominating committee for their work overseeing the process, to all the nominees for their willingness to serve, and to the congregation for their prayerful participation.

Director of Nursery & Preschool Ministries Position – Traci Hoover has signaled her intention to step away from her position, and we’re grateful for her excellent care and service over many years. Visit blacknall.org to view the job description and apply.