

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

Last week UCBC first year students visited local secondary schools to facilitate English language classes and Ebola prevention education. Through their Service Learning program, students continue to learn ways they can serve the community as new challenges arise. As students so often share, "We look at challenges as opportunities." **There has also been increased rebel violence** in the area. Please continue to pray for safety, for protection, for peace and an end to the Ebola crisis.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Thank you for praying for the TRUE Leadership Conference for international students and scholars that took place May 15-19 at Southwind Young Life Camp, Florida. Our Lord assembled an amazing group of international student participants. With Blacknall financial support we were able to scholarship six deserving students and assist with transportation costs.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve the FMF community tomorrow and Tuesday. Please pray for us as we serve these families with love and compassion. We are hopeful that our service will bring encouragement to these families who are struggling in this crisis. Please pray for available, affordable housing and employment opportunities for the current residents of FMF.

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality Community Worship - June 10, July 17, Sept. 10, 7-8:15 p.m. This hour of worship at the Reality Center is for all ages and abilities.

Farm Community Workdays - Saturdays, July 6 and Aug. 3, 9-1 p.m. (workday and potluck lunch). All are welcome! For more information, reach out to Katy Phillips (lindleykpl@gmail.com).

Finance

Fiscal-Year Ends June 30, 2019

Total Annual Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019: \$1,608,522

Total offering received as of June 2, 2019: \$1,410,421

Additional offering needed by June 30, 2019: \$198,101

One aspect of being Christ's disciples is entering into the joy of His ministry on every level, including providing financially for the mission of the church. We invite all Blacknall members and friends to consider carefully your giving as our church approaches the fiscal year end on June 30, and as you approach the midpoint of your annual giving.

We rejoice in the Lord's generosity to our church family and thank you in advance for participating in our mission.

The finance summary above differs from our usual format. The income total is updated each week and shows the total additional offering needed to meet budget before the fiscal year completes in June. The traditional summary (shown below) is updated at the close of each month with the actual offerings received compared to budget need as of the end of that month. Please direct any questions to the financial administrator Carol Smith (csmith@blacknall.org).

Actual offering through May 31, 2019: \$1,372,331

Offering need through May 31, 2019: \$1,415,499

Ahead/(behind) as of May 31, 2019: \$(43,168)

There are multiple ways to give to Blacknall:

- Cash/check in the offering plate or brought to the church office
- Checks mailed to the church office
- Automatic bank drafts as a part of bill pay directed to Blacknall using your local bank.
- Gifts of stock. For more information about how to transfer stock to Blacknall, contact Rick Every (revery18@aol.com) or
- Carol Smith (csmith@blacknall.org).
- Online giving from our website
- For more giving details, visit blacknall.org.



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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 2019

Songs of Adoration

"Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here"

"Spirit of the Living God"

Invocation

"For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 30

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "My Worth is Not in What I Own"

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Acts 21 *Goodie Bell*
(Pew Bible page 1116)

Song of Response: “My Goal is God Himself”

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: Rick & Mimi Every (8:30)
Kim Dunderdale & Martha Carlough (11)

About the Music

Acts 21 tells of Paul’s journey to Jerusalem’s doorstep; by my count, including his starting point of Miletus, he has 7 stops on his trek. But the central, repeated theme is of believers in different places urging Paul to abandon his plan, to avoid Jerusalem. This fervent counsel includes the curious, “through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go to Jerusalem.” There are different ways to think about this, and I will leave it to Goodie to make it clear to us today. (!) This much jumps out to me: this account is a parallel to Peter and the disciples urging Jesus to avoid Jerusalem. Both sets of “urgers” might have really good reasons. But both Jesus and Paul are being led on a higher level; and even the believers in Acts 20 come around to sound like Jesus in the Garden: “The Lord’s will be done.” What are the chances that you would perceive and follow the Spirit’s leading such that you would resist the counsel of brothers and sisters in the Lord, knowing that you were being led into great danger? Paul’s answer in verse 13 sounds like the basis for his best sentence in Philippians: To live is Christ, and to die is gain. I long for comfort and security, so this makes me rather nervous about praying for the Spirit’s leading – are such difficult days in my future, in God’s plan for me? What about you? As Bach said, *Jesu juva* – Jesus help me. He is for you, in every circumstance. Happy Pentecost!

My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace,
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God.
‘Tis His to lead me there, not mine, but His,
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road.

So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her there.
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard
‘Til God hath full fulfilled my deepest prayer.

No matter tho the way be sometimes dark,
No matter tho the cost be oft-times great.
He knoweth how I best should reach the mark.
The path that leads to Him, it must be straight.

One thing I know, that “no” I cannot say;
One thing I do, I press towards my Lord.
My God, my glory here from day to day,
And in the glory there, my great reward.

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 Eric & Mayumi Brewer in the birth of their son Taishi Isaac Brewer on May 27, **with Madison and Pamela Perry** in the birth of their son John Brooks Perry on May 28, **and with Christian and Cory Pikaart** in the birth of their daughter Margaret Elliot Green Pikaart on May 30.

Pray for Paul & Phyllis Immanuel in the death of Phyllis’ twin brother, Phil, on June 1; **and for Kevin & Anne Harbour Tonn** in the death of Anne’s father on June 2.

Blacknall missionaries Jim & Julianna (Hawkins) Gieser, who are affiliated with Antioch Partners, have been invited to join the staff of a campus ministry of Cape Town University in South Africa, but currently lack the necessary visas. Prayer requests: 1) thanksgiving for Jim’s 2-week visit to South Africa and his meetings with the Cape Town University Staff; 2) praise that the South African government has advised them concerning the kind of visa they should apply for; 3) the attainment of 100% of their financial support; 4) the speedy issuance of their visas; 5) swift and full healing for their son, “little Hawk.”

Church Programs & Events

Today – Come celebrate and be glad! We will gather and celebrate with stories and great food at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a feast and hear reports from our own congregation and mission partners locally, on campus, and internationally of how the lost have been found. Come and be encouraged or come and bring your own story. Childcare provided. Dinner is free, and all are welcome. Contact: David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Communion & Healing Service – Sunday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Celebrate the Lord’s Supper and receive prayer for yourself and others.

Blacknall is planning a mission trip to Athens, Greece to support and encourage Blacknall missionaries, David & Erin Pervis, in their work in church-planting and caring for refugees. The trip will be around the dates of October 5-12. We are looking for team members ages 16 and up who are flexible and are willing to learn and be encouragers. Applications available at blacknall.org. For more information, contact Ali Shoenfelt (ali@blacknall.org) or David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Summer Sunday School – Sundays, June 2-August 18, 10-10:45 a.m. Classes are always open to visitors! If you need help locating a class, look for a deacon wearing a red vest. Pick up a Sunday School guide in the Narthex or Upper Atrium for a full list of classes.

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.

Children’s Sunday School – 4 year-old Bugs through 5th grade will meet together in room 102 this summer for “What’s in the Bible with Buck Denver.”

Women’s Ministry

Blacknall Ladies’ Night at Bull City Mini! Thursday, June 20, 7-9 p.m. All Blacknall women and their friends are invited to celebrate June birthdays and enjoy fellowship at Bull City Mini, next to the Durham Bulls stadium (359 Blackwell St.). \$5 Mini Golf rounds (tell the staff you’re with Blacknall for \$2 off) and a free LocoPop for any June birthday girls! Contact: Julie Bryce (julieabryce@gmail.com).

“The Betty” (Women’s Storytelling Evening) – Thursday, June 27, 7-9 p.m. at Lauren Holahan’s home (4428 Guess Road, Durham). The Betty is a forum for all of us to hear, resonate with, and reflect on sacred stories in the company of other listeners. Weather permitting, the stories will be told outdoors, so bring a lawn chair/blanket and a friend. Bug spray and summer beverages provided. Contact: Lauren Holahan (lauren.holahan@gmail.com).

Women’s Retreat Save-the-Date – Nov. 8-10 at Valle Crucis Conference Center. Join us for a weekend in the mountains with speakers Pastor Goodie Bell and Pastor Rebecca Gurney.

Announcement

Blacknall Around the World – Blacknall’s summer prayer guide for our ministry partners is now available! Pick up a copy from your pew and take it home with you to read and pray.

Community Announcements

Samaritan Health Center, a Blacknall-supported ministry, has two part-time job openings – a staff nurse and dental assistant. Please spread the word about these openings and pray that they will be filled quickly. For job descriptions and applications, visit samaritanhealthcenter.org.

Walltown Food Bank is in need of food contributions. Especially needed items are eggs, rice, grits, cold cereal, mashed potatoes, canned meat, canned fruit, saltine crackers, gift cards (Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Dollar Tree). Thank you for supporting those who are hungry in our community.