

Deep Common Journey Partners

A Deep Common Journey is a partnership that we have entered into with an organization in mission toward learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Please visit Blacknall's website for more information on Deep Common Journey Partnerships.

CONGO INITIATIVE

Help send children at La Charité back to school with supplies. The Center for Holistic Family Development, a ministry of Congo Initiative, serves more than 300 children in grades K-6 by providing loving, quality, primary education. In the next few weeks we will be collecting school supplies for these children. A list of supplies needed, along with instructions, is available in the lower atrium.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

International students from all over the globe (undergraduate and graduate) are coming to Durham and we invite you to help us welcome them with a friendly face and helping hand, all in the name of Jesus. Ways to help: 1) Airport Welcome with incoming freshman on August 18-19; 2) Shopping Trip to Target with graduate students, various dates in August. Contact: Dan Kronstad (dkronstad@isionline.org, ivolunteers.website).

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

Blacknall's next service opportunity is September 11-12. For those who are new to Blacknall, partnering with Families Moving Forward, an emergency shelter addressing the needs of homeless families, offers another avenue to continue our mission of being an "outpost of the Kingdom" in Durham. The tasks involve preparing and serving meals and providing child care as the parents attend meetings and classes at the FMF home. For additional information contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com).

Barrel of Joy – Consider donating the following needed items: twin and full size sheets, blankets/comforters, pillows, paper towels, bathroom tissue, laundry detergent, trash bags, bleach, dryer sheets, bath/hand soap and deodorant. Items can be dropped off in the lower atrium on September 3 and 10.

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality is looking for Daytime programming volunteers starting in September. Daytime is an incredible opportunity to participate in a relational, life-changing ministry. It is easy to get involved—you don't have to have "experience," just a willingness to get to know people! They especially need folks who are interested in cooking or being part of a lunch team, or want to come alongside our friends with intellectual/developmental disabilities as they participate in activities. Contact: David Sittser (david@realityministries.org).

Finance

Fiscal-Year Ended June 30, 2017

Total Budget goal: \$1,485,036

Total Income: \$1,465,090*

Total Expense: \$1,424,626*

Income Exceeding Expense: \$40,464*

*provisional totals as of July 14

Officers

Elders (Session)

Class of 2018

Chris Blumhofer

Pete Gerend

Steve Hinkle

Don Hoover

Warren Kinghorn

Class of 2019

Matt Bridges

Warren Gould

Nancy Grigg

Charlie Schaefer

Ashley Weinard

Michael Whisenhunt

Class of 2020

Jeff Baker

Martha Carlough

Doug Dahms

Alex Hartemink

Mark Paulson (clerk)

Deacons

Class of 2018

Kris Barman (chair)

Jonathan Cox

Dale Flowers

Ken Kernodle

Bob Leslie

Caleb Pineo

Class of 2019

Doug Busch

Barry Leonard

Tana O'Keefe

Christian Pikaart

Emmaline Thor

Class of 2020

Rick Copland

Michelle Haller

Steve Nashland

Amalia Postier

Stefanie Tokiyama

Anna Wade

STAFF

Allan Poole – Pastor

David Dunderdale – Pastor

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Margaret Frothingham – Director of Congregational Care

Traci Hoover – Director of Preschool Children's Ministries

Tanya Kronstad – Director of Middle School Ministries

Beth Solie – Director of Elementary Children's Ministries

Dave Stuntz – Director of Music Ministries

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BLACKNALL

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 13, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Invocation

"Outpost of the Kingdom"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:12-21

"My Goal is God Himself"

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.

The flowers in the Foyer today are given to the glory of God by Steve & Donna McBrite in honor of all the volunteers that selflessly offer their time and talents to Blacknall. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers during the service. Hearing assistance units are available, please speak to one of the deacons.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Daniel *Allan Poole*
(*Pew Bible page 881*)

Song of Response: “Speak, O Lord”

The Bread and the Cup *Gluten-free elements by piano*

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Focus on Mission *Hana Kamiya*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Jenny & Scott Hawkins (8:30)
Bob & Donna Mutter (11)

Next Week’s Sermon text: *Ezra and Nehemiah – Restoration*

About the Music

One of the themes of the book of Daniel is courage – think of Daniel’s consistent prayer habits, even after such prayers were outlawed. And the moment when his three friends (the guys with the strange names) were threatened with being burned alive, they proclaimed God’s power to save them – then said, “But even if He doesn’t save us, we won’t bow down to you!” Incredible! It would be easy to identify Daniel & his friends as “simply” being super-courageous by nature; but that would be missing the mark. They were courageous, yes; but more accurately, they were confident in God’s power and committed to Him as being trustworthy. I am not courageous by nature, but I can hear God’s call to deeper confidence and commitment, which has the potential (by God’s work) to make me more courageous in Him (see Ephesians 6). A significant part of the identity of Daniel and his friends was the understanding that they were part of a people with a “deep and wide” history with God. As we sing “Outpost of the Kingdom” (thanks Bill Schaefer!), let the joyful music lift your heart in gratitude; notice the constant plural language (“we” and “our”). Find your identity in the Community of God’s People, and find greater strength.

Our hope rests in God’s compassionate love; a family, once broken, now restored.
Through our thankful lips His Holy Spirit breathes the message of Good News to this world.

He gives us strength through our weakness redeemed;
We share each other’s burdens, for our freedom’s won.
With grateful hearts, we worship our King; our lives proclaim His kingdom come!

The night is over, the day has dawned; our eyes, once blinded, now can see!
Death is defeated, the price is paid; we are raised as the standard of His victory!

*We are an outpost of the Kingdom, a living, holy temple of the Lord of All!
We are a lighthouse in the darkness, a beacon of love for those who hear His call.
He has come! He has come! He has come!*

*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

Let’s pray for the family of Amy Collinsworth, who died on July 29.

We rejoice with Luke Demarest & Alys McAlpine in their marriage on August 6; with **Aaron & Sara Patten** in the birth of their son Christopher Willard Patten on July 28; and with **Scott & Grace Hamman** in the birth of their son Simon John Hamman on July 26.

Pray for Blacknall missionary Hana Kamiya, with South America Mission. After some time at home and with us at Blacknall, recuperating and seeking the Lord’s future direction for her life, Hana will be going to Costa Rica for Spanish language training. Specific prayers requests: 1) praises for the opportunity to attend a conference in July on ways to support first term missionaries; 2) guidance in applying what she learned about helping and serving her missionary colleagues; 3) thanksgiving for the chance to attend Spanish language school in Costa Rica this fall; 4) adequate funds and fruitful months of study at the school.

Church Programs & Events

Today – 10 a.m. Belief, Behavior, & Belonging Sunday School Class: The Making of A Follower of Jesus Christ. Allan Poole is leading this three week class in the Fellowship Hall. The class discusses the dynamics of Christian discipleship, anchored in the Biblical text, with a particular focus on the interaction of the heart, mind, and will, within the context of our life together.

Today – 12:30 p.m. Hana Kamiya Potluck Lunch. Come learn more about Hana’s restorative year in North Carolina and her exciting next steps in ministry with South America Mission. Join us for lunch after the second service in the Fellowship Hall and please bring something to share.

Tonight – 6-7:30 p.m. Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a simple supper followed by prayer for our partners in mission in Durham, on campus, in Congo, and around the world.

Communion & Healing Service – Next Sunday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Please join us for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with the opportunity to receive prayer for yourself and others.

Summer Movie Night – Friday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. Come cool off and enjoy the show! This is not just for families with young children—young, old, singles, couples—all are welcome, and please bring friends! Lemonade and popcorn provided. The movie title will be announced later. Suggestions? Email Beth Solie (bsolie@blacknall.org) or Tana O’Keefe (okeetana@gmail.com) with your ideas.

Labor Day Weekend Brunch Potluck – Sunday, September 4. All are invited to a congregational brunch potluck at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a tasty treat to share; coffee will be provided.

Table Talk is coming! Table Talk is Blacknall’s Wednesday evening dinner and teaching time that will run this fall. We are putting together teams to help with cooking the meals, setting up the Fellowship Hall, and cleanup. If you can help please contact: David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Lunch Break – Wednesday, August 16, 12-1:15 p.m. in the Parlor. We will share a delicious lunch, as well as rich conversation with each other. Studying God’s word, encouraging and praying for one another are just some of the things you can anticipate when you take your lunch break with us. RSVP Lauren McCrary (lauren.mccrary@gmail.com).

Thursday Morning Women’s bible study begins on September 14, 9:30-11:15 a.m. (childcare available starting at 9:15 a.m.). The topic of study is the book, “Nehemiah: Rebuilt and Rebuilding” by Kathleen Nielson. This is a 10-week study, set in the time of the return from exile. The areas of focus are depth in Scripture study and small groups. Let’s have fun, too! Childcare provided for birth through age 5. Cost is \$20/semester, collected on the first day. To register yourself and children, go to www.blacknall.org

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. After the 8:30 service, please pick up your children and prepare them for Sunday school (i.e. bathroom break!) before taking them to their classes. After the 11:00 service, please pick up your children promptly.

Sunday, August 27 all children will move up to their next grade level. Rising 4 year olds/Bugs will join the first part of the worship service for the first time and rising third graders will receive Bibles.

Kids 2 Kids Summer Reading Program ends today! Kids, add the books you read to our final count. The more books you’ve read, the more we can give to Families Moving Forward. Stop by the library and get your final stickers today!

Announcements

Old Testament Resources – Suggested reading to orient you to the content and movement of the Old Testament. “How to Read the Bible book by book: A Guided Tour” by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart; The Bible Project, online at www.thebibleproject.com; “The Jesus Storybook Bible” written by Sally Lloyd-Jones and illustrated by Jago.

Wanna sing? – Soon it will be time to start on (gasp) Christmas music! **Wanna play?** There is always room for more instrumentalists! **Wanna help run the PowerPoint or sound system?** We are eager to add some new folks to our team. For all these things: speak to Dave Stuntz right away.