

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.

In just a few weeks international students from all over the globe (undergraduate and graduate) will be 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. Here are two ways to assist in August: (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, 630.903.1300, ivolunteers.website.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

Blacknall's next service week is September 11-12. This is an opportunity to work together with other Blacknall folks to provide meals for families who are staying in the FMF shelter, as well as childcare, while parents attend classes. For additional information about FMF, please contact Anne Paulson at annepaulson1@gmail.com.

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality Ministries is turning 10! On Saturday, Aug 12 we'll celebrate with a block party; drop by the Reality Center between 6:00 and 8:00 for slides, memories, a DJ, food trucks and, of course, birthday cake!

Reality is looking for committed volunteers to be part of their Daytime programming, 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 (a) are interested in cooking or being part of a lunch team, or (b) want to come alongside our friends with intellectual/developmental disabilities as they participate in various Daytime 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

There are multiple ways to give to Blacknall:

- Cash or check in the offering plate on Sunday morning 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. Contact Rick Every for more information about how to transfer stock to Blacknall (919-489-9733; revery18@aol.com).
- Online giving is available from our website (including ACH, debit card, and credit card donations). Repeat giving (as well as one time gifts) can also be set up through CCB by using the GIVE tab.
- Details on all giving options are available via our website: <http://blacknall.org/giving>.

STAFF

Allan Poole – Pastor

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Goodie Bell – Pastor

Margaret Frothingham – Director of Congregational Care

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Tanya Kronstad – Director of Middle School Ministries

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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 6, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“All Who Are Thirsty”

“Come, O Redeemer, Come”

Invocation

“Abana in Heaven”

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18

“Set Me as a Seal”

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,

For love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Clausen

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “Good to Me”

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.

Baptism of Gunner FeiYang Clawson

(8:30)

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 during the service. Hearing assistance units are available, please speak to one of the deacons.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Isaiah 49 *David Stuntz*
(Pew Bible page 730)

Song of Response: “There is a Hope”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts: “Imagine”
Getty

Janet Stolp, soloist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Martha Carlough & June Van Bruggen (8:30)
Frauke Schaefer & Kim Dunderdale (11)

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

About the Music

Most likely, none of us has ever experienced exile (at least I hope that is true). The forced banishment from your home is a horrific punishment – it was France’s final response to Napoleon, which was approximately 2400 years after it was God’s final response to Israel. The nation had lived as if God was “their’s” instead of the other way around. In spite of many generations of warnings, Israel turned their faces away – so, in essence, God did the same. Paul’s words capture it: “Although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him...therefore God gave them over...” (from Romans 1) France made it clear that they never wanted Napoleon to return; the amazing fact of Israel’s exile is that God couldn’t stop talking about the abundance awaiting them when He brought them back. It is as if the exile was what He *had* to do, but the restoration was what he *wanted* to do. Isaiah’s words about what awaited Israel are full of extravagant promises. It reminds me of the promises that we have received in Christ: life after death, no more tears or suffering, a home with Him. Allan has said that we cannot believe what we cannot imagine (or something close to that) – a phrase that captures how reading especially the Psalms and Isaiah has significantly changed me. The words beckon me to a much bigger God, and a much richer life, by appealing to my imagination. When we suffer, it is as if, for a time, we are in exile – it becomes easy to think, Has God abandoned me? Where does hopelessness drown out all light with its darkness and despair? Jesus the Light and Life of the World seeks to invade that place, to bring His light, to call you to walk with Him. What if He is with you in the midst of the suffering, seeking to encourage you by His presence and promises? That is our hope. Imagine...

Who hears?

Who hears the voice of the hungry, the thirsty?

Who sees?

Who sees the tears of the suffering ones?

Who knows?

Who knows the hopes that lie hidden, forgotten?

Who comes?

Who comes to lead all the children home?

*Imagine a King who would come through the darkness
And walk, where I walk, full of greatness,
And call me to His side, just like a father and child.*

*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 Aaron and Sara Patten in the birth of their son Christopher Willard Patten on July 28 and with Scott and Grace Hamman in the birth of their son Simon John Hamman on July 26.

Pray for Blacknall missionaries Dick and Nancy Baggé, who have supported the work of Bible translation for 25+ years in Kenya and throughout Africa, by serving as coordinators for counseling of Wycliffe Bible translators. Specific prayer requests: (1) thanksgiving for the provision of a rental house close to their office in Waxhaw; (2) strength and stamina to pack and move in mid-August from Augusta, Georgia; (3) guidance in finding a church home and developing a community in a new place; (4) compassion and skill in counseling missionaries; (5) the growth of the trauma healing ministry in Ukraine and Africa.

Church Programs & Events

Save the date: 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.

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

Kids 2 Kids Summer Reading Program runs through August 13! Stop by the library today to sign up for the program or to get your sticker for books read. Summer is a fun time to pick up a book just for the joy of reading. But there’s another reason for kids to read: Every summer we see how many books our kids can read and based on our grand total, we make a donation to a mission involving kids. **This year we’re supporting Families Moving Forward.** It’s a wonderful way to encourage your kids to help other kids! Here’s how it works: Kids from birth-high school read (or have their parents read to them) any book from the Blacknall Library, then record the books read on the sticker chart outside the library. Watch our total number grow, and learn more about Families Moving Forward this summer!

Women’s Ministry

Summer Evening Book Group – Final Thursday evening on August 10, 7:30-9 p.m. The theme of this year’s Women’s Retreat (November 10-12) is attentive listening. You are invited to a 4-week book study of *The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction* by Adam McHugh. Feel free to come this Thursday at Caroline Raby’s home (94 Fountain View Lane, The Forest at Duke). Contact: Margaret (mfrothingham@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.

Announcements

Copies of the August Missionary Prayer Guide are on the table in the narthex and in the upper atrium. Please take a copy home and use it as a guide to pray for Blacknall Church supported missionaries.

Join Jeremy Begbie for a dynamic concert on Friday September 1, 7:30 p.m. at Duke’s Goodson Chapel. The concert will explore the power of music to unlock the rhythm of the Gospel: home, away, home again. Dr. Begbie will lead an ensemble of over 30 musicians of faith from top professional orchestras around the U.S. All proceeds will go to the Ninth Street Neighborhood Corner House, a Reality Ministries community. For information and tickets, go to events@div.duke.edu.