

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

Please pray for faculty and students who are on break until the school year begins in October. Pray for a time of rejuvenation and a renewed passion for the Christian Bilingual University of Congo's (UCBC's) vision of raising up leaders who are being transformed in order to transform their nation.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Thank you for welcoming many international students over the past few weeks by meeting them at the airport, taking them shopping, and by being a friend! And now let us encourage you to keep these connections going. We invite you to help with the following opportunities: 1) Be a host for the International Supper Club; 2) Provide a meal for Tuesday LIFE (12-15 people). Details at <http://ivolunteers.website> or contact Dan Kronstad (dkronstad@isionline.org).

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

Please pray for the faithful group of volunteers who will be serving in Christ's name at FMF on Monday and Tuesday night. We want to extend hands of friendship and encouragement to the guests of FMF as we provide much needed dinner and childcare. What a privilege it is to enter into these families' lives during these very uncertain times. We are thankful to this ministry at FMF for the opportunity to be a part of ending homelessness.

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality Ministries is seeking a part-time facilities manager (10 hours/week). This person will work with the Operations Manager to prioritize projects and will be part of the Reality Center beautification team. For more information, go to their website, www.realityministriesinc.org.

Community Events

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Durham) will host a free 5-week series on "Dementia: Navigating the Long Unknown" from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Music Room at the church beginning September 17. All are welcome. Learn more at wpcdurham.org/dementia or contact Heather Ferguson (919.489.4974).

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, 10-session educational program for adults with mental illness who are looking to better understand their condition and journey toward recovery. Taught by a trained team of people who've been there, the program includes presentations, discussion and interactive exercises. Our next class begins September 11 and will be every Monday from 7-9 p.m. at Watts Street Baptist Church (800 Watts St, Durham) for 10 weeks. To attend, contact Donna Carrington (dcarrington9@gmail.com; 919.231.5016).

Finance

"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

July 1 through July 31, 2017

Actual offerings: \$74,551
Offering need: \$121,607
Ahead/(behind): (\$47,056)

Thank you for your generous gifts to support the ongoing ministry of Blacknall. For more details regarding our finances you can find the most recent monthly finance report on the bulletin board outside of the Community Room.

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



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



BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 10, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"Jesus Messiah"

Invocation

"Still, My Soul Be Still"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "Jesus Messiah"

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 in honor of our Armed Service men and women, and Emergency Response personnel.

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: Philippians 1 *Allan Poole*
(Pew Bible page 1178)

Song of Response: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts: “Come Alive”
Daigle
Meggan Cashwell & Jamie Turnage, duet

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Martha Carlough & June VanBruggen (8:30)
Frauke Schaefer & Cathy Leslie (11)

About the Music

I can’t help but wonder what songs Paul might have been singing to himself while in prison. I wonder if the Psalm we read today was one of his favorite tunes? Could Paul have been humming “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my inmost being, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...” while he was sitting in jail? Or maybe, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.” (Psalm 42:1) Or on a really bad day, “How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?” (Psalm 13:1).

Our songs this week, though written by different people with different ideas in mind, with different words and notes and chords, all point us to the same truths of the gospel: God’s love is DEEP for us. He became sin so that we could become His righteousness through His son Jesus. He has written our names on His hands and heart. We were lost, but He sought and found us.

Paul trusted that these truths, the truths of the gospel of Jesus, would continue, even after he was gone. “... I always pray with joy... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” We, too, can live in the confidence of Jesus and His work in our lives. We can trust that His love is deep, He is our righteousness, our names are on His hands and heart, that He has found us and that HE will carry on His work in us.

*As a side note, I want to thank Sadie Shoenfelt for singing with us on Jesus Messiah. We are blessed to have you, Sadie!
- Jamie Turnage

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 Matt & Natalie Eagleburger in the birth of their daughter Emmeline Renee Eagleburger on August 31.

Pray for Tom & Judy Harvey, with World Mission of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). “[Dr.] Thomas Harvey, OCMS [Oxford Centre of Missions Studies] academic Dean, joined the faculty in 2008 after serving as a lecturer, research tutor and church leader in Singapore and China. Tom has brought to OCMS a passion for church/state engagement in the non-Western world. His goal is to bring together the unique perspective of Global Christian leaders and cutting-edge research to address the critical issues facing our world.” Prayer requests: 1) the ability of students to juggle their various responsibilities and to make good progress in the writing of their theses; 2) thanksgiving for students and graduates who are ministering to Muslim refugees in Europe and Lebanon; 3) protection of students and their families who live in areas where it is dangerous to be a Christian; 4) daily renewal for Tom in his role as dean and for Judy in her women’s ministry.

Church Programs & Events

Today – Congregational Meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The session has called a meeting to receive the budget for fiscal year 2017/2018, to approve changes in terms of call for our pastors, and to pray together for the year ahead. Please bring a dish to share. Childcare provided for birth-age 4.

Nominating Committee Vote – Sunday, September 17. Blacknall members will be asked to vote to approve a slate of six individuals to join the Nominating Committee from the membership at-large. These six individuals will join two elders and one deacon in working through the fall to identify candidates to stand for election for the offices of elder and deacon. Two pastors, Allan Poole and Goodie Bell, will also attend committee meetings, ex officio.

Table Talk – Wednesdays, September 20-November 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gather for a meal, for good conversation, and for learning how we can walk more faithfully in the way of Jesus. Course topics include: financial discipleship, understanding and engaging Western culture with the gospel, how to read the Bible with fresh eyes, and the practice of prayer. Programming and childcare provided for birth through middle school. For more information, contact David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Inquirers’ Class (New Members) – Sundays, October 8-November 19, 5 p.m. in the Parlor. Are you interested in inquiring about life and membership at Blacknall? Come get to know more about Blacknall, and let us get to know you! To attend, contact the church office (churchoffice@blacknall.org).

Women’s Ministry

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 the 10-week study is the book, “Nehemiah: Rebuilt and Rebuilding” by Kathleen Nielson, set in the time of the return from exile. The areas of focus are in-depth Scripture study and small groups. Let’s have fun, too! Childcare provided for birth through age 4. Cost is \$20/semester, collected on the first day. To register yourself and children, go to www.blacknall.org.

Knit Together – Saturday, September 16, 9:30-11 a.m. Drop by Nan Lee’s house (2207 Arrington Street, Durham) for a friendly welcome, encouragement on your knitting or sewing project, and delicious snacks.

Men’s Ministry

Monday Morning Men’s group (M3) starts on Monday, September 18, 6:15-7:15 a.m. in the Parlor, and provides an excellent opportunity to discuss and process the sermon from the previous Sunday. The preparation is minimal, basically attending the Sunday service, but that’s not even required. And, there is no commitment to be there each week, just come when you are able. Bagels and coffee are served (free of charge). If you have questions, please contact Peter Lima (peterlima70@gmail.com).

Children’s Ministry

Today – Blacknall Dancers begins and meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. We welcome girls and boys first-fifth grade. No special dance attire required, but we do recommend ballet shoes and stretchy pants (no jeans please). Register at tinyurl.com/blacknalldance. Join us for a parent’s meeting on September 17, 5:45 p.m. in room 402. Contact: Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com).

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.

Summer Camps 2018 – Save-the-date for next year’s summer offerings! Art Camp I (Rising K and rising 1st Grade) - June 18-21. Girls Discovery Week (Rising 4th Grade - rising 6th Grade) - June 25-28. Art Camp II (Rising 2nd & 3rd Grades) - July 9-12.

Announcements

Hurricane Relief – All of us are concerned about timely delivery of help and resources for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We encourage you to consider making a contribution to relief efforts. A few organizations that we know and trust are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross.

Seeking donations of a double or queen bed and dresser for a friend of Blacknall. Please call the church office or email Ali Shoenfelt (ali@blacknall.org) if you have one to donate.