

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)

Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who served at Families Moving Forward this past week. As we served, we were reminded of the endless need in Durham for resources for those who have found themselves without shelter as well as the need for affordable housing. FMF is an avenue for Blacknall to be able to be a hands-on part of an answer to homelessness. Please contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com) or Kris Barman (krisbarman@mac.com) if you would like to explore being a volunteer with FMF, either with our quarterly service or a monthly commitment of your time.

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

The Congregation at Duke Chapel is offering a Fall Retreat on Money and Christians, Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m.-1p.m. here at Blacknall in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a morning of discussion and reflection on the unique way the Christian faith thinks about money. \$10 fee covers the cost of a catered lunch. Visit congregation.chapel.duke.edu/fall2017 for more details, and register by contacting congregation@duke.edu by Monday, October 9.

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 today, September 17. All are welcome. Learn more at wpcdurham.org/dementia or contact Heather Ferguson (919.489.4974).

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 August 31, 2017

Actual offerings: \$157,251
Offering need: \$228,013
Ahead/(behind): (\$70,763)

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



BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"A Morning Prayer"

Invocation

"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:5-6; 55:6-13

"Our Great God"

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

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.

The flowers in the Foyer are given today by John & Dare Nicholson to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of their daughter Jane to Mike Chiulli.

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 1:12-18 *David Dunderdale*
(*Pew Bible page 1178*)

Song of Response: “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Scott & Jenny Hawkins (8:30)
Mark & Anne Paulson (11)

About the Music

By the time I get to the end of each week, I am usually wiped out; my schedule is frenetic. The past 2-3 weeks have been full of “extras” – extra travel (to New York and Chattanooga), extra joy (officiating at my son’s wedding in NY, sharing in Jane and Michael’s wedding here yesterday), extra ooof (significant injuries and illness to family and friends). That which so easily dominates my vision is the here & now, stuff, time, and the constant temptation to inflate “minors” into “majors”. When you read Philippians, it seems that Paul is seeing himself and everything around him from a more elevated platform – from God’s perspective (not fully, obviously, but at least a tad). In chains? This serves God’s higher purposes. Preaching from tawdry motives? As Mary Poppins would say, pish-posh: the gospel is proclaimed. Listen to God speak from Isaiah 49 and 55 – His perspective, His purposes, His salvation, is beyond us, “as high as the heavens are above the earth.” The Gospel of Christ is not a fire insurance policy – it is the redemption of the cosmos. Listen to our songs today, full of big, extravagant language in praise of the Redeemer, the Holy One – as we sing, we are proclaiming Him to one another, to powers and principalities, to the world around us. As we worship our great God, our small vision is enlarged. What fills your mind and heart this morning? Close your eyes, lift up your head, and give thanks. That which chains you to sin is gone; we are caught up in the grand redemptive work of our lavishly-loving God. Glory!

HUGE thanks to Jamie Turnage and Susan Mullins for providing skillful, winsome music leadership the past two weeks – to God be the glory!

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Who am I that You should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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 Jane Nicholson and Mike Chiulli, who exchanged wedding vows yesterday evening.

Pray for Blacknall missionary Jennifer (Jenn) West, with IVCF, Amsterdam, ministering to its many international students through ISMA, which is organized by Dutch Christians for all students and post-docs in Amsterdam & Amstelveen studying away from home. Specific prayer requests: (1) progress in her Dutch language study before she takes a proficiency exam for her visa; (2) opportunities for Jenn and her volunteers to befriend international students and to invite them to participate in Bible studies and retreats; (3) a growing interest in the gospel among international students; (4) the growth of International Student Ministry across Europe.

Church Programs & Events

Today – Nominating Committee Vote. At the conclusion of each service, members of the congregation will vote to approve the following at-large members of the Officer Nominating Committee: Brad Boswell, Sarah Coonley, Abby Demarest, Ken Ellzey, Mary Mathew, Tanya Moore, and Anne Paulson, all of whom are willing to serve. Those approved will join Barry Leonard (deacon), Nancy Grigg (elder, chair), Alex Hartemink (elder, co-chair), Allan Poole and Goodie Bell, ex officio. The Nominating Committee will be working this fall to prepare slates of candidates to stand for election to the office of elder and deacon in 2018. Your voice matters in this process. Next week the Committee will be soliciting recommendations from the congregation regarding individuals qualified to serve as an elder or deacon, so give this some prayerful consideration in the coming week.

Tonight – Communion & Healing Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with the opportunity to pray for Allan and Betsy and to receive prayer for yourself and others.

Table Talk Begins this Week – 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: the gospel and the arts, 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. Please register on the Blacknall website. For more information, contact David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

The Marriage Course - Thursdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, 6-8:30 p.m. An 8-week series designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate

more effectively, and resolve differences well. Each week you will be fed a delicious meal at an intimate table for two, listen to a practical talk, and have time for private discussion between you and your partner. You are welcome to invite friends or neighbors; the course is based on Christian principles but designed for couples with or without a church background. Childcare is available. Please register on the website and for more information contact Joyce Kight (nightingale1960me@yahoo.com).

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

Women’s Lunch Break – Wednesday, September 20, 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 Margaret Frothingham (mfrothingham@blacknall.org).

Men’s Ministry

Monday Morning Men’s group (M3) meets on Mondays from 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 Parent Meeting at 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.

Announcements

TLC and prayer for the Pooles – Many of you know that Allan suffered a heart attack last Sunday. He is now stable and will be recovering at home in the coming weeks. If you’d like to assist the Poole family in tangible ways, please email Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com). A care calendar will soon be accessible through the Blacknall website. Click the link under Announcements for the Pooles’ prayer requests and updates on Allan’s health.

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.