

## 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. **Also pray for David and Kassie Kasali** as they gather with family and friends to celebrate the marriage of their oldest son, Baraka, to Shannon O'Rourke this Saturday in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### 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](mailto:dkronstad@isionline.org)).

### FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

**Families Moving Forward provides Blacknall with an avenue for helping families** who have found themselves homeless; we are able to help in a very tangible, hands on way. If you would like to join our efforts to end homelessness in Durham, please contact Anne Paulson at [annepaulson1@gmail.com](mailto:annepaulson1@gmail.com). Our next service week is Dec 11th.

### REALITY MINISTRIES

**Reality's next Community Worship service will be Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.** Bring your family and friends! This hour of worship at the Reality Center (916 Lamond Ave., Durham) is for all ages and abilities. The service is led by friends from Reality and incorporates many of Reality's favorite songs and worship traditions. All are welcome!

## 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](http://congregation.chapel.duke.edu/fall2017) for more details, and register by contacting [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) by Monday, October 9.

## 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): (\$70,762)**

**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**  
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2017

### Songs of Adoration

"10,000 Reasons"

### Invocation

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 66

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

### Prayers of Confession

**Response of Gratitude:** "Salvation Belongs to the Lord"

### 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.*

### Baptism of Wade & Westyn Brown

(11)

### Children's Blessing

*Age 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Ginny & Doug Busch.

**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 1:18-26 *Goodie Bell*  
*(Pew Bible page 1178)*

**Song of Response:** “Knowing You”

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

## Life Together

**Presenting Our Gifts**

**Focus on Mission** *Dan & Tanya Kronstad*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Benediction**

**Prayer Teams:** Michael & Serena Whisenhunt (8:30)  
Joanne Beckman & Kim Dunderdale (11)

## About the Music

I love singing songs with big texts – my vision is expanded and my faith deepened when singing songs that revel in rich language describing a big, transcendent God. Similar to such music are the texts that I would call aspirational – poems that invite us to go deeper. A great example is the classic by Graham Kendrick, “Knowing You”. Based on Philippians, it is written as if it is being sung by Paul – so don’t be surprised if you find yourself hesitating, as you perhaps realize that your faith is not quite at Paul’s level. Who among us is fully comfortable singing the word “all” over and over? Don’t shrink from it! This is akin to my mother buying me shoes that were too big – “You’ll grow into them.” Hold onto the line from “Come Thou Fount”, “hither by Thy help I’ve come,” and give thanks that God has brought you to this “place” in your journey with Him. He absolutely loves you precisely the way you are today; and He absolutely desires that you “continue to work out your salvation” (Philippians 2:12) as He works within you, to grow you up into the very image of Christ. How’s THAT for a big thought? “To live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21) – there is no greater thing. Let’s sing, and rejoice, and grow, together.

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You’re my all, You’re my rest,  
You’re my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart’s desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

*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 today with **Meghan & Chip Brown** in the baptism of their son Wade and their daughter Westyn.

Please pray for **Ray Wilkins** in the death of her sister Ann on September 15; for **John & Dare Nicholson** in the death of Dare’s father Thomas “Buck” Bradley on September 18; and for **Jonathan & Rocio Mikes**, missionaries in Mexico City, who say of the earthquake, “We’re okay, it’s not good, though, overall.”

### Church Programs & Events

**Elder & Deacon Recommendations** – The Officer Nominating Committee (Goodie Bell, Brad Boswell, Sarah Coonley, Abby Demarest, Ken Ellzey, Nancy Grigg (chair), Alex Hartemink (co-chair), Barry Leonard, Mary Mathew, Tanya Moore, Anne Paulson, Allan Poole) is working this fall to prepare slates of candidates to stand for election to the offices of elder and deacon in 2018. Your voice matters in this process. We are soliciting recommendations from the congregation regarding qualified members who would serve effectively as an elder or deacon. If you would like the committee to consider a particular individual, please visit [tinyurl.com/officer-rec](http://tinyurl.com/officer-rec) to read about leadership characteristics and submit your recommendation. You may also submit a written recommendation to the church office or to any of the committee members (forms are outside the sanctuary in the entranceway).

**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](mailto:churchoffice@blacknall.org)).

**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: 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. It’s not too late to register on the Blacknall website! For more information, contact David Dunderdale ([ddunderdale@blacknall.org](mailto:ddunderdale@blacknall.org)).

**The Marriage Course** - Thursdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, 6-8:30 p.m. It’s not too late to join! 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](mailto:nightingale1960me@yahoo.com)).

**Annual Festival of the Bean – Sunday, October 29, 3-7 p.m.** at Camp Chestnut Ridge (4300 Camp Chestnut Ridge Road, Efland). Come enjoy the fellowship, wonderful food, bonfire, and hayrides! To participate in the chili competition for the chance to be crowned Lord of the Bean, please bring your chili to the check-in table by 4:45 p.m. The competition categories are Traditional, Vegetarian, Spicy, and Best in Show.

### 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](mailto:peterlima70@gmail.com)).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Poolies** – As you know, Allan suffered a heart attack two weeks ago. He is doing well and recovering at home. Meals and cards are encouraging, and they love all the flowers and cards folks have left on the front porch! Consider sending a card and responding to the question Allan asked in his most recent sermon on Philippians 1—“Why are you thankful for Jesus Christ in your life?” If you would like to volunteer for yard work, please email Anne Paulson ([apaulson1@gmail.com](mailto:apaulson1@gmail.com)).