

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 the faculty and students who are on break until the new school year begins in October. Pray for a time of refreshment and rejuvenation as well as 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); 3) Come to the International Welcome Event on Saturday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Details at <http://ivolunteers.website> or contact Dan Kronstad (dkronstad@isionline.org).

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

If you are interested in learning about the many ways to get involved with Reality Ministries, we have a Volunteer Orientation this Tuesday at 5:30 at the Reality Center (916 Lamond Ave, Durham). Come to learn more even if you're not ready to commit. No experience of any kind required.

Also on Tuesday evening, we will be having a Community Worship service at 7:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends! This hour of worship at the Reality Center 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!

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.

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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"Holy is the Lord God Almighty!"

Invocation

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

"How Great is Our God"

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"We Fall Down"

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "How Great is Our God"

Affirmation of Faith Creed

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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 Sloane Abigail Milke

(11)

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 by Gordie and Karen Simons in appreciation to God for 55 years of marriage.

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: Luke 9:28-36 *David Dunderdale*
(Pew Bible page 1039)

Song of Response: "Our Great God"

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Ruth Harrell & Ray Wilkins (8:30)
Dare & John Nicholson (11)

About the Music

This summer, we've been taken on a journey through the story of a people who continuously received gifts from God (manna, freedom from slavery, redemption) and, yet, continuously rejected Him. Prophet after prophet begged and pleaded with the people of God to turn to Him; to trust Him. I think about myself and can't even count how many times I've been in the same circumstances as the Israelites. I've wanted "more" from God. I've wanted to be like those around me. I've wanted to do my own thing and go my own way. And yet...

Despite my (our) restlessness, God has been merciful. He has "filled the earth with His glory". He is my (our) "beginning and the end". He has a "name above all names" and He is "worthy of all praise". He sent Jesus to Earth. For me. For you. What a gift! So today, I encourage you, because of God's great love for us, to sing out with all your might: "Hallelujah, glory be to our great God!"

- 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 Meredith & Scott Milke today in the baptism of their daughter, Sloane Abigail Milke.

Pray for Blacknall missionaries Mya & David Clarke, and their sons Tadhg, Levi, and Isaac. Mya writes: "Though my recovery has been very, very long and difficult, I am finally feeling some of the value of the spinal cord stimulation device implant! I am walking without crutches almost all the time, though my distance & length of time is still often limited. Please pray I get an invitation to see the multidisciplinary team this autumn...to [help me] progress further towards living a more normal life." Prayer requests: 1) thanksgiving that she has been having some better days and that she is more hopeful; 2) clarity in making decisions concerning the reshaping of her work this fall; 3) the debriefing of the summer interns to be a profitable time; 4) praises for God's work in the lives of young women whom she has been mentoring; 5) vision and guidance for their church's new rector and the leadership team.

Church Programs & Events

Today – 10 a.m. Labor Day Weekend Brunch Potluck. Come enjoy time together and learn more about Sunday School and other ministries at Blacknall. Bring a tasty treat to share; coffee will be provided.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, September 10, 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 through age 4.

Small groups are places where deep Christian community is formed and the work of discipleship happens. If you'd like to go deeper into fellowship and discipleship with others at Blacknall, let us know! Email Chris Blumhofer at SmallGroups@Blacknall.org.

Hang out with the 30s & 40s Sunday School Class at the Bell Farm. Join us at the home of Jack and Goodie Bell on Saturday, September 9 from 4-8 p.m. Potluck dinner, main dish provided. For more information, contact Goodie Bell (gbell@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

Young Adults

College Student Fellowship – Today we will join with the congregation for an all-church potluck. We'll begin our regular Sunday school group September 10, 10 a.m. in the Parlor!

Duke Divinity School Dinner & Worship – Students, faculty, and staff at Duke Divinity gather regularly at the home of Allan & Betsy Poole. Gatherings this fall will be on September 7, October 26, and December 6. For more information, contact Goodie Bell (gbell@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.

Blacknall Dancers start Sunday, September 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. We welcome girls and boys first-fifth grade to join us. 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).

Summer Camps 2018 – Save-the-date for next years' 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 Harvey Relief – All of us are concerned about timely delivery of help and resources for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. 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.

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).