

Deep Common Journey Partners

Partnership with an organization in mission toward learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Please visit Blacknall's website for more information.

CONGO INITIATIVE

Blacknall is hosting Congo Initiative's USA Board meeting October 19-21. Board members will be staying in the homes of Blacknall members. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and for unity as they meet and make decisions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Thanksgiving Day, November 23 - Holiday Hospitality. This popular initiative has drawn over 200 international students & scholars in the past two years. It's beautiful to exchange in ways that are dear to all—family and close friends, food and customs. And with 3/4 of all international students never receiving an invitation to an “American” home, we are following our Lord's practice to welcome all! Sign-up coming soon, or drop us a note now (istudentsduke@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 tangible, hands on way. Our next service week is December 11. If you would like to join our efforts to end homelessness in Durham, please contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com).

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality is looking for volunteers for their daytime and evening programs, as well as meal-making and other projects. There are lots of ways to get involved! Contact: David Sittser (david@realityministries.org).

Community Events

Walltown Neighborhood Ministries Food Drive – Families who rely on the food pantry will celebrate Thanksgiving with what you generously give. Items needed to fill the shelves—Oatmeal, Jelly, Canned soup, Canned leafy green veggies, Canned fruit, Flour, Sugar (small bags), Rice (small bags), Cake Mix, Spaghetti, Mac n' Cheese, Peanut Butter, Mustard, Ketchup.

SheLeads – A ministry leadership summit viewing party. Saturday, October 28, 11-6 p.m., Blacknall Fellowship Hall. The goal of this event is to empower, educate, connect, and encourage female leadership in and alongside the Church. Includes a live webcast of the event and opportunities to connect with other participants. Cost is \$20, includes lunch and Tara Beth Leech's book “Embolden.” To register, visit oakdurham.org/sheleads.

Wilberforce Conference – Friday, October 27, 1-7:30 p.m. A time to celebrate and study the practical implications of the Christian faith in professional and academic settings. Students, alumni, and area leaders invited to attend! Hosted by NC Study Center. Register at wilberforceconference.com.

Crescent Project National Conference – November 2-4, Apex, NC. This year's theme will highlight the remarkable work of God among Muslims around the world. To register, visit crescentproject.org/nc.

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: \$264,434
Offering need: \$334,419
Ahead/(behind): (\$69,985)

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)

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Chris Blumhofer
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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

Invocation

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

“Child of the Light”

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “Jesus Messiah”

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.

Katie Waltar, Duke Divinity Intern, is assisting with worship leadership today.

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 2:12-18 *Goodie Bell*
(Pew Bible page 1179)

Song of Response: “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Michael & Serena Whisenhunt (8:30)
Dare & John Nicholson (11)

About the Music

Two phrases from today’s sermon text (Philippians 2:12-18) grab me: “continue to work out your salvation” and “then you will shine like stars.” To understand the first (“work out”), you have to look at the next part of the sentence; and to understand the second phrase (“shine”) you have to look at the earlier part of the sentence. In both cases, there is an image incongruity that I find captivating. If we continue to work out our salvation, one of the things that Scripture promises us is rest. And we who are at our core darkened in our understanding are told that we will shine like stars. This is part of a larger Scriptural pattern: the people who walked in darkness see a great light; Jesus says that His burden is light; the Magi bring gifts to an impoverished couple and their Child; the Light of the World is proclaimed in the middle of the night, the birth of the King of Glory announced to the most marginal of people (shepherds). The key elements in the Philippians text are all in God’s hands: He “works in you...to fulfill His good purpose,” and we will “shine like stars” as a result, and again in accord with His good purposes. Think about it: we are earthen vessels that shine like stars. Both images are tantalizing to poets, so look for them in our songs. Here’s another image: Ezekiel says that the Lord removes our hearts of stone and gives us hearts of flesh – God’s work within us allows us, heart transplant recipients, to sing, “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness.” We are a choir of formerly-damaged-heart cracked clay pots, shining like stars and singing energetically under the glorious direction of the Lord of Hosts. In His hands, we are being “changed from glory into glory...lost in wonder, love and praise.”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love;
For every day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, ‘til in heaven we take our place,
‘Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

This morning, we welcome Ava Murphy to the Lord’s Table. She recently completed the Children & Communion Conversations class. We rejoice with Ava’s family in this milestone of their child’s faith and pray for God’s Spirit to continue His maturing work.

Please pray for missionaries Rollin & Wendy Grams. In his blog, Rollin recently wrote: “We should not expect justice, but we can still be the physical representation of divine grace in our day. Not the kumbaya unity and peace of the Church of England that no longer knows God’s standards, but the kind that witnesses to God’s peace in Jesus.” Specific prayer requests: 1) the PhD students who are preparing their thesis proposals; 2) PhD students who are working in dangerous circumstances in Pakistan, South Sudan, and southern Nigeria; 3) Wendy’s ministry of preparing online resources for teachers and homeschoolers; 4) reduction in violence and drought relief for Africa.

Church Programs & Events

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

11th 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, food, bonfires, and hayrides! Participate in the chili competition for the chance to be crowned Lord of the Bean (please bring chili by 4:45 p.m.).

Congo Initiative Potluck – Sunday, October 22, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck lunch where we can meet and greet members of the Congo Initiative board. Please bring a dish to share.

Building & Property Workday – Saturday, October 28, 8-12 p.m. Join us as we help to beautify the building by spreading mulch and other outside painting projects. If you are interested in participating, contact Donna McBrite (dmcbrite@blacknall.org) or Roger Eibest (reibest@embarqmail.com).

Youth Ministry

Middle & High School BYG Time tonight, 5-6:30 p.m. High School meets in the Youth Room and Middle School meets in the Corner Room. Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Lunch Break – Wednesday, October 18, 12-1:15 p.m. in the parlor. A time for professional women to share lunch, read scripture and

discuss our many vocations (jobs, gifts, roles). This Wednesday, the topic is Joy. Lunch is provided; bring a friend! Contact: Margaret Frothingham (mfrothingham@blacknall.org)

NEW! 1st Professional Women’s Affinity Group – Tuesday, October 24, 7:30-9:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall. How can Christ-following women in the workforce find creative ways to support and encourage each other? What does it mean to live out our faith across many facets of life? Come get to know one another’s professional selves and discuss work/life/faith balance. Join us for “speed friending” and a panel discussion featuring Blacknall women engaged in various professions. Non-Blacknall attendees are welcome. Contact: Alicia Ramos (saliciaramos@icloud.com). To register for childcare, contact Traci Hoover (thoover@blacknall.org).

Women’s Retreat – November 10-12, Valle Crucis Conference Center. “A Listening Heart, A Loving Heart” with Beth Hilliard and her aunt Beth Pocock as our speakers. As we cultivate a listening heart—attentive to God and His work around us—we find rest, communion and purpose. Cost is \$150, partial scholarships available. Register at blacknall.org or complete a form in the Lower Atrium. Register by October 24 and be entered in a drawing to win fun prizes. Contact: Tanya Moore (tem9j@aol.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 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

Bull City Race Fest – Sunday, October 22. The race route goes through many neighborhoods around Blacknall (Geer St, Main St, Anderson, Englewood, Ninth St). Find out if you need to amend your drive to Blacknall by viewing the course map on our website, blacknall.org.

Prayer for the Pooles – Thank you for praying and caring for the Pooles! Allan is doing well as he recuperates from his heart attack and continues cardiac rehab. He is looking forward to returning to **work later this month**.

Hurricane Relief – In light of the generosity that our Lord has shown us, Scripture calls us to be generous to those in need. In recent weeks, millions of people have been impacted by hurricanes and natural disasters worldwide and are in great need of assistance. We encourage you to make a contribution to relief efforts. Options for disaster relief: The American Red Cross, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salvation Army, Samaritan’s Purse, World Vision.

St. Joe’s Breakfast for Homeless Neighbors – Are you interested in helping prepare and serve breakfast to our homeless neighbors on Monday mornings at St. Joe’s (across the street from Blacknall)? If so, contact David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).