

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

Today we welcome Congo Initiative Board members – Join us for a potluck lunch after the second service to meet them!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Thanksgiving Day Hospitality – November 23. This popular initiative has drawn 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 international students never receiving an invitation to an “American” home, we are following our Lord's practice to welcome all! Sign-up coming soon (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 way. Our next service week is December 11. To join our efforts to end homelessness in Durham, 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).

Announcements

Connect with All Ages in the Nursery – Volunteer with our youngest, meet their families, and serve with some of our oldest. We have opportunities to serve once every six weeks in the 1st and 2nd service. Contact: Traci Hoover (thoover@blacknall.org).

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

Walltown Neighborhood Ministries Food Drive – Families celebrate Thanksgiving with what you generously give. Needed: Oatmeal, Jelly, Canned soup, Canned leafy green veggies, Canned fruit, Flour, Sugar-small, Rice-small, Cake Mix, Spaghetti, Mac n' Cheese, Peanut Butter, Mustard, Ketchup.

Claim Your Things Day – Next Sunday, October 29. Please stop by the tables outside the community room to claim any items you may have left at the church- we've got an overflowing Lost and Found! All unclaimed items will be donated.

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 September 30, 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. 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)

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Class of 2018

Kris Barman (chair)
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Dale Flowers
Ken Kernodle
Bob Leslie
Caleb Pineo

Class of 2019

Doug Busch
Barry Leonard
Tana O'Keefe
Christian Pikaart
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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 22, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“How Great is Your Love”

Invocation

“All Creatures of Our and King”

Dana McCarty, soloist

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 41:8-13

“Good to Me”

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 by Paul and Phyllis Immanuel in memory of Paul's mother, Beatrice Immanuel, and to the glory of God.

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 2:19-30 *Paul Tshihamba*
(Pew Bible page 1180)

Song of Response: “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

About the Music

When Isaiah quotes God (in chapter 55) as saying, “My ways are not your ways, and My thoughts are not your thoughts,” I think the prophet left out one more phrase: “...and My words and not your words.” Simple example: we think of something that is “good” as being “B work”, while God looked at each stage of creation and “saw that it was good.” Jesus spoke to religious leaders and was asked for a definition of “neighbor”, and redefined the word with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. For today, consider the common word “friend.” Typically, guys use it as nothing more than “pal” or “buddy” – but think of the word as Jesus uses it in the Upper Room, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. *You are My friends if you do what I command.*” (John 15) In Philippians, listen to the very voice of Christ as Paul speaks of Timothy and Epaphroditus: their friendship, and every other part of their lives, was “in Christ”. Each of them sought to live towards the others in a sacrificial love manner, “having the same mind as Christ.” This is the message of the song, “Friends in Faith”. The refrain invites us to sing a brief prayer of aspiration – may it be so for us today.

Friends in faith who follow Jesus, hear the message of the cross:
Worldly wisdom now is folly; worldly riches count as loss.

Friends who strive to follow Jesus, walk the way that Jesus trod:
Spirit-filled, in human weakness, cast Your cares upon our God.

Friends who dare to follow Jesus, trust and pray through darkest night:
Christ has conquered death and evil; Christ is joy and life and light.

Firm in faith, now follow Jesus; live the gospel you have heard:
Be good news to all who know you, loving doers of the Word.

*We will arise and follow Jesus –
Lord of grace who calls us friend;
You are life and richest blessing,
Love divine, that knows no end!*

*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 give thanks today for the Blacknall Dancers leading us in worship!

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

Pray for Blacknall Missionaries, Chris & Donna Rice (spending five years as co-representatives for Northeast Asia for the relief and peace organization Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).) “To be able to work in the region is really more than I could have asked for or imagined,” writes Chris, who grew up in South Korea where his parents were Presbyterian missionaries. “Being able to use the Korean language that I know, knowing the culture, knowing the region, being able to build trust, and being able to connect Duke Divinity School—it’s really a dream come true.” Prayer requests: 1) no precipitous action that would ignite a war on the Korean peninsula; 2) thanksgiving that MCC’s North Korea Program Coordinator has received US governmental approval to make another visit to North Korea; 3) the North Korean government’s approval of this visit; 4) the strengthening of relationships between MCC and their North Korean partners through this visit.

Church Programs & Events

Today – Congo Initiative Potluck Lunch, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come meet and greet members of the Congo Initiative board, whether you have a potluck contribution to bring or not!

Building & Property Workday – Saturday, October 28, 8:30-12 p.m. Here’s a chance to beautify our presence on Iredell by spreading mulch and touching up paint. To participate, contact Roger Eibest (reibest@embarqmail.com).

11th Annual Festival of the Bean – Sunday, October 29, 3-7 p.m. at Camp Chestnut Ridge (4300 Camp Chestnut Ridge Road, Efland). Fellowship, chili, hayrides, games, s’mores by the campfire and more! Three categories (traditional, spicy, vegetarian) will be judged and the overall winner will be crowned Lord of the Bean. Please bring your chili in a crockpot (with extension cord if possible) to the check-in-table by 4:45, name your chili (no identifiers please), and choose a category. Contact Tana O’Keefe (okeetana@gmail.com) with questions or to find or offer a ride.

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.

Women’s Ministry

Women in the Workforce— Tuesday, October 24, 7:30-9:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall. How can Christ-following women in the workforce find creative ways to encourage each other? What does it mean to live out our faith across many facets of life? Get to know one another’s professional selves and discuss work/life/faith balance. Join us for “speed friending” and a panel discussion featuring inspiring Blacknall women. It’s not too late to invite a friend! Contact: Alicia Ramos (saliciaramos@icloud.com).

Women’s Retreat – November 10-12, Valle Crucis Conference Center. “A Listening Heart, A Loving Heart” with speakers Beth Hilliard and her aunt Beth Pocock. 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).

Youth Ministry

High School BYG Time tonight, 5-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. No Middle School BYG time tonight due to the retreat this weekend. Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Community Events

Durham C.A.N. (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) is a non-partisan organization drawing together people who care about the city in order to seek its welfare. Their current focus is affordable housing and jobs. Blacknall is in the discernment phase about joining Durham C.A.N. You are invited to the Public Assembly, Thursday, October 26, 7-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church (316 Hebron Rd.). Let’s sit together!

SheLeads – A ministry leadership summit viewing party. Saturday, October 28, 11-6 p.m., Blacknall Fellowship Hall. Empower, connect and encourage female leadership in and alongside the Church. View a live webcast of the event and opportunities to connect with participants. Cost is \$20, includes lunch and the book “Embolden”. Register at oakdurham.org/sheleads. Serve as a Blacknall host (open and close the building) and attend for free! Contact: Margaret Frothingham (mfrothingham@blacknall.org).

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.