

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

We give thanks for a visit today from Noe and Bethany Kasali! Take a moment to greet them and say hello.

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).

Community Events

Blacknall has been invited to consider being in a church basketball league. You don't have to be 6'7" to play, but if you have a friend who is 6'7", invite him to church and then invite him to play with you. Interested? Contact David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Walltown Neighborhood Ministries & St. John's Community Hallelujah Festival & Food Drive – Tuesday, October 31, 6-7:30 p.m. 917 Onslow St. Games, candy and food! Admission free with three non-perishable food items.

Iglesia Emmanuel Thanksgiving Community Dinner – Wednesday, November 22. Can you help by providing a turkey (or monetary donations with which to purchase turkeys)? If you have time to cook a turkey at home and bring it to church, even better! Folks are also needed to help serve, clean up, and distribute food for food bank recipients to take home. All are welcome to join us for the pre-dinner children's performance and the dinner. We always appreciate the help and support of our sister churches.

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
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Don Hoover
Warren Kinghorn

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Warren Gould
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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 29, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Invocation

“For All the Saints”

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24

“My Goal is God Himself”

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “How Firm a Foundation”

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.

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 3 *David Dunderdale*
(Pew Bible page 1180)

Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Focus on Mission *Noe & Bethany*
Kasali

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Jenny & Scott Hawkins (8:30)
Becky Gould & Cathy Leslie (11)

About the Music

Today is a BIG day in our collective church history. The Reformation was and remains all about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today's music focuses on the "bigness" of that moment in history.

Read these words from our opening hymn:

"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing...

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us...

The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever."

And then these words from For All The Saints:

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;

Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!"

From How Firm a Foundation:

"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,

I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Do you hear the hope in these words? In the notes that will be played? Though we weren't there, these songs give us a glimpse into the past. We can rejoice with all the saints in our Lord Jesus Christ. That we know who He is. That He knows and loves us. Thanks be to 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

This morning, we welcome Emelia Smith & Chandler Pointer to the Lord's Table. They recently completed the Children & Communion Conversations class. We rejoice with their families in this milestone of their child's faith and pray for God's Spirit to continue His maturing work.

Let's pray for Pat Isbell, Brett Henry and Dina and James Hester in the recent death of Dina's dad, James Henry.

Pray for missionaries 'Ale & Lynn VanderWoude 'Aho, with YWAM in the South Pacific nation of Tonga. Lynn is a physician assistant, committed to holistic ministry to build physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy individuals, families and communities. 'Ale is a member of Team Xtreme (featuring amazing feats of strength), challenging youth to commit their lives to Christ. Lynn wrote, "It is now Day 4 and Dad has not woken up yet [following mitral valve surgery]. Attempts to discontinue the anesthetic ...resulted in a series of seizures...finally weaned off anesthetic and expected to 'wake up' once he metabolized all the drugs he was given. He remains 'asleep' ...the rest of his organ systems are working fine." Prayer requests: 1) Lynn's father's post-op; 2) stamina, tranquility, and wisdom for Lynn's brother and sister to provide good care for him; 3) Fungani's middle school entrance exams this month; 4) adequate time and energy for Lynn to prepare for her Physician Assistant Recertification exam next month.

Church Programs & Events

Today – 11th Annual Festival of the Bean, 3:30-7 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.

Today – Claim Your Things Day. 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.

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's Retreat Alert! – If you have registered online please make sure you receive a confirmation email from the committee today. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please register again. We have noted some difficulties with retreat registrations. Do not submit payment again unless you hear from someone on the retreat committee. For those who haven't registered yet, please make sure you click "Submit" on the online form. Thank you for your patience as we work to make sure the issue is addressed. If you have questions, please contact Tanya Moore (tem9j@aol.com) or Carrie Dombeck (cbdombeck@gmail.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. Contact: Tanya Moore (tem9j@aol.com).

Youth Ministry

Middle & High School BYG will not meet tonight. We hope to see you and your families at the Festival of the Bean!

Announcements

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Sunday, November 5. Enjoy the extra hour of rest when you set your clocks back on Saturday evening, November 4.

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.