

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

Blacknall is hosting Congo Initiative's USA Board meeting October 19-21. Board members will be staying in the homes of Blacknall members. On Sunday, October 21, there will be a potluck lunch after the 11 a.m. service where we can meet and greet members of the board. 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! A description of expectations and a sign-up will be available 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 very 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's next Community Worship service - Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., 916 Lamond Ave., Durham. This hour of worship is for all ages and abilities. All are welcome! **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! Please call the Reality Center at 919.688.7776 or email david@realityministries.org for more information.

Community Events

Walltown Neighborhood Ministries Food Drive – Families who rely on the food pantry will celebrate Thanksgiving with what you generously give. Items are needed to fill the shelves for distribution—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. Your offerings bring much joy and are used gratefully.

The Reformation at 500: The Key to America's Crisis of Freedom – Come hear author Os Guinness on Thursday, October 12, 5:30 p.m. in Penn Pavilion, Duke's West Campus. Many Americans do not realize that behind the American notion of constitutional freedom lies the Jewish understanding of covenant. Additional information can be found at christianityandscholarship.org.

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)

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
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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"O Worship the King!"

"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Invocation

"Te Deum", part 2

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 45:18-25

"There is a Redeemer"

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.

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

The flowers in the Foyer today are given to the glory of God by Pitt & Sarah Tomlinson.

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 2:1-11 *David Dunderdale*
(Pew Bible page 1179)

Song of Response: “At the Name of Jesus”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Rick & Mimi Every (8:30)
 Martha Carlough (11)

About the Music

To read Philippians 2:5-11 is to experience whiplash: the Creator becomes the creature, exaltation comes via humility, or as Chris Blumhofer put it last week, all of creation bows the knee before the Lord who reigns from a tree. Our songs of joy should be sung with a gasp of amazement as we try to understand. One of the earliest hymns of the church is known by its Latin title, “*Te Deum*”. For centuries, this was understood to be authored by Ambrose and Augustine, on the occasion of the latter’s baptism by the former, in 387. From what I have read, it seems now to be accredited to Nicetas, bishop of Remesiana, sometime in the 4th Century. This text follows closely that passage from Philippians 2, which is the basis for a portion of essentially all creeds used by the Church. For today, let’s look at the middle section of that grand hymn. In Isaiah 45 (as well as numerous other passages), God reserves for Himself the title “Lord”: “I am God, and there is no other. Before Me every knee will bow.” And yet He “shares” the title with His beloved Son, the One who “knew equality” yet chose obedience – I wonder if a better understanding is submission of will. Christ’s equality with His Father was not “something to be grasped”, and God’s singular Lordship is not something to be held singularly, as the Son is also recognized as Lord. He is Lord of all (look especially at Colossians 1), since every knee bows; but, as Fernando Ortega sharply puts it, this Lordship over all comes because He has first chosen to be “Lord of our shame.” It all brings to mind a line from one of my favorite Advent hymns, “Come and stand amazed, all people!” Indeed.

Te Deum, part two

You, Lord Jesus, are the King of Glory!
You are the everlasting Son of the Father!

When You took on human form,
You humbled Yourself to be encased in the Virgin Mary’s womb.
When You had overcome the pain of death,
You opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

You are seated in glory at the right hand of God the Father,
and we believe that You will come again to be our Judge.

Therefore we pray, have mercy upon us,
Your servants whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.

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.

Make us to be numbered with Your saints in glory, forever.

Our Life Together

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

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

Please pray for Holly Larson in the death of her mother Brenda Hunter on September 27; and for Mindy & Pete Lance in the death of Mindy’s father Thomas Emory McBrayer on September 24.

Pray for Blacknall missionaries Kyle & Emily Hamilton, affiliated with The Antioch Partners, serving at the Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo (UCBC) in Beni. Emily was recently ordained at Blacknall as a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO) of Presbyterians, in affirmation of her pastoral call to the Congo. Specific prayer requests: 1) discernment in making plans for their furlough that begins in November; 2) wisdom for the theology faculty to make major revisions to the curriculum that will help form competent church leaders in eastern Congo; 3) humility and authentic learning for the pastors’ group that meets in Bethesda Counseling Center; 4) the effectiveness of the Land Information and Management System to continue in collaboration with the government and community; 5) the swift procurement of the grant funds for the coffee and cocoa projects.

Church Programs & Events

Tonight – Inquirers Class Begins. Sundays, October 8-November 19, 5 p.m., Parlor. Are you 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). There will be time to make up tonight’s class if you cannot attend this week.

Tonight – 6-7:30 p.m. Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a simple supper followed by prayer for our partners in mission in Durham, on campus, in Congo, and around the world.

Communion & Healing Service – Sunday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Please join us for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper with the opportunity to receive prayer for yourself and others.

Last Day for Elder & Deacon Recommendations – The Officer Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for members who would serve effectively as an elder or deacon. It is so helpful to hear from you! An online form can be found at tinyurl.com/officer-rec, or submit a written recommendation to the church office or a Committee member: Goodie Bell, Brad Boswell, Sarah

Coonley, Abby Demarest, Ken Ellzey, Nancy Grigg, Alex Hartemink, Barry Leonard, Mary Mathew, Tanya Moore, Anne Paulson, Allan Poole.

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.).

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 (bturname@blacknall.org).

College Ministry

College-Aged Sunday School is not meeting today due to fall break. College-aged students are welcome to join the Young Adults in the Community Room.

Women’s Ministry

NEW! Professional Women’s Affinity Group – First Event: Tuesday, October 24, 7:30-9:15 p.m. in the Blacknall 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 the many facets of life? This first event will focus on getting to know one another’s professional selves, and discussion of work/life/faith balance. The evening kicks off with a “speed friending” exercise, followed by a panel discussion featuring Blacknall women engaged in various professions. Non-Blacknall attendees are welcome and encouraged. 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. Registration is open! “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 today. 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

Prayer for the Pooles –Allan is continuing to recuperate from his heart attack last month. Thank you for your prayers, and for filling up the meal calendar!