

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

Please pray for Emily & Kyle Hamilton as they return to the states on furlough in November, and for discernment about a more permanent return to the US or recommitting to life and work in DRC.

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! To sign up, please visit <http://ivolunteers.website>.

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).

Reality Community Worship Service - Monday, November 20, 7 p.m. at Reality (916 Lamond Ave.). This hour of worship is for all ages and abilities. All are welcome!

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).

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. Contact: Pastor Julio (jre0412@gmail.com).

Calling all singers for a choir at the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m. at St. John's (917 Onslow St.). To participate in the choir, please attend the rehearsals at St. John's: Tuesday, November 14 and Friday, November 17, both at 7 p.m.

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 October 31, 2017

Actual offerings: \$359,918
Offering need: \$456,026
Ahead/(behind): (\$96,109)

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
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Matt Bridges
Warren Gould
Nancy Grigg
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Ashley Weinard
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Christian Pikaart
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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 5, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“Come O Redeemer Come”
“God With Us”

Invocation

“The Living Water” (premiere)

Allan Friedman

Mary Lynn van Deventer, horn

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 84

“My Goal is God Himself”

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “How Firm a Foundation”

Affirmation of Faith Creed

Apostles'

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.

Tariku Mitchell Baptism

(8:30)

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 Bill and Joanne Beckman in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert William Shultz and Dr. & Mrs. William C. Beckman, Sr.

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 3:12-16 *Allan Poole*
(*Pew Bible page 1180*)

Song of Response: “Knowing You”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Focus on Mission *Stacy Rinehart*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Michael & Serena Whisenhunt (8:30)
Becky Gould & Martha Carlough (11)

About the Music

To be able to help premiere a piece of music is both an honor and a blast – until that moment, the music is theoretical, existing as ink on paper, but it is in the singing/playing that life is breathed into it. Such is the joy that the Choir experiences today as they share “The Living Water”, written at my request by my good friend Allan Friedman. In this composition, he opens with the first verse of the familiar (and lovely!) “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”. Though the words have us asking God to come, the music, so lyrical and gently positive, seems to suggest God’s certain (and already given) answer – as He says in Isaiah 65, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will answer.” Then the music shifts: Allan combines the horn (common in the era of the Psalms’ composition) with melodic fragments derived from Jewish chant used for Psalms 42 & 43 (the source of the text). Music and text have us crying out for the Lord, His presence, His saving. Here, the prayer (musically) is unanswered – but the anxious spirit dissolves back into the hymntune, with a piano accompaniment suggestive of running water. In Isaiah, there are many instances where the Lord promises to water our dryness – notice how this links up with Philippians: “Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. Behold I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert, and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43) When we perceive that we are alone, weak, crying out to the Lord, this song is helping to remind us that He has answered our prayer before we uttered it; He has come to us; He is calling us into His “new thing”; He seeks to turn our dry existence into an oasis, our wasteland becoming a lush garden. We can “press on” trusting in His grace and goodness. Thanks, Allan; thanks, Mary Lynn for the wonderful horn playing. Thanks be to God, for this example of Godly new things.

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 today with Kathy & Brian Mitchell in the baptism of their son, Tariku Mitchell.

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

Pray for Pat Isbell, Brett Henry and Dina & James Hester in the recent death of Dina’s dad, James Henry.

Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Let’s pray for those persecuted, and learn more at opendoorsusa.org/Christian-persecution.

Pray for Blacknall missionary Annette George, who was featured (with Judith Utley) in a concert “For Flute and Harp” at Payap University, in Thailand. Older folks at Blacknall will remember with appreciation when Annette used her flute in worship at Blacknall. Prayer requests: 1) thanksgiving for a successful concert, good health, and a recovery from a fall; 2) finances for a trip to Florida in December to help her sister; 3) effective teaching in the second half of the fall semester; 4) grace in handling a situation where the administration, students, and some colleagues disdain older foreign teachers; 5) more students to participate in the Christian cell.

Church Programs & Events

Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach – Sunday, November 12, 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

NEW South Durham Small Group – The Small Groups Ministry Team is working to launch a new group that will meet regularly on Wednesday nights beginning November 15. If you’d like to find out more or would be interested in joining, please email SmallGroups@Blacknall.org, or reach out to any member of the Small Groups Ministry Team (Chris Blumhofer, Ashley Weinard, David Dunderdale).

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 have received a confirmation email from the committee. If you did 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).

Youth Ministry

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

Announcements

Marriage Course Card Tables – Thanks to everyone who let us borrow card tables. They are ready for reclaiming in the Fellowship Hall for the upcoming holidays. If you need assistance getting one back to your home, please contact Joyce Kight (919.612.3510).

Holiday House Sitting – Chris & Donna Rice will be in Durham from December 27 to January 2. They would love to “house sit” for someone who will be out of town and would like them to keep an eye on their home, plants and pets. If interested, contact Vincent Stubbs (vstubbs@nc.rr.com).

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).