

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 – 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)

Blacknall's next service opportunity is December 11 & 12. To serve the homeless in Durham during Advent, please contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com); you will be sent the Signup Genius to register. This is an excellent way to have a hands-on impact in helping folks who are without housing during this season of hope.

Chefs for Change Dessert Gala – Friday, December 8, 7-10 p.m. An evening of community celebration, local desserts by acclaimed chefs, auction/ raffle, live entertainment! \$50 tickets available at FMF website. Many Blacknall members have made donations towards the Silent auction for which we are very thankful. Contact: Mark Paulson (marhpaul@gmail.com).

REALITY MINISTRIES

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

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. All are welcome to join for dinner. They 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: Monday, November 13 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): (\$96,108)

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

Class of 2019

Matt Bridges
Warren Gould
Nancy Grigg
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Class of 2019

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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 12, 2017

Songs of Adoration

"All Who Are Thirsty"

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing!"

Invocation

"How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 48

"God Moves"

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "Come Thou Fount"

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.

The flowers in the Foyer today are given to the glory of God by Paul and Phyllis Immanuel.

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 3:17 – 4:1 *Allan Poole*
(*Pew Bible page 1180*)

Song of Response: “Speak O Lord”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: June Van Bruggen & Ruth Harrell (8:30)
Dare & John Nicholson (11)

About the Music

One of Paul’s themes in Philippians is seeking to have eyes like a chameleon: one eye is looking around you, and the other eye is looking forward. In other words, he (Paul, not the lizard) offers instruction in living together now, while pressing forward into the future. As we look forward (think of Biblical phrases encouraging us to lift up our heads, hearts, eyes) the Lord begins the ongoing work of (as Allan says) the transformation of our desires. This tantalizing taste helps to create an even-more intense longing for the Lord to come, heal, comfort, judge, guide. Look at one of today’s songs and readings. “All Who Are Thirsty” offers the opportunity for us to cry out that most basic prayer, “Come, Lord Jesus!” No details are needed – we come together, we come towards Him, and we cry for Him to come to us. Then look at our reading from Psalm 48 – as you read it, your jaw should drop in wonder and amazement. The vision of the Lord and His city is beyond comprehension – so the psalmist encourages us to “walk about”, “count her towers” so that we can “tell of them to the next generation.” That which captivates our vision is transforming our desire, into a more forward-looking perspective. No wonder Paul says, “Forgetting what lies behind, I press on...” “As the deer pants for the water, so my soul pants for You, my God.” (Psalm 42) The more that we look at Him, the more deer-like we become. Let’s pant for Him.

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is Your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so Your Spirit calls us to find in You our rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand – Lord, help me not to stray!
May I, with full submission, proclaim You as my Lord
And live with hope before You, through grace that You afford.

A sun and shield forever are You, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings; no good will You deny.
Your people stand together, with grateful hearts we sing
Until the day we meet You, our glorious Savior King!

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

Pray for Blacknall missionaries **Charlie & Frauke Schaefer** (Missionary counseling with Barnabas International, Durham) and long-time members of our congregation. “The counseling ministry of Barnabas International is founded on biblical principles yet strives to meet both spiritual and emotional needs. Our professionally trained staff provides counsel to missionaries, national Christian workers and their families abroad and here in the United States on matters of personal concern.” Prayer requests: 1) patience and wisdom in counseling missionaries and their families; 2) the planning of Alongside retreats for next year; 3) healing for Charlie’s father; 4) more Christian counselors to participate in the ministry of Barnabas International.

Church Programs & Events

Tonight – Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach, 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.

Communion & Healing Service – Sunday, November 19, 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.

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).

Save the dates! 2018 Summer Programs for Children – Art Camp I (preK & K) will be June 18-21; Girls’ Discovery Week (3rd-5th grade) will be June 25-28; Art Camp II - (1st & 2nd) will be July 9-12. If your 3rd-5th grade boy is interested in a daytime Boy’s discovery week, please contact Beth Solie (bsolie@blacknall.org). This has not yet been scheduled. Registration dates will be announced in the spring.

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 a.m. service, please pick up your children promptly.

Youth Ministry

Middle School & High School BYG Time will not meet tonight. We hope all our women leaders had great time at the Women’s Retreat! Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Lunch Break – Wednesday, November 15, 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). A delicious lunch is served. Contact: Margaret Frothingham (mfrothingham@blacknall.org).

Knit Together – Saturday, November 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the home of Diane Bidgood (3301 Carriage Trail, Hillsborough). A time to work on knitting/sewing/craft projects with the benefit of forming rich inter-generational friendships. Contact: Ray Wilkins (rwilkins24@nc.rr.com).

Announcements

Winter Clothes for the Almousa Family – Through Blacknall World Relief volunteers, we helped welcome refugees from Syria last winter, the Almousa family. This winter, they are in need of warm clothing for their children. If you are able to donate new or gently used clothes, or a gift card, please sign up in the Lower Atrium. Baskets for drop off will be available next week, and gift cards can be left in an envelope in Beth Solie’s mailbox.

Serve refugees by joining a Blacknall World Relief team. We are forming a second volunteer team! We will be partnered with a new refugee family to provide friendship and guidance as they acclimate to the U.S. An orientation session will be held December 3, 3-6 p.m. Contact: Allison Wattenbarger (arw60@duke.edu) or David Dunderdale (ddunderdale@blacknall.org).

Angel Tree – Help provide Christmas gifts through St. John’s Church in Walltown and through Families Moving Forward by signing up in the Lower Atrium the week of November 19. Please select an Angel from the tree, sign the gift sheet, and give your contact information. Return the gift to the lower Atrium with the Angel attached by December 17.

Thank you Blacknall Crop Walkers! The final numbers are in and we raised \$153,800 or about 5% more than last year. Durham maintained their #2 ranking (in funds raised) in the country. As a result of your generous contributions the Durham CROP Walk was able to provide \$38,450 for a dozen Durham non-profits fighting hunger!

Blacknall Photo Opt Out Policy – Blacknall strives to convey the warmth and friendship of our congregation through taking and sharing photos from our time together. If you would prefer we not take or share images of you and/or your children, please complete the “opt out” form on our website or contact Mary Grimm (mgrimm@blacknall.org).