

## 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

Prayer requests from our partner David Kasali in Congo – “In DRC in general, in Beni and surrounding and particularly at CI-UCBC, we [have] been learning more and more to literally surrender to God for every aspect of our lives. Please pray that we will not give up, not see with our human eyes but see things from God’s perspective. We thank God for continued provision of peace and relative security.”

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Ways to serve and love international students & scholars this winter: 1) Bless international married couples at the Marriage Course by helping set up, prepare, and serve a meal. Thursdays, January 18-March 8. Contact: Joyce Kight (nightingale1960me@yahoo.) 2) Be a host for the International Supper Club. Learn more at ivolunteers.website. Contact: Dan Kronstad (dkronstad@isionline.org).

### FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

A letter from FMF staff to Blacknall: “Thank you, again, for all your generous gifts, the time and thoughtfulness that went into them and ultimately all the smiles you have given our families. The gifts you have given are more than just a present to open; they represent a community that supports and cares for families in distress. In the last 10 days leading up to Christmas, we had four new families move in. The gift cards that Blacknall gave allowed us to purchase gifts for these last minute guests, ensuring a great holiday for everyone. We can not thank you enough.”

### REALITY MINISTRIES

The Reality Forum – Saturday, January 20. *What is Reality?* Together we will consider how knowing the reality of God’s grace rooted in the love of the Holy Trinity influences how we view ourselves, our neighbors, and every person. Register at realityministriesinc.org.

## Community Events

### Why the Arts Matter to Faith in a Culture that Flattens our Vision.

Monday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. Hill Hall (James & Susan Moeser Auditorium, UNC Campus). Lecture and piano performance by Dr. Jeremy Begbie, Professor of Theology, Duke Divinity School.

**NAMI Family-to-Family** – A free 12-session education program for family, friends, and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression and other mental health conditions. Mondays, February 12-April 30, 6:30-9 p.m. at Watts Street Baptist Church. To register, contact Julie Peters (juliepeters1969@gmail.com).

## 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 December 31, 2017

Actual offerings:	\$826,136
Offering need:	\$790,446
Ahead/(Behind):	\$35,690

Thank you for your generous gifts to support the ongoing ministry of Blacknall. Our fiscal year runs July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with a total ministry budget of \$1,520,088. As shown in the summary above for the first 6 months of the fiscal year, gifts received have exceeded our budget. The strong calendar year-end giving along with your continued faithful support in the coming months will help us achieve our full year ministry budget goal by the end of June.

Contribution statements for 2017 will be sent out shortly. To abide by IRS regulations, we must now acknowledge gifts of stock differently from monetary contributions. More information will be included with stock gift receipts. If you gave a gift of stock to Blacknall in 2017 and have not yet notified the office of the details of your gift please contact Carol Smith (csmith@blacknall.org).

For more details regarding our finances you can find the most recent monthly finance report on the bulletin board outside of the Community Room on the lower level.



### Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church

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# BLACKNALL

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 14, 2018

### Songs of Adoration

“We Would See Jesus”

“Across the Lands”

### Invocation

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34

“There is a Redeemer”

### Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Hebrews 1:1-4 *Allan Poole*  
(Pew Bible page 1204)

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: Mark & Sherbie Skeen (8:30)  
Joanne Beckman & Becky Gould (11)

### About the Music

See. Speak. Reveal. Redeem. Today we begin a study of Hebrews, and the opening four verses seem full of three of those words. “See” is not there, though it is implied, and it is where we start. Consider the crowds coming to Jesus, not knowing much of anything but wanting to get a glimpse. Or the blind man’s request, “I want to see.” The opening of Hebrews (similar to Colossians 1) makes clear that the Son is precisely, and completely, like the Father. He speaks to us, with the purity and purpose of His powerful word. Jesus reveals the heart of the Father – He is the true, the singular, revelation. And He redeems, providing purification from sin. At the start of our faith-journey, we want to see; but as He speaks, and reveals, and we experience His redemption, we begin to “see” as the psalmist suggested, “Taste and see” (Psalm 34). It’s His promise to each of us, blind and hungry but not knowing what to even ask for: “Come, and you will see.” (from John 1) Only by His grace could John write in that same chapter, “We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (1:14) May our eyes and ears and hearts be fully opened.

*We would see Jesus, we would see the Lamb of God!  
We long to see Your face, for You are the great I AM!*

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

*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

**Let’s rejoice** with Evan Cate & Lucy Dunderdale on their wedding last Sunday, January 7.

**Pray for Blacknall missionary Hana Kamiya**, with South America Mission. She writes, “I am happy to share that I am returning to Costa Rica in January for a second trimester of Spanish study. This additional study will allow me to reach an Advanced Spanish level, which is **necessary for me to be effective in ministry**. God’s moving me into new contexts of ministry that involve discipleship and missionary care, and I **need to speak the heart language of the people I’m with to effectively communicate the gospel of grace and God’s heart for his people.**” Prayers requests: 1) praises for a great visit to NC at Christmas and for the funds to engage in four more months of language study; 2) a smooth transition back to language school; 3) opportunities to serve others while in Costa Rica; 4) growth in her ability to understand and speak Spanish.

### Church Programs & Events

**Tonight – Mission Prayer Celebration Dinner**, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our semi-annual time of gathering to celebrate how the lost have been found! We and our mission partners will share stories over a Syrian meal prepared by Amera Almousa. Childcare is provided.

**Communion & Healing Service** – Sunday, January 21, 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.**

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers** - Sunday, January 28, 8:30 & 11 a.m. services. The Class of 2021 officers will be voted on at the end of both services. Officers are elected for three-year terms. Elder nominees (7 nominees for 5 positions): Chris Blumhofer, Pete Gerend, Don Hoover, Mary Banks Knechtle, Donna Mutter, Paula Rinehart, Cullen Rodgers-Gates. Deacon nominees (6 nominees for 6 positions): Kris Barman, Maria Bradshaw, Barb Eyster, Bill Shively, John Shoenfelt, Ryan Stults. Deacon nominee for special one-year term: Bob Leslie. If you did not receive an email with nominee profiles, please contact the church office (churchoffice@blacknall.org). We encourage you to prayerfully consider the nominees.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Room 112. After the 11 a.m. service, please pick up your children promptly.

## College-Age Ministry

**Today** – College-Age Sunday School starts back at 10 a.m. We are meeting in Room 404 this season (a change from the Parlor). Contact: Lauren Hunter (lauren.hunter@duke.edu).

## Women’s Ministry

**Knit Together** – Saturday January 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the home of Diane Bidgood (3301 Carriage Trail, Hillsborough). Knit Together is a time to work on knitting/sewing/craft projects with the benefit of forming rich inter-generational friendships. Contact: Ray Wilkins.

**Become a Loving Listener** – Saturday, January 27, 9-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Meredith Milke, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and Professional Counselor. What would it mean for our relationships if we were better listeners? We do the best we can, but there is always room to grow! Come join us for a practical and interactive workshop on learning to listen. We will laugh and practice together so you can have a few more tools to love others well. Register on the Blacknall website to attend and request childcare.

## Announcements

**Blacknall Website Update Survey** – The church website is getting an update! Your thoughts and ideas are needed. Visit blacknall.org to complete the survey by January 31 for a chance to win a gift card to The Regulator or Joe Van Gogh. Questions? Contact: Mary Grimm (mgrimm@blacknall.org).

**January International Missionary Prayer Guide** – Pick up a copy of the January guide in the Narthex or Upper Atrium. **Let’s resolve to pray** for our missionaries regularly in the New Year.

**Come for a free concert in the sanctuary – Friday, January 19, 7 p.m.** Scott Laird and Dave Stuntz will direct the NC School of Science & Math orchestra and over 100 singers from the community, with selections ranging from Mozart to *Les Mis*. The concert will last about one hour; children are welcome!