

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

Christian Bilingual University of Congo (UCBC) Fundraiser – Saturday, March 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at American Underground (201 W. Main Street). Congo Initiative is holding a fundraiser to raise sponsorships for UCBC students in their education and formation as Congo's next generation of leaders. Dr. David Kasali will be speaking, and hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. RSVP at futureleaders.congoinitiative.org/events/durham by March 12. See Julie Bryce or Cullen Rodgers-Gates with questions.

Plans are in the works for a trip to Congo this spring. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact David or Kim Dunderdale (dunderdalek@gmail.com) for details.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

The Marriage Course ends this week with a celebration dinner, and you are invited! Thursday March 15, 6-8 p.m. RSVP to Joyce Kight (nightingale1960me@yahoo.com) by March 13 so they can plan for enough food and childcare workers. **Pray for the following ministry initiatives with international students:** 1) Spring Break service trip to Lumberton, NC to help in the ongoing rebuilding efforts post Hurricane Matthew, March 11-14. 2) Easter Outreach events on March 24 & April 5, for more information visit <http://ivolunteers.website> or contact Dan Kronstad (630-903-1300).

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

Blacknall's dates of service are upon us and we still need volunteers to fulfill our commitment to this great organization. Please contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com) to volunteer. For the next two Sundays we will be collecting items for FMF in the Barrel of Joy found in the Lower Atrium. A list of needed items can be found on the table next to the Barrel. Thank you for your help.

REALITY MINISTRIES

Reality Talent Show – Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. Don't miss this extraordinary community event featuring performers of ALL abilities! The talent show is a memorable evening highlighting the wonderful talents of our community and the unique gifts of many people. The show is free but tickets are required (reserve tickets at dpacnc.com).

Announcements

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

Scripture Readers for Good Friday – March 30, 7 p.m. Would you like to read scripture from the balcony at the Good Friday service? Please contact Dave Stuntz (dstuntz@blacknall.org)

Community Event

HarvestShare income-inclusive CSA from Anathoth Community Garden & Farm. Enjoy a season of fresh fruits and vegetables while supporting Anathoth's mission to cultivate peace. Warm Season is April 18-September 26 (24 weeks), with pick-up locations throughout the Triangle each week. To sign up, visit anathothgarden.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, 2017 through February 28, 2018

Actual offerings:	\$1,018,019
Offering need:	\$1,003,258
Ahead/(Behind):	\$14,761

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.

Annual contribution statements for monetary gifts are now available on CCB. If you prefer a printed statement or if you are having difficulty accessing your giving statement, please contact the church office.

Contribution statements for stock gifts have been mailed. However, there are still a few stock gifts for which we do not know the donor. **If you contributed stock, but have not yet received a contribution statement, then we may not know that the stock is from you.** Please contact Carol Smith in the church office with information about your stock donation (csmith@blacknall.org).



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BLACKNALL

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 11, 2018

Songs of Adoration

"God With Us"

Invocation

"Good, Good Father"

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31: 3-9, 18-20

"Good to Me"

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 – 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 Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Hebrews 8 *David Dunderdale*
(Pew Bible page 1208)

Song of Response: “There is an Everlasting Kindness”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts: “Redeemed”

Focus on Mission *Durham C.A.N.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Ruth Harrell & Ray Wilkins (8:30)
Kim Dunderdale & Becky Gould (11)

About the Music

I'm not sure I will ever be able to wrap my head around how much God loves us. Sometimes I sit and actually think about it. Like, really think about: Why in the world does God love me as much as He does? Why doesn't He quit loving me after I've made that mistake again? How many times can He deal with my same sin and still love me? When I begin to doubt it, when Satan tempts me to despair, I just have to look to God's word. There are many places to go to find those encouraging and reassuring words, and our Old Testament scripture today is one of those places. Hear again these words from Jeremiah 31 and rest assured of His love and devotion to us.

“I have loved you with an everlasting love...” vs 3

“I will build you up again...” vs 4

“I will lead them beside streams of water

on a level path where they will not stumble ...” vs 9

“I will turn their mourning into gladness;

“I'll give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow...” vs 13

These aren't the only words you'll hear today that will help you remember God's love for you. From “God With Us,” we hear how He brings peace, love, light, and life. He is our hope. He has taken our sin and shame. We will sing about our “Good, Good Father,” who has an undeniable love, a peace that's unexplainable and is so good to us when we cry out for...anything. And, even though we are prone to wander (I'm really good at wandering), to leave the God we love, “There is an everlasting Kindness” He's lavished on us. Wow! That is good news for me. Is it for you? – 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

Pray for David & Lindy Norman in the death of David's father, Douglas Norman MD, on March 6.

Pray for missionaries Rollin & Wendy Grams. “Yesterday [Rollin from Charlotte] began with a Skype meeting with partners in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, in South Africa. Later in the morning, I lectured to our second cohort of doctoral students in the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life, meeting in England. Later in the day, I held a class via Zoom with Gordon-Conwell students, one of whom was checking in from Indonesia.” **Prayer requests:** 1) guidance, as they engage in conversations about the development of partnerships for ministerial training; 2) Wendy's ministry of producing guidebooks and resources for teachers and homeschoolers; 3) guidance for Rachel in making her college choice this month; 4) the end of the devastating drought and violence in parts of Africa.

Church Programs & Events

Tonight – Inquirer's Class. Are you interested in learning more about life and membership at Blacknall? The spring class will meet on Sundays, March 11-April 15, 5-6:15 p.m. in the Parlor. To join, speak to Allan Poole today.

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

Lenten Suppers & Services – Wednesdays through March 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Join for supper 6-6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and/or the service, 7-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Holy Week & Easter

Scriptural Way of the Cross – Monday-Friday, March 26-30, 9-5 & 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Walk the self-guided interactive space and follow Jesus along his journey to the cross. Children are welcome, but parents may want to view the space prior to bringing younger ages.

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m. Sanctuary. Members from Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church will join Blacknall. Childcare age 4 & younger.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. Sanctuary. A service reflecting on the Passion of our Lord. Childcare 2nd grade & younger.

Flowers for the Easter Cross – Bring flowers on Easter Sunday and place them on the wire frame cross in celebration of our risen Lord. The cross will be located outside the main Sanctuary doors on Perry Street.

Easter Sunrise Service at Mt. Level – Sunday, April 1, 6 a.m. Celebrate the resurrection at Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Allan Poole (316 Hebron Rd).

Easter Potluck Reception – Sunday, April 1, 10-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A time to fellowship together and extend a warm welcome visitors. **Please bring a dish to share.** Adult and children's Sunday School classes and nursery will not meet.

Easter Services at Blacknall – Sunday, April 1, 8:30 & 11 a.m. A joyful morning of worship!

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. Please pick up your children promptly after the 11 a.m. service.

Youth Ministry

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

Women's Ministry

Women's Stretch & Pray – Saturday, March 17, 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Beginners are welcome as well as people well-acquainted with Pilates or yoga. Bring a mat if you have one and wear stretchy clothes. Enter at the lower Perry St. door (ring the doorbell).

Knit Together – Saturday, March 17, 9:30-12 p.m. A time to work on knitting/sewing/craft projects with the benefit of forming rich inter-generational friendships. **Meet at Ray Wilkin's home** (2957 Welcome Drive, Durham, 919.489.3084)