

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 and UCBC alumnus Archip Lobo will be the featured speakers. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks served. RSVP at futureleaders.congoinitiative.org/events/durham by March 9. 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.

Opportunities to pray & serve international students this month:
Serve: The Marriage Course continues for 2 more weeks. Help prepare and/or serve the meal on Thursdays March 8 or March 15. Contact Joyce Kight (nightingale1960me@yahoo.com). **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

Calling dancers of all abilities for a flash-mob! –Saturday, March 24, 6 p.m. at the Durham Bull Statue. Dance teacher ShaLeigh is organizing a flash mob to promote visibility for special populations. Dancers and non-dancers of all ages and abilities are invited. Come to one of the workshops at the Reality Center to learn the simple movements and participate (March 15, 6-7 p.m.; March 20, 3-4 p.m.).

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer – Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. at rotating locations in the North Street Neighborhood. To join the email list, please contact Greg Little (beyondself7@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, 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 4, 2018

Songs of Adoration

“10,000 Reasons”

Invocation

“All Who Are Thirsty”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Stopford

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:17-23

“Blest Are They”

Prayers of Confession

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

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.

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 7 *Allan Poole*
(*Pew Bible page 1208*)

Song of Response: “Join All the Glorious Names”

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

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Scott & Jenny Hawkins (8:30)
Donna & Bob Mutter (11)

About the Music

I cannot adequately express how much I love seeing God’s guiding hand in our worship! Today we look together at the passages from Hebrews and Genesis about that mysterious figure, Melchizedek – and that obviously (!) intersects with the familiar English hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth.” Melchizedek is the first priest mentioned in Scripture, and an “advance echo” of Jesus, our Great High Priest. His priestly “sacrifice” with Abram (later, Abraham) (from Genesis 14) is one of blessing (to Abraham) and praise (to God Most High), but not of atonement. In this way, his example resonates in the hymn (sung in a sumptuous recent setting by British composer Philip Stopford), when the choir sings, “Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.” In Scripture, priests offered sacrifices of (broadly) thanks, or related to atonement. And, they prayerfully intercede for the people. The hymn reminds us that singing songs of praise, together, is a priestly activity. Christ the Great High Priest is also the once-for-all atoning sacrifice – as we will sing, “Thou on earth are both priest and victim in communion’s holy feast.” We, the Church, are a “kingdom of priests” (Exodus 19); as the hymn says, we give thanks “For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.” When we pray for one another, we are small-p priests – apprentices to our singular Priest. Who knew that hymn was such a lovely intersection with Scripture today? Give thanks!

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled;
For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given;
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven;
For Thy Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise!

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 Yousef, Israel/Palestine Young Life leader working with Blacknall-supported missionaries Hunter & Lauri Lambeth, in the death of his father Abu Tony on February 17. **Lynn & 'Ale Vander Woude-'Aho**, Blacknall-supported missionaries in Tonga, as they recover from Cyclone Gita causing water damage to their buildings and the ability to filter drinking water.

Church Programs & Events

Lenten Suppers – Wednesdays through March 21, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The suppers will resume this Wednesday, now that the Lenten service will be in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Services – Wednesdays through March 21, 7-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and worship as a way to journey together toward Easter. If you need childcare, contact Beth Solie (bsolie@blacknall.org).

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, with a break on Easter Sunday. Please contact churchoffice@blacknall.org to join the class.

Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach – Sunday, March 11, 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.

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

High School BYG will have dinner on 9th Street with their small groups this week. Students planning to eat should bring at least \$10. **Middle School BYG** will not meet tonight. Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Women’s Ministry

Women’s Stretch & Pray – Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anne Harbour-Tonn leads this one-hour class.

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). Please note the date change from March 10 to March 17.

Announcements

Sanctuary Re-opened – Thank you for your patience during repairs! We are excited to be worshiping again in the Sanctuary.

Daylight Saving Time Starts – Sunday, March 11. Turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday, March 10.

Durham Crop Hunger Walk – Sunday, March 25, 2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Lower Atrium for this annual 5 mile walk around Durham to raise funds to help end hunger in our community and around the world. Contact: Doug Koenig (doug@dougkoeniglaw.com).

Worship on Good Friday (March 30, 7:00 p.m.) will include lots of Scripture being read from the balcony – would you like to be part of it? Please contact Dave Stuntz right away.

Pick up a copy of the March Missionary Prayer Guide from the table in the narthex or upper atrium and use it as a reminder and guide to pray for our missionaries

Community Events

Cultivating Mental Health: Hope & Healing Conference – Friday, April 13, 8-4:15 p.m. at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, Chapel Hill. Explore ways faith communities can support families and individuals living with mental illness. Visit faithconnectionsmentalillness.org to register.

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.