

# Registration

Registration Deadline: September 25

We plan to attend:					
Name of Person Attending (including nursery age)	Age	Preferred Course	Course	Dinner	Vegetarian

## Your Contact Information

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner : 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

**Courses: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Nursery open from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost:** Dinners cost \$6 per adult and \$3 for ages 6 –college. Children 5 and under are free. Pay in advance for the entire program and receive one meal free! Max charge per family \$17.

## Dietary Needs

No Children’s Menu: We will have a tasty, nutritious meal available for all, but will not have a separate children’s menu.

If you checked the vegetarian option , we must have your email and/or phone number (above) so we can correspond with you about your needs. Thanks!

## Four Ways to Register

1. Stop by the Registration Table in the Lower Atrium on Sundays in late August and September
2. Clip this form and hand it in during Sunday sign-ups in the Lower Atrium at church, or send it/deliver it to Claire Ruth c/o Blacknall, 1902 Perry St, Durham, NC 27705
3. Call or email Karl with the information requested above (karl.umble@gmail.com)
4. View and print this brochure online at [www.blacknall.org](http://www.blacknall.org).

# Goals

- To discern and grow together into God’s mission for us as individuals, families, and as a church body
- To deepen friendships of mutual love, support, prayer, and accountability

# Summary of Classes

## Classes for Children and Youth

- Nursery
- Birds and Bugs - Hiding God’s Word in our Hearts
- Grades K-5 Children and Worship
- Middle & High School: Are invited to all adult classes or to assist with other things going on!

## Classes for Adults

- Praying Together
- Starting Spiritual Conversations without Losing Credibility
- Why Don’t You Be a Man About It? - A Class for Husbands & Dads
- The Work of Christ in the Life of the Church
- BRIDGES
- Living Out the Gospel in Life
- Flourishing and Christian Faithfulness

(volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and Children’s classes )

# Small Groups

We are partnering with Blacknall small groups in several ways:

- Your SG can sign up for a course(s) together as your SG time for the Fall.
- Your SG can come, enjoy dinner and fellowship and then use a small room for your meeting. (Contact [karl.umble@gmail.com](mailto:karl.umble@gmail.com) to reserve room).

# Other Opportunities

Blacknall Church has a special friendship with St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church, an historically African-American church in Walltown, about a mile from Blacknall, and with Iglesia Emmanuel, a Spanish-speaking congregation a few miles from Blacknall. Both churches also have Wednesday evening programs and have invited Blacknall members to attend their programs – just as we have invited them. If you would like to participate in TableTalk by representing Blacknall at St. Johns or Iglesia Emmanuel, please contact Paul Van Tongeren ([pablovt01@hotmail.com](mailto:pablovt01@hotmail.com); 338-1006) for Iglesia Emmanuel or David Dunderdale for St. Johns.

# Table Talk

# 2011

Dinner, fellowship, and learning program for all ages!

*Christ in you, the hope of Glory...*

*Colossians 1:27*

**Wednesdays**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

**September 28 - November 16**

Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church

1902 Perry St.

Durham, NC 27705

[www.blacknall.org](http://www.blacknall.org)

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**Ages 3-4** (Bird or Bug SS room for 2011-2012): **Hiding God's Word in our Hearts**

**Leaders: A Blacknall Team of Parents and Educators**

"Hiding God's Word in our Hearts" is a class for Birds and Bugs and will have a concentration on Scripture songs and other methods of memorizing Scripture. Our hope is that this class will jump-start a program of Scripture memorization for our youngest kids at Blacknall, and will include helps for families to continue memorization at home. The class will be team taught by a group of parents and educators, many of whom specialize in early childhood education and music.

**Grades K-5: Children and Worship**

**Leaders: Elizabeth Eichling and others**

We are excited to welcome your children to our "Children and Worship" class this Fall. We hope to explore a variety of worship and choral styles as we learn to sing together. Though we intend to offer opportunities for the children to sing in corporate worship, this class is not performance-oriented. We hope to teach children what it means to be Christian worshippers of the Triune God in the context of corporate worship.

**Elizabeth** is in her final year of a M.Div. at Duke.

She is the oldest of four girls in a musical family, and is excited to sing with your children this fall.

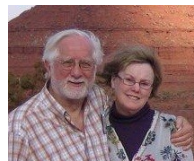


# ADULTS' COURSES

**Praying Together**

**Leaders: Rudy and Betty Renfer**

We are seekers, thankful for God's abundance and faithfulness, but wanting a deeper more personal experience with The Three who are able to provide. Each prayer session will be threefold : 1) Encouragement and sharing concerning weekly prayer experiences, which will include one week of dedicated prayer and meditation on the 23rd Psalm. 2) Personal and/or group time exploring and implementing biblical examples of prayer as in Nehemiah 1:5-11 and Psalm 148. 3) Neighborhood outreach using a prayer box to be left on the sanctuary steps for prayer requests and/or an invitation for neighbors to join us for intercessory prayer and laying on hands. Please bring a Bible and a journal.



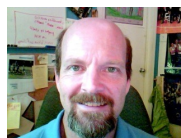
**Betty and Rudy**, 18-year members of Blacknall, serve our body through the Guild and the Session, respectively. Together they usher and serve the prayer team. They praise God for the mercy and grace of their mission field--16 grandchildren among 8 families.

**Starting Spiritual Conversations without Losing Credibility**

**Leader: Dean Storelli**

Most of us would love to read the Bible with a friend, invite someone to an Alpha class or help explain our faith to someone, but somehow the topic never comes up or the timing just doesn't seem right. How can we know if people are interested? In this interactive small group, we will explore a way to look at the world that will open up the door to meaningful, thoughtful, gracious and very natural communication.

**Dean Storelli** and his wife Anne have been tied to Blacknall since 1982, and they have three children. Dean is on staff of a Christian discipleship and evangelistic outreach organization called The Navigators. He is currently writing a book on spiritual conversations.



**Why Don't You Be a Man About It?**

**Leader: David Dunderdale**

This course is for husbands and dads. Surveys of men who are asked at the end of their life what is it they regret, do not say that they regret not working harder. The vast majority of men regret not having spent more time with family. They regret not sowing more seeds to their wives and children. We know that these relationships are the most important human relationships in our lives. However, we rarely talk about how we can be better dads and better husbands. This course will be about how we can do that as we strive to follow Christ above all. The course will be conversational and will be an invitation to risk sharing our struggles and lives with other men. All men are welcome but the focus will be on being husbands and dads.



**Dave** is Blacknall's pastor for Outreach and Discipleship. Dave and his wife Kim have five children. Dave has spent his ministry exploring God's missional calling for churches in the U.S. and around the world.

**The Work of Christ in the Life of the Church**

**Leaders: Allan Poole & Chris Blumhofer**

The Bible teaches that believers, and the Church together, live in an eternal spiritual union with the Lord Jesus Christ. How does this come about, and how do we deepen our communion with Jesus? How do we participate in Jesus' relationship with the Father? How does Jesus' life in us transform our lives, and shape our mission? What forms of church life faithfully reflect Jesus' life in and through us? We would love to have you join us as we discuss these topics and read together a brief document called Union in Christ: A Declaration for the Church.

**Allan** has been a pastor at Blacknall for more than 25 years. He is married to Betsy and they have three children: Ellie, Sam, and Sarah.



**Chris** is a former intern for Outreach & Discipleship at Blacknall, is a member at Blacknall and a doctoral student in New Testament at Duke University.



**BRIDGES**

**Leader: Scott Hawkins**

During the past ten years much global attention has focused on Muslims, most recently in the events of the "Arab Spring." Christians have responded to Muslims in many ways, but all too often, without the compassion that characterized Jesus. BRIDGES seeks to replace fear and intimidation with love and gentle boldness, reshaping the way Christians view and respond to their Muslim neighbors. Through this DVD-based study participants will grow in their understanding of Islam and what Muslims believe through the lens of Biblical teaching. Thus we shall become prepared for building relationships of trust with Muslims in our community and extending Jesus' love to them. Preview: <https://www.crescentproject.org/index.cfm/PageID/1610/index.html>



**Scott** is on campus staff with ISI -International Students, Inc. and has interacted with several Muslim-background students, and recently benefited from dialogues with students from Turkey, Iran and Kashmir. Having completed the Bridges study during a day seminar last year he became motivated to share the training with others. Scott and his wife Jenny have been part of the Blacknall congregation since 1978 and raised their five married children here.

**Living Out the Gospel in Life** - [http://timothykeller.com/study/gospel\\_in\\_life/](http://timothykeller.com/study/gospel_in_life/)

**Leaders: Paul Immanuel and Janise Matyas Smith**

In this class we will explore what it means to live out the gospel in our own lives, through our community and for the benefit of the world. Using Tim Keller's study *Gospel in Life*, we will look at the true nature of the gospel and the various ways we can distort it, how to engage in gospel-centered living, dethroning idols as the key to real growth, love for the city, viewing our work through the eyes of the gospel, acting justly and loving mercy, and how an eternal perspective changes how we live here and now. The class will be a combination of video/audio teaching, lecture and group discussion.

**Paul** has been a member of Blacknall since 1994 and has been active in many capacities since then. He retired last year from IBM. Paul committed his life to the Lord in India and speaks extensively about his faith. Paul is married to Phyllis and they have two adult children and one grandchild.



**Janise** is an ordained Presbyterian Minister who has served as a pastor in the Durham area and joined the Blacknall community three years ago. Janise is married to Derek and currently spends her days keeping up with her two daughters while enjoying every opportunity to preach, teach and engage in spiritual formation.

**Flourishing and Christian Faithfulness**

**Leaders: Warren Kinghorn & Emily Hamilton**

God's world is broken; things are not as they should be, and we experience this brokenness, both in others and in ourselves, nearly every day. In this class we will end up talking very practically about some of the forms of brokenness which are generally understood in the language of "mental health" (such as depression and anxiety), but we will do so by first considering what Scripture and Christian tradition have to say about what it means for humans to flourish, or to be 'healthy.' We will talk about the "theological virtues" of faith, hope, and love, which make clear that our flourishing is not a matter of our own effort but of God's love and grace to us. We will also talk about the "cardinal virtues" of justice, wisdom, courage, and self-control, and will consider how we can be the sort of community in which healing, flourishing, and reconciliation are possible.

**Warren** has been a Blacknall member for 8 years. He has been married to Susan for 10 years, and they have two young children. He works as a staff psychiatrist at the Durham VA Medical Center. He teaches also at Duke Divinity School, focusing on how the Christian tradition speaks to the way that pastors, clinicians, and patients approach medicine and health care.



**Emily** is a third-year M.Div student at Duke Divinity school. She is interested in spiritual formation and pastoral care, and also enjoys cooking, reading, and watching good movies. Emily is originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and lives with her husband Kyle, a recent Duke Divinity grad.