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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
July 6, 2024 - 9:00am
What Do You Understand by the Providence of God?

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Awesome God

Welcome

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Apostles Creed

God's Greeting: Pastor Rich

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

How Great is our God

Seek ye First

Good, good Father

Congregational Prayer: Angie V

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship in Song:

The Seasons are Fixed by Wisdom Divine

Now with Joyful Exultation

Great is Thy Faithfulness

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture:

Lord's Day 10 - Q&A 27

Q. 27. What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and everywhere present power of God,¹ whereby, as it were by His hand, He upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures;² so that herbs and grass, rain and drought,³ fruitful and barren

years, meat and drink,⁴ health and sickness,⁵ riches and poverty,⁶ yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.⁷

Psalm 13

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the Lord’s praise,
for he has been good to me.

Matthew 7:7-12

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Sermon: What Do You Understand by the Providence of God?

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: O Worship the King

Blessing: Pastor Rich

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Rich Bawinkel to lead our worship this morning. Thank you for sharing God's word with us.

KC1 Serve & Sleepover will be July 12 & 13. If you have any small projects the kids could help with, please let Stacy know, ASAP. Parents, Stacy has sent out a rough draft of the itinerary and meal plans. Please review the email and send Stacy any and all feedback you may have.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Betty S, Albert W

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at
mhooke01@gmail.com.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to
FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

July Birthdays

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| 1 | Albert Wiebenga | 18 | Wanda Smith |
| 2 | Paul Thompson | 25 | Jonah Lutz |
| 4 | Dick Huizenga | 26 | Dorothy Bielema |
| 6 | Jessica Russell | 28 | Logan Moore |
| 17 | David Dykstra | 29 | Graicie James |
| 17 | Steve Huisenga | 31 | Mary Tunnacliffe |

July Anniversaries

12 Bruce & Lori Bielema 20 Eric & Sara Burns

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 6/30/24:

Building Fund: \$900.00

UCSB: \$288.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$1458.00

Under: \$593.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 7/14/24: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Please place your offerings in the plates as they are passed.

Community News

World Renew DRS Response to Iowa Flooding - After heavy rain and severe flooding in northwestern Iowa on 6/22/24, World Renew DRS is making plans to help the homeowners and churches who were most affected to clean up and rebuild as the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions, for DRS staff and volunteers, and others working to assist people in need. To help flood survivors in Iowa and across the U.S. financially: <http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024>-donate, call 1-800-552-7972, or by mail your check to World Renew DRS, with "Spring Storms 2024" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

The Farm Hands will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 7 at 6:00 PM. Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. We will be serving Root Beer Floats after the concert! For anyone who has seen them in concert, none of this comes as a surprise. Tim Graves and The Farm Hands is one of the most exciting and talented bands in bluegrass music. The group features 4 award-winning singers, musicians and songwriters, including Two long-time veterans of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. The Group had a #1 song, called "Pride", The classic song that was first released by Ray Price in the 1960's and was #2 on the list of the top 200 Artists of 2021 worldwide. Tim Graves and The Farm Hands are the only Group in the Bluegrass genre that can honestly say they have Bluegrass DNA that has been handed down from the first generation of Bluegrass Music Greats, That is exciting news for this talented group. This group also has a number one song in the charts again titled "She's Gone, Gone, Gone," a Harlan Howard song first recorded by Lefty Frizzell and later by Glen Campbell. The version that Tim Graves and The Farm Hands have is a bit different but just as appealing to the listener.

The Dotsons will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 14, at 6:00 PM. The Dotsons are a family gospel group from northern Indiana. The group consists of husband and wife, John and Yavonna Dotson and their oldest son, Christopher Dotson. Christopher brings a lot to the group with his love for gospel music and many talents of playing the mandolin, acoustic, lead and steel guitar as well as singing harmony and some lead vocals. Like his dad, He has even written a few songs. John and Yavonna have been singing together for over 30 years. They started out singing in their home church, funerals and weddings. In early 1998 God started opening doors and leading them in a different direction. They did their first recording project in October 1998. In February 1999 they were given the opportunity to open for the legendary group, The Kingsmen, at a concert in North Manchester, IN. Shortly after that concert, the phone started ringing with inquiries about booking The Dotsons. After the group did their first recording in 1998, it was evident to them that God had given John the gift of songwriting. John is becoming very well known for his song writing abilities, such as Gardens of Stone, The Man I use to be, Lost and Found, No One Expected Me, I'm gonna run for home, Think of Me, He`s Still Saving Me, Prayer Warrior, Who Will Tell Them; the list goes on and on. The Dotsons are in their 23rd year of traveling and singing for the Lord with a total of 8 recording projects & working on #9. The Dotsons desire is to be used by the Lord to help others find their way to Him and encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

Clinton Women's Club will offer their annual Breakfast on the Porch, Sunday, July 14th, from 8am to 1pm at the George Curtis Mansion, 420 5th Ave S in Clinton. Tickets will be \$10. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, breads and rolls, fruits, tomato and orange juice, coffee or tea. Reservations are not required. You may eat on the porch or in the air-conditioned mansion. Any questions or special reservations call 563-249-5861.

Mid-America's 20th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at the Deer Creek Golf Club in University Park, IL. The golf outing will follow a scramble format with a shotgun start. Our tee time is 9:00 a.m., with complimentary range balls to get your swing dialed in ahead of time. Join us after the round for a reception. All this, plus fun gifts, contests, and prizes await you at the 20th Annual Mid-America Reformed Seminary Golf Outing! Please join us! Registrations and sponsorships are due no later than August 9, 2024. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.midamerica.edu/news/134/20th-annual-golf-outing>.

| | July 7th | July 14 |
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| Recorder & Sound | Joe V | David D |
| Nursery Attendant | Stacy S | Lynell B |
| Snack Provider | Brenda A | Mary M |
| Server | Elders | Marissa W |

| Weekly Calendar | | |
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| Today | Sunday Worship | 9:00 am |
| Friday, July 12 th – Saturday, July 13 th | KC1 Serve & Sleepover | 5:00 pm – 2:00 pm |