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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton

October 4, 2026 - 9:00am

“Is Evil Really Winning in this World?”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianist

Welcome: Brenda A.

Announcements: Brenda A.

Call To Worship: Brenda A.

God’s Greeting: Brother Lain

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Yet Not I But Christ in Me

Living Hope

Congregational Prayer: Brother Lain

Worship Through Song:

Oh to See the Dawn

The Power of the Cross

Low in the Grave He Lay - Blue Psalter Hymnal #357

We Prepare For & Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10, Matthew 28:18, Romans 6:9 & 10

Sermon: “Is Evil Really Winning in this World?”

– Brother Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: Easter Song

Blessing: Brother Lain

Announcements

Today we welcome Lain VanderMyde. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month Thank you to all who have graciously and skillfully provided pulpit supply. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for cards of thanks.

Our next Sunday School session will be October 11th. Please go to the basement for refreshments and class! We will start with snacks after the church service concludes.

Breaking Bread together Our next potluck will be October 18th, which is also Communion Sunday. "*Fall* into fellowship" is the theme. Bring your favorite fall favorites! There will be a sign-up sheet in back so we don't have duplicates.

Trunk or Treat survey. Will you participate? Where should we have it? Our parking lot or Drives Park? Please make your decision by October 18. No matter where or when, we would appreciate donations of bags of candy.

Art & Music Fundraiser for Unity Christian Schools at Culvers, Monday, October 19th, 5p – 8p. Students and staff will serve you. Enjoy a meal to support a worthy cause!

Please send **prayer requests** to **stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com** and all bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 6p. If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line "Newsletter" by the last Wednesday of the month.

Birthdays:
4 Rylie Dykstra

5 Darla Birks
9 Tegan Breidenbach

Anniversaries:

October 5 Roger & Eileen Frazier

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 9/27/26

General Fund

UCSB: \$265.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$832.00

Under: \$1,334.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

10/11/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Benevolence

Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Community Announcements

The Thomson CROP Walk is scheduled for **TODAY**, October 4th at 1:30p starting at the Thomson United Methodist Church. 25% of the funds raised will go towards the Fulton Food Pantry & Thomson Children's Christmas Program. 75% will go towards CWS Disasters worldwide. If you would like to kindly donate contact 1st CRC member, Don Mathey. If you would like to help collect, I have 5 extra collection packets.

Bethel is celebrating 5 years of their Praise and Prayer, Sunday evening services, **tonight**. There will be pie added to the prayer and praise! Anyone is welcome! October 4th at 5:00p.

Fall Experience Day for families interested in Christ-centered education will be held Monday, October 19th. This is a great day for students to visit Unity Christian School, meet students, and shadow classes. Our spring event was a huge hit, and many families commented on how they wished they had inquired about Unity sooner!

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton at 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – God’s big family is made up of people from every country on earth! Print off a world map and put it on your refrigerator or kitchen table. Each day, or once a week, choose a country (or if there are kids in your household, take turns choosing). Learn about that country and pray for the needs of its people. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Lifelong Discipleship: A Conversation with Author

Cameron Shaffer - Join Thrive faith formation consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar featuring Cameron Shaffer, author of *Keeping Kids Christian*. As a parent and pastor, Shaffer focuses on intergenerational, lifelong discipleship strategies that foster deep connections to the local church, helping young people stay involved well beyond their youth group years. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 13, at 4:00 PM EDT. Register by October 9 at tinyurl.com/ye2ju9xy or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

	<u>October 4th</u>	<u>October 11th</u>	<u>October 18th</u>
Pastor	Lain VanderMyde	John Byker	John Byker
Sound	Joe V.	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery	Amy C.	Stacy S.	Ana T.
Snack	Amy C.	Rachel E.	Michelle V.
Server	Amy C.	Rachel E.	Michelle V.
Planner	Brenda A.	Lynda V.	Beth C.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Sunday, October 11 th	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Sunday School	10:05 am

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Prayer Concerns

Continued prayers for Bruce B for relief of pain and discomfort from a displaced neck vertebra.

Prayer for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue to work towards finding a new Pastor to lead the congregation. Members of the congregation who are homebound and in care facilities.

Did you know we have a prayer chain email? If you would like to get emails asking for prayers or sending praises you can contact Paul at pthomps1708@yahoo.com to be added to the email chain.

Book of Matthew: chapter 28 Quiz

1. Who came to the tomb the first day of the week?
 - Nicodemus and Joseph
 - Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
 - Judas Iscariot
2. Who rolled back the stone from the sepulcher?
 - Jesus
 - The angel of the Lord
 - The guards

3. What was the guards' reaction to the angel?

- For fear of him, the guards did shake and became as dead men.
- An attack response
- Courageous withdrawal

4. What did the angel say regarding the whereabouts of Jesus?

- He is in Heaven
- His body was stolen
- He is risen

5. What did he tell the women to do?

- Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead
- Tarry until Jesus returns
- To go home and keep it quiet

6. What were Jesus' first words to the women?

- Rejoice
- Hurry to the assembly
- Good day

7. What did the chief priest and elders give the guards on watch?

- A special job guarding the Temple
- A warning not to relate the event
- Large money

8. What did the Pharisee's and elders tell them to tell others?
 - The Romans have agreed to conspiracy against Judah.
 - Jesus is risen from the dead.
 - His disciples came by night, and stole Him away, while we slept.
9. Where did the disciples go at this time?
 - Into Galilee
 - Into Egypt
 - Into the whole world
10. What were the two reactions upon seeing Jesus?
 - Stay or run
 - They worshiped Him, but some doubted
 - They were happy but sad
11. How much Power [authority] is given to Jesus?
 - None at this time but later in the Rapture
 - All in Heaven and Earth
 - Some on earth
12. Who were the disciples to teach and baptize?
 - Only the Jews
 - Gentiles who became Jews
 - All nations
13. What were the disciples to teach them to do?
 - Nothing for God's grace is sufficient
 - Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you
 - To only believe and that's all