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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton

September 13, 2026 - 9:00am

“The Surrender Pathway to Victory”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Special Music by Bodey S.

Welcome: Rollie V.

Announcements: Rollie V.

Call To Worship: Bodey S.

L: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"

P: "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His Presence with singing!"

L: Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; We are the people, and the sheep of His Pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him And bless His Name!"

ALL: "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. "

God's Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Victory in Jesus (Christ Won the Victory)

I Surrender All

Congregational Prayer: Angie V.

Worship Through Song:

It is Well

Make me a Captive, Lord

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32 (Pg 38-39)

Sermon: “The Surrender Pathway to Victory” – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor John

Parting Song: Doxology: Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

Announcements

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

Please be in prayer this week as the Tri-Classis churches gather at Orland Park CRC on September 16th for the fall session. Our Classis Illinois North will join with Classis Chicago South and Classis Illiana to do the Lord's work and business. Pray for safe travel, discernment for God's will, and unity among the churches. Our church delegates are Beth Caven and Brenda Atherton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is COMING!

When: September 20th

Where: the church basement

Time: 10:05 - 10:35

Who: Children 3-10

For starters, we are trying one Sunday per month to get going. Hopefully there will be enough interest to increase our sessions to 2 times per month (or more, eventually)!

We will eat snacks together, sing a song, listen to a lesson and do a craft! The goal is to help children build Bible confidence and lasting faith!

Thank you to everyone who remembered me for my birthday. May the Lord bless you! Beth Long

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:

15 Lynda Vander Eide
17 Roger Frazier

19 Virginia Scidmore
19 Michael Hooker
19 Andrew Dykstra

Anniversaries:

20 Fred & Ronda Phillips

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 9/6/26

General Fund

Building Fund: \$195.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$1,664.00

Under: \$502.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Kidz Klub

9/20/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

Community Announcements

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!

Coffee with Kelli Coffee and Conversation with Superintendent Parsons. The purpose of these meetings are to provide local residents with an opportunity to discuss district goals, ask questions, and share concerns with Mrs. Parsons.

Friday, September 18, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at Steam Anchor

Friday, September 25, 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m. at the District Office

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 – It’s Grandparents’ Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

	<u>September 13th</u>	<u>September 20th</u>	<u>September 27th</u>
Pastor	John Byker	John Byker	Randy Knoll
Sound	Joe V.	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery	Michelle V.	Celia B.	Sara B.
Snack	Ruby D.	Beth C.	Ann D.
Server	Lynell B.	Ana T.	Ann D.
Planner	Lynda V.	Brenda A.	Beth C.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am