

First CRC Fulton  
July 9, 2023  
Breaking Cycles of Sin: Part 2

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** No Longer Slaves

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** From Psalm 9

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

**All: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

**All: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

**God's Greeting:**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Hymn Sing - Songs from Praise Hymnal

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering**

**Worship in Song:**

Hymn Sing - Songs from Praise Hymnal

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:**

Ezekial 18:14, 17b-18, 21, 27-28, 30-32

*<sup>14</sup>“But suppose this son has a son who sees all the sins his father commits, and though he sees them, he does not do such things:*

*<sup>17b</sup>He keeps my laws and follows my decrees.*

*He will not die for his father's sin; he will surely live. <sup>18</sup>But his father will die for his own sin, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother and did what was wrong among his people.*

*<sup>21</sup>“But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die.*

*<sup>27</sup>But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die.*

*<sup>30</sup>“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.*

*<sup>31</sup>Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!*

Galatians 5:16-18

*<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

John 3:3-5,21

*<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”*

*<sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”*

*<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

*<sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.*

**Sermon:** Breaking Cycles of Sin: Part 2 - Pastor Michael Hooker

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** How Great Thou Art

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**The family of Robert Jackson** would like to express our sincere thanks to those who extended their sympathy to us with flowers, cards and prayers at the time of our loved one’s death. Your kindness was a great source of comfort to us. God bless you all. Love Joan, Carman, and Stacy.

**Outdoor Services** will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday this summer. The theme for our August 13th outdoor service and potluck will be “Dog Days of Summer.” The Evangelism Committee will

cook hot dogs. Please bring a "BallPark" food (Nachos, Popcorn, etc). And don't forget to invite your friends!

**Please email all information for the secretary to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com). Please do not send information to my private email or text message, as they are not monitored the same.**

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

### **July Birthdays**

1	Albert Wiebenga	17	David Dykstra	25	Jonah Lutz
2	Paul Thompson	17	Steve Huisenga	26	Dorothy Bielema
4	Dick Huizenga	18	Wanda Smith	28	Logan Moore
6	Jessica Russell	21	Jeanette Brondyke	29	Graicie James

### **July Anniversaries**

12	Bruce & Lori Bielema	20	Eric & Sara Burns
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### **Deacons News**

**6/18/23** : Building Fund: \$680.00

Budget: \$2,042.00      **Offerings Today:** General Fund - Youth Group

Received: \$6,657.72      Next Sunday: General Fund - Faith Promise

Over: \$4, 615.72      *Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.*

### **Community News**

**The Farm Hand** will be welcomed to the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 9th 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 following the concert. The Farm Hands is one of the most exciting and in demand bands in Bluegrass/Gospel music. They are at home at any venue because they stay true to their calling. Tim Graves of The Farm Hands explains, "When you do what you are called to do, you really don't have to worry about anything because the Lord is in charge."

**Hearts of Fire** Virtual Event, inspiring testimonies of costly faith from four courageous women is Friday, July 14th, 2023. Go to [HeartsEvent.com](http://HeartsEvent.com) for more information.

**New Legacy** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 16th at 6:00 PM. Please join us in the valley for an evening of music and ministry. A free will offering will be taken. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. New Legacy is a group of exceptional

instrumentalists, and phenomenal vocals, singing meaningful lyrics, all of which plays part in the lasting trademark of this group! But their performances are so much more than just music. New Legacy brings many years of music ministry experience with them to every performance, along with a wide variety of instruments and music styles. They have a unique range of voices that might sing a traditional bluegrass song one moment, a classic country gospel, or even an acapella.

**Beyond the Walls**, 2023 Center for Missions & Evangelism National Conference, will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Our speakers will address crucial topics that speak to the mission and identity of the church in a world full of darkness and confusion. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ offers any meaningful hope; and through God’s Word and Spirit, the Church continues to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Join us at Bethel Church from October 6-7 in Lansing, Illinois, as we seek to grow and learn together.

<https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>

**The Annual Pro-Life Event** for the Pregnancy Center will be held this year at Journey Church in Clinton, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30-8:30pm. They will have pizza, great worship, a guest speaker and free pro-life giveaways. Mark your calendars. RSVP to Nancy by Email if you hope to attend or call 563-242-6628 with any questions. More details will follow and thanks for your prayers.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Celia
Snack Provider	Evangelism	Lynell
Server	Committee	Lynell

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

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