

First CRC Fulton

July 23, 2023

A Biblical Family in a Modern World: Part 1

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** No Longer Slaves

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** From Revelation 15

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

**All: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**All: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!**

**God's Greeting:**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Waymaker

O How Good It Is

Lord I need You

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering** - Unity Christian School Boosters

**Worship in Song:**

God is So Good

Happy the Home When God is There

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

**Scripture:**

Genesis 1:27-28

*<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

*<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

Genesis 2:18-25

*<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

*<sup>19</sup>Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

*<sup>23</sup>The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."*

*<sup>24</sup>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

*<sup>25</sup>Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

**Sermon:** A Biblical Family in a Modern World: Part 1 - Pastor Michael Hooker

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**Thursday** This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is soup and crackers.

**Rachel Dykstra & Charles Elliott** invite our 1stCRC church family to their wedding. Saturday Sept 2nd 2023 at 3:00 pm at 1stCRC. Dinner Reception to follow at Majestic Pines(formerly Buck's Barn), 11503 3 Mile Rd, Thomson, IL. Please RSVP by Aug 1st by calling 563-219-5441 or there is a sign up sheet on the back table. Thank you!

**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). Sending information to private email or text message, may get missed**

**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  
2 Paul Thompson

4 Dick Huizenga  
6 Jessica Russell

17 David Dykstra  
17 Steve Huisenga  
18 Wanda Smith

21 Jeanette Brondyke

25 Jonah Lutz

28 Logan Moore

26 Dorothy Bielema

29 Graicie James

**July Anniversaries**

12 Bruce & Lori Bielema

20 Eric & Sara Burns

**Deacons News**

**7/16/23** : Faith Promise: \$182.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

**Offerings Today:** General Fund - Unity Christian School Boosters

Received: \$1,032.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Ministry Shares

Short: \$1,010.00

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

**Community News**

**Discovery Center - 7/23** Discovery Center On the GO! @ LumberKings

7/29 -- EnviroKids: Worm Time!

**The McCloskeys** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 23rd at 6:00 PM. Please join us for an evening of Music and Ministry. A free will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. Pat and Kyla McCloskey are a husband/wife duo based in Hebron, Indiana. They travel across the country singing soul stirring and inspirational music. Their preaching will challenge the heart and encourage Christians to give it all to Jesus Christ in service and in testimony.

**The Kramers** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday July 30th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us in the Valley for an evening of worship and fellowship. We will also be serving ice cream Sundaes! In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. A free will offering will be taken. At an event with The Kramers, audiences can expect a variety of musical styles featuring beautiful family harmonies and the skilled accompanying instrumentation brought forth by Scott, Ben and Maria. Audiences are greatly moved, oftentimes to tears, by the sweet, yet powerful gospel message within each of the musical selections. Top all of this off with a time of hearing personal testimony and an opportunity to accept Christ as Savior. Many walk away greatly impacted by the gospel.

**Mid-America's 19th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 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 19th Annual Mid-America Reformed Seminary Golf Outing! Please join us! Registrations and sponsorships are due no later than August 11, 2022. To register or learn more, go to <https://www.midamerica.edu/news>.

**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.

**Volunteer with World Renew Disaster Response Services** - Are you looking for volunteer opportunities to help others and serve God? Make a life changing difference with World Renew Disaster Response Services this fall in Boutte, Louisiana; Whatcom County, Washington; or Sarasota, Florida! For dates and more information, go to [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer). We can't wait to hear from you!

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul
Nursery Attendant	Sara B	Amy
Snack Provider	Beth C	Angie V
Server	Stacy S	Lynell B

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Deacons' Meeting	10:30 am
Thursday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Elders' Meeting	6:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm

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