



First Christian Church

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But the things that come out of the
mouth come from the heart,
and these things defile a man.
Matthew 15:18

Things That Defile A Person

August 16, 2026
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #159 - Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship:(from Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious on us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

People: **In that manner, your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

ALL: **Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

Opening Prayer:

Father God, we thank you for creating us in your own image and likeness and calling us to follow you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might learn from you and your Law. Give us the grace to forgive others even as you forgive us. We are grateful for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We lift up our prayers to you in his holy name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Frank Shirer
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	Pastor Marshall Murphy
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger	- Joanie Witherington	- Eileen Phegley

The Tradition of the Elders

15 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, **2** “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.” **3** He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? **4** For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ **5** But you say that whoever tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,’ then that person need not honor the father. **6** So, for the sake of your tradition, you nullify the word of God.

7 You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

8 ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
9 in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ”

Things That Defile

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: **11** it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” **12** Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” **13** He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. **14** Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” **15** But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” **16** Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? **17** Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the

stomach and goes out into the sewer? **18** But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. **19** For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. **20** These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. **22** Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” **23** But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” **24** He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” **25** But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” **26** He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” **27** She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” **28** Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Scripture Readings - Matthew 15: 1 - 28 (NRSV)

Sermon - “***Things That Defile A Person.***” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #230 - His Name is Wonderful (sing twice)

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION
The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - #249 - All Glory, Laud And Honor

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.
And may the blessings of Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 8-10-26	2231.99
Expenses - Payroll x3	2138.01
Weekly Offering	1665.00
Difference	-473.01
Ending Balance	1758.98

Announcements

Week of August 9th - Attendance: 33; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 11; Approx. Views: 17 - 50



August Birthdays

- 3 - Landon Sayler
- 7 - Judy Smith, Dave Sutton
- 16 - Pamela Turner
- 20 - Patrick Dowds
- 21 - Christy Jordan
- 25 - Mark Slade
- 26 - Jordan Evers
- 27 - Mindy Pettet
- 31 - Hanna McNeal

September Birthdays

- 1 - Alyssa McNeal
- 6 - Mark McNeal
- 7 - Brian Arnold
- 10 - Lisa Templeton
- 11 - Michelle Lintner
- 12 - Laura Roberts
- 13 - Jeff Ploughe
- 14 - Bob Hilton
- 17 - Pam Christopher
- 19 - Paul Dunlap
- 23 - Sally Siela
- 24 - Dana Joslyn
- 27 - Avery Dunlap,
Marilyn Kuyrkendall

August Anniversaries

- 1 - Cory & Jenny Craig - 1998
- 8 - David & Alison Hickman - 1992
- 12 - Bob & Heidi Phillips - 1978
- 16 - Stan & Kris Bailey - 1975
- 17 - Steve & Donna Bailey - 1974
- 17 - Christopher & Jennifer Porter - 1991

Septemebr Anniversaries

- 11 - Paul & Bev Dunlap - 1966
- 15 - Jim & Leisa Donnelly - 1979
- 28 - Chris & Trissa Arihood - 1985