# EAGER AVENUE GRACE CHURCH

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

### **Worship Services**

### Sunday, August 21, 2022

10am: "Christ - God's Way of Justification" | Isaiah 45 Christ in the Old Testament Lesson 90 Bill Parker

11am: "The Great Apostasy" Thessalonians 2:1-4 Bill Parker

### Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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### "The Lord Our Maker"

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." (Psalm 95:6)

What a great and glorious privilege it is that we, sinners saved by grace through the Lord Jesus Christ, are enabled to worship our "the LORD our Maker" in the assembly of the saints and that we are accepted with Him on the basis of the redemption that Christ accomplished for us as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, and Keeper! God's Word assures all who believe in Christ and rest in Him as the LORD our righteousness – "For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall He be called" Isa. 54:5). Let us never neglect this privilege or take it for granted. —Pastor Bill Parker

The comfort of a believer's heart lies not in a mere "feeling" that everything will be alright. It lies in the Spirit of God's application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God Who cannot lie, die, change, or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God's grace through Christ's righteous blood.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

# "I Was Found of Them That Sought Me Not" Romans 10:20

I am not a Christian because I was raised to be one. Nor am I a Christian because I was smart enough to figure it out, good enough to find my way, or lucky enough to meet the right people. I am not a Christian because I "accepted Jesus as my personal savior," nor because I "gave him my heart." I am a Christian because the grace of God found me when I wasn't even looking. I am a Christian because of God's miraculous and powerful intervention in my life.

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## **Everlasting Righteousness**

Every time we say "for Thy name's" sake, or for Christ's sake, we are making use of another's claim, another's merit, and conceding or accepting the whole doctrine of imputed righteousness. Every man is daily getting, in some way or other, what he personally has no title to. When a son gets an inheritance from his father, he gets what does not belong to him, and what could easily and legally be diverted from him. When one who is not a son gets an estate by will, he gets what he has no claim to, simply by a legal deed. Human jurisprudence recognizes these transferences as competent and proper, not fictitious or absurd. Man daily acts on these principles of getting what he has no right to, simply because a fellow-man wills it, and law acknowledges that will. Why then should he speak of fictitious transferences in spiritual blessings, proceeding on precisely the same principle? Why should he deny the law or process of the divine jurisprudence, by which forgiveness of sins is conferred on him according to the will of another, and secured to him by the claims of another? If earthly law deals thus with him in earthly things, why should not heavenly law deal thus with him in heavenly things?

—Horatius Bonar

# The God-Bought Church

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28)

Consider the redemption price that was rendered at the cross of Calvary. As *Ephesians 1:7* makes clear, God's sheep have redemption "... through his blood,..." speaking of the blood of Christ who in His incarnation took on the same flesh and blood (humanity) of those for whom His blood was shed, only without sin. And yet, His was not the blood of a mere creature but of One who is both God as well as man. It took the infinitely valuable blood of the God-man. *Acts20:28* speaks of this when it refers to, "... the church of God, which He [God] hath purchased with His [God's] own blood." This is speaking of the blood of God – God, who is Christ. The greatness of redemption is magnified by the greatness of the Redeemer as we gain some idea of the immensity of the eternal blessings in Christ, by the immensity of His nature, the One who alone could and did purchase the church – God and man in one glorious Person!

—Elder Randy Wages

### Hymns

<u>August 21st services</u> Hallelujah, What a Savior - 127 I Need Thee Every Hour - 318

# Call To Worship

(Tune – Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus – p. 257)

Great Jehovah, our salvation, God of mercy and of grace; Who sent Christ to save His nation, His dear sheep from every race.

REFRAIN: How we love Him, Christ our Savior,
He who reigns o'er all to bless
All His people with salvation;
Praise the Lord our righteousness.

There's a peace that knows no ending In the Savior's loving arms; With our precious Lord's attending, Keeping safe from all alarms.

We rejoice in our redemption
Earned by Christ, our Great High Priest,
He who reigns without exemption
Intercedes for us to plead.

### **Prayer Requests**

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, the mission in Malawi, Africa.