

# 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 27, 2023

10 am: "Ask, Seek, and Knock"

Matthew Series | Lesson 23

Matthew 7:6-11

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Compromising Church" | Revelation 2:12-17

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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In describing the great responsibility of Gospel preachers, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Cor. 2:15-16).* The Gospel of Christ is a message of life and death and must be preached and heard with this in mind. It sets forth the glory of the Person of Christ as God in human flesh in Whom there is life and without Whom there is nothing but death. It tells us of His powerful finished work of redemption for His people, God's elect, so that all who desire life instead of death would seek and find Him and rest in Him for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. Let us all seek to be among *"them that are saved,"* rather than *"them that perish."* How can we know the difference? Listen to another passage written by the Apostle Paul – *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).* What is the *"preaching of the cross,"* Christ and Him crucified, to you? Is it *"foolishness"* to you, or is it *"the power of God"* to save you, keep you, and bring you to glory in Christ?  
—Pastor Bill Parker

As Christ's righteousness is the only merit that can exalt us to the presence and to the kingdom of God, so that doctrine alone is to be considered as evangelical which depresses the righteousness of man and exalts the righteousness of Christ, leading us to trust, not on what we do, but singly on what He has done and suffered for us. The business of the law is to knock us down from the pedestal of self-confidence and to grind us small as Moses ground to powder and dispersed the materials of the Israelitish idol. The business of grace is to lift us from the dust, to settle us upon Christ the Rock of ages, to put a new song of free salvation into our mouths.

—Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

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## Behold Your God

*Isaiah 40:9*

Get up on a high mountain, lift up your voice, be not afraid, and say to the people, ***“Behold your God.”*** That Divine Person is come that was promised, prophesied, and expected – even ***EMMANUEL***, God with us, God in our nature, God manifest in the flesh, God our Saviour; and Who, being God, truly God, is able to save to the uttermost. Look to Him and be saved! Behold your God! Behold the Son of God! Behold the Lamb of God Who has borne all our sins and taken them away. Behold Him now as your King and your Lord on the throne, crowned with glory and honor. Behold Him on the same throne with His heavenly Father, having all power in heaven and earth; and let your heart-faith exclaim, “My Lord and my God”!

—John Gill

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## Effectual Prayer

***“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Rom. 8:26-27)***

True believers, in looking to Christ for all of their salvation, give evidence that they are among the saints for whom the Holy Spirit makes intercession – and that intercession is all in accordance with God's will. If the Holy Spirit Himself and Christ Himself (See ***Rom 8:34 & Heb 7:25***) are ever interceding for each one of God's saints, then all of his or her prayers are ultimately submitted before the Father in accordance with His perfect will. And His will shall always be done (***Isa 46:10***). Some are disappointed to learn that God's will and purpose shall always be realized and that their prayers will not change His mind. But that does not mean that the prayer of a righteous, justified sinner is not effectual and powerful. In ways I do not come close to fully understanding, God uses the prayers of His people as an effectual means in accomplishing His objectives. I know the prayers of a true believer are powerful and effectual because God says so. ***“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man a justified sinner availeth much” (James 5:16).***

—Randy Wages

## Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Hymns

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August 27th services

How Firm a Foundation - 268

Standing on the Promises - 175

## Birthdays

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Rodney Hiers - Aug. 30th | Jeremy Pannell - Aug. 30th

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# Call to Worship

(Tune – My Savior – p. 226) (Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Upon the cross the Savior died,  
For those the Father sanctified;  
God's law was fully satisfied,  
And Jesus cried "It's finished."**

**Our God ordained in cov'nant grace,  
That His own Son would take our place;  
And when He bought His chosen race,  
The Victor cried "It's finished."**

**Behold a wondrous mystery,  
That Jesus died by God's decree,  
To save His sinful family,  
O what a truth, "It's finished."**

**May Jesus Christ be magnified,  
For by His blood we're justified;  
His resurrection signified,  
Redemption's work was finished.**

**We bless the Lord for such a Friend,  
For Jesus Christ our thanks ascend;  
So, sing His praises without end,  
Of Him who cried, "It's finished."**