

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 4, 2024

11 am: "Which Jesus?"
Luke 2:25-35
Jim Casey

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
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Access to God

The only way of access to God is through the risen Christ and based on the merits of His obedience unto death as Substitute and Surety of His people. The only way of access to Christ is by the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal Him in His glorious Person and finished work of redemption to make reconciliation for the sins of His people and to establish a righteousness that enables God to be just and Justifier of the ungodly. It is required of men to believe the Gospel, not as a condition they must meet to attain or maintain salvation, but as the God-ordained means to lay hold of Christ Who by Himself has met all conditions for salvation by His substitutionary obedience unto death. God the Holy Spirit is the sovereign Agent in the new birth; the Gospel is the God-ordained instrument; and faith is the God-appointed and God-given means. Faith is the link to connect the soul to Christ in order that believing sinners might come to Him Who justifies the ungodly based on the blood and imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. The Gospel reveals a complete satisfaction to both God's law and justice by Christ, the only Substitute, Representative, and Surety. It is upon this ground that justifies, receives, and accepts sinners. It is through the blood of Jesus Christ that we have free and unhindered access to God (*Heb. 10:19-22*). —Pastor Bill Parker

Look to Christ, Not Your Obedience

Those who profess to believe on Christ but who do not seek to follow the Lord and seek to honor Him in their lives have an empty and worthless profession. Christ said, **“If ye love Me, keep My commandments.”** A sinner who has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and brought to genuine faith in the Son of God will endeavor to **“adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things” (Titus 2:10)**. Though we know we are sinful in ourselves, yet we do seek to glorify the Lord as we go about our daily activities. However, we must never look to our obedience (which is imperfect at best), in any measure, as the means of acceptance with God. Those who seek God’s approval by any other way than the blood and righteousness of Christ will someday learn they made a fatal mistake. —Pastor Jim Byrd

“It pleased the Father, that in Him should all fulness dwell” (Colossians 1:19). Do you wonder, how may I know whether or not I am a true believer? Consider these questions. Do you see yourself stripped of all righteousness, emptied of all good, prone to every evil? This is the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Do you see the fulness that dwells in that glorious man Christ Jesus? That you must receive pardon of sin, justifying righteousness, adoption, to be a child of God by faith in Him, sanctification and eternal redemption out of His fulness? Are you pleased at this? Are you satisfied to come day after day as a self-emptied sinner, hungry and thirsty, to receive out of His fulness? Can you say so? Then you have the Spirit of Christ; for what pleased the Father, pleases you. Oh, rejoice in this. You may say with the apostle and all saints, **“Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3)**. —William Mason

How can I be assured when I appear before the Lord at Judgment that I will not hear Him say, **“I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity” (Matt. 7:23)**? Consider what those who heard this claimed as their hope of salvation – **“Have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?” (Matt. 7:22)**. Do any of these works equal the perfection of righteousness by which God by His grace justifies the ungodly? NO! That righteousness can only be found in the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. How, then, can I be sure of salvation? **PLEAD CHRIST AND THE MERITS OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ALONE** —Pastor Bill Parker

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: His mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all His praise? Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. (Psalm 106:1-3)

Special Announcements

Brother Randy Wages and I are in Lexington, KY, preaching in a Bible Conference at Trinity Gospel Church where Brother Sonny Hernandez is pastor. Lord willing, we will return home Monday Aug. 5th Brother Jim Casey is preaching here this Sunday. Please pray for us as we preach the Gospel and as we travel home.

The Lord willing, Debbie and I will be leaving Monday to visit our family in Ashland, KY. Brother Randy Wages will be preaching here next Sunday (8/11) in the 11:00 a.m. service. **THERE WILL BE NO 10:00 A.M. SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY.** We will resume our regular services (10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on Sunday, August 18. —Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Alisha Pedersen - Aug. 7th | Edith Ann Tennyson - Aug. 9th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

August 4th service

-The Church's One Foundation - 186

-O For a Thousand Tongues - 46

Call to Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

Arise, my soul, my joyful powers,
And triumph in thy God;
Awake, my voice, and loud proclaim,
His glorious grace abroad.

He raised me from the depths of sin,
The gates of gaping hell,
And fixed my standing more secure,
Than 'twas before I fell.

The arms of everlasting love,
Beneath my soul He placed,
And on the Rock of Ages set,
My slippery footsteps fast.

Arise, my soul! Awake my voice!
And tunes of pleasure sing;
Loud hallelujahs shall address
My Saviour and my King.