

# 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, July 14, 2024

10 am: "The Greatest in the Kingdom" | Matthew 18:1-9  
Matthew Series | Lesson 65  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ's Victory Over Satan" | Revelation 20:1-3  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## A Blessed Declaration

***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)***

There is not a more blessed declaration than this in the whole word of truth. It is the sweetest note sounded by the gospel trumpet, for it is the very crown of the whole jubilee. Is not condemnation the bitterest drop in the cup of trembling? the most thrilling, piercing note of that terrible trumpet which sounded so long and so loud from Sinai's blazing top that all the people that were in the camp trembled? (*Exod. 19:13, 16*)

Condemnation is the final execution of God's righteous law, and therefore carries with it all that arms death with its sting and the grave with its terror. The apprehension of this; the dread and fear of being banished for ever from the presence of God; of being lost, and that without remedy; of sinking under the blazing indignation of him who is a consuming fire, has filled thousands of hearts with horror.

And it must be so as long as the law speaks in its thunders, as long as conscience re-echoes its verdict, and as long as the wrath of God burns to the lowest hell. O the blessedness, then, of that word of grace and truth, worthy to be sounded through heaven and earth by the voice of cherubim and seraphim, ***"There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus!"*** —J. C. Philpot (1802 – 1869)

## Election and Faith

There is no doubt that the Bible teaches that God has an elect people chosen by Him in free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world. They are known by being brought by the Holy Spirit to hear and believe the Gospel of God's grace in Christ Jesus wherein the righteousness of God (the entire merit of Christ's obedience unto death as their Surety and Substitute) is revealed to them and received by them. They all without exception believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel (*1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13-14*),

However, the Gospel does not address lost sinners as being either elect or non-elect. It addresses them as sinners who have nothing to recommend them unto God and who are in need of God's free sovereign grace in the Lord Jesus Christ to save them. It addresses them as who are totally depraved, dead in sin, and in need of righteousness they cannot produce. It commands all who hear it to believe in Christ as He is identified in the Gospel and to repent of their own dead works and idolatry. The Gospel promises salvation to all (whosoever will) who come to God pleading the righteousness of His Son. All who do are identified in the Bible as ***“elect according to the fore knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ”*** (*1 Pet. 1:2*). When we hear the Gospel, then, the question for us to ponder is not, “Am I elect or non-elect?” The question is, “Do I know I am a sinner and that I have only one hope of salvation, of being accepted with God, of being forgiven and having eternal life – Jesus Christ the righteous?”

-- Pastor Bill Parker

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Most "churches" teach and preach a man-centered gospel. As though the "happiness of man" was God's chief concern. God's chief concern is His own Glory. In fact, reality exists for ONE purpose – That God would be glorified in the death of His Son, demonstrating to all of creation that He is a JUST God and a Savior.

—Kenneth Halloran

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Let all who name the name of Christ as witnesses before men be diligent and proactive that our dealings with others are just and honest, that our promises to others are true and well-intended, that our worship of God is devout and sincere, and that our lives before men are moral and blameless. We know the heart and substance of our witness before men is the message and light of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. The means of our witness before men is the preaching of the Gospel, pointing sinners to Christ and His righteousness alone for salvation, not to ourselves or our works. Our prayer to God is for the salvation of sinners by His grace, not glory and esteem for ourselves from men. No one will be saved simply by looking at us. Salvation is by looking to Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

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## Baptism

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Brother David Alvord from Warner-Robbins, GA, is visiting with us this Sunday. He will confess his faith in believer's baptism following the messages.

## Birthdays

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Janna Taylor - July 15th

## Prayer Requests

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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

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### July 14th services

-How Firm a Foundation - 268

-God Leads Us Along - 298

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – The Church's One Foundation – p. 186)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**When Jesus died on Calv'ry, salvation's work was done,  
Redemption was accomplished by God's eternal Son;  
Christ bore our sins and sorrows, He made them all His own,  
And died to honor justice, our sin-debt to atone.**

**O what a wondrous Savior, O what a matchless Friend,  
What love and great compassion which none can comprehend;  
The Lord came down from glory, His very life He gave,  
He died by God's appointment our guilty souls to save.**

**With deepest gratitude Lord, we praise Thy gracious Name,  
And thank Thee for Christ Jesus Who took our sin and blame;  
O may we fully trust Him, may He within us dwell,  
Who died to seal our pardon and save our souls from hell.**