

# 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 21, 2024

10 am: "Seeking & Saving Lost Sheep | Matthew 18:10-14  
Matthew Series | Lesson 66  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Judgment & the First Resurrection" | Revelation 20:4-6  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## This Glorious Gospel

This glorious Gospel is the Gospel of the imputation of sin to a suitable sinless person, the Saviour. In this epistle it is said, God ***"hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew not sin."*** (2 Corinthians 5:21) There was a complete transference, a mutual transference; the transferring of guilt to the Saviour, and the transferring of His righteousness to the sinner; ***"that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."*** Take this out of the Gospel and what is there left that is worth notice? Take this out of the Gospel and how could a wretch who feels his wretchedness in sin have any hope in the mercy of God? Such is a terrible gospel; no gospel at all if imputation is taken away. Eliminate this doctrine of the imputation of sin to Christ, and the imputation of righteousness to the sinner, and we are all as good as in hell; there is nothing for us but perdition. When a sinner, brought by the Spirit of God into solemn and deep despair of himself and of his own righteousness, looks on the Lord Jesus, and adoringly and wonderingly believes in the imputation that removes from himself all sin and brings to him nothing but righteousness, he is complete in Christ. That is the Gospel word. ***"And ye are complete in Him."*** (Colossians 2:10) Completely justified and completely saved. Glorious gospel! If this but shines into our hearts, what a happy people we shall be!

—James Popham

## A Covenant With God by Sacrifice

***“Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.” (Psalm 50:5-6)***

If God has saved us by His grace and gathered us together unto Himself, it is a salvation and a gathering according to the terms of His covenant of grace based on the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, and Preserver. There is but one sacrifice that could have ever accomplished this for God’s people and by which they can truly be called HIS saints – ***“For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb. 10:14)***. This is the offering of His body (His holy sinless humanity) upon the cross as God manifest in the flesh. By His blood He has sealed the covenant that God made with Him before the world began and made certain the eternal salvation and glory for ALL for whom He died, was buried, and arose the third day. And the heavens, and all His people who have been gathered by Him into His kingdom, declare HIS righteousness as their only ground and hope of salvation. They have made a covenant with God based on the sacrifice of their Savior and Lord Who is the Lamb slain for their sins. Like David of old, they made this covenant when Christ sent His Spirit to bring them to hear and understand the terms of this covenant in the preaching of the Gospel of God’s free and sovereign grace in Christ (***2 Sam. 23:5; Rom. 1:1-4,16-17; 2 Cor. 5:19-21***).

—Pastor Bill Parker

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The gifts of liberty and freedom we enjoy make us all the more accountable to God. To whom much is entrusted, much shall be required. If these gifts are not used to glorify, worship and serve Him, they shall prove a curse as they have for many in the past. The liberty to sin, to do evil and to ignore God is simply man left to his own inventions. He is but to perish apart from God’s grace. True liberty is to worship and serve Christ and to believe the Gospel of Christ crucified. All other imagined liberties are but bondage.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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## Christ Our Surety

Our Surety is expressly said to have been made both sin and a curse for His redeemed, that they ***“might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (2nd Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13)***. And what a blessedness is there contained in this one view of the completeness of the church in Jesus! So that, in the very moment that the child of God feels the workings of corruption within him, and is groaning under a body of sin and death, which he carries about with him, though he sees nothing in himself but sin and imperfection, yea, sometimes, as it appears to him growing imperfections, yet looking to the Lord Jesus as his Surety, and considering the Redeemer’s holiness, and not anything in himself, as the standard of justification, here he rests his well-founded hope. This was blessedly set forth by the Holy Ghost – ***“Surely, shall one say, even to Him shall men come, and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 45:24)***

—Robert Hawker

## Birthdays

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Frank Jones – July 21<sup>st</sup> | Leigh Ann Flynn – July 27<sup>th</sup>

## 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 21st services

-Nothing but the Blood - 212

-Unsearchable Riches - 495

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Revive Us Again – p. 485)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Give thanks unto God, for the Son of His love;  
Who in covenant mercy was sent from above.  
Hallelujah, praise the Savior, praise the Father's dear Son;  
Hallelujah, praise the Savior, redemption is done.**

**The angels sang praise, on that wonderful day;  
When the Savior descended for sheep gone astray.  
(CHORUS)**

**On Calvary's hill, Jesus died on the cross;  
Shed His blood to save sinners from infinite loss.  
(CHORUS)**

**Christ rose from the dead, and ascended on high;  
Let us trust in the Savior and on Him rely.  
(CHORUS)**

**Some glorious day, we shall be with our King;  
And with all of the ransomed in heaven we'll sing.  
(CHORUS)**