

# 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, June 23, 2024**

11 am: "Lost and Found"  
Romans 10:1-4  
Randy Wages

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## Where Is Your Refuge?

It is a peculiar happiness to observe that in matters of spiritual concern, the philosopher and the ploughman (if truly regenerate) have the same feelings, speak the same language, and they all eat of the same spiritual meat, drink of the same spiritual Rock that follows them, and that Rock is Christ. Hence, this is that sameness of experience, or to speak figuratively, that strong and striking family likeness which exists among the converted people of God in every period of time and in every nation under heaven. They all, without exception, take refuge in the righteousness and cross of Christ and unite in ascribing the whole praise of their salvation only to the free grace and sovereign mercy of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

—Augustus Toplady

## Dressed for the Wedding

**“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:” (Matthew 22:11).** In the Parable of the Marriage Feast we are reminded that there is a sense in which every sinner may be said to approach the judgment before God clothed in one of two ways. Like the man who didn’t belong at the wedding feast, all of us by nature initially will dare to stand before a thrice-holy God dressed in our own self-righteousness. Sadly, most persist therein and plunge headlong into judgment thinking they will be just fine dressed in their robe of self-righteousness. I recognize that most don’t see it that way. But do not be mistaken. If by way of your thinking, that which distinguishes you from others as acceptable before God is anything other than (or in addition to) the one righteousness of God in Christ, and that made yours by God having freely and graciously imputed or accounted it unto you, then you will not be accepted. We may be dressed in our ‘Sunday’s best’ so to speak, but hear what God says about our natural attire in **Isaiah 64:6, “...all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”** All who dare approach God so attired shall be cast out from His presence for all eternity. We must have a wedding garment that we can’t buy, earn, furnish, or acquire for ourselves. And that garment is the righteousness of God that our Lord and Savior established on the cross for His wedding guests – the merit of His obedience unto death that God graciously has imputed or charged to the objects of His everlasting love, mercy, and grace in Christ.

—Randy Wages

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## The Sustaining Grace of God

**“I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me” (Psalm 3:5).** Could we imagine that our holy, just, and merciful God would save us by His grace only to leave us to ourselves to keep ourselves in His grace? Perish the thought. God saves His people and sustains His people by His power and grace based on the merits of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is gracious, powerful, and faithful to bring all of His chosen people to final glory. Christ died for them, paid their debt to God’s justice, brought forth an everlasting righteousness which God has imputed to them. His righteousness cannot be taken away, and it cannot be contaminated by their sins. Christ ever lives to intercede for them so that they cannot be charged with sin and condemned by the law. God the Holy Spirit has given them spiritual life and indwells them to convict them of sin and drive them to Christ continually and eternally. The sustaining power and grace of God in Christ is enough to save all of His people to the uttermost, and they can never be condemned. Those who say that one whom God has chosen and justified by His grace in Christ, one whom Christ has redeemed by His death on the cross, one whom the Holy Spirit has given spiritual life and faith to believe in Christ, and one for whom Christ intercedes could ever lose that salvation and be lost eternally do not know the God of the Bible. They do not know the sustaining grace and power of God – **“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 24-25).**

—Pastor Bill Parker

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Brother Randy Wages is preaching here this Sunday in my absence. Debbie and I are in Ashland, KY, visiting our family there. We will return home next week. Please pray for us as we travel.

## The Lord's Supper (6/30/24)

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THE LORD WILLING, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY JUNE 30 FOLLOWING THE MESSAGES. WE WILL HAVE OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES.

## Birthdays

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Mark Pannell - June 24th | Connie Qualls - June 27th

## 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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June 23rd service

At Calvery - 477 | All Hail the Power - 42

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# Call to Worship

(Tune – O God Our Help in Ages Past – p. 10)

**Jesus, the Lord, My Saviour is,  
My Shepherd and my God,  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I His grace record.**

**Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.**

**As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.**

**“Worthy the Lamb,” shall be my song,  
For He for me was slain;  
And with me all the heavenly throng,  
Shall join and say, “Amen”.**