

# 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, April 10, 2022**

10 am: "Christ Opens Our  
Understanding"

Christ in the Old Testament  
Lesson 74 | Nehemiah 8:1-8  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Before Faith & After Faith"

Galatians 3:23-29  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Only Christ's Works Are Perfect

As long as we look to our evidences for comfort, we shall be full of disquiet, for we discover such weakness in our faith, such wavering in our hope, such coldness in our love, yes, such shortcoming in everything, that we cannot find here any rest for the sole of our foot, as regards spiritual confidence. It must be all in Christ! "He is the rock, and His work is perfect," while our works are all broken and faulty. Oh! may the blessed Spirit set your feet upon this Rock, and establish your goings there. May He enable you to make the venture of faith, just as you are, with wants and woes, sins and fears.

The bitten Israelites were not healed by looking at their wounds, but at the brazen serpent, which was a type of Christ. And so while you are poring over your sins and yourself, you will only sink lower! May the blessed Spirit enable you to look forth with the eye of faith to the Lamb slain, and to come away from self and all besides to Jesus! Oh, that I could so speak of the worthy Lamb as to set your heart on fire with love to Him and longing after Him! —Copied

## Who Makes the Difference?

Most people seem to think that believing is what makes the difference between saved and lost; that believing is what makes the Gospel true and the death of Christ effectual on their behalf. No. God's sovereign grace does not enable a sinner to do anything to satisfy Him. Rather, it is His special favor and spiritual blessing to His people alone, who see His satisfaction with Christ on their behalf. The transaction is not between the sinner and God, but between the Father and the Son. Christ alone is the difference-maker.  
—Ron Underwood

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## Who Makes Us to Differ?

***“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” (1 Cor. 4:7).***

In salvation, along with all the blessings and benefits thereof, it is God alone, according to His sovereign will and good pleasure Who makes us to differ from those who die and perish in their sins. This is also true in the matter of spiritual gifts of ministry and in every aspect of the life of sinners saved by grace. Whatever differences we have from the non-elect in our salvation, and whatever differences we have with other believers in gifts of ministry, it is God Who makes us to differ. The gift of salvation and the gifts of ministry had nothing to do with who we are, what we do, or what we have naturally. It is all of pure, free, sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ and based on Who HE is, what HE has done, and what HE has as God manifest in the flesh Who redeemed from our sins by His blood. What does this mean to us? It means we have absolutely nothing in ourselves for which to glory (boast) as if we had not received it from God as a free gift of His grace in Christ. Whatever blessing or benefit we enjoy, we must always know that we have done nothing, and can do nothing, to earn it, and we have done nothing, and can do nothing, to deserve it. It is all of God in Christ. And so we must live our lives in the light and testimony of this confession – ***“That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” (1 Cor. 1:31); and “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14).*** ---Pastor Bill Parker

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The Gospel or New Covenant is a published or declared discharge of all the Elect; the sum of which is, that God hath transacted all their sins upon Jesus Christ, and that Christ by that offering of His hath made a full and perfect atonement for them; whereby the whole spiritual Israel are really made clean from all their sins in the sight of God; as of old, carnal Israel were typically clean, upon the atonement made by the high priest (Lev.16:30). Now though they cannot plead it before they believe; yet is it a real discharge, because it frees them from condemnation; as a pardon granted by a prince, is a legal discharge, though the malefactor doth not know of it. —William Eyre, “Justification without Conditions” (1654)

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## If I Were Dependent Upon My Performance

If my salvation were dependent, to any degree, upon my performance of good works, it stands to reason that any performance of bad works, even after conversion, would result in the loss of salvation. But if and since God took me into the fold of salvation when I was a worthless sinner, I am confident He will keep me saved, even though I continue to be a worthless sinner. “I’m only a sinner, saved by grace!”  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

## **Birthdays**

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STEVE YOUNGBLOOD - APR. 10TH  
TAMMY HALL - APR. 13TH  
KANDICE DRAKE - APR. 14TH

## **Hymns**

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### **April 10th services**

My Savior First of All - 502  
Rock of Ages - 126

## **Prayer Requests**

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Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, James Mwali and the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## **Call to Worship**

**(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34)  
(Words written by Gary Shepard)**

**Sweet mercies of Jesus, I find my delight.  
My hope in the morning, my song in the night.  
Whatever He sends me, I know it's from Him.  
Both sorrow and joy, till this life shall end.**

**Sweet grace of the Savior, I find my delight.  
The grace of the Sovereign, to give is His right.  
The grace that now reigneth, in righteousness true.  
The grace everlasting, the covenant new.**

**Sweet peace of the GodMan, whose blood has prevailed;  
And reconciled fully, when to the cross nailed.  
Sin now made an end of, salvation so free.  
Sweet blessings, sweet prospect, sweet gospel to me.**