

# 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 30, 2020

10 am: "Christ, Our Elder Brother" | Song of Sol. Series  
Lesson 18 | Song of Sol. 8:1-4  
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Manner of True Prayer (4)" | Matthew 6:5-15  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## Digging Deep

*“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.” (Luke 6:46-48)*

Notice that our Lord likened the wise man (*Mt. 7:24*) who built His house upon the rock (the Lord Jesus Christ Himself) to one who “*digged deep.*” But also note that the reason the house withstood the storm was not because of the digging, but rather because of the foundation that was unearthed – “*for it was founded upon a rock.*” It is not the digging deep that makes the difference, yet all whom God justified by the blood of Christ and who shall so stand at the judgment, will ultimately be drawn by God’s irresistible grace in their respective lifetimes to persist in seeking (or digging) until they find. In the day of His power, God reveals to them that one foundation, “*a tried stone*” who produced the very righteousness necessary and satisfactory to the judgment of God, a “*sure foundation*” (*Isa. 28:16*), the Lord Jesus Christ. Sinners are commanded to “*strive to enter in the strait gate*” (*Lk. 13:24*), to dig deep so to speak in seeking “*the kingdom of God and His righteousness*” (*Mt 6:33*). And all for whom Christ lived and died shall do just that. All that the Father giveth Him shall come to Him (*John 6:37*) – to Christ, the solid rock!

—Randy Wages

## Birthdays

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JEREMY PANNELL - AUG. 30TH  
 RODNEY HIERS - AUG. 30TH  
 PATREA PAYNE - AUG. 31ST  
 CASSIE BROXTON - SEPT. 3RD

## Hymns

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### August 30th services

Standing on the Promises - 175

Amazing Grace - 236

## The Gospel of Christ

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The Gospel of Christ, by which the Holy Spirit reveals Him as the very righteousness of God, is the only power of God unto salvation to all who believe (*cf. Romans 1:16-17*).

### Is Your Gospel of Weakness or Power?

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There are really only two religions in the world. One of Cain and the other of Abel. One is Ishmael and the other is Isaac. One of Esau and the other of Jacob. One of law and the other of promise. One of Mount Sinai and the other of Mount Calvary. One condemns, the other finds no fault. One leads to bondage, the other to freedom. One tendeth to death, the other to life. One of weakness, the other of power. One of merit, the other of mercy. One of the weakness of the letter, the other of the power of the Spirit. —Copied

## Preparing to Preach the Gospel

When I prepare a Gospel message for people to hear in a worship service, I always pray for four things to be realized in the hearts of God's people as I preach His Word:

(1) That God be glorified as both a just God and a Savior, the sovereign God Who, before the world began, chose His people in Christ, Who sent Christ into the world to save His people from their sins, Who has justified the ungodly by His grace based on the blood of Christ, His righteousness imputed, and Who gives spiritual life to spiritually dead sinners, and brings them by God-given faith to Christ;

(2) That Christ be exalted in the glory of His Person as God manifest in the flesh, and in the power and success of His finished work by His death on the cross for His people as their Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, Who was made sin so that they are made the righteousness of God in Him, Who was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven to be their Intercessor and Lord, and Who is coming again to gather His people unto Himself and judge the world in righteousness;

(3) That lost sinners be saved by God's grace and power in giving them life and bringing them to faith in Christ repentance of dead works and idolatry; and Who causes them to persevere in the faith, continually looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith;

(4) That God's people, sinners saved by grace, be edified, unified, inspired, and guided by the Holy Spirit through God's Word, unto perseverance in the faith and the obedience of faith and love which causes them to be good stewards of God's grace and able witnesses of His truth to a lost and dying world.

May the Lord help me in preparing and preaching to reach these goals as He gives power to His Word and grace to His people.  
 —Pastor Bill Parker

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When Christ entered Jerusalem, the people spread their garments in the way. When He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness and not only lay it under Christ's feet, but trample upon it ourselves.

—Augustus Toplady

## **Call to Worship**

**(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)**

**Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler Name,  
And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay her hand  
On that dear head of Thine;  
While like a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see,  
The burdens Thou didst bear;  
When hanging on the curséd tree,  
And trusts our guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice,  
To see the curse removed;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
And sing His bleeding love.**