

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, December 29, 2024

10 am: "When Will the End Come?" | Matthew 24:1-14
Matthew Series | Lesson 86
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ is All, and in All"
Colossians 3:11
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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As we reflect on the passing of another year, let's remember – *“But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Pet. 5:10-11).* There is no doubt that the Lord God has blessed us in His grace so much this past year, and that He will continue to do so according to His promise to us in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are saved by His grace enjoy the peace and confidence He has given us through His Word, and He is always faithful to His Word. Let's settle in our minds and hearts that we will face the new year as we, by God's grace and power, continue to look to and cling to Christ and His Word as the hope of our salvation and the rule and guide of our lives.

—Pastor Bill Parker

"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 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)

After Joseph revealed himself to his brethren in Egypt saying, ***"I am Joseph, your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt"*** (*Gen. 45:4*), he sent them back to their father with specific instructions of what they were to tell him: that God had made him lord of all Egypt (*vs. 9*); of all his glory in Egypt and all that they had seen (*vs. 13*). It is instructive and comforting to note that they were not told to tell their father what they had done! Not even their sin of selling Joseph into Egypt. Nor is there any indication that it was ever brought up in the presence of their father, or by Joseph.

It is even so with the greater Joseph, our Lord Jesus Christ. He graciously, lovingly, and savingly reveals Himself to His brethren with their sin in full view. But, He not only forgives our sins, He forgets them; they will never be brought up in the presence of the Father. His blood so thoroughly and completely cleanses us from all sin that God ***"remembers them no more"*** (*Jer. 31:34; Rom 8:1, 33-34*). He presents us to the Father ***"holy and unblameable and unreprouable in His sight"*** (*Col. 1:21-22*); and all of His brethren speak of what they have seen – HIM AND HIS GLORY!

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The Gospel preacher is to be neither a speculator who invents new doctrines and new definitions as it pleases him, nor an editor who excises old doctrines which displease him, but a steward, God's steward, dispensing faithfully to God's household the truths committed to him in the Scriptures, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else. —Copied

The whole covenant of grace is made up of God's wills, and his engaging for our shalls: and the whole is founded in the purposes of God's love, and faithfulness, and immutability; secured in the blood and righteousness of Christ; and stamped with the broad seal of heaven, by God the Holy Ghost. Hence, therefore, the covenant runs, "I WILL be their God, and they SHALL be My people." —Robert Hawker

Birthdays

Monica Hayes - Dec. 29th | Patricia Pannell - Dec. 30th | Becky Wages - Dec. 31st | William Sparks - Jan. 4th

The Lord's Supper

**WE WILL SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

There will be no dinner here afterwards.

From the Pastor

I will be leaving Tuesday to fly back to Ashland, KY, to spend time with our family there. Elder Jim Casey will be preaching Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Hymns

December 29th services

-Look, Ye Saints - 141

-Blessed Assurance - 255

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15)

**For Thy mercy and Thy grace, faithful through another year;
Hear our song of grateful praise; Father, and Redeemer, hear.
Lo, our sins on Thee we cast, Thee, our perfect Sacrifice;
And, forgetting all the past, press towards our glorious prize.**

**Dark the future, let Thy light, guide us, bright and morning star;
Fierce our foes, and hard the fight; arm us Savior, for the war.
Keep us faithful, keep us pure, keep us evermore Thine own;
Justified in God our Savior, in Christ's righteousness alone.**

**Let Thy Spirit ever lead us as we walk within Thy grace;
Let us love the Lord our Savior; let us in His love embrace.
Let us grow in grace and knowledge of the glory of our Lord;
As we leave this year of blessing, let us lean upon Thy Word,**