

# 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 January 28, 2018

10 am: To Judge or Not to Judge  
Sermon on the Mount | Lesson 25  
Matthew 7:1-4  
Bill Parker

11 am: Faith & Works in Salvation  
James 2:14-26  
Bill Parker

### Wednesday Service

January 31, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.

## Live Stream

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In another's righteousness we stand, and by another's righteousness we are justified. All accusations against us, founded upon our unrighteousness, we answer by pointing to the perfection of the righteousness which covers us from head to foot, in virtue of which we are unassailable by law as well as shielded from wrath.

“Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God,  
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free.”



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## Birthdays

**BRENT COX - JAN. 30TH**  
**MOLLY FULLER - JAN. 31ST**

## Hymns

### January 28th services

**Jesus Paid it All - p. 125**

**Praise the Savior - p. 51**

## The Simplicity That is in Christ

*“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3).*

The Gospel of God’s free sovereign grace through the Lord Jesus Christ and based on His one righteousness freely imputed to His people is so offensive to the natural man that he will not receive it of his own will. He must be convinced in and by the power of the Holy Spirit of the reality of his own sin and depravity as well as the reality of God’s grace in Christ to save sinners. The natural (unregenerate) man always wants to add acts of his own (his own works and/or his own will) to be saved and/or preserved unto eternal life and glory. He cannot simply bow to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus because it leaves him with no room to glory in himself. The simplicity that is in Christ Jesus is the fact that a sinner’s whole salvation (from election to redemption to regeneration, and including his preservation final glory) is all singly in Christ and all singly by the power and the merits of Christ. Man’s efforts (through his works or his will) are not included. But man’s mind naturally is corrupted from this simplicity by his own self-righteousness and religious pride, and Satan works within the minds of natural man to feed this self-righteousness and religious pride.

God’s Word tells us that *“ALL the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us” (2 Cor. 1:20)*. All these promises of salvation (with all its benefits) are singly in Christ through His power and His merits. None of them are corrupted with the sinful and unrighteous efforts of man. This leaves unregenerate people with several objections – “But we’ve got to do something to obtain salvation. We have to seal the deal.” Or, “If this is the case, then we don’t have to believe, repent, or obey. We can just sin as much as we want to.” But the truth is this – the simplicity that is in Christ is salvation based singly on His righteousness imputed, not only as the ground of our justification before God, but also as the source and assurance of our spiritual life within. Christ is the single Vine, and we are the many branches who bear the fruit of God’s grace – faith, repentance, and obedience from the power of this single Vine (*John 15:1-8*). Herein true believers see that Christ is singly our *“all, and in all” (Col. 3:11)*. Christ is singly our *“wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30)*.

–Pastor Bill Parker

The following is the deathbed confession of the Gospel preacher and writer Dr. John Gill who lived in England from 1697-1771 –

“I depend wholly and alone upon the free, sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love of God, the firm and everlasting covenant of grace, and my interest in the persons of the sacred Trinity, for my whole salvation; and not upon any righteousness of my own; nor anything in me, or done by me under the influences of the Holy Spirit; not upon any services of mine, which I have been assisted to perform for the good of the church do I depend, but upon my interest in the persons of the Trinity; the free grace of God, and the blessings of grace streaming to me through the blood and righteousness of Christ, as the ground of my hope. These are no new things to me, but what I have been long acquainted with; what I can live and die by. I apprehend that I shall not be long here, but this you may tell to any of my friends.” Then, just before he died, Gill said, to one of his friends standing by his bed, “I have nothing to make me uneasy,” and quoted one verse of a hymn, written by Isaac Watts, in honor of that Redeemer whom he loved, trusted, and served...

“He raised me from the depths of sin,  
The gates of gaping hell,  
And fixed my standing more secure  
Than ‘twas before I fell.”

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## Call To Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father’s World – p. 39)  
(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**O precious Savior dear,  
We cast our all on you.  
By faith we see you near to us,  
And always find you true.  
Our hope is in your blood,  
Shed once upon the tree,  
Our refuge from the flood of wrath,  
Safe always we will be.**

**O Christ the wisest One,  
Our Righteousness divine,  
The sanctifying Son of love,  
Redeemer by design.  
Rejoice now chosen ones,  
Praise God for sov'reign grace,  
To Jesus Christ alone we come,  
We ev'ry blessing trace!**