

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, July 30, 2023

10 am: "Treasures in Heaven"
Matthew Series | Lesson 20
Matthew 6:19-24
Bill Parker

11 am: "What Is a True Church?"
Revelation 2-3
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Success!

“Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.” (Isaiah 52:13)

This is the Father’s testimony of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In His work as Servant of the Father and of the covenant of grace, He would be successful in all that He would do to save His people. **“He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law” (Isa. 42:4).** Setting judgment in the earth refers to His obedience unto death as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people, given to Him by the Father before the foundation of the world. He was successful in satisfying the justice of God against our sins and establishing righteousness by which the Father has justified us. Christ is also successful to bring them all to be born again by the Spirit and to persevere unto glory. The Gospel does not present a savior who fails to save those whom he loves and for whom He died and arose. Not one of them will perish because Christ is successful (**John 6:37-45; 10:27-30!**)

—Pastor Bill Parker

Our brother in Christ, Pastor Gary Shepard, wrote the following article for his bulletin concerning the changes that have taken place over the years in the church he pastors, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Jacksonville, NC. Although the details specifically describe the history of the congregation there, I believe much of this article describes our own assembly and changes that have taken place here in Albany –

“There have been many changes in us as a congregation over the years. In the beginning we met in homes, outside, in community buildings and such. Most of us were forty years younger. Our children that slept under the pews back then are grown and married. Our bodies have gone through sickness and the process of aging. We have seen and experienced heartache, trials, failures and seen many depart the faith. But we can rejoice in the ever faithfulness of our God and His unchanging grace and mercy to us in Christ Jesus. He has been the Lord that changes not. Also, though I hope we have grown in the grace and knowledge of Christ, our gospel hasn’t changed! It is still that everlasting gospel, the good news of what God did in eternity to save us, what Christ did on the cross to save us and what the Spirit must do and does to save us. We have been kept, preserved, protected and provided for by God alone. We have and continue to seek His glory alone, to speak of Him and to exalt the work accomplished in Christ and Him crucified. We age and we change but His cross work is the ever-sufficient work that saves us, keeps us saved and constantly delights us and encourages us. God has been good to us!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

God tells us that His people are accepted in Christ. If we are without Christ, then we have nothing that God will accept; because His people are accepted in Christ. God has said that no man can come unto the Father but by Christ; therefore, if we are without Christ, we have no ground upon which we can approach unto God. Christ says, “*I am the Way, the Truth, the Life*”; and if He is the Way, there is no other way; if He is the truth, everything else is a lie; and if He is the Life, everything apart from Him is death. Therefore, if we are without Christ, we are out of the way, we are ignorant of the truth, and we are dead in trespasses and sins. Is this your case? Are you without Christ? If you are, whatever you possess besides, it will not do to bring it to God.

—William Gadsby

Justification is the heart of the Gospel of Grace. The message of Grace is that a person is only justified by the Absolute Perfect Righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ imputed to the account of His people. It is by the merit of The Lord Our Righteousness, Jesus Christ and Him crucified, His Person and His work, which is the good news. The work, as far as the ground and basis for Justification is concerned, is a finished, historical, completed, victorious, successful, and effectual work. This is all based on the effectual life and death of Christ with no works of any sort added by us to complete or aid His work. The honor and preeminence sit on the crowned head of the Savior. His work is not at all hypothetical, potential, universal, conditional, based on anything we think, do, or say.

—Pastor Scott Price

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 30th services

- The Church's One Foundation - 186
- Blest Be the Tie That Binds - 187

Birthdays

Jake Jones - July 30th

Lord's Supper

We will serve the Lord's Supper following the messages this Sunday (7/30). All who believe the true Gospel are invited to partake of this blessed memorial ordinance with us.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Sweet Hour of Prayer – p. 361)
(Words written by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Almighty Sovereign, Lord of all,
Give ear as on Your Name we call;
Be pleased to meet with us, we pray,
As here we gather on this day.
Apart from Your revealing grace,
We meet in vain within this place;
But if Your Spirit comes in might,
Our darkness will be changed to light.**

**Come Lord and to our souls appear,
Fill every heart with holy fear;
On us Your blessings now bestow,
May streams of mercy to us flow.
We come to magnify the Lord,
Your Name alone shall be adored;
Within this house all praise shall rise,
To God Who dwells above the skies.**