

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 31, 2022

10am: "Christ, the Key to Doing Well" | Isaiah 1:1-20 | Lesson 88
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11am: "The Hope of Christ's Return" | 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Preacher's Call or God's Call?

The "invitation" or "altar call" at the end of a service has become such an accepted tradition in today's religion that those who do not sing an "invitational hymn" and invite people to the front of the church to "get saved" are branded with all sorts of names and charges. It never seems to trouble religious people that this "altar call" is nowhere to be found in God's Word; that the great majority of those who "come forward" usually "go back" into indifference and worldliness; that the Scriptures present BAPTISM as our public confession of Christ, not "shaking the preacher's hand;" that the Gospel is a COMMAND to repent, believe and follow the Lord in baptism, not a mere invitation. The King of kings does not invite His subjects to obey and believe Him. He commands them!

—Scott Richardson

LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday July 31, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL
NOT BE A FELLOWSHIP MEAL
FOLLOWING THE LORD'S
SUPPER THIS SUNDAY

The Lord's Supper

We will serve **the Lord's Supper** following the messages. All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to participate. God's Word says, *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup" (1 Cor. 11:28).*

Please note that after our worship services, we will not serve lunch in our fellowship hall this Sunday.

Prayer Requests

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.

A God-taught and God-called preacher is not one who invents new doctrine or omits or edits old doctrine. He is a faithful proclaimer of the undiluted Word of the living God. He declares God as He is to sinners as we are. He announces the good news of salvation, forgiveness, reconciliation and everlasting righteousness in Jesus Christ, the God-Man, who was crucified, buried, arose, ascended and is enthroned in everlasting glory. A preacher sent by the Lord sets forth the truth, just as it is, to sinners, just as they are.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

Blessed Vessels of Mercy

"What if God, willing to shew His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory" (Rom 9:22-23).

"Vessels of mercy, which He [the Lord God] afore prepared unto glory" describes God's elect, chosen in Christ before the world began, and appointed by God as those to whom He is merciful to save them from their sins by His grace based on the blood of Christ. This election and appointment within the eternal and immutable mind of God was always based on a work in time to be accomplished by Christ as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of all the *"vessels of mercy."* Though they fell in Adam into a state of sin, depravity, and death, and though they deserve to be condemned along with *"the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction,"* in the mind of God, they were always viewed as *"vessels of mercy"* in Christ their Surety.
—Pastor Bill Parker

The following article expresses a truth in which every true believer can rejoice and have the assurance of salvation and peace with God in Christ –

We Live if Christ Lives

If God hides our sin or lessens it, He is faulty; if He leaves it still upon us, we die. He must then, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, take our iniquity to Himself, make it His own, and so deliver us; for thus having taken the sin upon Himself, as lawfully He may and lovingly He does, it follows that we live if He lives; and who can desire more?
—John Bunyan

Hymns

July 31st services

There Is a Fountain - 222

Amazing Grace - 236

Call To Worship

(Tune – Love Lifted Me – p. 441)

(Words written by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**I was lost without a hope, helpless and dead in sin,
Separated from the Lord, guilty and vile within;
But the Lord in sovereign grace, purposed to save my soul;
Sent His Son to pay my debt and make me whole.**

**CHORUS: Sing praise to God, sing praise to God,
For sending Jesus Christ, sing praise to God;
Sing praise to God, sing praise to God;
For sending such a Gift, sing praise to God.**

**Jesus came to save the lost, God’s sacrifice was He,
He redeemed us by His blood, poured out on Calvary;
What a wondrous Substitute, justice is satisfied,
Who can lay a charge against us Christ has died?**

CHORUS:

***“I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people,
and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly.” (Psalm 85:8)***

I preach to you the Word of the living God! In the preaching of His Word, the holiness, justice, and righteousness of God are declared. The truth of our fall, sinfulness, and inability is clearly set forth, as is the grace and mercy of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you a sinner? Confess that fact before God, not before me! Do you need mercy? Tell God you need mercy, not me! Do you believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Redeemer, righteousness and sin-offering for one such as you? Then settle that issue before the throne of grace, not at the front of the church! Has God spoken peace to your heart in Christ? Do you now rest in Him alone as your Lord and Savior, your High Priest and Mediator? Is the old man crucified with Christ and buried, and are you risen in Him, a new creature? Then ask the pastor to assist you in believer’s baptism that you may declare publicly what God has done in you personally!

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