

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, March 5, 2023

10am: "Faith In & Love for Christ"

Psalm 2

Bill Parker

11am: "Praying & Persevering"

Ephesians 6:18-24

Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Faith is not an achievement of the flesh, but a gift of God (*Eph. 2:8*). It does not naturally grow in the spiritual wilderness of the heart of a defiled sinner. ***“All men have not faith” (2 Thess. 3:2).*** Faith is granted in the new birth, a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit. Faith, like all the fruit of the Spirit, is produced and maintained in the heart by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within us. To look to, lean on and commit yourself to Christ for everlasting salvation is the result of a work of grace within the heart. Remember this, the Lord gives faith to whoever He wills. Parents, by all means teach your children the Word of the Lord and have them sit under the Gospel of His grace, but know this, none can give the ability to believe the Son of God except the sovereign Lord. —Pastor Jim Byrd

When we read **Romans 3:23**, we should see WHO the glory of God is. It is the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. He is the glory of God that we have fallen short of. He alone met God's perfect standard of holiness and righteousness. That is why we who are His people live by the rule of **"God forbid that we should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14)**.

His work is absolutely perfect. He Himself is absolutely perfect. Thank the only Wise God that by the imputation of Christ's righteousness His people are now perfect and acceptable according to the inflexible, holy standard of God, which we fell short of. Christ is that standard. We glory in His glory. Thank God for sovereign grace!

—Pastor Scott Price

God Our Maker, Husband, and Redeemer

Is it not simply right and appropriate for us to worship and serve our God Who is our Maker, our Creator – **"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker" (Psalm 95:6)**. Yet, in our sin and depravity, we have turned against God our Maker. We have failed to acknowledge and glorify Him as God, and, in our minds and hearts, we have **"changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things" (Rom. 1:23)**. Yet, God Who is our Maker has determined to glorify Himself in the salvation of such sinners as we are. And it is all by His free and sovereign grace through the merits of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In this great salvation, God our Maker chose His bride, made up of His elect, chosen in Christ before the world began. In order to have us as His bride, He paid our sin-debt to His own law by the redemption of blood in the death of Christ. So, there is no doubt that He Who gave us life and keeps us is deserving of our highest praise, our deepest love, and our most sincere service. Let us keep in mind always that He Who is our Maker is also our Husband and our Redeemer – **"For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall He be called" (Isa. 54:5)**. This means that HE has joined Himself to us, His chosen people, and dedicated Himself to redeem us from our sins by His grace through the Lord Jesus Christ Who is Himself our Redeemer.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Know for your comfort that the weakest believer in Christ is as nearly related to God the Father as is the strongest believer. Every branch of a tree is not alike strong nor big, and yet the largest limb and the smallest twig is equally united to the tree and therefore to the root. The weakest believer is clothed with the white raiment of Christ's righteousness and is as much justified and sanctified as is the strongest. There is no condemnation to all who are in Christ; the weakest believer shall endure to the end. They are all kept by the power of God, through faith to salvation. It is not the sinner that believes strongly that shall be saved, but he that believes! **"Lord I believe; help Thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24)**. -Ebenezer Erskine (edited)

True assurance lies in this – BEING SURE OF CHRIST! We are sure of Who He is and what He has accomplished in our full salvation. The Spirit of God has given us faith to believe the record of God. Our confidence is in Him alone. **"And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of living God" (John 6:69)**. Assurance is the result of God-given faith in Christ. —Pastor Gary Shepard

Birthdays

Timothy Pannell - March 6th | Annie Cox - March 8th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Akimi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

March 5th services

Nothing but the Blood - 212

Hiding in Thee - 282

Call To Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**Great God, we come to meet,
With Thee, our Lord and King,
To bow before Thy sovereign throne,
And here Thy praises sing.**

**May every worldly care,
Be banished from our mind;
May we Thy word with profit hear,
And peace and comfort find.**

**Our strength will soon decrease,
Unless our souls be fed;
We know our health, our joy and peace,
Depend on living Bread.**

**So let our hearts be drawn,
To Jesus Christ our Lord;
Find sweet redemption through His blood,
And feed upon His Word.**