

# 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, May 29, 2022**

10am: "Sanctification of the Spirit" | TV broadcast  
2 Thessalonians 2:13  
Bill Parker

11am: "God's Eternal Union to the Elect" | Hebrews 2:1-18  
Jim Casey

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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All true worship flows out of a sense of being justified before God in the Lord Jesus Christ and saved entirely from all our sins by His free and sovereign grace. We worship and praise and thank God for what He has done for us. God is worthy of worship simply because of who He is but we cannot and will not ever worship Him until He does something for us and in us. When He comes to us and gives life and faith, revealing to us His grace and mercy in Christ, then we fall down before Him and worship Him. Worship arises toward God from a new heart which loves and trusts Christ in light of His saving, successful work on our behalf. We love Him because He first loved us. We seek Him because He first sought us. We praise Christ as the One who has redeemed us to God by His own blood.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

## Birthdays

Stone Payne - May 30th  
Alex Wages - June 1st

## Hymns

May 29th services  
-God Leads Us Along - 298  
-All the Way My Savior Leads Me - 296

## 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.

## Travel

Debbie and I are in Ruston, LA, where I am preaching this Sunday morning at Grace Baptist Church. Lord willing, we will be traveling home Monday. Please pray for Brother Jim Casey as he preaches here and for me as I preach in Ruston. Please pray for Debbie and me as we travel home Monday.

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).*

The *“strait gate”* is the way of salvation by God’s grace made sure for God’s people by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the way of righteousness that can only be found in Him. Why are there so few that find this way? It is because men and women by nature will not come God’s way because it leaves them with no room to glory in themselves (*1 Cor. 2:14*). But God has a people that He has chosen for Himself, and He sovereignly and powerfully brings them to the narrow way of salvation by Christ. Christ said, *“All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).*

Salvation is as broad as Christ and as narrow as Christ. It shuts the door of hope everywhere except by the grace of God in and by the Lord Jesus Christ and based on His righteousness imputed and received by God-given faith. But it opens the way at this very point for any and every sinner who has been brought by God the Holy Spirit to see their sinfulness and their need of mercy in Christ. The door of salvation has never been and will never be shut against sinners who seek it God’s way in Christ. But to come any other way, the way of salvation by works, is certain death for sinners. —Pastor Bill Parker

GOD tells us that His people are ACCEPTED IN CHRIST (*Eph. 1:6*). If a person is without Christ, then he has nothing that God will accept! God tells us that no man CAN COME unto the Father but by Christ (*John 14:6*). Therefore, if a person is without Christ, he has no ground upon which he can approach God. Christ said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)*. 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. Those who HAVE CHRIST have His blood for pardon, His righteousness for justification, His fullness for every need, His strength to support us, His promises to cheer us, His grace to keep us, and His power to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

—William Gadsby

## Call To Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

**We have Thy promise, gracious Lord,  
O then fulfill Thy precious Word;  
Thou wilt be where Thy people meet,  
To make our joyfulness complete.**

**We ask Thy gracious presence here,  
From worldly thoughts, O keep us clear;  
And set our hearts on things above,  
With sweet enjoyment of Thy love.**

**We ask from our great living Head,  
Give us Thy Holy Spirit's aid;  
While we engage in prayer and praise,  
To be supplied with every grace.**

**'Tis Thine alone, Almighty Lord,  
To speak the soul-reviving Word;  
'Tis Thine to give the hearing ear,  
'Tis Thine to drive away all fear.**

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## I Am As Near As He

A mind at perfect peace with God, O what a word is this!  
A sinner reconciled through blood! This, this indeed is peace.  
By nature and by practice far, How very far from God!  
Yet now by grace brought nigh to Him, Through faith in Jesus' Blood.

So nigh, so very nigh to God, I cannot nearer be!  
For in the person of His Son, I am as near as He.  
So dear, so very dear to God, More dear I cannot be!  
The love wherewith He loves the Son, Such is His love to me!

—Horatius Bonar -1808-1889