

# 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, November 19, 2023

10 am: "Eyes to See; Ears to Hear" | Matthew 9:27-38  
Matthew Series | Lesson 34  
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Seal of the Living God" | Revelation 7:1-8  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## A Good Description of the Bible

This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be godly. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity.

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***“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)***

Forgiving one another as brothers and sisters in Christ is never commanded to be done on the basis of legal or mercenary motives, thinking that we gain or earn God’s forgiveness of our sins by our forgiving others. If it were, none of us would ever be forgiven. Even the fact that we must admit, if we be honest, that forgiving others is oftentimes difficult because of our sinful flesh. Thank God that we are forgiven by His grace founded upon the blood of Jesus Christ and Him alone (***Eph. 1:3-7***).

Divine forgiveness is here commended as a pattern. High and heavenly is the prescribed walk. Precepts from God admit no lower standard – His children must ever strive, the Spirit helping, to be holy as He is holy, to seek perfection, as their Father is perfect, to purify themselves, even as Christ is pure. This molding in celestial likeness is mainly formed by study of the Word. The sacred truths, to which thoughts there are led, produce resemblance – this is a general position.

The present subject points to especial instance. The grace of forgiving will be best learned by gazing on God, set forth in Scripture as the glorious model of His forgiving us of all our sins. The students in this school of grace will be conspicuous on the stage of life – forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven them. Let the example first be viewed – the duty will then take a clearer form.

—Henry Law

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I thank God that He did not take the best of me and mold it so that I would become acceptable to Him, but charged the entirety of the righteousness of Christ to me while charging the entirety of my wretchedness to Christ.

—Brother Kenny Dyess

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The benefits of the Gospel are in Christ. They do not exist apart from Him. They are ours only in Him and by Him. They cannot be abstracted from Him as if we ourselves could possess them independently of Him.

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***“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that **THROUGH THIS MAN** [the Lord Jesus Christ] **is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: AND BY HIM all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**” (Acts 13:38-39)***

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God-given faith is not the ground, basis, or even the instrument by which we are justified before God. Christ’s righteousness alone is the ground of justification, and God imputing Christ’s righteousness to us is the means or instrument by which He justifies us (***Rom. 8:33-34; 4:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21***). God-give faith is the instrument by which, in the new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit under the Gospel, we are spiritually united to Christ and by which we receive the truth of our justification by God’s grace in Christ so to be justified in our own consciences from all things by Him (***Heb. 10:19-22***). By God-given faith, we are spiritually united to Christ in and by Whom, as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, our justification has been accomplished by His obedience unto death on the cross.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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**WE WILL HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES (Bring side dishes and desserts.)**

## Sympathies

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We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to Brother Audrey Asher whose sister, Patricia Day, passed away last week.

## Birthdays

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Michael Lee – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> | Laura Pannell – Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> | Leonard Qualls – Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Prayer Requests

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

## Hymns

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November 19th services

Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus! - 145

Thank You, Lord - 221

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove – p. 158)

**Thou, Christ, the great Jehovah art,  
The Fount of holiness,  
And, God with us, Thou art become,  
The Lord our Righteousness.**

**Oh, wash us with Thy blood and clothe,  
With Thy pure spotless dress;  
Oh, hide us in Thyself, and be  
The Lord our Righteousness.**

**Make us by grace to be indeed  
What we in word profess;  
Oh, make us like unto Thyself,  
The Lord our Righteousness.**

**So in Thy glorious image raise'd,  
May we Thy mercy bless,  
And sing forever praise to Thee,  
The Lord our Righteousness.**