

# 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, September 17, 2023

10 am: "The Power of Christ to Heal" | Matt. Series | Lesson 26  
Matthew 8:1-13  
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Faithful Church"  
Revelation 3:7-13  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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The righteousness of God that is demanded and required of God must bring honor and satisfaction to God's holy character. He is faithful to Himself. The standard of acceptance is always and only absolute perfection. Christ came into the world to establish a perfect righteousness by His effectual, satisfactory, finished work for His people. The merit of that created gift is imputed in every generation for the justification of those elect whom the Father chose before the world began. The sheep hear the Shepherd's voice through the Gospel call by the power of the Spirit and receive THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS by God-given faith and are caused to reject and flush all other forms of righteousness that compete with that of Christ's alone. He is their rest, peace, hope and assurance. The Spirit testifies to them concerning this solid ground and foundation of free and sovereign grace in Christ alone.

—Pastor Scott Price

## A Righteousness Pleasing to God

By the grace of God, I believe the Gospel of God's sovereign grace and have been a believer for many years, but still remain, in myself, a helpless sinner and in my flesh dwells no good thing. And yet, I am not filled with despair for I have a blessed Redeemer Who ever lives for me in glory. In Him I have no sin, my conscience has no sting of guilt and I have no fear of condemnation. Without a doubt, I remain a sinner in this body of flesh, but THE LORD MY RIGHTEOUSNESS is Jesus Christ, and He is my Prophet, High Priest, and King.

—Copied

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The Christian learns that if he stands, God must hold him up; if he knows anything aright, God must teach him; if he walks in the way to heaven, God must first put, and afterwards keep him in it; if he has anything, God must give it to him; and that if he does anything, God must work it in him. He now "through the law"—that is, through his experience of its killing sentence—"is become dead to the law, that he may live unto God". He can no longer take a killing letter for a living rule, but is deeply conscious that it is only by being "married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that he can bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom 7:4). Thus, by the presence of God going with him, he becomes separated "from all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Ex 33:16). HOW HUMILITY IS OBTAINED BY J. C. Philpot)

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***"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." (John 4:23)***

All acceptable worship of God comes to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted by God on the merits of Christ and Him alone. When the Holy Spirit works within us to see this great truth, then, and only then, will we worship God in spirit and in truth.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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All religious error is born out of a wrong view of God. The only place to get the right view of God is to hear what He says Himself in scripture. It is no surprise when you speak to men and women in our day and they tell you about "their god," that you soon see their ignorance of God's word. They have too long taken the word of those who lie about God. God is as He says He is!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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Faith is not even a condition or instrument of justification, for it stands in relation to justification not as, for example, the eye to seeing or the ear to hearing. Faith is not a condition, upon which, nor an instrumental organ, through which we receive this benefit, but it is the acceptance itself of Christ and all his benefits, as He presents Himself to us through word and Spirit, and it includes therefore also the consciousness, that He is my Lord and I am his possession. Faith is therefore not an instrument in the proper sense, of which man makes use in order to accept Christ, but it is a sure knowledge and a solid confidence which the Holy Spirit works in the heart and through which He persuades and assures man that he, not withstanding all his sins, has part in Christ and in all his benefits.

—Herman Bavinck

**REMINDER – LADIES’ LUNCHEON HERE AT THE CHURCH  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – 12:00 NOON  
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH**

**Prayer Requests**

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

**Hymns**

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September 17th services

Blessed Assurance - 255

Man of Sorrows - 127

**Birthdays**

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Jimmie Mathis – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> | Tony Wages – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> | David Tennyson – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**Call to Worship**

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**Not what these hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what this toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.**

**Thy Work alone, O Christ  
Can ease the weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God  
Can give me peace within.**

**Thy love to me, O God,  
Not mine, O Lord to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest,  
And set my sprit free.**

**I bless the Christ of God,  
I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lips and heart,  
I call this Saviour mine!**