

# 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, August 31, 2025

10 am: "God's Ordained Order"

Lesson 8 | 1 Tim. 2:11-15

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Word of Life"

1 John 1:1-4

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## The Religion of Christ is the Religion of Joy

Christ came to take away our sins, to roll off our curse, to unbind our chains, to open our prison house, to cancel our debt; in a word, to give us "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:3). Is not this joy? Where can we find a joy so real, so deep, so pure, so lasting? There is every element of joy; deep, ecstatic, satisfying, sanctifying joy in the Gospel of Christ. The believer in Jesus is essentially a happy man. The child of God is, from necessity, a joyful man. His sins are forgiven, his soul is justified, his person is adopted, his trials are blessings, his conflicts are victories, his death is immortality, his future is a heaven of inconceivable, unthought of, untold and endless blessedness. With such a God, such a Savior and such a hope, is he not, ought he not, to be a joyful man?

—Octavius Winslow

## The Power of Salvation in Christ Alone

Many who profess to be “Christians” believe that there saving power in the elements of the ordinances that Christ commanded for the New Covenant church. For example, some claim that water baptism is the washing away of our sins, or that it is where the Holy Spirit applies the blood of Christ to our persons for the forgiveness of our sins. Some claim that the elements of the Lord’s Supper, the wine and the unleavened bread, actually have some spiritual power to make us holier or more righteous. Neither of these views are true. In fact, they are heresies that actually deny Christ and His power to save His people by His grace alone, based on His merits alone, and not by their works (Eph. 2:8-9).

Requiring anything in addition to Christ’s obedience unto death (His shed blood and imputed righteousness) for salvation is a works-based salvation. And all who are born again by the Spirit receive Christ by God-given faith and not by participation in the ordinances. To add anything to the Gospel is to say that Jesus’ death on the cross was not sufficient to purchase our salvation. To say that baptism is necessary for salvation is to say we must add our own good works and obedience to Christ’s death in order to make it sufficient for salvation. Baptism is the ordinance of public confession proclaiming that all power to save is in Christ alone. The Lord’s Supper is the ordinance of remembrance that all power to save is in Christ alone. All other views are denials that all power to save is in Christ alone. —Pastor Bill Parker

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## All of Grace

How perfectly suitable is the free grace of God in Christ to fallen sinners. Are we miserable? God is merciful. Are we guilty? God is gracious. Are we needy? God is giving. Are we spiritual paupers? God is charitable. Are we poor? God is infinitely rich in mercy. Are we defiled? We are forgiven through the blood of Christ. Are we wicked? Upon the basis of the substitutionary death of our Substitute, we are made the righteousness of God in Him. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Art thou born again of the Spirit so as to believe in Christ for salvation? Beware of having the least confidence in the flesh; aim not to make any show in the flesh; this ministers to the pride and righteousness of the flesh. Know thy flesh, with its corruptions and lusts, as an enemy to thy Savior, and to the peace and holiness of thy soul. Treat it as such, and keep it low daily. See all thy righteousness and perfection in the Son of God. Glory only in Him and of Him. Look on thyself, though ever so vile, yet shining most gloriously in the sight of God in the glorious robe and glittering garments of Him who is, “THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS” (Jeremiah 23:6). —William Mason

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## The Lord’s Supper

We will serve THE LORD’S SUPPER following the messages. All who profess to believe the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ are encouraged to join us in this memorial service. After all the worship services, we will serve lunch in our dining hall. All of you are invited to join us.

## **Birthdays**

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Cassie Broxton - Sept. 3rd | Banks Margeson - Sept. 6th

## **Prayer Requests**

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Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, Glenn Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, Prince Rodway, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## **Hymns**

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### August 31st service

There Is a Fountain - 222

The Cleansing Wave - 227

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## **Call to Worship**

(Tune – The Church’s One Foundation – p. 186)

(Words by Jim Byrd)

**Upon the cross our Savior defeated ev’ry foe;  
He died to save His people,  
And paid the debt we owed.  
The sword of justice pierced Him,  
God put His Son to grief;  
He poured on Him His vengeance,  
And gave Him no relief.**

**Upon the cross Christ suffered for sheep who went astray;  
And by His blood most precious,  
He washed our sins away.  
The law cannot condemn us,  
For in our place He died;  
He fully honored justice,  
The law He magnified.**

**Upon the cross of Calv’ry our Lord was crucified;  
His blood has sealed our pardon,  
He now is glorified.  
Sing of His lovingkindness,  
Of His redeeming grace;  
Sing praises to the Savior,  
Who saved His chosen race.**