

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, January 12, 2025

10 am: "The Abomination of Desolation" | Matthew 24:15-22
Matthew Series | Lesson 87
Bill Parker

11 am: Memorial Service for Sue Parker | "The Death of a Believer"
Psalm 23
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (Heb. 9:27). Who is it that ***“appointed men once to die”***? It was not a human judge nor the devil. It was God, the sovereign Judge of all, Who made this appointment that no person can avoid. And why did God make this appointment? It was because of our sins, ***“for the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23)***. God is a just God, and He must punish sin with death upon all persons to whom sin is imputed (charged). His justice demands this! Is there any hope for sinners like us? YES! ***“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Heb. 9:28).*** The only hope for sinners is that God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, stand as their Surety, having their sin-debt charged to Him, and as their Substitute to redeem them by His obedience unto death. He bore ***“the sins of MANY,”*** and who are the ***“many”***? They are His sheep, the elect of God, given to Christ before the world began (***2 Tim. 1:9-10***). And how do we identify the ***“many”***? They are all brought by God to believe and rest in Christ for all salvation!

—Pastor Bill Parker

Romans 8 – (33) Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. (34) Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Honoring Christ and Remembering Sue

Today, we are met in corporate worship to honor our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and in memory of our dear sister in Christ, Sue Parker, who passed way on Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Sue was a long-time member of Eager Avenue Grace Church and enjoyed hearing the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, her Lord and Savior. She is now passed from this veil of tears into the eternal bliss of heaven's glory. Her pain and sorrow are now over as she rests eternally and peacefully in the arms of her dear Savior. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her sister, Jimmie Mathis, and all her earthly family and to her brothers and sisters in the Lord.

When Debbie and I, along with our two sons, first moved to Albany in 1985, Maurice and Sue Parker were members of this congregation. They made it a point to make us feel welcomed and had us in their home several times to visit and share a meal. As many of you know, Sue was no timid professor of religion. She was sincere and genuine to stand for the truth of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus. In her last years, even when she was struggling physically, she made it a point to publicly worship the Lord here in our church. This is not bragging on Sue, which is the last thing she would want us to do, but it was (and is) all to the praise of the glory of God's grace and goodness towards her in Christ. Let us all take comfort in the memories we had of Sue Parker in this life, but let us take more comfort in knowing that she is now with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord her Righteousness. —Pastor Bill Parker

The Happiest Moment of a Believer's Life!

Death cannot separate a true believer from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus and all the blessings which that love bestows. Death separate us? No! Death unites us the more closely to those blessings by bringing us into their more full and permanent possession. Death imparts a realization and a permanence to all the glorious and holy longings of the believer in Christ Who conquered death for us by His obedience unto death as our Surety and Redeemer. The happiest moment of a believer's life is his last! Then it is that he feels how precious the privilege, and how great the eminence of having been made by God's grace a righteous person, made so by Christ's blood and His righteousness imputed, and a believer in Jesus, again, made so by the Spirit's work in his new birth. And the day which darkens his eye to all earthly scenes opens it upon the untold, and unimaginable, and ever-increasing glories of eternity! It is the birth day of his immortality!

Believer, Jesus Christ, the Conqueror of death, will approach and place His almighty arms beneath you, and lay your head upon His loving bosom. Thus, encircled and pillowed in Christ, you "shall not see death," but passing through its gloomy portal, shall only realize that you had actually died from the consciousness of the joy and glory into which death had ushered you! —Octavius Winslow

"Christian, death cannot hurt you! Death is your best friend, who is commissioned by Christ to summon you from this poor world of vanity and woe, to the blissful regions of glory and immortality, to meet your precious Lord Jesus, and to be forever with Him!" Listen to God's Word on the subject of the death of a true believer, a sinner saved by God's grace in Christ, who will stand before God washed from all his sins in the blood of Christ and robed in Christ's righteousness imputed, accepted in the Beloved – *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!" (Revelation 14:13).*

—William Mason

Birthdays

Amy Hiers - Jan. 12th | Jerry Wages - Jan. 17th | Harold Riggins - Jan. 17th | Javon Jones - Jan. 18th

The Lord's Supper

We will serve the LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, following the morning services. There will be no dinner afterward.

Sympathies

Our sincere sympathies and prayers go out to Audrey Asher upon the death of his uncle, Lonnie Corbett, who passed away on Friday, January 3.

Hymns

January 12th services
-Amazing Grace - 236
-Abide with Me - 75

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa