

# 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, July 27, 2025

10 am: "Great Sinners Obtaining Mercy" | Lesson 4 | 1 Tim.1:12-16  
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Holy Calling"  
2 Timothy 1:9  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Too Good to be True?

When God brings one of His chosen people to see the true nature, the depth and magnitude of His free and sovereign grace in the salvation of sinners by Jesus Christ the Lord, it is so amazing, so miraculous, that it seems too good to be true. And yet it IS true! This is a salvation that glorifies and honors God in every attribute of His character. It shows how HE is just to justify the ungodly based on the righteousness of Christ (the merits of His obedience unto death) imputed to them all. It is a salvation that had its origin in the eternal and unchangeable mind of God and which is worked out in time as He sovereignly and powerfully applies all the blessings and benefits to His chosen people to save them and bring to glory by the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a true spiritual child of God, your name was written in the Lamb's book of life before the world began. Christ was made to be your Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, and your sins were imputed to Him so that they cannot be imputed to you. His perfect righteousness has been imputed to you, and you are justified in God's sight. He has given you spiritual life, a new spirit and a new heart, and He has given you the gifts of faith and repentance. He preserves you unto glory so that you cannot perish. You will spend eternity with God in Christ. Is this all too good to be true? No, it is true because Christ our Lord and Savior is the way, the truth, and the life.

—Pastor Bill Parker

***“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” (Proverbs 16:18-19)***

There is no prouder person than one who seeks salvation by his own works and rejects salvation by God’s free grace in Christ Jesus. Unless God intervenes and brings him down, such a person is headed for a great fall.

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Rightly does God say in Obadiah, “the pride of your own heart has deceived you.” I never cease to be amazed at the ability of fallen sinners to justify themselves in all they do! With great care and skill, they follow the most absurd reasoning, reasoning contrary to the scriptures, and defend what they do. And even if they do not convince anyone else, they convince themselves, and that is enough for them! The most deceived person is the self-deceived person. The pride of man’s heart begets this deception, maintains it and brings forth its destructive end. Only God can abase and therefore save those that walk in pride!  
—Pastor Gary Shepard

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It is true that ***“whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL be saved” (Rom. 10:13)***. It is also true that any who come to Christ for salvation, He will not turn away (***John 6:37b***). They SHALL be saved. It is also true that all whom the Father gave to Him SHALL come to Him for salvation (***John 6:37a***). And it is also true that if left to ourselves to choose to come to Him, in our fallen, sinful human nature, none of us would choose to come to Christ. We would continue in our sins. For any of us to come to Christ for salvation, we must be born again by the Spirit (***John 1:12-13; 3:3-7***), and we must be drawn powerfully and irresistibly by the Holy Spirit under the preaching of the Gospel (***John 6:44-45***).  
—Pastor Bill Parker

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## The Travail of Christ’s Soul

***“He shall see of the TRAVAIL of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:11)*** If one could be saved some other way than by Christ’s effectual travail, then Christ’s travail would be in vain. It is either 100% His obedience unto death and nothing else added by the sinner, or it is conditioned on the contributions the sinner is doing to gain acceptance, which implies Christ’s obedient travail unto death is not sufficient. A message that does NOT clearly display the Person and work of Christ being absolutely effectual, making the only difference for whom He died to establish a perfect righteousness for His people, can only be shown as a miserable failure and false christ who is no savior at all.

Your travail, work, effort, righteousness, holiness, godliness, in meriting, gaining, and earning anything towards acceptance is self-righteous, prideful, dead works and fruit unto death. That activity is detrimental, not helpful. The natural, blind, religious mind is deceived and spiritually dead, so much so that they have an opposing idea of contributing something to gain or maintain salvation.

The true Christ of the Gospel took on the sin of His sheep in one perfect sacrifice, fully satisfied God’s law and justice for His sheep once and for all time in the action of accomplished propitiation for the sin of the elect. The Lord’s whole work of His obedient life and death was sufficient, effectual, satisfactory and finished. Have you been given grace to see this and rest right there?

—Pastor Scott Price

## **Birthdays**

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Leigh Ann Flynn - July 27th | Jake Jones - July 30th

## **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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July 27th service

Standing on the Promises - 175

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

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## **Call to Worship**

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

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**When Jesus died on Calv'ry, salvation's work was done,  
Redemption was accomplished by God's eternal Son;  
Christ bore our sins and sorrows, He made them all His own,  
And died to honor justice, our sin-debt to atone.**

**O what a wondrous Savior, O what a matchless Friend,  
What love and great compassion which none can comprehend;  
The Lord came down from glory, His very life He gave,  
He died by God's appointment our guilty souls to save.**

**With deepest gratitude Lord, we praise Thy gracious Name,  
And thank Thee for Christ Jesus Who took our sin and blame;  
O may we fully trust Him, may He within us dwell,  
Who died to seal our pardon and save our souls from hell.**