

# 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, March 29, 2026

10 am: "A Woman of Sorrow"

Lesson 4 | Ruth 1:18-21

Bill Parker

11 am: "Knowing Your Election"

1 Thessalonians 1

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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To comfort the people of God we must preach the Gospel. As sinners saved by the grace of God, we experience in ourselves many miracles and powers of God's grace. We go through a wide range of emotions. However, no experience or emotion will bring the lasting comfort that the good news of the work being finished by the Lord Jesus Christ will bring. As true believers, we will make efforts to obey His Word as we are motivated by His grace and our gratitude and love to Him. However, no efforts to obey can bring us the peace and joy that comes to and in us from believing – resting in Him and His righteousness for salvation. To realize that if left to myself I would be guilty and condemned by my best deeds requires the Holy Spirit to make the Gospel real by His Word. To trust Christ as my Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, and Righteousness is the full assurance of knowing that I am saved by the grace of God. To know that the enmity between God and myself has been nailed to the cross, that I have been reconciled by my Lord on the ground of Christ's righteousness imputed to me, is the confidence of my soul. Every believer ought to realize this and enter into God's rest.

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## How Can We Know?

***“Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth” (Psalm 119:88).*** As justified sinners, washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, and clothed in His righteousness imputed, and in consideration of all our remaining sins and weaknesses, how can we know that we will not eventually totally forsake Christ and abandon Him and His truth? We can know for certain, first, because **HE WILL NOT LET US GO (John 10:27-30)**. He keeps us by His grace and power. The idea that God would not infringe His sovereign will and power upon us so as to impede upon our “free” wills or our inherent goodness is not only absurd but totally unscriptural. Left to ourselves we would never be saved and would never continue with Him. Secondly, we can know for certain that we will never totally forsake Christ because we are thoroughly and eternally washed clean from all our sins in His blood, and we stand justified before God in His righteousness imputed. This means we cannot be charged with our sins (**Rom. 4:6-8; 8:33-34**). The world sees this as a license to sin, but not God’s true children. The third reason we can know for certain that we who are truly saved could never totally forsake and abandon Christ and His truth is the quickening (life-giving) power of the Holy Spirit in our new birth. Not only has God the Holy Spirit given us a new heart and a new spirit, He also personally indwells us. He will never leave us, and He will never take back what He has given us; ***“for the gifts and calling of God are without repentance” (Rom. 11:29)***. Having been quickened by the Holy Spirit, we will always “keep” (guard and give heed to) His Word of truth in the Lord Jesus Christ. —Pastor Bill Parker

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## True Repentance

True repentance is not merely pressed, squeezed, or extorted by the workings and violent struggles of guilt and wrath, fear and torment; but it flows out under the sin-pardoning operations of the Spirit of love, accompanied with the blood of atonement, attended with a believing view of Christ, and of interest in Him, and of God’s appearing well-pleased and reconciled in Jesus, shining upon us in His blessed face, accepting us in the Beloved, and blessing us with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places, in Him. — William Huntington

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## The Lord’s Supper

We will serve the Lord’s Supper following the messages this morning. All who believe in Christ and trust Him as their whole salvation attained and insured by His obedience unto death are invited to partake of this blessed memorial ordinance.

We will serve a meal in our dining hall. Everyone is invited to stay and eat with us. It is a great time to visit with one another.

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## Sympathies

Our sincere prayers and thoughts go out to our sister in Christ, Janet Fletcher and her family, over the death of their father, Kenneh Carter, who passed away on Friday, March 20. May the Lord comfort Janet and her family in the ways that only He can.

*“I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.” (Psalm 145:1-2)*

### Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, 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, Jermaine Harpe, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

### Birthdays

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Mills Fuller - Mar. 31st | Christina Frank - Apr. 2nd | Patsy Parr - Apr. 4th

### Hymns

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- Nothing but the Blood - 212
- I Love Thy Kingdom - 188

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15)

**Sovereign grace o’er sin abounding!  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
‘Tis a deep that knows no sounding;  
Who its breadth or length can tell?  
What from Christ that soul can sever,  
Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever,  
None can pluck them from his hands.**

**Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,  
Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises,  
O what wonders Christ hath done.  
On such love, my soul shall ponder,  
Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder,  
“Why, O Lord, such love to me?”**