

# 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 30, 2025

10 am: "The Lord's Supper"

Matthew 26:26-35

Matthew Series | Lesson 97

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Grace of Edification"

1 Timothy 1:4

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## My Goals in Preaching

Early on in answering the call to the ministry of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, I learned that whenever I preach Christ, I ought to have in mind the following four goals:

(1) TO GLORIFY GOD, praising His holy name, telling the truth of who He is and what He has done, is doing, and will do to save His chosen people from their sins and bring them into an eternal union with Himself.

(2) TO EXALT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST as the one true Savior of sinners Who accomplished the very righteousness of God declaring God to be both just and Justifier, the life-giver and preserver of His people.

(3) TO SEE GOD BRING LOST SINNERS TO SALVATION, giving spiritual life and faith to His elect, the ones for whom Christ died and arose, and calling them out of the world and into His kingdom.

(4) TO EDIFY THOSE TO WHOM HE HAS GIVEN LIFE AND FAITH IN CHRIST, establishing their hearts with grace in Christ, and encouraging them in the unity of love, grace, and the obedience of faith. —Pastor Bill Parker

## The Fear of Man

Several times in scripture we are warned, ***“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe” (Proverbs 29:25)***. The greatest and most common fear of man is not fear of threat or harm but fear of loss of favor. Christ said, ***“How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?” (John 5:44)***. This fear has ensnared many and kept them from believing the Gospel and following Christ. It has kept many preachers from a full declaration of what God has said. This fear of losing the favor of family, friends, preachers, etc., has kept multitudes from a clear, public confession of Christ and His doctrine. ***“For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:43)***. The only antidote for this fear is the ***“fear of the Lord.”*** I fear displeasing God more than man. I fear grieving the One who loved me and gave Himself for me. I fear to speak contrary to His word. I fear being a reproach to Christ. And though I know I cannot lose His favor, just the thought of it makes me fear. Christ said, ***“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels” (Mark 8:38)***. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! —Pastor Gary Shepard

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**WE WILL SERVE THE LORD’S SUPPER FOLLOWING THE MESSAGES TODAY.** This is an ordinance given by Christ to His disciples. **IT IS FOR BELIEVERS ONLY.** All who participate should examine themselves and be assured that their faith is in Christ as He is identified and distinguished in the Holy Scriptures as described in the following article –

## Christ the Sure Foundation

A sure foundation; no superficial sandy surface; but a foundation of rock, laid in the depths, firm, immovable, THE ROCK OF AGES. All that is erected on this, partakes of the same lasting character. He that believeth shall not make haste, shall not be ashamed or confounded, shall not be shaken by the storm or tempest. **FAITH RESTS ON THIS SURE FOUNDATION, IN CONTRAST WITH WORKS WHICH REST ON THE SAND.** Directly God laid HIS FOUNDATION-STONE, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST, He takes the line and plummet into His own hands and measures and tests the uprightness of every edifice of man. ***“Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet.”*** HE HAS ONE, AND ONE ONLY STANDARD, THE RIGHTEOUS ONE. ALL THAT COMES SHORT OF THIS HEIGHT OF PERFECTION, ALL THAT DEVIATES FROM THIS TESTED UPRIGHTNESS, WILL BE TRIED IN JUDGEMENT. The floods of God’s wrath will come; the torrents will descend from above; the hurricane of His fury will beat; AND ALL THAT IS NOT OF CHRIST, AND ON CHRIST, WILL FALL AND PERISH IN HOPELESS CONFUSION. ***“The hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies; and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. When the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.”*** GOD HAS PROMISED TO SHAKE ALL THINGS THAT CAN BE SHAKEN, THAT WE MAY BE ASSURED OF THE ETERNAL STABILITY OF HIM ON WHOM OUR SOULS REST — THE ETERNAL PRECIOUSNESS OF HIS BLOOD — THE SUFFICIENT AND EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIM IN WHOM WE ARE ACCEPTED — THE SOLID FOUNDATION ON WHICH GOD’S EVERLASTING TABERNACLE RESTS.

—Henry Soltau (1805-1875)

## Hymns

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### March 30th services

Whiter Than Snow - 310

Immortal, Invisible - 34

## 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, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Birthdays

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Mills Fuller – March 31<sup>st</sup> | Patsy Parr – Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>

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# Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**Thy Works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all the work is done,  
They bid my fear depart.**

**Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the awful load  
Of sins that no one else could bear,  
But our incarnate God.**

**Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand, thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few.**

**Thy righteousness, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness can satisfy,  
Save that which is of Thee!**