



June 25, 2025

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 presents a powerful message about the Christian life, emphasizing the urgency of receiving God's grace and living a life worthy of it. Paul urges the Corinthians not to receive God's grace in vain, highlighting the importance of perseverance and integrity in their faith. He uses a series of contrasts to illustrate the nature of his ministry and the challenges faced by believers, ultimately calling for a life of faithfulness and service to God.

Key Themes and Reflections:

- **Not Receiving Grace in Vain:**

Paul warns against receiving God's grace superficially or externally, emphasizing that it should lead to a transformed life that reflects the gospel. This could mean a life that is not consistent with the gospel message, or a life that rejects Paul's apostleship.

- **Urgency and Opportunity:**

The passage highlights the urgency of responding to God's grace, emphasizing that now is the time for salvation. Paul reminds them that they don't know how many days they have left to respond to the gospel.

- **Servants of God:**

Paul describes himself and his co-workers as "servants of God," highlighting their dedication and endurance in ministry despite facing hardships and opposition.

- **Endurance and Integrity:**

The passage emphasizes the importance of endurance in the face of trials and persecution and maintaining integrity in one's conduct.

- **Contrasts in Ministry:**

Paul uses a series of contrasts, or antitheses, to describe the nature of his ministry, showing how believers can face both positive and negative reports, joy and sorrow, and material poverty while being rich in spiritual blessings.

- **Open Hearts:**

Paul calls for open hearts and a willingness to reconcile with others, particularly within the Christian community. He urges the Corinthians to imitate his own example of frankness and vulnerability in seeking reconciliation.

- **Living for God's Glory:**

The passage emphasizes that believers are saved for a purpose – to be servants of God and to display His glory to the world. This involves living a life of faithfulness, integrity, and joy, even in the midst of suffering.

In essence, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 encourages believers to:

- **Embrace the grace of God fully and allow it to transform their lives.**
- **Persevere in faith, even when facing trials and opposition.**
- **Live with integrity and compassion, reflecting God's love to the world.**
- **Seek reconciliation and unity within the Christian community.**
- **Recognize the urgency of responding to God's call and living a life that honors Him.** according to 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Worship Calendar

June 29	Do Not Feel Like It	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Rev. Eric Lee
July 6	Sent	Luke 10:1-11	Rev. Eric lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Summer Devotional Update (Updated June 17, 2025):

A **new** edition of **These Days** (July/August/September), as well as a **new** edition of **Our Daily Bread** (June/July/August) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Lemonade



Lemonade will now be served (self-served that is) after worship during June, July and August. Please join us in the Adamson Lounge for a refreshing glass of lemonade and some cookies.

Music Announcement



Glen would like to start a New Bell Ringers Choir. Anyone can join between the ages of 10 and 110 years. No music knowledge or experience is needed. Rehearsals will be once a month, every third Sunday for 20 minutes

after church. The first performance will be Thanksgiving Sunday. The first rehearsal of the Graceview Bell Ringers will be on July 20.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.

* Please keep in your prayers the following:

Chris Parr, Jean Fox, Eftekhari (grandmother of Ali), **Earl** Nixon, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Ed. L., Gordon F., and Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.

A Feel-Good Story about Perseverance

When 79-year-old George retired, he didn't buy a golf club or a hammock. He hung a handmade sign in his garage window: "Broken things? Bring 'em here. No charge. Just tea and talk."

His neighbors in the faded mill town of Maple Grove thought he'd lost it. "Who fixes stuff for free?" grumbled the barber. But George had a reason. His wife, Ruth, had spent decades repairing torn coats and cracked picture frames for anyone who knocked. "Waste is a habit," she'd say. "Kindness is the cure." She'd died the year before, and George's hands itched to mend what she'd left behind.

The first visitor was 8-year-old Mia, dragging a plastic toy truck with a missing wheel. "Dad says we can't afford a new one," she mumbled. George rummaged through his toolbox, humming. An hour later, the truck rolled again—this time with a bottle cap for a wheel and a stripe of silver duct tape. "Now it's custom," he winked. Mia left smiling, but her mother lingered. "Can you... fix a résumé?" she asked. "I've been stuck on the couch since the factory closed."

By noon, George's garage buzzed. A widow brought a shattered clock ("My husband wound it every Sunday"). A teen carried a leaky backpack. George fixed them all, but he didn't work alone. Retired teachers proofread résumés. A former seamstress stitched torn backpacks. Even Mia returned, handing him a jar of jam: "Mom says thanks for the job interview."

Then came the complaint.

"Unlicensed business," snapped the city inspector. "You're violating zoning laws."

Maple Grove's mayor, a man with a spreadsheet heart, demanded George shut down. The next morning, 40 townsfolk stood on George's lawn, holding broken toasters, torn quilts, and protest signs: "Fix the law, not just stuff!" A local reporter filmed a segment: "Is kindness illegal?"

The mayor caved. Sort of.

"If you want to 'fix' things, do it downtown," he said. "Rent the old firehouse. But no guarantees."

The firehouse became a hive. Volunteers gutted it, painted it sunshine yellow, and dubbed it "Ruth's Hub." Plumbers taught plumbing. Teenagers learned to darn socks. A baker swapped muffins for repaired microwaves. The town's waste dropped by 30%.

But the real magic? Conversations. A lonely widow fixed a lamp while a single dad patched a bike tire. They talked about Ruth. About loss. About hope.

Last week, George found a note in his mailbox. It was from Mia, now 16, interning at a robotics lab. "You taught me to see value in broken things. I'm building a solar-powered prosthetic arm. PS: The truck still runs!"

Today, 12 towns across the state have "Fix-It Hubs." None charge money. All serve tea. Funny, isn't it? How a man with a screwdriver can rebuild a world."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Sunday, July 20 after worship – Bell Ringers Choir rehearsal
- * Tuesday, Aug. 26 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship Team meeting
- * Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- * Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
July 13	Eric Lee	Maureen Screen	Iris Lee
July 20	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
July 27	Chris Parr	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam
Aug. 3	Eric Lee	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson

Aug. 10	Margaret Munene	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp
Aug. 17	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Aug. 24	Eric Lee	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
Aug. 31	Rachael Chen	Bob Twynam	Kathy Twynam



WEEKLY GIGGLE

The Good News & the Bad News

God called down to Moses and said, "I've got good news and bad news. Which do you want first?"

Moses replied, "Most merciful Lord, please give me the good news first."

"Well, Moses, the good news is that I've chosen you to deliver my people from bondage," God answered. "I will force Pharaoh to release my children by causing years of pestilence in Egypt. There will be plagues of locusts and frogs and inconceivable devastation upon the land. Pharaoh's armies will chase you as you try to leave, but do not fear because I will part the waters of the Red Sea to aid in your escape."

"And the bad news, Lord?" Moses inquired.

God answered, "You will have to prepare the environmental impact statement."



Not until each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.
Unknown

Where to Find Us

Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

* Message from **Pastor Eric**: "FYI the Graceview website page has been revamped, so as to keep people updated of our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview".

<https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to “follow.”

Please note the following email addresses for all church-related communication:

Pastor Eric: pastor@graceview.ca (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Church Office: office@graceview.ca (unchanged and managed by our Secretary, Halyna)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion: Witnesses of the Risen Lord Rev. Eric Lee	2	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	6	7
8 Pentecost: What Does it Mean? Rev. Eric Lee	9 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM	10 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club Luncheon 12	11	12 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	13	14
15 The Benefits of Faith in God Rev. Eric Lee	16	17 Walking Group 11:00	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	20	21
22 Growing Up Rev. Eric Lee	23	24 Walking Group 11:00	25	26 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	27	28
29 Do Not Feel Like It Rev. Eric Lee	30	Walking Group 11:00		Service @ CPP 2:00 PM		

