

May 31, 2016

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

For me, Susan and our boys, Memorial Day weekend always marks the beginning of summer. It means golf, hanging out by the pool, eating hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill.

This year was no exception. All three boys were home, and we spent the weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia.

When we drove home yesterday, we had to drop our son James at Reagan National, and as we were going along the George Washington Parkway, we suddenly came across a lot of traffic, seemingly out of nowhere. There were cars parked along the side of the road. Buses lined up, one after another. People walking everywhere.

We realized: we were at Arlington National Cemetery.

And, it was a powerfully stark reminder of what Memorial Day is really about.

"Greater love has no one," said Jesus, "than the one who lays down his life for another."

See you in church,
Andrew