Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Last Friday, Susan and I took our usual day-after-Thanksgiving walk down 16th street, starting at our apartment building and finishing in Lafayette Square, right in front of the White House.

As we made our way south, crossing the bridge over Piney Branch Park and Parkway, we noticed several homemade signs, in different shapes and sizes, hanging on a chained-link fence:



Be Happy.
Patience.
Be Nice.
Be Kind.
Smile.
Love.

By now, you probably know that I love signs like these, signs with a positive and uplifting message, signs that make you feel good inside and put a smile on your face, and so when I come across them, I can't resist taking a picture.

But, these visible signs also get me thinking: What is your positive message this week? Who are you uplifting with a few, thoughtful words? Who is going to smile because they have come across you?

See you in church, *Andrew*

