



Devotion

Be That Guy June 18, 2017

Dear Grace Family,

He's such a guy," she says rolling her eyes. All her friends nod knowingly as they sip their coffee. His eyes follow every pair of yoga pants that walks by ... He always leaves his socks on the floor and the toilet seat up ... He refuses to ask for directions ... His favorite place to be on the weekends isn't home with you, but at deer camp with the other guys.

He's such a "guy."

Somehow in our world today, being a guy has become a bad thing. Sadly, our weaknesses as "guys" have come to define us. In fact, at times it seems like our world is raising a generation of boys to avoid being "guys."

That worries me.

I feel I need to say something now which may surprise you: Men and women are different. I know. Shocking, right? God made us different. That one extra chromosome changes everything. Men tend to be more aggressive, bigger and stronger. Women tend to be more docile and nurturing. Women tend to have better communication between the hemispheres of their brains and are more in touch with their feelings. Men tend to be visually stimulated. Women tend to be stimulated by feelings of intimacy and touch.

And those are just a few examples of the myriad of differences.

Now obviously those are generalizations. Not every man or woman falls neatly into those categories. Yet, most men and women demonstrate some, if not all of those tendencies. It honestly has a lot to do with the levels of testosterone and estrogen a person has. Men tend to have much higher levels of testosterone, and women, much higher levels of estrogen.

In the end, God made men and women different. If you don't agree with that, there is no point in continuing to read this article.

Because men tend to naturally be bigger, more aggressive and less in touch with their feelings, the temptation for them is to be incommunicative, rude or even violent. Because they tend to be visually stimulated, yoga pants and porn tend to be a greater enticement for them than for a woman.

That, by no means, excuses such behavior. It is sin. Christian men can and should fight against the sinful tendencies of their natural instincts. But those temptations don't and shouldn't define what a man is.

Being a guy can be a good thing. A good guy works hard and provides for his family without complaint. A good guy protects his family at all costs. A good guy teaches his sons to be strong and his daughters that they are worthy of love and respect. A good guy brings his family to church and shows them what it means to lead and serve.

This week we celebrate Father's Day. My encouragement to all the fathers and men out there is to be that quy. Stand up and be strong. Lead your families. Teach your boys to be men.

And when you fail to be the guy God wants you to be, be a man and admit it. Tell your wife you're sorry. Tell your God you're sorry with the confidence he has already forgiven because of Jesus.

Then stand up and be the guy God made you to be.

Andy Schroer @ 364daysofthanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Grace Vacancy Pastor</u> - Pastor Isaac Cherney has accepted the call to be our Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Flunker will also be helping out with the Spanish service. Please pray for these Pastors and our church as we wait on the call process. God has a plan for us. Pastor Cherney can be reached at phone # 262-204-8027. Email: cherneyip@gmail.com. ~ Dave Lennon

<u>Choir</u> – will be on break during the summer. We resume in September, date to be announced ~ Stan Nolte

LET'S GO HIKING, Redeemer and Grace!! Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mirror Lake Hike, 2 miles round trip, 600' elevation gain. Large, clear blue mountain lake, old growth forest, child-friendly outlet stream, waterfall, craggy Tinkham Peak. **Family friendly!** Possibility of mosquitos; bring repellant! Dress according to Snoqualmie Pass weather forecast. Pack snacks, lunch, water, sunscreen. **Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Fred Meyer** blue mailboxes (near the gas pumps). **Call or text Carol Stuebs to confirm. 509-833-7989**

<u>Grace Call</u> – On June 4th, an official call has been placed to the **Rev. Stephen P. Kuehl** from Shepherd of Peace LC in Powell, Ohio. You may contact him at the following:

Address: 7823 Maplecreek Ct. Powell, OH 43065

Phone: 614-373-0025

Email: pastorkuehl@gmail.com

Please pray for our church and Rev. Kuehl during this call deliberation!

Prayer List

Garland Hill- healing from a stroke

Anne Rhine- healing from a broken hip

Maxine Gilbreath – thanksgiving for healing

of a fractured foot

Kelley Family – ill Grandmother

Mark Jankowski – healing for cancer

Karen Jankowski – healing from severe

back issues

Corae Temple – healing from a fall

SHUT-INLIST

Irma Alderson; Loraine Beard; Carol Butler; Pauline Dean; Ewald Ehlers; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Lott; Anne Rhine; Marlen Rieker; Bil Yergen; Norm Campeau; Sandra Evans; Ed Peterson; Esther Wachter

FRUITS OF FAITHFULNESS & LOVE

<u>Grace/Viviendo por Gracia Stewardship of Word and Sacrament</u> Attendance at worship for the week of 06/11/17

Worship total – 44

Grace/Viviendo por Gracia Stewardship of Treasures 06/11/17

	Actual Received	Needed weekly Per 2016/17 Budget	Actual to Budget this week	Actual Budget YTD
General Fund	\$3519.00			
WELS Missions	\$25.00			
School	\$30.00			
Meditations	\$15.00			
Tuition and Fees				
TADS tuition				
Radio	\$200.00			
Capital Improvement	\$178.29			
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TOTAL OFFERING	\$3967.29	\$5314.00	-\$1346.71	-\$17530.00