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FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork

I have said this phrase so often with my family as we are working together, specifically around my boys, that if we accomplish something and I don't say it one of them will come up to me and say, "Dad, teamwork makes the _____?" (*You see, whoever says the phrase in the family leaves the last word unspoken so the rest of us can chime in and finish it, get it, teamwork in the saying of the phrase teamwork...? Good.*) My sons can repeat the phrase verbatim. We as a church probably understand what this phrase means. We may even claim to champion the meaning of the phrase knowing we are better together than we are apart. But are we fully devoted to living it out?

2021 has been filled with many blessings. Those blessings have also created unique challenges for us as a congregation. Several families and couples have walked away from us; some even have walked away from the Lord. There have been hurt emotions and problems that have reared their ugly head causing some relationships to splinter. We have also had 13 new families choose to identify with us as their local church family. What does all this mean? I believe it is possible in the midst of these blessings and challenges to "feel" lost in the shuffle. A couple left and they were my people. A decision was made that turned that family/individual away from involvement and openness. Something happened in someone's personal life that caused them to pull away just a bit. I believe it is possible that there may be some families/couples/individuals in our church family that doesn't feel so "family-ish." There could be some who consider themselves on the periphery of our church Body and because of comfort, callous, routine, or hurt emotions (*whatever reason you/they would like to insert*) they may just sit on the outside waiting to come back in or drift away entirely.

You, they, I, we all need to hear this... Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork. We need each individual, couple, and family to buy in and be bought in for Florence Blvd to reach her full potential next year. Being bought in means some may have to swallow pride and be bigger than their hurt feelings. Being bought in means some may have to stretch beyond their comfort zone for deeper involvement. Being bought in means you may have to switch your pew so you can be a source of encouragement to those who are in need. Being bought in may mean that some will have to step up in roles of leadership they've never been in before. Why? Because it's only through teamwork that we can make the dreamwork!

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