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FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Dream Big

Jason and some brethren were being drug out of their homes into the arena of public trial and people said about them, "**These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.**" Acts 17:6

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that **day about three thousand souls were added to them.**" Acts 2:41

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **they were multiplied**" Acts 9:31

"And the hand of the Lord was with them, and **a great number believed and turned to the Lord.**" Acts 11:21

It seems like many churches that belong to Christ have drank the Kool-Aid that Christianity is about maintaining what we have in *our* congregation and prayerfully working to ensure my children grow up to believe in God one day. It seems like many churches that belong to Christ have drank the Kool-Aid that Christianity is about making sure our worship is engaging for people and that *we get something out of it*. While these things have their place, and in their proper context, are worthy of conversation and consideration, have we forgotten about the power of God!? The world was being turned upside down as people were coming to believe in Jesus as the Christ and the church was multiplying greatly! *That* is our heritage. *Those* are our roots. The same God who empowered believers to be kingdom workers and world changers is still the same God today (Hebrews 13:8).

We, as the Florence Blvd church of Christ, need to be reminded of our roots, the power of God, and the real possibility of community change/life transformation when God children walk in obedience/courage/faith. It's tempting to put limits on God that He does not put on Himself. It's tempting to think small and not dream big. Well church, consider this my challenge...no my suggestion...no, my plea to dream big! Start asking what if. Push for more. Give without reservation. Sacrifice happily. Reach to others courageously. And above all, remember the power of the Gospel of God to change lives (*ours, theirs, everyone*).

"For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you..." 2 Peter 1:12-13

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