

May 18 Update

From the Senior Warden

What a tremendous difference two weeks make! As I walked through the Church and Kindergarten last weekend, I was very grateful to see how "clean" everything appeared. All of the wet carpet and most of the contaminated items are out of the building. Most of the mud and trash have been cleared from the floors and off the walls, and we are poised to begin the process of getting our Church back together. Since the "Great Flood of 2010," we have used the services of various companies, including ServPro, to help clean and address areas of remediation within its area of expertise. ServPro finalized its work on Thursday of last week. Other professionals, including parishioner Johnny Phipps and his crews, worked tirelessly to prepare the Nave, Narthex, and Sanctuary for our first service after the flood--a service which was so very important to all of our parish family. I cannot understate the importance of the innumerable volunteers, whose service and donations have truly been inspirational in the wake of disaster. I know I speak for our entire parish when I say how deeply each and every volunteer is appreciated. St. George's members have more than risen to the occasion, and we are most grateful.

With the Vestry's approval, we retained The Parent Company to provide "Construction Management" services to help finalize the cleanup and to plan our rebuild. Meetings have already occurred with representatives from The Parent Company to identify potential needs and possible improvements or changes in our building's layout. We will have a better feel for the costs we are facing in a couple of weeks, once The Parent Company has a chance to understand the scope of work, identify potential contractors for the work, and obtain estimates for that work. Insurance is available to pay for some of our loss, including flood insurance for cleaning and repair, along with some contents. However, it appears that the available insurance will cover only a portion of our overall losses. We will know more on this issue once we have substantive estimates on the repair of our building and the replacement of the lost contents.

Finally, you will see various "temporary walls" during the repairs and we ask that you please try to stay out of the construction areas, primarily for your own safety. After the services last Sunday, members of our parish were able to "tour" the Kindergarten and other damaged areas, and we plan to give limited tours again this Sunday after the 10:00am service. Please remember, however, that we can allow people only over the age of sixteen (16) to be in these areas and, for your safety, we strongly discourage going through the areas with open-toed shoes. Otherwise, we will keep you all posted on the progress and suggest that you frequently visit our website (www.stgeorgesnashville.org) for updates, photographs, and other information.

We have an arduous task ahead, but I have complete confidence in the determination and resilience of our wonderful Church.

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