



# *St. Patrick's Episcopal Church*

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Greetings to our sisters and brothers in Christ,

Since August 29 of 2005, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Long Beach, MS has been incredibly blessed by the love, support, and prayers of all our partner parishes. Our "adopting" churches and dioceses across the nation have been a big part of our recovery and rebuilding. Many parishioners from these churches and dioceses have spent time on the Coast, most at Camp Coast Care, lending strong hands and backs, and important voices, to our ongoing recovery.

Your prayers and constant attention to our life on the Coast of Mississippi have also blessed us. We pray for each of you in our corporate prayers on Sundays, and we know we too are lifted up in prayer by most of you, corporately and otherwise. This army of prayer warriors has been a comfort in our time of deep need, and we cannot thank you enough.

In addition to your presence on the Coast and your prayers, we have received donations from many of the partner churches and dioceses. Initially we received funds for disaster relief in our community, and we have also given a tithe (10%) of those funds to help other disaster victims across the country, including those in Alabama, Kansas, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, California, and Alaska. Many of you have also given to our 5000 for 100 rebuilding campaign, and for that we are very grateful.

We have been changed, not just by suffering such a disaster, but more so by the witness of fellow Christians across this country who have come to our aid. We are committed to outreach ministries at a level beyond what we were doing before the storm, and it is the living testimony of so many of you that has taught us to be people who serve and give back. For that we are eternally grateful.

Lastly, as we near completion of our new home, we are faced with the reality of having no funds available for furnishings and fixtures (including kitchen appliances, sinks, etc.), worship items (such as the font, altar, credence tables, etc.), or landscaping. Many of our partner parishes have asked since Katrina if they can help us with furnishing the new church. We are including with this letter a break down on costs for items such as worship chairs and kitchen equipment, and are working with local artisans on ideas and costs for landscaping and worship items. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to making a donation that will help us occupy the new building very soon.

You have been and continue to be a blessing to us. We hope and pray to occupy the new building in May, with the official dedication set for Saturday, August 15. We hope you will join us for these exciting events. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with any questions or comments.

May God bless you and your ministries, as you have been a blessing to us.

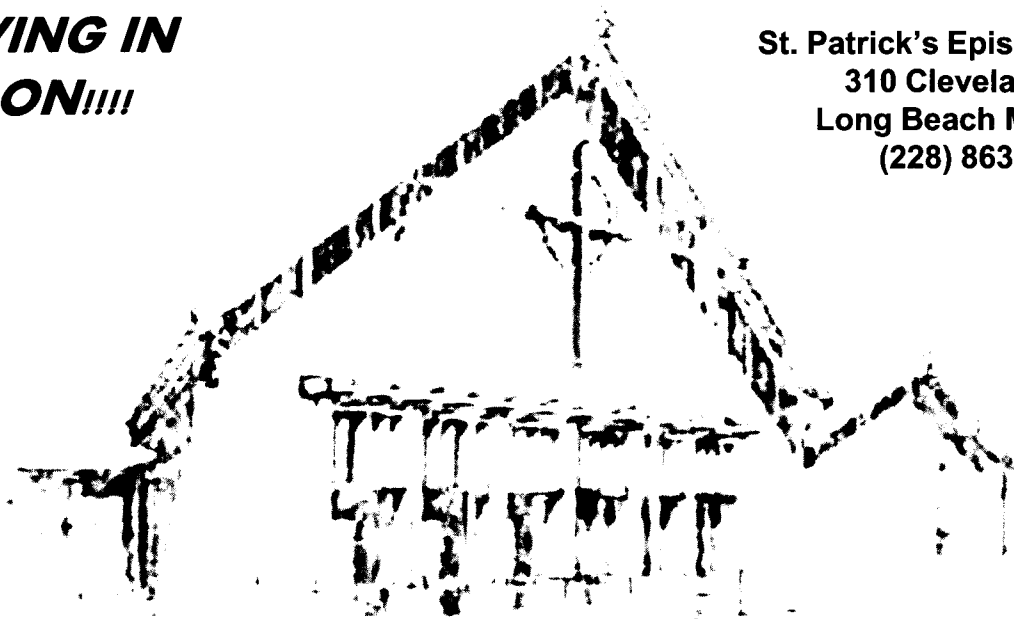
In Christ,

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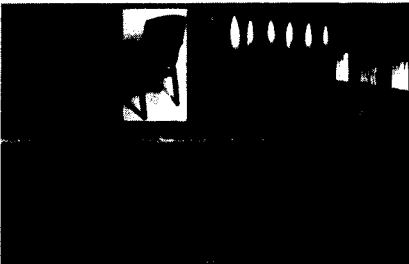
***When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy! (Psalm 126).***

***MOVING IN  
SOON!!!!***

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Many in the community have asked about how they could offer assistance to St. Patrick's as we prepare to take ownership of our new church. The Church is currently soliciting gifts to furnish phase I of our new worship space. The items most urgently needed are detailed below. Please consider a gift to St. Patrick's that would be applied to these items. Should you wish to designate your gift as a memorial to a loved one, the information will be annotated in a Memorial Book located in the Narthex of our new church.



UNIFLEX Meridian w/chair, book rack, kneeler, freight: (about 110) @ \$178.00 ea.

Similar model with arms (about 15-20): \$228.00 ea.



Banquet tables 60" round (12) and chairs (96): \$164.00 ea and \$25.00 ea

Youth space tables and Chairs (4 + 40) @ \$107.00 and \$23.00 ea



Kitchen Items: Contact the church office on prices. Needs include commercial grade 6 burner gas stove, hood, freezer, refrigerator, ovens, dishwasher, icemaker, sinks, racks, and prep tables

**Gift Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Description/Application**  
(i.e., pew chair(s), banquet table/chairs, kitchen )

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If gift to be given as a memorial, please fill in memorial text below.

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Call (228) 863-8772 if additional info is needed.