

Hurricane Ian Recovery

November 8, 2022

Our gracious Lord continues to bless us on the road to recovery from Hurricane Ian. Some of our number are still displaced from their homes and others remain in the midst of major repairs. We have lost possessions, but our spirits are steadfast and our faith in God grows stronger. His grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect in weakness (2Corinthians 12:9),

The Lord has provided for our needs through the overwhelming generosity of our brothers and sisters near and far. We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has reached out to help us. We have shed numerous tears of joy as we contemplate the enormous outpouring of your prayers, love and concern.

Although the long-term needs of some of our members are still unknown, we are confident that the contributions we have received are more than sufficient to meet the present needs of the members here. We have been reminded of the abundant giving of the Israelites for the building of the Tabernacle and the words of those who were commissioned to do the work - "*The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do*" (Exodus 36:5-6). Therefore, we are asking those who desire to help to please postpone any further financial contributions to the Southside church for now. This is not to suggest that the members here have fully recovered from the impact of the storm. The needs of some will continue for many months. The generous response of the Lord's people over the past month has been so encouraging to us. We have been able to distribute tens of thousands of dollars to the Christians here who have suffered from this storm. If further needs appear in the months ahead that the Southside church of Christ cannot meet, we will reach out to the many of you who have expressed a desire to help us down the road. We have no words to adequately express our gratitude for all that you have provided for us, both financially and spiritually. We will continue to provide updates on the progress of our recovery efforts to those on our email list. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Although we are asking that you not send more financial help at this time, we continue to solicit your earnest prayers for the church here. We are thankful for all the prayers offered. The Lord is responding with His enormous grace.

The church at Southside is praying that you will be enriched in every way for all your generosity and want you to be assured that the ministry of your service is not only *supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.* (2 Corinthians 9:11-12)

If you have questions about our ongoing relief efforts or the needs of the members of the church here please feel free to contact us at any time.

God is good. All the time.

Henly Collier

Dave Schmidt