

GULFPORT CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation first met as the Gulfport Community Church at 5425 Jersey Avenue South

The building is now the Church of the Nazarene, dedicated 1976



The new church was built in 1944, enlarged in 1952, and sold in 1980 (congregation moved to Largo), demolished in 1998

Newspaper Articles

“Church School Offers Varied Program,” photo of Mrs. J.D. Girard and kindergarten class

“Medical school trumpets funding for Gulfport site,” by Deanna Bellandi and Mike Jackson, *St. Petersburg Times*, undated, 1990s

Documents

“A History of the Gulfport Community Baptist Church,” by Jerome Girard, November, 1953

Photos



and three other, similar, photos



Demolition, 1998

CATHOLIC (HOLY NAME)

Newspaper Articles

“Holy Name Church,” by Jim Loveland, *Gulfport Gabber*, July 27, 1989

Documents

Program for Dedication, June 3, 1962

Photo



CHURCH OF CHRIST 901 49th Street South, built 1936

Newspaper Articles

Photo, *The Gulfport Citizen*, September 25, 1953

Photo



CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM
1844 54th Street South. Dedicated March 8, 1953

Photo



GULFPORT OPEN BIBLE CHURCH
1702-10 52nd Street South
Dedicated 1973



Plus one similar black and white photo

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAL'S WITNESSES
1219 53rd Street South



METHODIST CHURCH

Newspaper Articles

“Consecration Service Planned,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, March 14, (1970?).
Remodeling of entrance, photocopy

Documents

Photocopy of Register of members from the 1910s (about 60 names)
Opening day Services Program, Sunday, December 23, 1951
(1951 timeline: 1/28 – ground-breaking, 3/11 – laying of corner stone)
“First Church in Gulfport,” by Roberts, typewritten, 1962
A History of the First Methodist Church in Gulfport,” 1912-1964
Worship Service Program, Sunday Evening, December 20, 1964
Christmas Program, Talent and Hobby Show, Thursday Evening, December 9, 1965
Worship Service Program, Sunday, January 16, 1966
Program for Six Weeks of Mission Study, January 16 – February 20, 1966
Worship Service Program, Sunday, May 1, 1966
Christmas Program, Junior and senior MYF, Wednesday Evening, December 21, 1966
Flyer for Bazaar, Friday, November 15, 1968
Worship Service Program, Sunday, April 18, 1971
Worship Service Program, Sunday, August 19, 1973
Ticket for Benefit Dinner
News Bulletin for Vacation Church School
Program for 75th Anniversary Sunday, November 8, 1987
Program for 80th Anniversary Celebration, January 26, 1991 (2)
Bookmark, 1992
Directory (with photographs, addresses, and phone numbers) April, 1993
Email from F.H. Kautsky, Church Historian, September 26, 2000
“Golfport [sic] United Methodist Church,” probably by Frank Kautsky, undated
Information Sheet by Frank Kautsky, including names of Choir Directors, Accompanists,
Organists, Circuit Preachers, 1924-1948, September 15, 2000
List of pastors of the church through 2000

Plans

Plan of original church, photocopy
Plan of new church, photocopy
Plan of parsonage at 5219 28th Avenue South, photocopy
Plan of new Sunday School rooms, June 22, 1960, photocopy
Plan of garage behind parsonage, photocopy

Titles

Warranty deed from Jacob and Anna Vogdes to Trustees of the Gulfport Methodist
Episcopal church, July 9, 1913, photocopy

Photos



Old Church preparing to move

New Church





Photocopies

Church in original position, about to be moved, 2 different views

Steel work going up on new church, February 22, 1951; same showing relationship to old building

Group of people at groundbreaking

Roy Pippin, General Contractor sign

Pastor Rice, Pastor Daniels, Pastor Vincent Odom

Old parsonage

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Built by Rev. James MacLean about 1917, joined Presbyterians 1948, new sanctuary built 1963

Newspaper Articles

“Neighborly Center to open in Gulfport,” by Charla Wasel, *St. Petersburg Times*, March 12, 1978

Newspaper photo, undated

Photos





RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Today at 4668 15th Avenue South, which is not in Gulfport. In March 1952, the church petitioned to move the old Methodist Church building to 49th Street and 17th Avenue, and was denied. Two 8 x 10 black and white photos of the choir and a banquet group are set in an undisclosed location.

Plus 16 small black and white photos of

- Beth Shalom
- The Church of Christ
- The Church of the Nazarene
- Holy Name (2 views)
- Kingdom Hall
- The Methodist Church
- The Presbyterian Church