



THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
 OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Florida



At a Glance

1845 First Church presence in the state

158,617 Church members in Florida

270 congregations

84 family history centers located in various meetinghouses

2 temples

Humanitarian Outreach

Disaster Response

Following Hurricane Irma in 2017, approximately 30,000 Church-member volunteers wearing yellow “Helping Hands” T-shirts spread across Florida to help remove downed trees, clean out flooded houses, and secure tarps on damaged rooftops. More than 27 truckloads of food and relief equipment were distributed. The Church coordinated a similar response in 2018 after Hurricane Michael ravaged Florida. Volunteer crews gave more than 250,000 hours of service. The Church also distributed \$1.3 million in emergency supplies to affected communities.

Family Support

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints strive to serve others as our Savior did by ministering to individuals and families throughout the world. This is done through donations to food pantries, service in soup kitchens, and participation in other worthwhile projects. JustServe.org is a free website that matches community volunteers with service opportunities.

Church Leaders in Florida



Elder Victor P. Patrick
 Area Seventy



Elder Douglas B. Carter
 Area Seventy



David K. and Denise Clark
 Florida Orlando Mission



Following Jesus Christ

“When we follow Jesus Christ, we act as He would act and love as He would love.”

“Our highest priorities in life are to love God and to love our neighbors. That broadly includes neighbors in our own family, our community, our nation, and our world.”

(Russell M. Nelson, “Teach Us Tolerance and Love,” Ensign, May 1994, 69–71).

Brief History of the Church in Florida

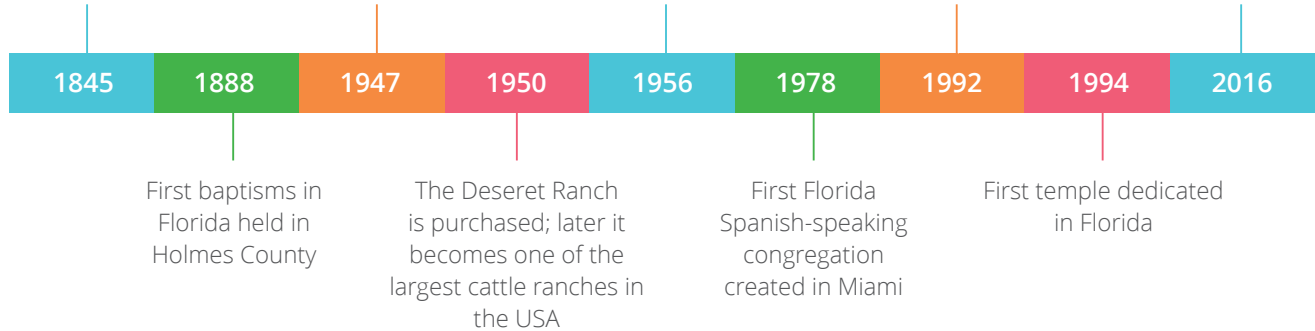
Copies of the Book of Mormon distributed to Native Americans in Florida by Phineas Young, brother of Brigham Young

First stake (group of congregations) organized in Jacksonville

Florida Stake Tabernacle in Jacksonville dedicated by Church president David O. McKay

Church response to Hurricane Andrew

Church response to Hurricane Matthew



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