

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310



County Polk  
 Theme 9-A  
 Name  
 (Common) Valley Baptist Church  
 (Historic) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address w. side of County Road #745  
(Main Street)  
Perrydale, Oregon  
 Present Owner Valley Baptist Church  
 Address Perrydale, Oregon  
 Original Use Church  
 Date of Construction \_\_\_\_\_

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Valley Baptist Church is a one story, wood frame building with a gable roof which stands on the west side of the county road which runs between Perrydale and Dallas, Oregon. The church, which is within Perrydale, has a shiplap exterior. The windows, set in three bays in the south elevation, are four-over-four, double hung sash and are filled with colored panes. The building, which has additions on its north elevation, has a square bell tower on its east (front) elevation and has a belfry.

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 2 Sept. 1976

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Sources Consulted:

Please enclose map Township 6 <sup>N</sup> 5 <sup>E</sup> W Section 23

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 HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
 POLK COUNTY

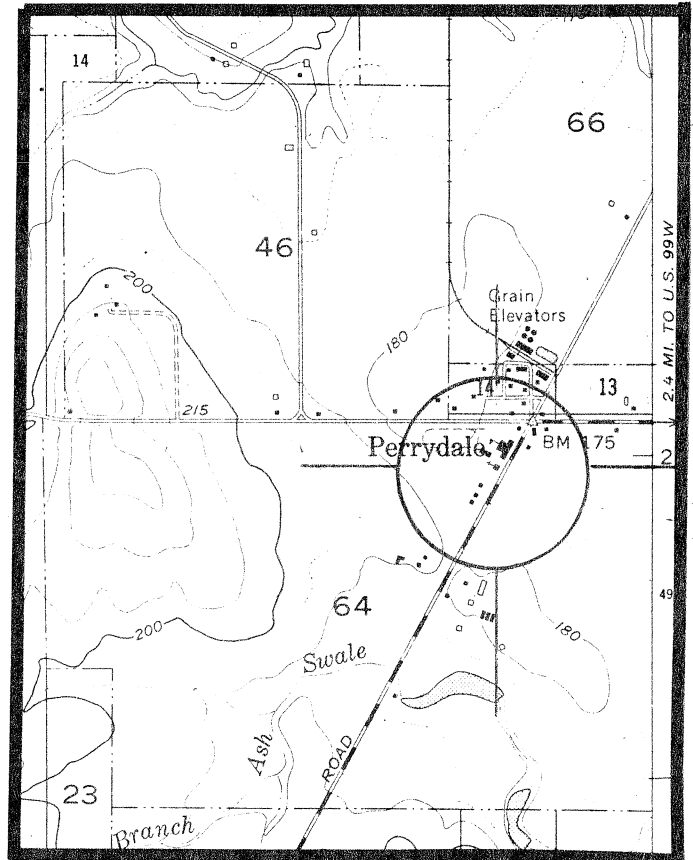
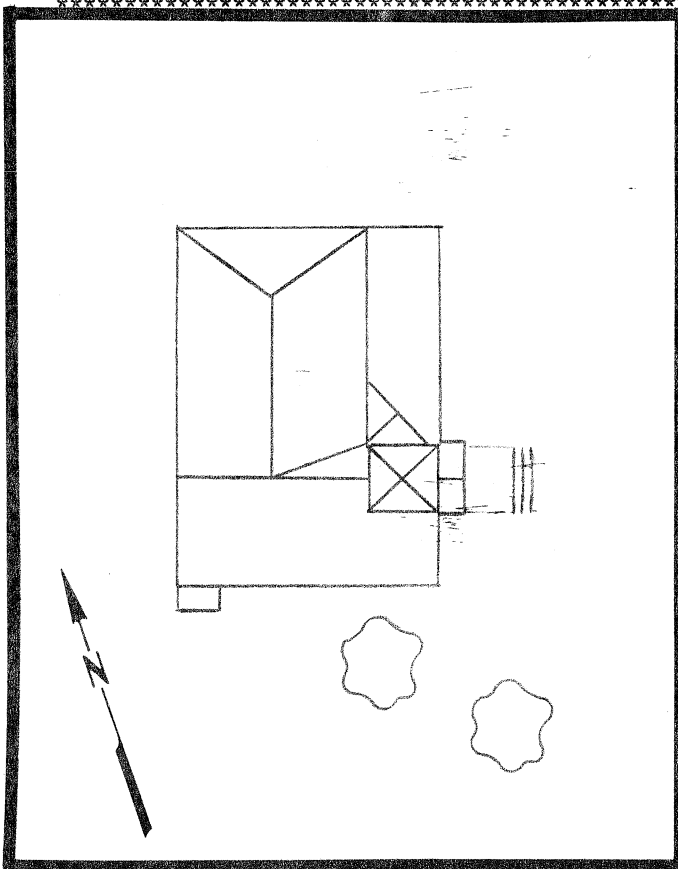
Historic Name: VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Common Name:  
 Address: 7405 PERRYDALE RD.  
 City: DALLAS, OR 97338  
 Owner: VALLEY BAPTIST - PERRYDALE  
 T/R/S/taxlot: 6/5/23/400  
 Quadrangle: BALLSTON, OREGON (7.5')

Original Use: CHURCH  
 Present Use: CHURCH  
 Theme: CULTURE/RELIGION

Building: UNKNOWN  
 Architect: UNKNOWN

Resource Type:             Bldg.    Structure    District    Site    Object

Setting: THE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH IS SITUATED IN THE PERRYDALE RURAL COMMUNITY AND STANDS ON THE WEST SIDE OF PERRYDALE ROAD, A MODERATELY TRAVELED, TWO-LANE THOROUGHFARE. THE BUILDING IS ON GRADE WITH THE ROAD AND FEATURES FOUNDATION AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTINGS, AS WELL AS MATURE DECIDUOUS TREES. THE PERRYDALE SCHOOL IS ADJACENT TO THE NORTH AND A VICTORIAN-ERA HOME LIES IMMEDIATELY SOUTH. RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE AND A FEED PROCESSING OPERATION ARE THE PRIMARY USES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.



Noteworthy Landscape Features: MATURE DECIDUOUS TREES; ORNAMENTAL AND FOUNDATION PLANTINGS

Associated Structures: NONE

Non-Contributing Features: NONE

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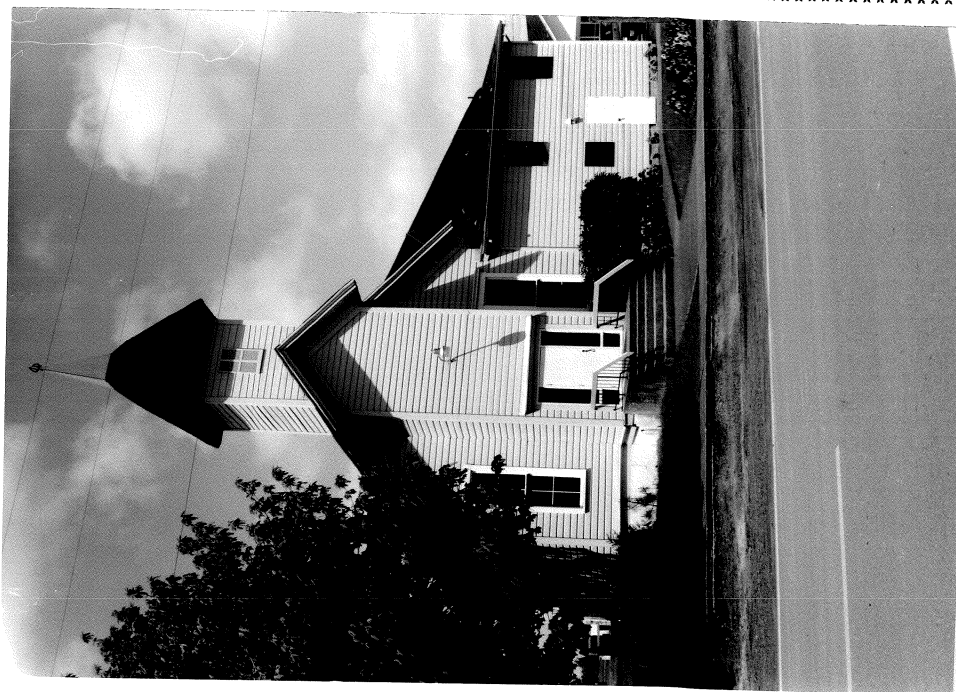
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Name: VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Address: 7405 PERRYDALE RD., DALLAS, OR 97338  
Quadrangle: AMITY, OREG. (7.5')

T/R/S: 6/5/23  
Taxlot: 400

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Negative No.:

Slide No.:

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Date of Construction:  
Plan Type/Shape: ASYMMETRICAL  
Foundation Material: POST-AND-BEAM SET ON ROCKS  
Wall Construction: WOOD  
Roof Form and Materials: HIP AND PROJECTING GABLE  
Primary Window Type: FOUR-OVER-FOUR AND ONE-OVER-ONE  
Exterior Surfacing Materials: WIDE DROP W/CORNERBOARDS, RAKE BOARDS AND WATER TABLE  
Decorative Features: STAINED GLASS  
Other: ELL W/HIP ROOF, N. ELEV.; INTERIOR CHIMNEY; BELL TOWER WITH HIP ROOF AND LOUVERED OPENINGS ON ALL ELEVATIONS; SHED ADDITION WITH ALUMINUM WINDOWS, E. ELEV.

Style: VERNACULAR: GOTHIC REVIVAL  
No. Stories: 1  
Basement (Y/N): YES, RAISED  
Structural Frame: STUD

Condition:     Good    Fair    Poor    Moved

Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated): ENTRY DOORS REPLACED (n.d.); ELL ADDED, N. E.ELEV. (n.d.); SHED ADDITION, E. ELEV. (n.d.); STEEPLE ADDED (n.d.); ENTRANCE ADDED, S. ELEV. (n.d.)

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Statement of Significance (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, person, contexts), use additional sheets if necessary:

The Valley Baptist Church appears to have been constructed in three major phases. Churches from the historic period in Oregon were often built in the Gothic Revival style or the Classical Revival style or a mixture of the two. In any case pre-1920, small, rural churches generally shared several attributes, including a rectangular plan and gable roof, end-wall orientation (toward the road), and a prominent entrance.

The Classical Revival type, as the name implies, draws its influence from classical Greek or Roman architect. Usually capped with a low pitched gable roof, it often identified by blocky massing and classical architectural details, such as columns, pilasters, and the like.

In contrast, the Gothic Revival style derives its distinctive features from Renaissance architecture. During that period, builders were experimenting with construction techniques which allowed them to reach higher and higher, reaching closer to God and heaven. The ubiquitous Gothic Revival style may be found in every community from the mid-19th century through the historic period.

Despite the flat arched entrance and blunt belltower base, the dominant volume of the subject church has characteristic elements which place it in the Gothic Revival camp. The tall, narrow and the steeply pitched gable roof are contributing features.

Architectural evidence suggests that the hip roof volume at the rear of the building was constructed during the second phase. The paired double-hung sash windows support a 1905 to 1910 date of construction.

The third building phase post-dates the historic period. At that time the ell formed by the previous sections was filled. It is not known if the main entrance was rebuilt.

Mature trees contribute to the historic character of the property.

The Perrydale Christian Church was organized in 1887. Among the founding congregation were many of the communities leading citizens. These included John and Phoebe McGrew who opened the first store in the area in 1871, platting the Perrydale townsite in 1878; the A.J. Wise family, partners in Perrydale's largest mercantile business; the Enoch Richardson, Walling and Ebenezer Conet Keyt families.

Ebenezer Keyt, Oregon pioneer of 1851, owned over 4000 acres in and near Perrydale on which he engaged in grain cultivation and stock raising. In 1887, as one of the leading organizers of the congregation, Keyt transferred title on the subject site to the Christian Church. The church--in its original or initial stage of construction--was completed and dedicated in 1888.

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