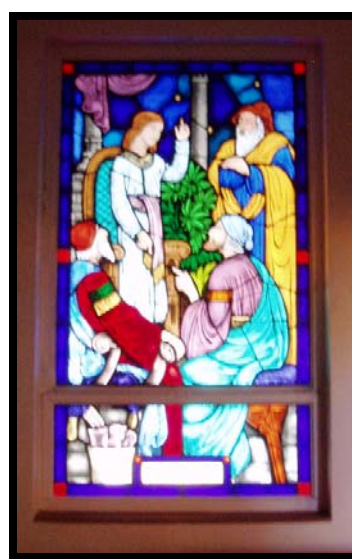
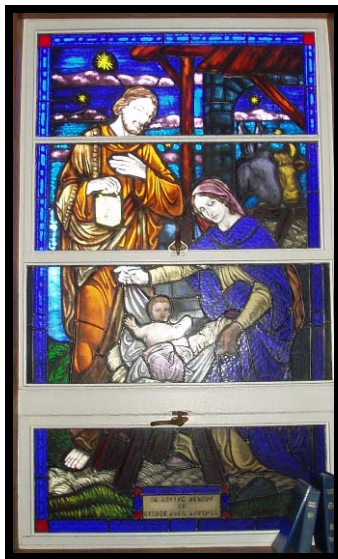
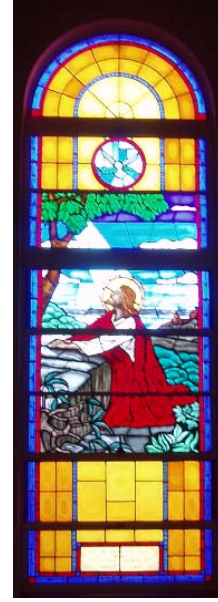


Art Glass in Orange County

First Presbyterian Church Apopka

Map #2

Churches



Stained glass by [V. L. Berthelsdorf](#) of Lutz, Florida (near Tampa) replaced gold mottled glass starting in the mid 1980s. The first window designed and installed in 1988 was of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. The rest followed over the next 15 years as memorial gifts were received. In the first few windows, Christ has a halo around his head. But a more ³Protestant² ethic presents Christ without a halo in the other windows.

Victor L. Berthelsdorf was raised in Portland, Oregon, and came to Florida to attend the University of South Florida. With a degree in Anthropology, he served two years in the Peace Corps before devoting himself to learning the art and craft of leaded stained glass. Shortly thereafter he went into business as Kaleidoscope Glass Works (KGW) <http://www.kaleidoscope-glass.com/index.htm>

Several years after its inception, KGW was asked to complete the commissions of the K.J. Mueller Studio in Zephyrhills, FL, due to the untimely death of Mr. Mueller. While working in the Mueller studios, he became very close to the studio's German painter and glass stainer, Erwin Bussewitz. Upon concluding the work there, Berthelsdorf purchased the kiln, glass and morgue patterns and retained Bussewitz as his artist and mentor. Upon Erwin's death, Berthelsdorf inherited his brushes and a passion to produce works of art that create this kind of atmosphere.

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