

100 2007 OUTREACH MAGAZINE REPORT: LARGEST U.S. CHURCHES

RANK	ATTENDANCE	CHURCH	CITY	STATE	PASTOR	WEB SITE
1	47,000	Lakewood Church	Houston	TX	Joel Osteen	lakewood.cc
2	23,500	Willow Creek Community Church	South Barrington	IL	Bill Hybels	willowcreek.org
3	23,198	Second Baptist Church	Houston	TX	Ed Young Sr.	second.org
4	22,000	Saddleback Church	Lake Forest	CA	Rick Warren	saddleback.com
5	19,907	LifeChurch.tv	Edmond	OK	Craig Groeschel	lifechurch.tv
6	18,013	Southeast Christian Church	Louisville	KY	Dave Stone	southeastchristian.org
7	17,700	North Point Church	Alpharetta	GA	Andy Stanley	northpoint.org
8	17,445	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Lynchburg	VA	Jonathan Falwell	trbc.org
9	17,000	Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale	FL	Bob Coy	calvaryftl.org
10	17,000	The Potter's House	Dallas	TX	T. D. Jakes	thepottershouse.org
11	16,000	Phoenix First Assembly of God	Phoenix	AZ	Tommy Barnett	phoenixfirst.org
12	15,600	Fellowship of The Woodlands	The Woodlands	TX	Kerry Shook	fortw.org
13	15,000	New Birth Missionary Baptist Church	Lithonia	GA	Eddie L. Long	newbirth.org
14	14,000	Prestonwood Baptist Church	Plano	TX	Jack Graham	prestonwood.org
15	13,865	NorthRidge Church	Plymouth	MI	Brad Powell	northridgechurch.com
16	13,000	Fellowship Church	Grapevine	TX	Ed Young Jr.	fellowshipchurch.com
17	13,000	Christian Cultural Center	Brooklyn	NY	A. R. Bernard	cccinfo.org
18	12,500	New Light Christian Center	Houston	TX	Ira V. Hilliard	newlight.org
19	12,000	Calvary of Albuquerque	Albuquerque	NM	Skip Heitzig	calvaryabq.org
20	12,000	First Baptist Church of Hammond	Hammond	IN	Jack Schaap	fbchammond.com
21	12,000	Northland, A Church Distributed	Longwood	FL	Joel C. Hunter	northlandchurch.net
22	12,000	Central Christian Church	Henderson	NV	Jud Wilhite	centralchristian.com
23	11,500	Christ's Church of The Valley	Peoria	AZ	Donald J. Wilson	ccvonline.com
24	11,344	Calvary Community Church	Phoenix	AZ	J. Mark Martin	calvaryphx.com
25	11,300	Christ Fellowship	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	Tom Mullins	gochristfellowship.com
26	11,000	Word of Faith International Christian Center	Southfield	MI	Keith A. Butler	woficc.com
27	10,500	McLean Bible Church	McLean	VA	Lon Solomon	mcleanbible.org
28	10,500	Valley Bible Fellowship	Bakersfield	CA	Ron Vietti	vbf.org
29	10,100	Calvary Chapel South Bay	Gardena	CA	Steve Mays	ccsouthbay.org
30	10,000	Mars Hill Bible Church	Grandville	MI	Rob Bell	marshill.org
31	10,000	Cornerstone Church	San Antonio	TX	John C. Hagee	sacornerstone.com
32	10,000	The Church On The Way	Van Nuys	CA	Jim Tolle	tcotw.org
33	10,000	Kensington Community Church	Troy	MI	Steve Andrews	kensingtoncc.org
34	10,000	First A.M.E. Church	Los Angeles	CA	John J. Hunter	famechurch.org
35	10,000	Free Chapel	Gainesville	GA	Jentezen Franklin	freechapel.org
36	9,805	Lake Pointe Church	Rockwall	TX	Steve Stroope	lakepointe.org
37	9,800	Salem Baptist Church of Chicago	Chicago	IL	James T. Meeks	sbcc.org
38	9,678	Community Bible Church	San Antonio	TX	Robert C. Emmitt	communitybible.com
39	9,500	Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa	Santa Ana	CA	Chuck Smith	calvarychapelcostamesa.org
40	9,255	Victory Christian Center	Tulsa	OK	Billy Joe Daugherty	victorytulsa.org
41	9,250	Bayside Church	Roseville	CA	Ray Johnston	baysideonline.com
42	9,200	New Hope Christian Fellowship O'ahu	Honolulu	HI	Wayne Cordeiro	enewhope.org
43	9,000	Mount Zion Baptist Church	Whites Creek	TN	Joseph W. Walker III	mtzionnashville.org
44	9,000	Family Christian Center	Munster	IN	Steve and Melody Munsey	familychristiancenter.org
45	9,000	Saint Matthew's Baptist Church	Williamstown	NJ	Raymond M. Gordon Sr.	stmatthewsbc.org
46	8,926	Covenant Church	Carrollton	TX	Mike and Kathy Hayes	covenantchurch.org
47	8,500	Calvary Chapel Chino Valley	Chino	CA	David Rosales	calvaryccv.org
48	8,500	Mariners Church	Irvine	CA	Kenton Beshore	marinerschurch.org
49	8,500	Sarang Community Church	Anaheim	CA	Daniel S. Kim	sarangem.com
50	8,500	Redemption World Outreach Center	Greenville	SC	Ron and Hope Carpenter	rwoc.org
51	8,250	Seacoast Church	Mount Pleasant	SC	Greg Surratt	seacoast.org
52	8,183	Gateway Church	Southlake	TX	Robert Morris	gatewaypeople.com
53	8,000	The Chapel	Akron	OH	Knute Larson	the-chapel.org
54	8,000	Faith Landmarks Ministries	Richmond	VA	Randy and Cherie Gilbert	faithlandmarksministries.org
55	8,000	Bethany World Prayer Center	Baker	LA	Larry Stockstill	bethany.com
56	8,000	Eagle Brook Church	Hugo	MN	Bob Merritt	eaglebrookchurch.com
57	8,000	Saint Stephen Church	Louisville	KY	Kevin W. Cosby	ssclive.org
58	8,000	Crossroads Community Church	Cincinnati	OH	Brian Tome	crossroadscommunity.net
59	8,000	Calvary Chapel Melbourne	West Melbourne	FL	Mark Balmer	calvarymelbourne.org
60	8,000	Times Square Church	New York	NY	Carter Conlon	tsnyc.org
61	7,800	Real Life Ministries	Post Falls	ID	Jim Putman	reallifeministries.com
62	7,800	VictoryChurch.TV	Oklahoma City	OK	Mark Crow	victoryokc.org
63	7,772	Southland Christian Church	Lexington	KY	Jon Weece	southlandchristian.org
64	7,600	NewSpring Church	Anderson	SC	Perry Noble	newspring.cc
65	7,554	Bellevue Baptist Church	Cordova	TN	Steve Gaines	bellevue.org
66	7,500	Calvary Chapel Golden Springs	Diamond Bar	CA	Raul Ries	calvarygs.org
67	7,500	New Life Church	Colorado Springs	CO	Ross Parsley	newlifechurch.org
68	7,500	Inspiring Body of Christ Church	Dallas	TX	Rickie G. Rush	ibocjoy.org
69	7,500	United Methodist Church of the Resurrection	Leawood	KS	Adam Hamilton	cor.org
70	7,500	The Fountain of Praise	Houston	TX	Remus E. Wright	fountainofpraise.org
71	7,500	The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York	Jamaica	NY	Floyd H. and M. Elaine Flake	allencathedral.org
72	7,500	Resurrection Life Church	Grandville	MI	Duane Vander Kloek	reslife.org
73	7,500	Grace Community Church	Sun Valley	CA	John MacArthur	gracechurch.org
74	7,250	Faithful Central Bible Church	Inglewood	CA	Kenneth C. Ulmer	faithfulcentral.com
75	7,200	Eastern Star Church	Indianapolis	IN	Jeffrey Johnson Sr.	easternstarchurch.org
76	7,100	The Rock Church	San Diego	CA	Miles McPherson	therocksandiego.org
77	7,000	Harvest Christian Fellowship	Riverside	CA	Greg Laurie	harvest.org
78	7,000	Windsor Village United Methodist Church	Houston	TX	Kirbyjon H. Caldwell	kingdombuilders.com
79	7,000	Calvary Revival Church	Norfolk	VA	B. Courtney McBeth	crcglobal.org
80	7,000	The Dream Center	Los Angeles	CA	Matthew Barnett	dreamcenter.org
81	7,000	The Rock Church & World Outreach Center	San Bernardino	CA	Jim and Deborah Cobrae	rockchurch.com
82	7,000	First Baptist Church Orlando	Orlando	FL	David Uth	fbcorlando.org
83	7,000	Calvary Chapel of Downey	Downey	CA	Jeff Johnson	calvarydowney.org
84	7,000	North River Vineyard Church	Hixson	TN	Bucky Buckles	nrchurch.com
85	6,945	Lancaster County Bible Church	Manheim	PA	David Ashcraft	lcbchurch.com
86	6,735	James River Assembly	Ozark	MO	John and Debbie Lindell	jamesriver.org
87	6,700	Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral	Austell	GA	Dale C. Bronner	woffamily.org
88	6,687	Harvest Bible Chapel	Rolling Meadows	IL	James MacDonald	harvestbiblechapel.org
89	6,600	Shepherd of the Hills Church	Porter Ranch	CA	Dudley C. Rutherford	theshepherd.org
90	6,500	Apostolic Church of God	Chicago	IL	Arthur M. Brazier	apostolicchurchofgod.net
91	6,500	Vineyard Church of Columbus	Westerville	OH	Rich Nathan	vineyardcolumbus.org
92	6,500	Saint John Baptist Church	Grand Prairie	TX	Denny D. Davis	sjbcfamily.com
93	6,500	Cathedral of Faith	San Jose	CA	Kenny and Ken Foreman	cathedraloffaith.org
94	6,500	Maranatha Chapel	San Diego	CA	Ray Bentley	maranathachapel.org
95	6,500	Celebration Church	Jacksonville	FL	Stovall Weems	celebration.org
96	6,500	Champions Centre	Tacoma	WA	Kevin and Sheila Gerald	championscentre.com
97	6,500	Elizabeth Baptist Church	Atlanta	GA	Craig L. Oliver Sr.	elizabethbaptist.org
98	6,500	Trinity Chapel	Powder Springs	GA	Jim Bolin	trinitychapel.org
99	6,488	The Saint Paul's Baptist Church	Richmond	VA	Lance Watson	mypbc.org
100	6,376	Shadow Mountain Community Church	El Cajon	CA	David Jeremiah	shadowmountain.org

FAST FACTS:

Year Church Was Founded

Oldest: The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral, Jamaica, N.Y. (1837)

Youngest:

- Gateway Church, Southlake, Texas (2000)
- NewSpring Church, Anderson, S.C. (2000)
- The Rock Church, San Diego (2000)

Median Date: 1979

11 Number of Multi-State Churches

2006/2007 Growth

71% report an increase

10% report no growth

19% report decline

• Largest increase: 4,750 attendees, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

• Smallest increase: 66 attendees, Vineyard Church of Columbus, Westerville, Ohio

Median increase: 1,000 per church

Age of Senior Pastor

Oldest: Arthur M. Brazier (85), Apostolic Church of God, Chicago

Youngest:

• Perry Noble (36), NewSpring Church, Anderson, S.C.

• Jud Wilhite (36), Central Christian Church, Henderson N.V.

Median Age: 50

MORE THAN A MILLION 1,016,926 people make up the total attendance of the OUTREACH 100 Largest U.S. Churches

Top Denominations

Non-denominational: 47

Southern Baptist: 10

Calvary Chapel: 10

Most Represented U.S. States

California: 22, Texas: 16,

Florida: 6, Georgia: 6,

Michigan: 5, Virginia: 5,

Illinois: 4

6 Number of states represented by the 11 campuses of Lifechurch.tv, not including its online and Second Life campus

Note: All ranks based on self-reported data compiled June 2007