

100 FASTEST-GROWING U.S. CHURCHES

2006 CHURCH GROWTH TODAY STUDY/OUTREACH MAGAZINE REPORT:

RANK	'05 GAIN	CHURCH	CITY	STATE	PASTOR	WEB SITE
1	12,000	Lakewood Church	Houston	TX	Joel Osteen	lakewood.cc
2	5,018	Park Cities Presbyterian Church	Dallas	TX	Skip Ryan	pcpc.org
3	3,500	New Birth Missionary Baptist Church	Lithonia	GA	Eddie L. Long	newbirth.org
4	3,366	Salem Baptist Church	Chicago	IL	James T. Meeks	sbcc.org
5	3,330	Without Walls International Church	Tampa	FL	Randy White	withoutwalls.org
6	3,240	Asbury United Methodist Church	Tulsa	OK	Tom Harrison	asburytulsa.org
7	3,037	St. Luke Community UMC	Dallas	TX	Tyrone D. Gordon	slcumc.org
8	2,900	Willow Creek Community Church	S. Barrington	IL	Bill Hybels	willowcreek.org
9	2,861	Grove City Church of the Nazarene	Grove City	OH	Mark Fuller	gccn.org
10	2,858	Community Bible Church	San Antonio	TX	Robert C. Emmitt	communitybible.com
11	2,849	Lifefchurch.tv	Edmond	OK	Craig Groeschel	lifefchurch.tv
12	2,500	St. John Baptist Church	Grand Prairie	TX	Denny D. Davis	sjbcfamily.net
13	2,500	Jericho City of Praise	Landover	MD	Betty P. Peebles	jerichocop.org
14	2,420	New Light Christian Center	Houston	TX	Ira V. Hilliard	newlight.org
15	2,100	Mars Hill Church	Seattle	WA	Mark Driscoll	marshall.fm
16	2,000	Mount Zion Baptist Church	Nashville	TN	Joseph W. Walker III	mtzionnashville.org
17	1,900	NorthRidge Church	Plymouth	MI	Brad Powell	northridgechurch.com
18	1,800	Fellowship of the Woodlands	The Woodlands	TX	Kerry Shook	fotw.org
19	1,793	The Rock Church	San Diego	CA	Miles McPherson	therocksandiego.org
20	1,700	New Life Church	Colorado Springs	CO	Ted Haggard	newlifefchurch.org
21	1,616	Cross Timbers Community Church	Argyle	TX	Toby Slough	crosstimberschurch.org
22	1,572	The Church Without Walls	Houston	TX	Ralph D. West	churchwithoutwalls.org
23	1,531	The Church at Brook Hills	Birmingham	AL	David Platt	brookhills.org
24	1,506	Adventure Christian Church	Roseville	CA	Rick Stedman	adventurechristian.org
25	1,500	The Potter's House	Dallas	TX	T. D. Jakes	thepottershouse.org
26	1,500	Reid Temple AME Church	Glenn Dale	MD	Lee P. Washington	reidtemple.org
27	1,500	Celebration Church	Jacksonville	FL	Stovall Weems	celebration.org
28	1,500	St. Stephen Church	Louisville	KY	Kevin Cosby	ststephenonline.com
29	1,500	"The Word" Church	Cleveland	OH	R. A. Vernon	ravernonministries.org
30	1,401	Christ Fellowship	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	Tom Mullins	gochristfellowship.com
31	1,400	Flamingo Road Church	Cooper City	FL	Troy Gramling	flamingoroad.org
32	1,400	The Crossing Church	Tampa	FL	Greg Dumas	crossingonline.org
33	1,350	Harvest Bible Chapel	Rolling Meadows	IL	James MacDonald	harvestbible.org
34	1,300	Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral	Austell	GA	Dale C. Bronner	woffamily.org
35	1,300	Real Life Ministries	Post Falls	ID	Jim Putman	reallifeministries.com
36	1,250	Radiant Church	Surprise	AZ	Lee McFarland	radiantchurch.com
37	1,248	Fellowship Church	Grapevine	TX	Ed Young	fellowshipchurch.org
38	1,168	Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene	York	PA	Bud Reedy	stillnaz.com
39	1,149	Saddleback Church	Lake Forest	CA	Rick Warren	saddleback.com
40	1,110	Second Baptist Church	Houston	TX	Ed Young	second.org
41	1,100	First Baptist Church	Hammond	IN	Jack Schapp	fbchammond.com
42	1,089	Central Christian Church	Henderson	NV	Jud Wilhite	centralchristian.com
43	1,044	Living Hope Church	Vancouver	WA	John Bishop	livinghopechurch.com
44	1,037	Colonial Presbyterian Church	Kansas City	MO	Douglas J. Rumford	colonialkc.org

FAST FACTS

New additions: 52 churches are new to the Top 100—not appearing on last year's Fastest-Growing Churches list.

Mainstays: 48 churches on this year's Top 100 are returning from last year's list.

Most represented states: Texas with 19 churches; California, Florida and Georgia are all second with 8.

Total number of states represented: 30—up from 27 in 2005.

Most represented denominations/affiliations: Southern Baptist (27), Independent (18), Independent charismatic (11), Christian Church/Churches of Christ (8), Assemblies of God (5).

Large and growing: 40 churches appear on both the Top 100 Largest and Fastest-Growing lists—up from 36 in 2005.

45	1,020	Hope Fellowship	Frisco	TX	John McKinzie	hopefellowship.net
46	1000	New Hope Christian Fellowship-Oahu	Honolulu	HI	Wayne Cordeiro	enewhope.org
47	1000	Calvary Community Church	Phoenix	AZ	J. Mark Martin	calvaryphx.com
48	1000	Harvest Christian Fellowship	Riverside	CA	Greg Laurie	harvest.org
49	1000	Faith Landmarks Ministries	Richmond	VA	Randy Gilbert	faithlandmarksministries.org
50	1000	Living Word Christian Center	Brooklyn Park	MN	Mac Hammond	lwcc.org
51	1000	Calvary Temple Worship Center	Modesto	CA	Glen Berteau	calvarytemple.com
52	1000	Empowerment Temple	Baltimore	MD	Jamal Harrison-Bryant	empowermenttemple.org
53	1000	Heights Church	Prescott	AZ	H. Lee Wiggins	prescottchurch.com
54	1000	Seacoast Church	Mount Pleasant	SC	Greg Surratt	seacoast.org
55	1000	Faith Temple Church	Rochester	NY	Stephen Edlin	faithtemple.net
56	1000	Calvary Church	St. Peters	MO	Dave Michelson	calvarymidrivers.org
57	1000	Sarang Community Church	Anaheim	CA	Daniel Kim	sarangem.com
58	1000	Crossroads Community Church	Cincinnati	OH	Brian Tome	crossroadscommunity.net
59	1000	McLean Bible Church	Vienna	VA	Lon Solomon	mcleanbible.org
60	965	Eagle Brook Church	Lino Lakes	MN	Bob Merritt	eaglebrookchurch.com
61	889	First Baptist Church	Houston	TX	Gregg Matte	hfbc.org
62	868	Timberline Church	Fort Collins	CO	Dary Northrop	timberlinechurch.org
63	850	Faith Christian Community Church	Anchorage	AK	Steve Holsinger	faithchristiancommunity.org
64	850	Christ's Church of the Valley	Peoria	AZ	Don Wilson	ccvonline.com
65	841	Church of the Highlands	Birmingham	AL	Chris Hodges	churchofthehighlands.com
66	820	The Chapel	Akron	OH	Knute Larson	the-chapel.org
67	807	First Baptist Church	Orlando	FL	David Uth	fbcorlando.org
68	800	University Park Baptist Church	Charlotte	NC	Claude R. Alexander Jr.	upbc.org
69	800	Calvary Chapel Chino Valley	Chino	CA	David Rosales	calvaryccv.org
70	800	Church of the Redeemed of the Lord	Baltimore	MD	Jerome Stokes Sr.	crministries.com
71	800	Silverlake Community Baptist Church	Pearland	TX	Reginald Devaughn	silverlakechurch.net
72	800	Sharon Baptist Church	Philadelphia	PA	Keith W. Reed	sharonbc.org
73	800	Dauphin Way Baptist Church	Mobile	AL	Clint Pressley	dwbc.org
74	770	Central Christian Church of the East Valley	Mesa	AZ	Cal Jernigan	cccev.com
75	757	Central Baptist Church	Jonesboro	AR	Archie Mason	centralbaptist.com
76	756	First Baptist Church	Cleveland	TN	Gibson, Lockerman	clevelandfbc.com
77	755	CedarCreek Community Church	Perrysburg	OH	Lee Powell	aroundthecreek.com
78	750	Crossroads Church of Denver	Wheat Ridge	CO	Tom Stipe	crossroadsdenver.org
79	750	Northside Christian Church	New Albany	IN	George Ross	nsider.org
80	724	NewSpring Church	Anderson	SC	Perry Noble	newspring.cc
81	723	Christ Fellowship Baptist Church	Palmetto Bay	FL	Rick Blackwood	cfmiami.org
82	709	Crossroads Church	Corona	CA	Barry McMurtrie	crossroadschurch.com
83	702	Lancaster County Bible Church	Manheim	PA	David Ashcraft	lancastercountybiblechurch.com
84	700	Cascade Hills Church	Columbus	GA	Bill Purvis	cascadehills.com
85	700	Voices of Faith Ministries	Stone Mountain	GA	Gary Hawkins	voicesfaith.org
86	700	Gordon Heights Baptist Church	Cairo	GA	John Hasick	No web site
87	700	French Speaking Baptist Church	Brooklyn	NY	Jean Baptiste Thomas	No web site
88	700	Sheffield Family Life Center	Kansas City	MO	George W. Westlake Jr.	sheffieldfamilylifecenter.org
89	700	Ministerios Bethania USA	Carrollton	TX	Victor Higueros	mb12.com
90	700	The Austin Stone Community Church	Austin	TX	Matt Carter	austinstone.org
91	700	West Ridge Church	Dallas	GA	Brian Bloye	westridge.com
92	690	Healing Place Church	Baton Rouge	LA	Dino Rizzo	healingplacechurch.org
93	689	Peace Baptist Church	Decatur	GA	Tyrone Barnette	peacebaptistchurch.org
94	688	Discovery Church	Orlando	FL	David Loveless	discoverychurch.org
95	665	Lake Pointe Church	Rockwall	TX	Steve Stroope	lakepointe.org
96	664	Blackshear Place Baptist Church	Flowery Branch	GA	Jeff W. Crook	blackshearplace.com
97	655	Prestonwood Baptist Church	Plano	TX	Jack Graham	prestonwood.org
98	650	The UM Church of the Resurrection	Leawood	KS	Adam Hamilton	cor.org
99	643	Journey Church	Norman	OK	Clark Mitchell	journeyonline.tv
100	627	Cleveland Community Church	Clayton	NC	Matt Fry	c3church.org

Oldest church:

First Baptist Church in Houston, founded in 1841.

Youngest church:

The Crossing in Tampa, Fla., launched in 2003.

The church concentrated:

The top 10 fastest-growing U.S. churches have a combined attendance of 153,232.

Ethnicity of the 100 fastest-growing U.S. churches

White 73
African American 15
Multi-ethnic 9
Asian (Korean) 1

Bigger, faster:

1/10 of the 1,000-plus U.S. megachurches are less than 10 years old.



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