

Our team at LifeWay Research has begun work on the *2009 OutreachMagazine/LifeWay Research Special Report* that will be published this fall. Each year—as a part of this project—we survey churches across the U.S. on their average weekend worship attendance.

Would you take a moment to participate in this study by sharing your church's average weekend worship attendance for 2009 (specific criteria is explained on the next page).

Our team has a “no guessing” policy for this project which means that we only report numbers that are submitted by the churches each year. If you do not wish to participate in this survey this year, you can email me, Lizette Beard, and let me know and this will be the last time you are asked in 2009. My email address is LBeard@LifeWay.com.

Please make sure that a senior staff member (senior/executive/administrative pastor) reviews the numbers before they are submitted by FAX (615-468-4681) or Online (Top100Churches.com). *No information should be submitted without receiving approval from a senior pastor or executive staff member.*

Please note, the deadline to submit your church's information for this year's 2009 Fastest Growing & Largest Churches lists (which is a part of the special report), is **Monday, April 27th**. Churches may submit their information two ways:

- By FAX at **(615) 468-4681**
- Online at Top100Churches.com

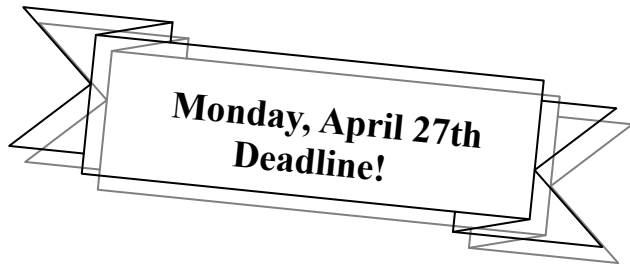
We appreciate your participation and hope that you will also take a moment to tell us some of your stories behind the numbers. This section is optional and is not required to be listed in either of the Top 100 lists, but it does help us in telling the stories of the churches who are listed.

As a **thank you** to early responders, we are offering a free code for our **online Spiritual Formation Inventory** (*details on page 3*) to each church that submits and confirms their information by April 27th.

Please email me at LBeard@LifeWay.com if you have any questions about this project. Thank you for your ministry and participation!

Lizette Beard, Project Manager
LifeWay Research

FAX: (615) 468-4681
Online: Top100Churches.com



Church Information Sheet

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____ **Website:** _____

Denomination: _____ **Year Church Started:** _____ **# of Sites/Locations:** _____

Senior Pastor: _____ **Age:** _____ **Years @ Church:** _____

Who is the best person we should contact if we have any questions:

Name: _____ **Title:** _____ **Email:** _____

Average Weekend

Worship Attendance:

2009: _____

2008: _____

Criteria for reporting Average Weekend Worship Attendance:

- February & March ONLY (please do not include Easter)
- Adults, Teens, Children (Not counting anyone twice)
- Primary Weekend Worship Gatherings
(Most churches should not count Sunday evening services because of the % of attendees who also attend on Sunday mornings.)
- All physical sites & venues (Not online / internet attendees)

The Story Behind the Numbers. Does your church have a story to share about one of these areas? If your church does have a story you would like to share, please check the box in front of that question (indicating a “yes”) and please provide a contact name and email address for follow-up questions. A separate sheet may be faxed back with the above information if you would like to share about a significant ministry not mentioned below.

YES

- # of **conversions or baptisms** during the past year? *Name* _____ *Email* _____
- Does your church have a ministry to **immigrants**? *Name* _____ *Email* _____
- Has your church launched a **campus or site** that has closed down? *Name* _____ *Email* _____
- Has your church started an **online/internet** campus? *Name* _____ *Email* _____
- Has your church **adapted ministry** due to the economic downturn? *Name* _____ *Email* _____

Name of person submitting this information: _____

Has the Senior Pastor (or Executive Pastor) reviewed this information: Yes No

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A “Thank you!” offer to early responders!

Submit your
Church Information Sheet
by **April 27th**
and we will send your church a
free code for our online Spiritual
Formation Inventory based on
Brad Waggoner’s book,
The Shape of Faith to Come.

**THE SHAPE
OF FAITH
TO COME**
SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND
THE FUTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

This code works for everyone in your church and helps you assess the spiritual development of those you lead from the perspective of seven domains of biblical maturity plus a doctrinal beliefs section.

The Spiritual Formation Inventory (SFI) will help you affirm spiritual strengths and discover areas of potential spiritual immaturity within your group. Two types of reports are generated:

- Each person completing the inventory immediately receives a comprehensive personal report assessing their spiritual development.
- A comprehensive group report averages the collective scores of the group in terms of spiritual formation. In addition to reporting summary scores for each domain, the report provides encouragement, advice and exhortation based on your group’s specific response.

Use a group SFI to:

- Plan group Bible study content for your class, group or church.
- Plan sermon series
- Identify congregational needs that may open the door for new avenues of ministry
- Measure spiritual progress in your group from one year to the next

For more information, go to www.LifeWay.com/SF

To qualify for the free code, please fax your Church Information Sheet back to our offices by April 27th at (615) 468-4681.

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