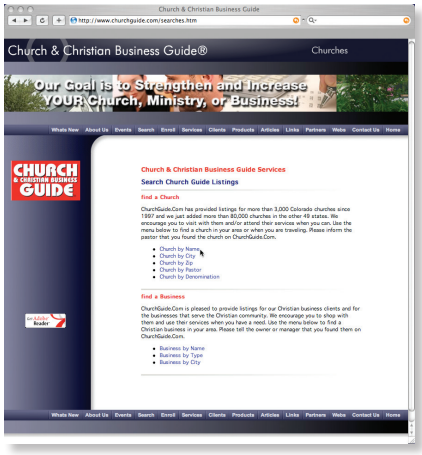
How to Search for Christian Churches on www.churchguide.com

www.ChurchGuide.com has been operating successfully on the Internet since 1997 and has become a very popular web site. During the past twelve months our web server has serviced over 200,000 information inquiries, or over 17,000 inquiries/month. If you do a "church guide" key word search on many of the most popular search engines, our web site often comes up first.

On this web site, you will find over 3,200 Colorado Christian churches. In addition, you can now find over 84,000 churches in all fifty states in the USA. You can find a church of your choice in many different ways, as described below.



When the **churchguide.com Home Page** comes up, click on the "**Searches"** button and **Search Church Guide Listings** will appear. You are given four search options; you can find a church **By Name**, **By City and Denomination**, **By Zip**, or **By Pastor**.

Click on the search option of your choice. If you wish to search for a church **By Name**, a form appears to request that you fill in the church name, city, and state (always use the postal two-letter abbreviation for state). If your search results in a match from the database, church name, pastor, city, state, and denomination will appear, with "details." Click on **More** under details and the total information listing for that church will appear. Also notice that a Mapquest form appears under the detailed church listing and you can now create a map with detailed directions to get to the church easily.

If you wish to search **By City and Denomination**, a form will appear and you will need to fill in denomination, city, and state. Using this search technique, one could find a number of churches in the same denomination in a major town or city, for example. When a list of churches appears for a given city, click on the blue word **More,** under Details, to see the detailed information for the church of your choice.

If you know the zip code area that you wish to search, then click on the search option **By Zip**. I recently loaded all 19 churches in the small town of New Holland, PA 17557. Try that search to get acquainted with this search routine. If you want United Methodist churches there, you will find three choices. If you put in only the zip code, then all 19 churches will be listed, to give you more choices.

Many people search to find the church where a given pastor is ministering, perhaps because a friend made a recommendation. In that case, select the **By Pastor** search option. Key in the pastor's first and last name. Do not use middle initials, that often results in no match with the database. Many people from out of state do this type of search, particularly if they knew the pastor and were members of his congregation previously and are returning. Many times, people have located former pastors this way.

If people move around within the state and wish to find a new church in the denomination of their choice, then they should use the search **By City**. A list of churches within that denomination and city will appear. Click for more detailed information as appropriate and make a church selection. Many pastors are telling us that newcomers are finding their church on the Internet. It is our prayer that you will find a good church through this search system!

Is Your Church Listed and Up To Date on www.churchguide.com?

During the first six months of 2008, our web server successfully processed 105,632 requests for church and other information on **www.churchguide.com**. And it successfully displayed 26,324 pages of information. And a number of pastors have told us recently that increasingly new families are finding their churches on the Internet. Although we already have about 3,200 Colorado Christian churches on our web site, **www.churchguide.com**, there are more new churches all the time. So we ask for your help in getting every Colorado Christian church listed on our web site. You can check to see if your church is already listed, by searching our database with the aid of the instructions provided above. If your church is listed, you should get new visitors, and our web site will help to build your church as well.

If your church is not presently listed, then click on the **Enroll** button on the **Home Page** of **www.churchguide.com**. Then the Church Enrollment Form will appear. Fill in the information and when you are finished, hit the **Submit** button and your church information will be emailed to us. **Basic listings on our site are FREE**, although we do experience processing costs and we request your prayer support and are grateful for all voluntary donations, to help cover our monthly Internet service fees. "**Basic Listings**" include the following information only: church name, pastor's name, mailing address, location address if mailing address is a PO Box, denomination, phone number, and email address. There are over 80,000 Christian churches in America in the Basic Listing service on our web site at this time, and we invite new churches to add their listings daily.

If you find that your church is already listed in our database, however, the information must be brought current, you are encouraged to submit fresh information by sending us a new enrollment form, as with new church listings. All of our **Church & Christian Business Guide** advertising clients (either print media or Internet only) are given an updating procedure and private password and they keep their own information up to date at all times. This form of advertising is even more powerful than annual directories and phone books, because the information that is broadcast can be kept up to date at all times, if the information is checked and updated frequently.

For a small monthly service fee, a church can be serviced in our **complete church listing service** on the Internet. Such clients should fill in the complete Church Enrollment Form (including fax number, cell/or mobile phone, other phone, church web site address with hot linking, email address with hot linking for direct communication, dates and times of services, and key ministries provided.) Such churches also are provided other vital services: regularly listing their own special events directly to our web site and the display of up to a full page of ad space. We urge churches to enroll in this cost effective monthly service, so that we can continue to cover our Internet processing costs and continue to expand our services.

We reserve the sole and complete and final right to list or not list a given church. We exist for the purpose of building the Body of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God, and we choose not to list those organizations that are not Christian or are promoting what we would call another gospel. All cults and organizations that pervert the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ are excluded, as we endeavor to faithfully honor the principles of Holy Scripture.