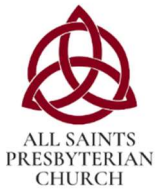


# Church Growth and Strategy at All Saints

April 30th, 2023

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea — Habakkuk 2:14*

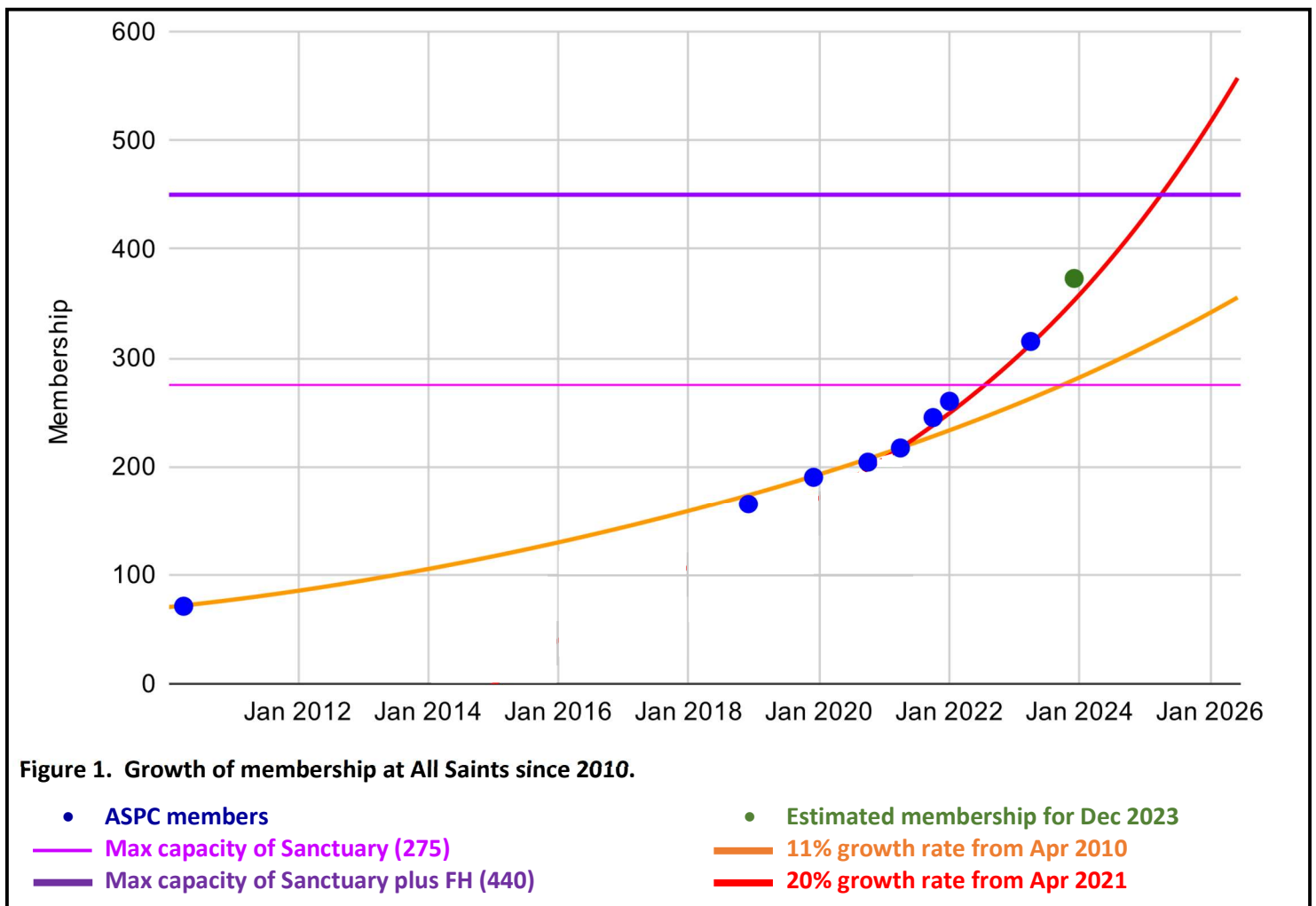


## Summary

We've been blessed with steady numerical growth since 2010, and more rapid growth since 2021. We can reasonably expect this growth to continue into the future, potentially reaching over 500 people by December 2025. Church planting must be on our agenda, and we'll be exploring a plant in Granbury (possible launch mid-2024). But a Granbury church plant will neither alleviate the overcrowding at ASPC nor provide a stable platform for the multiple church plants that the DFW area needs. For this, we'll need to find ways to accommodate our growth in the short term, give careful consideration to the possibility of a larger venue in the longer term, and focus on leadership training and prayerful congregational preparation for what lies ahead.

## Numerical Growth Data

Figure 1 shows the numerical growth of regularly attending members from April 2010 to April 2023, with a projection for December 2023.



## Proximate Factors Driving Our Numerical Growth

1. Post-Covid realignment
2. Worship, fellowship, and teaching
3. Personal connections
4. Reformed theology
5. CREC profile
6. Tragic theological drift in other churches
7. Demographic shifts
8. Service timing
9. Established congregation

# Church Planting

## Historical Perspective

- 314,000 Protestant congregations in the US; average of 15 per week since *Mayflower*
- Current US church planting rate:  $\approx$  50 per week

## Local Perspective

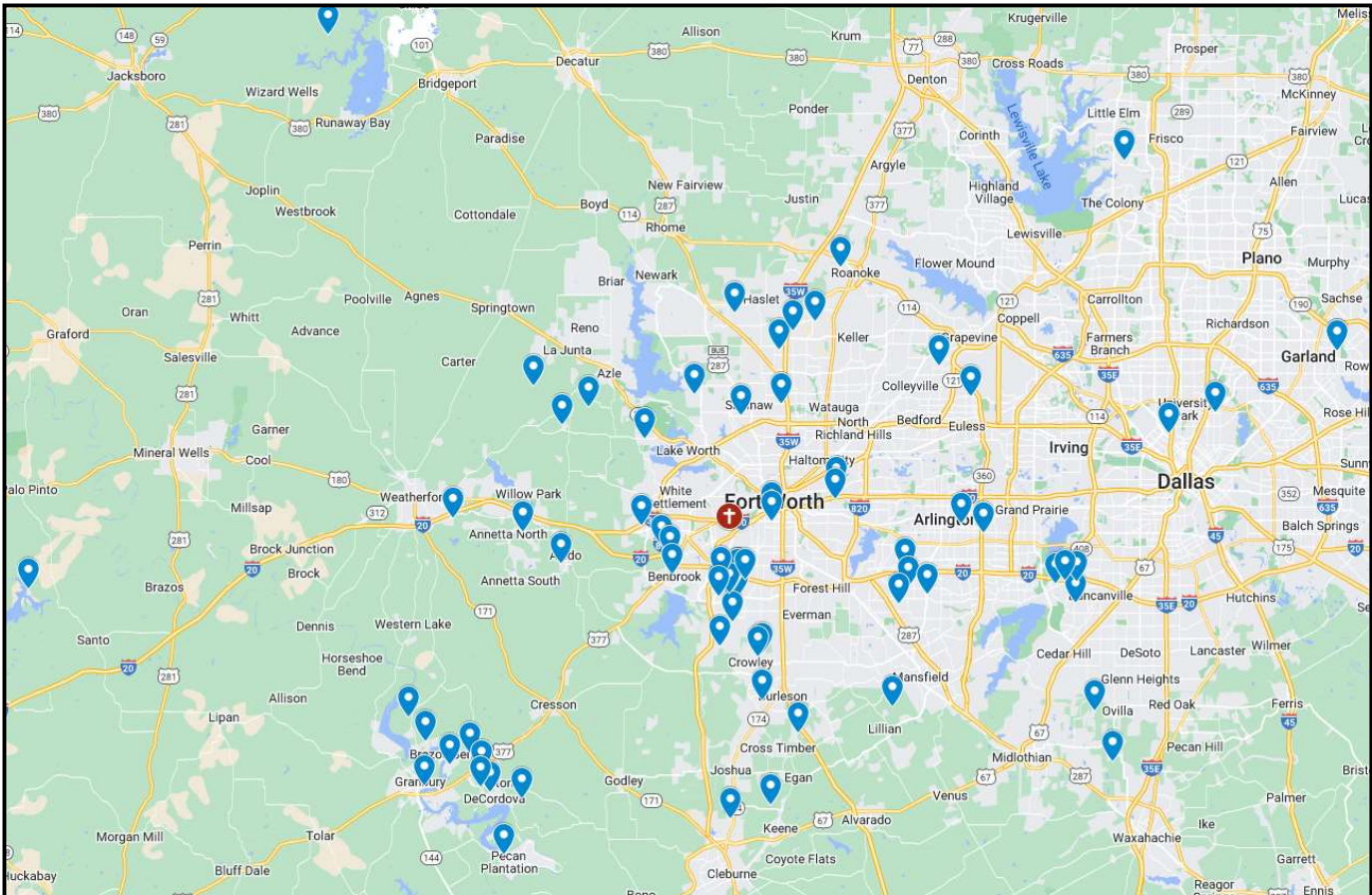


Figure 2. Map of the DFW area showing ASPC and the locations of ASPC members' homes.

## Granbury church plant

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## Next Steps

### Some priorities

1. **Togetherness in worship.** Congregational fellowship.
2. **Church plant support.** Pastoral oversight, leadership training, etc.
3. **Pastoral training.** Resources and facilities for training new Pastors and church planters.
4. **Financial resources.** Finance for church planting, external ministries, missions, etc.
5. **Numerical resilience.** Church planting without decimating the sending church.
6. **Geographical quorum.** Sufficient members in local areas to begin new church plants.

### Some possibilities

1. Fellowship Hall overflow?
2. Multiple services?
3. Larger Venue?