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HOUSTON - America's largest church celebrated its move into the former arena for the Houston Rockets with a capacity crowd of 16,000, an upbeat sermon from its televangelist pastor and a spirited welcome from the governor of Texas.

"How do you like our new home?" Lakewood Church pastor Joel Osteen asked to thunderous applause. "It looks pretty good doesn't it? This is a dream come true."

The new home for the nondenominational Christian church is the former Compaq Center, once home to the Rockets.

There were no vacant spots in the arena as Lakewood, which recently became the first church in the United States to av erage more than 30,000 worshippers weekly, held its first service there Saturday night. The service also was televised li ve.

Gov. Rick Perry praised the church's new look and told the crowd, "As lawmakers we do a lot of things, but only the chur ch can teach people to love.

**Re: Texas: Thousands Gather to Celebrate Megachurch, on: 2005/7/19 22:06**

Very encouraging, i like that quote from a Gov.

**Re: Texas: Thousands Gather to Celebrate Megachurch - posted by Joshua99 (), on: 2005/7/19 23:08**

I would wish they were more balanced and preached on sin, living Holy, Abandoned to God type sermons, then I would praise God.

**Re: - posted by kirk, on: 2005/7/20 3:23**

Contemporary worship as brought contemporary preaching,self improvemnt,with no self denying,if there is an alter there is no fire,one aged saint said "Lord set a fire in the pulpits and make the pews grass"
2 Chronicles 7:14.