



MDPC REACH FALL 2021 Recreation Ministry

Recreational and Instructional Classes for
CHILDREN, YOUTH, and ADULTS





Hello Fall

Welcome to Fall 2021!

MDPC is delighted to present an expansive lineup of quality classes and activities for all ages—children, youth, and adults. Some are ongoing, some are repeating, and some are being offered for the first time. Pick something and jump in!

The REACH Ministry of MDPC exists as a center of activity where we express the love of Christ. This vibrant ministry offers quality recreational, educational, and sports activities that meet the needs of the congregation and reach out in Christian fellowship to the community-at-large.

If you have questions or suggestions for classes, contact Diane Seckinger, REACH Coordinator, at dseckinger@mdpc.org or 713-490-9568.

Registration and Payment Options

Register at least one week in advance of the first day of class.

- Go to reach.mdpc.org to pay by credit card or electronic check. A non-refundable bank service fee will be included.
- Use the form at the back of this booklet (page 24). Either bring the completed form to the REACH Office, located in Children's Ministries at MDPC, or mail it, along with a check payable to "MDPC," to the address at the bottom of this page, Attention: REACH Ministry.
- Contact Jan Keener or Cathy Moerer at reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH





ABRAKADOODLE

Tuesdays, Sept. 7-Dec. 7

(No class Nov. 23)

2:40-3:30 PM**

Age: 3-5

Location: Room 206

Cost: \$261*

**Escort from The Yellow School and The Little School is available.

Abakadoodle art programs are designed to build creative thinking and problem-solving skills in children. Our programs focus on the elements of art, art techniques, styles, art history, and the sequential development of skills. We provide specially trained, qualified, and pre-screened art teachers and safe non-toxic art materials that bring an engaging multi-arts experience to students. Come have fun and find your inner artist!

Contact Julieta de Cara: 832-348-9257



BALLET, TAP, AND JAZZ

Thursdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9

(No class Nov. 23)

Pre-Ballet and Creative Dance (No Tap)

2:40-2:50 PM** Snack Time • 2:50-3:30 PM Class

Age: 3-5

Cost: \$200*

Uniform: Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes, any color ballet skirt

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz

3:45-4:45 PM

Age: Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Cost: \$220*

Uniform: Black leotard, black jazz pants or tights with shorts, pink leather ballet shoes, black tap shoes

Location: Rooms 171-172

**Escort from Yellow School and Little School is available.

Please pack a peanut-free snack for your child.

Children are grouped according to age and dance experience. Christmas recital has no fee. Participation encouraged.

Students will learn dance basics, correct body posture, and the mechanics of more advanced combinations and dance styles. Beginning dance at an early age promotes self-esteem, discipline, confidence, and a stronger body.

Super Stars Dance offers a dance program that is age appropriate, wholesome, and fun. Cat Wood, teacher, trained under Margo Marshals and worked with Susan Bates for 10 years.



BASKETBALL CO-ED SKILLS CLASS: HOOPS SCHOOL

Mondays, Sept. 13-Nov. 29

(No class Oct. 11, Nov. 22)

5:30-7:00 PM

Ages: 1st-3rd grade (Co-ed)

7:15-8:45 PM

Ages: 4th-8th grade (Co-ed)

Location: Gym

Cost: \$318*

Both levels teach comprehensive introduction or continuing work on core fundamentals including shooting technique, ball handling, passing, rebounding, defense, and offense.

All coaching is in a Christ-centered environment, and teaches the importance of hard work, sportsmanship, discipline, and honesty. Each level has no more than 8 kids per coach.

Heidi B. Horton, former professional women's basketball player overseas and in the WNBA, has coached children for 25 years and has two children of her own. She played for the LA Sparks, and was a first round, first pick for the Washington Mystics. Prior to that, Heidi, who speaks six languages, played six seasons in Europe. She also is a motivational speaker. The 2002 Disney movie *Double Teamed* is based on the lives of Heidi and her identical twin sister. Heidi has run Hoops School since 2001.



BASKETBALL CO-ED 3-ON-3 LEAGUE: HOOPS SCHOOL

Thursdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 4

6:15-7:30 PM

Ages: 3th-5th grade (co-ed teams)

7:30-8:45 PM

Ages: 6th-8th grade (co-ed teams)

Location: Gym

Cost: \$205* (8-week session)

Referees, coaches, jerseys all provided by Hoops School.

This class is NOT for beginners. Players must know the essential fundamentals of basketball (running a basic offense, shooting correctly, etc), and have experience being coached professionally (e.g., Hoops School Skills Class, at least one semester) or playing 3+ years of rec or church league basketball. This is a developmental league. No coach provided per team. Kids run their own offenses; and make adjustments during the game accordingly. Referees will act as "coaches" to ensure proper technique.

Players can sign up in pre-arranged teams of up to 4 players OR as individual players. Individual players assigned to teams according to age/skill level. The first day of class is an assessment day for director and refs to properly allocate players to teams. The goal for each child is to improve in over-all court presence, offensive and defensive techniques and understanding of spacing, court-awareness, and game skills (passing, fakes, shot moves, team concepts on defense and offense).



GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENT

Saturday, Dec. 4

9:00-10:30 AM

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$36*

Come and enjoy a wonderful event to start the Christmas season! Two hours of creativity and fellowship while designing a masterpiece for the holidays. There will be a snowstorm of icing and the largest candy buffet anywhere to help your family create your own special gingerbread house! This continues to be one of the most popular events for our congregation and community.

We highly recommend registering for this event early. We have a limited number of houses available that are pre-ordered.



LITTLE GENIUSES CHESS CLASS

Mondays, Sept. 13-Dec. 13

(No class Oct. 11, Nov. 22)

2:40-3:30 PM**

Ages: 4-6

Location: Room 209

Cost: \$234*

Notes: Escort available from The Yellow School

Contact Coach Justin with questions:

justin@theknightschool.com, 713-489-8830

Little Geniuses is a chess-song singing, laughing, chess-tourney, dancing, chess clock-slapping, zany chess video, puppet show introduction to chess and being the smart kid in class. The high-energy 50-minute chess practice, kids compete for beads and one of 20 brightly-colored silicone wristbands, and look forward to 22 daily activities. Kids report Little Geniuses to be the favorite part of their week, finding the thinking activities and compelling, fun, and extremely gratifying. We delightfully impart to every one of our Little Geniuses a self-identity as a very smart person at this crucial and formative preschool stage!

Coach Justin, a Rice University Master's degree graduate and the second Houston City Coach, learned to play chess as a young child and was able to see the benefits in his own life.

Contact Coach Justin for more details:

justin@theknightschool.com



MUSIC TOGETHER

Fridays, Sept. 10-Nov. 12

9:30-10:15 AM

- Ages:** Mixed-age classes, birth-5
Parent or caregiver participation required
- Location:** Room 210
- Cost:** \$256* per 10-week session
Siblings: \$219* (under 8 months free)

Music Together® is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, and the adults who love them. Classes are research-based and designed in recognition of the fact that all children are musical. CDs and songbooks for use at home are included in the tuition. Come join us for fun-filled mornings of singing, clapping, wiggling, dancing, and drumming!

Tina Throckmorton studied Comparative Literature and Theatre and Dance at Princeton University. She lived in New York City for 15 years, where she was a musical theatre performer and choreographer. Tina is the proud mother of two children, and her family has found great joy in participating in Music Together since 2010.

Contact Tina: memorialmusictogether@gmail.com



PIANO LESSONS, PRIVATE – JOHN FORD

Wednesdays, Sept. 1-Dec. 15

(No class Nov. 24)

2:00-8:00 PM

- Ages:** 3 and up
- Location:** Room 210
- Cost:** \$119 (Four 30-minute lessons)

Extended times available

Make-ups by appointment only

Termination requires 30-day notice

Contact John with questions or to schedule lessons:

czerny32@sbcglobal.net or 832-978-6566

John Ford has been teaching piano full-time since 1988. He is a member of the Katy Music Teachers Association and Past President of the Houston Music Teachers Association. He teaches acoustic piano, digital keyboard, duets, jazz, classical, pop, and ragtime. He combines games, theory, recitals, and guild auditions in piano lessons.



SOCCKER SHOTS

Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 1

(No class Nov. 24)

2:40-3:30 PM**

Ages: 3-6

Location: Gym

Cost: \$215*

**Escort available from The Little School and Yellow School.

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. Soccer Shots coaches are the best-trained in the business, and our expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition we provide an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents. We look forward to having you on our team!



TUMBLING AND GYMNASTICS

Mondays, Sept. 13-Dec. 13

(No class Oct. 11, Nov. 22)

2:40-3:25 PM**

Ages: Almost 3s-Kindergarten

3:45-4:45 PM**

Ages: Older 3-5 yrs.; 6-8 yrs.

More focus on tumbling skills. Separated by age.

Location: Gym

Cost: \$226*

Classes are separated into age groups.

**Escort from The Little School and Yellow School is available.

Since 1976, the Tumbling Company of Houston has offered children success-oriented, positive learning experiences in a noncompetitive, Athletic setting. Class activities include age appropriate groupings and well-supervised practice of floor tumbling, vaulting, balance beam, simplified bars, obstacle courses, and movement games.

Robbie Hirst (Coach Robbie), director of the Tumbling Company, is a committed follower of Christ, devoted to his wife and five children, and holds a BS in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M. He's been coaching full time since 2001, when he transitioned from the engineering world of objects in motion to the developmental instruction world of children in motion.

Contact Coach Robbie with questions: 713-866-4822



WOODWORKING

Tuesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 7

(No class Nov. 23)

Advanced (w/ instructor permission; must have taken II)

2:30-3:30 PM or 3:40-4:40 PM

Ages: 5-10

Thursdays, Sept. 30-Dec. 9

(No class Nov. 25)

Woodworking I

2:30-3:30 PM or 3:40-4:40 PM

Ages: 5-7

Location: Room 170

Cost: \$297*

Priority enrollment for current students; waiting list available.

Boys and girls learn basic woodworking skills while building small projects (no kits, and all supplies included). They learn to safely use hand tools as they progress through these leveled classes.

Linda Engelland has a BS in Education from The University of Texas at Austin and is an AMS Montessori-certified teacher. She has taught woodworking for children for over 20 years.

Contact Linda with questions:

woodworkingforyoungchildren@gmail.com

ADULT CLASSES





ART

Wednesdays, Sept. 1-Dec. 15

(No class Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 24)

1:00-4:00 PM

Location: Room 170

Cost: \$333*

This class teaches oil painting for adults. Beginning students will learn the basics of color theory, composition, and shading. Intermediate students will be encouraged through class exercises and their individual projects. Instruction includes lessons, demonstration, and one-on-one guidance. This is for first-time art students, as well as those who are looking for a safe, supportive place to paint.

Bridget Wolk's love of art began in childhood and led to training in fine art, illustration, and graphic design. She has exhibited in many art shows, including a spotlight on alumni show at the Art Institute of Houston. She is an avid painter and member of the Prism Painter's Society, HAS, and HCAA.



ART STUDIO

Wednesdays, Sept. 1-Dec. 15

(No class Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 24)

9:00-12:00 PM

Location: Room 170

Cost: \$200*

This painting studio is for adults with intermediate to advanced level painting skills working in oils or acrylics. Students will receive input on paintings at the beginning and the end of class. The remainder of the time will be spent on individual projects working without instruction.

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(No class Nov. 24)

2:00-8:00 PM

Ages: 3 and up

Location: Room 210

Cost: \$119 (Four 30-minute lessons)

Extended times available

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YOGA

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,

Sept. 1-Dec. 17

(No class Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 26)

9:15-10:15 AM

Location: Rooms 171-172

Cost: \$10/class or

\$90/10-class card (expires after 3 months)

Participants must bring a mat.

Tone the body and tune the mind! Increased strength and stamina, improved balance, and flexibility are yours through Hatha Yoga. Feel energized, refreshed, and relaxed, all at the same time, with a 5,000-year-old tradition of physical poses and flowing sequences linking breath and movement.

Instructor: Polly Patton Christie



YOGA (IYENGAR)

Fridays, Sept. 3-Dec. 17

(No class Nov. 26)

11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Location: Room 171-172

Cost: \$10 per class

This class is designed for beginner and continuing adults as well as expectant mothers with healthy pregnancies. All equipment is provided, but students may elect to bring their own mats.

Jimena Lieb practices and teaches Iyengar Yoga, which emphasizes correct alignment of joints for maximum benefit and safety. In this class, the use of props such as chairs, blocks, blankets, or straps may be incorporated to help students adjust or support themselves in the different postures and thereby achieve a range of motion that is effective and safe. Students will practice seated, twisting, standing, and some inverted postures to reduce stress, create strength and flexibility, and correct structural imbalances caused by poor posture, sports training, and daily activities.

Jimena has had a regular yoga practice since 2007 and has studied with professional yoga teachers that are nationally and internationally known. She is a certified Iyengar Yoga teacher and the Scheduling Director here at MDPC.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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SPORTS OFFICE	713-490-9568
WORSHIP & MUSIC	713-490-0946
YOUTH MINISTRIES	713-490-9291

Sunday Services

8:30 AM, Sanctuary	Blended Worship • <i>A mix of traditional and contemporary music</i>
9:45 AM, Sanctuary	Contemporary Worship • <i>Led by MDPC's praise band</i>
11:15 AM, Sanctuary	Traditional Worship • <i>Hymns led by a full choir</i>
11:15 AM, Chapel	Spanish-language Worship
6:00 PM, Chapel	Portuguese-language Worship

2021 Fall Closure Schedule

MDPC's offices and campus will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Labor Day, **Monday, September 6**
- Columbus Day, **Monday, October 11**
- Thanksgiving Holiday, **Thursday-Friday, November 25-26**
- Christmas Holiday, **Friday and Monday, December 24 and 27**

WELCOME TO MDPC!



Thank you for exploring the many outstanding options offered by MDPC's REACH Ministry! Believing that God is involved in all aspects of our lives, our staff puts together a wonderful potpourri of ways to experience Him more fully through recreation and personal enrichment. These programs are especially designed for your and your family's enjoyment. To that end, we genuinely hope you'll always feel comfortable during your moments spent at MDPC.

We invite you to experience the many other fine opportunities here for you and your family. Consider visiting a Sunday worship service, which offer a chance to encounter God in a way that is both authentic and intimate.

Check out mdpc.org for up-to-date information and to explore the myriad ways available to grow in God's grace through the life and programs of MDPC!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The script is fluid and cursive.

Brett Hurst, MDPC Relationships Minister



MEET MDPC'S SENIOR PASTOR

If you're looking for a church home, now is a great time to check out MDPC. With a heart for service and a gift for preaching, senior pastor Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson is leading this church during an exciting time in our history. Our country and our church are facing changes, challenges, and opportunities, and, with strong, focused leadership, MDPC is poised to embrace a vibrant future. Come experience it with us!

MDPC REACH Class Registration

Please print. Use one form per student. Visit the REACH office for more forms, or reach.mdpc.org to register online.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parents' Names (Mother/Father) _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Family/Friend to be called in an emergency if parent/guardian cannot be contacted:

Name _____ Phone _____

Please list any known allergies or medical conditions: _____

I hereby authorize the REACH instructor to release my child ONLY to the people listed below:

Name _____ Phone _____

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Class Name _____ Page # _____

Amount _____ Class Day(s)/Time _____ Dates _____

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If available, do you need an Escort from The Little School (formerly CDI) to class? Yes No

If available, do you need an Escort from The Yellow School to class? Yes No

If yes, an Escort Form for each class must be filled out and turned in to your child's school. Forms are available in the The Little School (formerly CDI), The Yellow School, REACH offices, and at reach.mdpc.org.

Please make checks payable to MDPC and note REACH Ministry on the MEMO line.

Turn in to REACH Office, or mail to MDPC, 11612 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

Check Number _____ Amount _____

Through my signature I verify that I have read the indemnity and General Release below, accept these terms and conditions and have retained a copy for my records.

Signature _____ Date _____

----- Please tear and retain bottom portion for your records -----

Indemnity and General Release

- In the event that my child is injured, or should require medical or dental attention while participating in a REACH class, I hereby authorize the church representatives or instructors to secure necessary medical treatment. I also acknowledge that ultimately I will be responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider
- I do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless MDPC and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claim of demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred by the above-named person
- I give my permission for my child to attend this class in the event that only one adult instructor is present
- The REACH Ministry, MDPC, and instructors will not assume responsibility for a child who has not been brought into their classroom by an adult when they arrive.
- I understand that the REACH Ministry program is not licensed by the state.
- I give my permission for videos or photographs taken of the student to be used on the MDPC website or any MDPC publication.

Class Name _____ Class Day(s)/Time _____ Dates _____

Parents are encouraged to contact the REACH Office with any questions or concerns at 713-490-9568.

CLASS POLICIES

All children **MUST** be walked into their classroom by an adult.

Parents and/or caregivers **MUST** return to the classroom to pick up the child.

Children are only released to authorized persons listed on the registration form.

Please pick up your child on time. If there is an emergency, please call the MDPC Front Office at 713-782-1710, or Diane Seckinger, REACH Coordinator, at 713-490-9568.

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Class Cancellations and Refunds

In order to receive a full refund you must cancel 3 days prior to first class.

If a student is unable to attend or complete a class and a refund is requested, a refund will be made only with the approval of the instructor, and include an administrative fee of \$20 retained from the fee.

If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, the student will be notified, and a full refund for tuition will be processed within 30 days.

In the event of an unplanned church closing, classes that are cancelled may or may not be rescheduled or refunded, per the instructor's discretion.

In case of inclement weather, MDPC's REACH Ministry follows the school closing of Spring Branch Independent School District. If they are closed, we are closed.

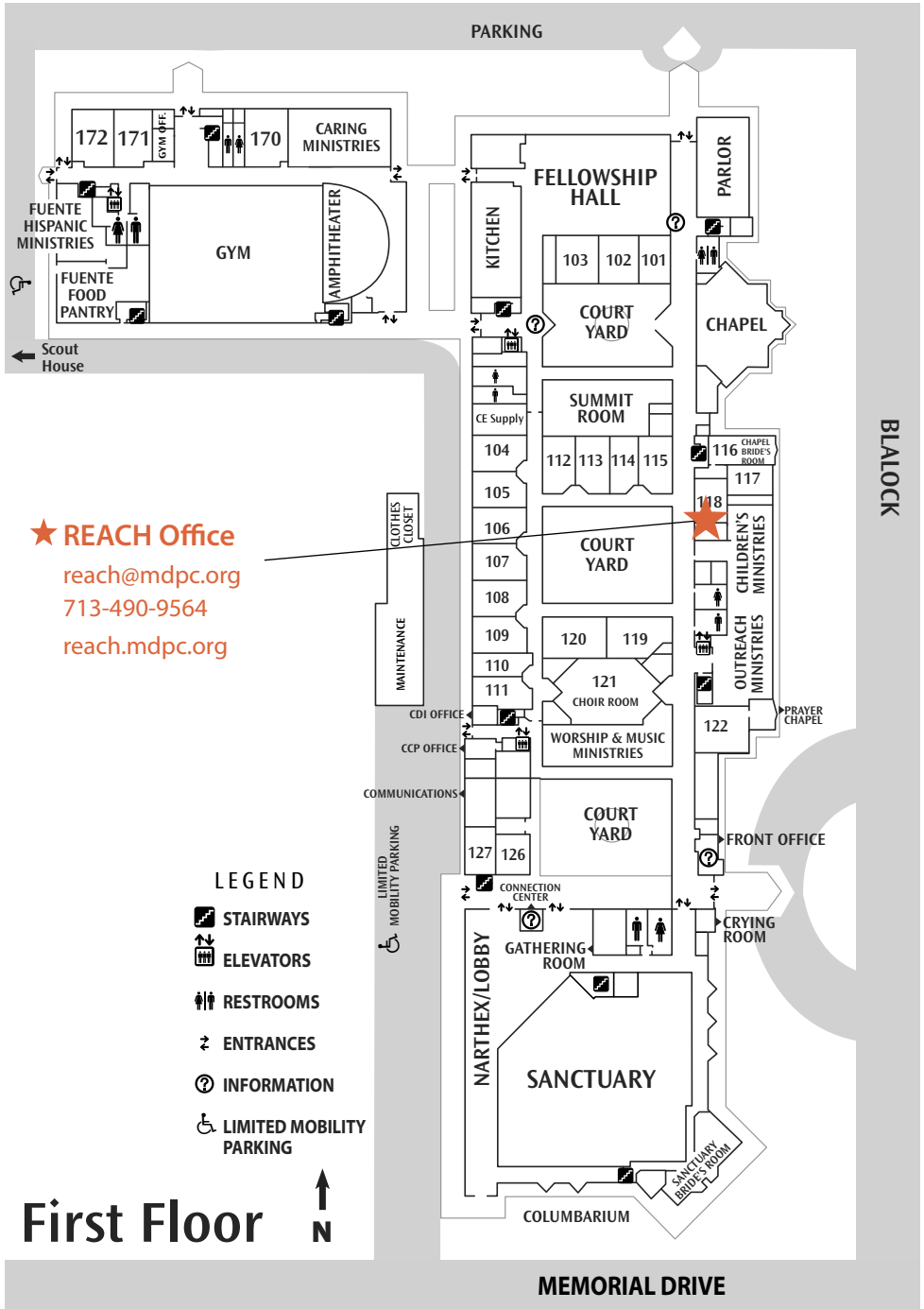
Injury

Every effort is made to insure the safety of all children participating in REACH classes. In the unlikely event that an injury occurs, appropriate first-aid medical attention will be provided and an accident report will be completed.

If the injury is minor and your child returns to full participation in activities, you will not be notified until you return to pick up your child.

If the injury requires emergency treatment, we will provide and/or obtain such treatment and notify you as soon as possible.

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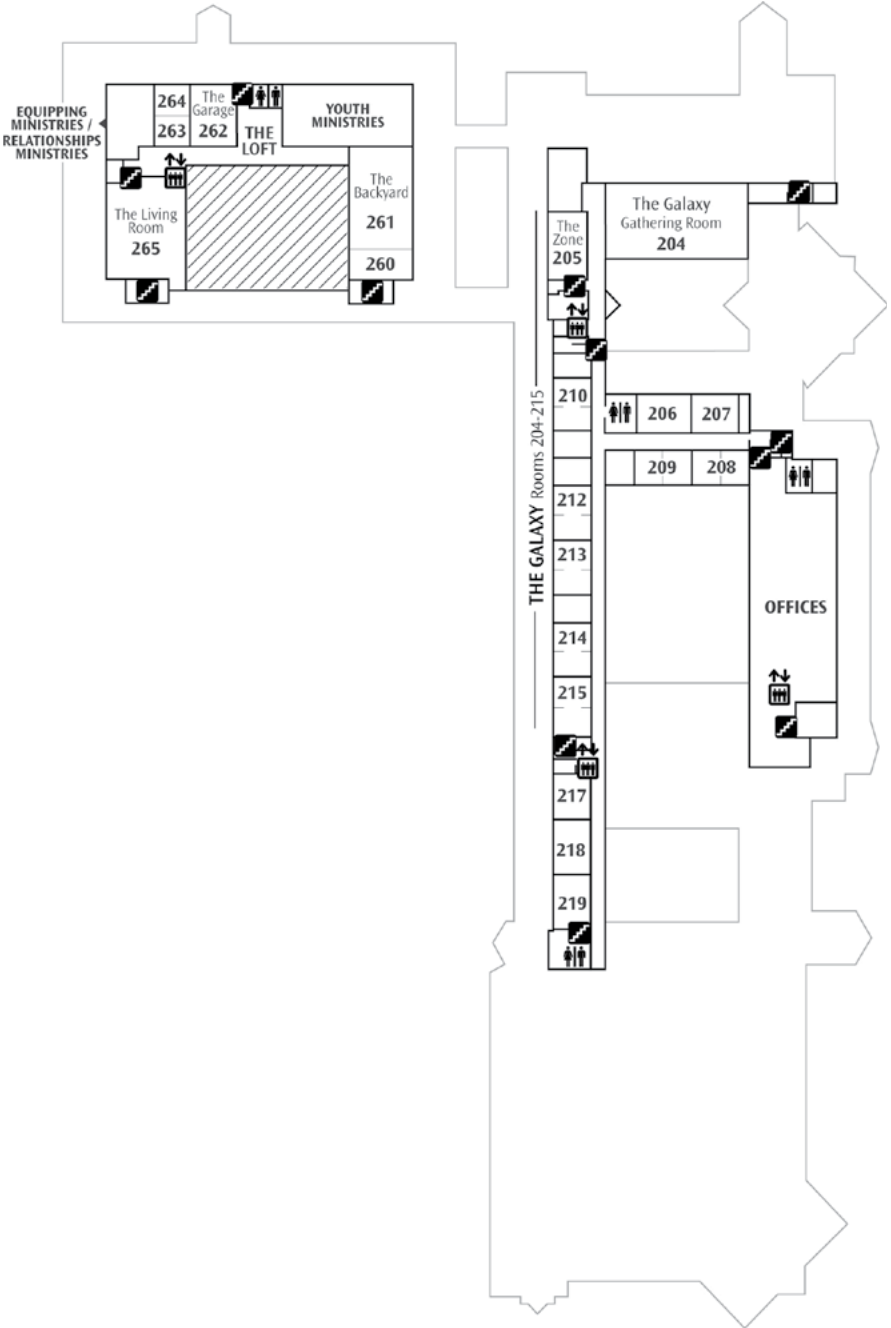
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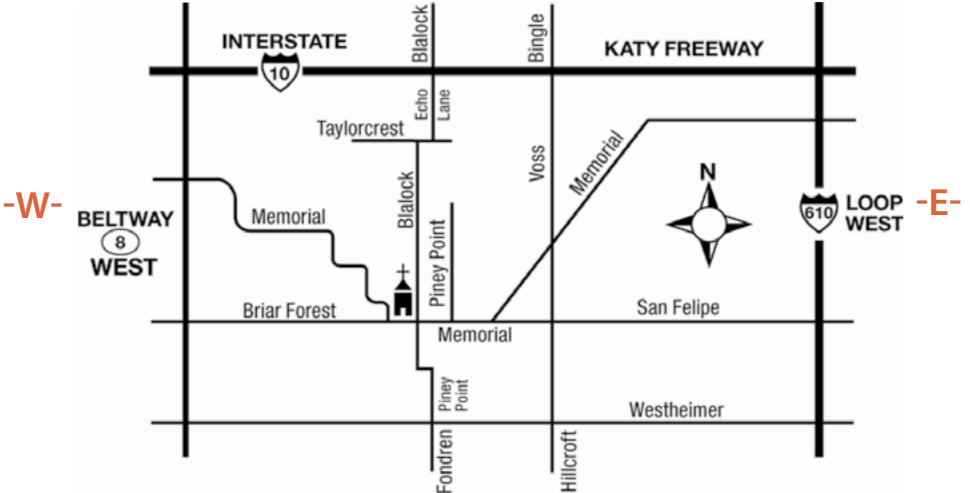
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