

MDPC REACH SPRING 2027
Recreation Ministry

Recreational and Instructional Classes for
CHILDREN, YOUTH, and ADULTS





Hello Spring

Welcome to Spring 2027!

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 16). 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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For more information, contact us at reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564.

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ABRAKADOODLE

Tuesdays, Jan 12 – May 4
(No class March 9)
2:40-3:30 pm**

Age: 3–6
Location: Room 206
Cost: $383*

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

Abrakadoodle 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

Pre-Ballet and Creative Dance & Tap

Tuesdays, Jan 12 – May 4
Thursdays, Jan 14 – May 6
(No class March 9 and 11)
2:40-3:30 pm**
Age: 3–5
Uniform: Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes, any color ballet skirt, black tap shoes

Hip Hop and Jazz

Tuesdays, Jan 12 – May 4
(No class March 9)
3:45-4:45 pm

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz

Thursdays, Jan 14 – May 6
(No class March 11)
3:45-4:45 pm
Age: Kindergarten–3rd Grade
Uniform: Black leotard, black jazz pants or tights with shorts, pink leather ballet shoes, black tap shoes

Cost (all classes): $320*
Location: Rooms 171-172

****Shepherding from Little School and Yellow School available. Children are grouped according to age and dance experience. Additional costume fee for recital. Participation is optional but 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.

*Cost includes processing fee



BASKETBALL: HOOPS SCHOOL

Spring Skills Class

Mondays, Feb 22 – Apr 26
(No class Mar 8 and 29)
Cost: TBD*
5:15-6:45 pm, Grade: 1–3 (Boys and Girls)
7:00-8:30 pm, Grade: 4–8 (Boys and Girls)

Location: Gym

Note: Registration closes 3 days prior to first class; and then re-opens the day class starts at 5:00pm and stays open (online) for 10 days.

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.



Co-Ed 3-on-3 League

Thursdays, Mar 18 – Apr 29

6:00-7:15 pm • 3th–5th grade (co-ed teams)
7:15-8:30 pm • 6th–8th grade (co-ed teams)

Location: Gym
Cost: TBD* (8-week session)

Referees, coaches, and 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).

*Cost includes processing fee



COOK LEARN GROW

Wednesdays, Jan 27 – April 21
(No class Mar 10)

2:40-3:30 pm**

Ages: 3–5
Location: Room 206
Cost: $444*

****Shepherding from Little School and Yellow School available.**

Cook Learn Grow is a mobile hands-on cooking and food literacy program. We use cooking as a platform to teach children life skills and develop self-confidence and creativity.

Contact Lori: lori@cooklearngrow.com



LITTLE LEARNERS

Tuesdays, Jan 12 – May 4
(No class Mar 9)
2:40-4:00 pm**
Ages: 4-6

This class is for children with letter and number recognition skills and a basic understanding of phonics.

Thursdays, Jan 14 – May 6
(No class Mar 11)
2:40-4:00 pm**
Ages: 3.5–6

This class is for children with emerging skills in letters/numbers recognition.

Location: Room 209
Cost: $466*

****Shepherding from Little School and Yellow School available.**

Contact: Susan Edwards:
littlelearners.101@yahoo.com, 713-542-9329

Learn math and literacy through games! Children love to play games. Our hands-on, interactive approach engages children with creative, meaningful play. The children think they are just having fun, but what is really happening is they are learning methods of sequencing, strategic thinking, and problem solving. The result is dynamic interplay that enhances a child's natural learning process and is FUN!

Susan Edwards is a seasoned educator who cares deeply for the development of children. Her approach of creative activities in a fun and flexible classroom results in children who are curious, confident, communicative, and love to learn.

*Cost includes processing fee



PIANO LESSONS, PRIVATE – JOHN FORD

Wednesdays, Jan 6 – May 26
(No class March 10)

2:00-8:00 pm

Ages: 3 and up
Location: Room 215
Cost: $132 **(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, 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.



SOCCER SHOTS

Wednesdays, Jan 13 – May 5
(No class March 10)
2:40-3:25 pm**

Ages: 3–5
Location: Gym
Cost: $328*

****Shepherding from Little School and Yellow School available.**

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!

*Cost includes processing fee



SPOTLIGHT PROJECT THEATER

Mondays, Jan 11 – May 3
Location: Room 171/172
(No class Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 8, Mar 29)

Thursdays, Jan 21 – May 6
Location: Amphitheater
(No class Feb 11, Mar 11, Mar 25)

2:40-3:40 pm** "Intro to Musical Theater"
Ages: 4–5 (Pre-K–K)

3:45-4:40 pm "Musical Theater (Beginner)"
Grades: K–2nd

4:45-5:45 "Musical Theater (Beg/Intermediate)"
Grades: 3rd–5th

Cost: $335*

****Shepherding from The Yellow School available.**

At the end of the semester, each class performs a Spring Musical for family and friends!

"Intro to Musical Theater" (Grades: Pre-k-Kinder)
Have fun singing, dancing, and acting out pieces from kid friendly Broadway musicals and Disney movies. Practice dance stretches, singing warm ups, and projecting your voice on stage. Strengthen creativity by playing imaginative theater based games.

"Musical Theater (Beginner)" (Grades: Kinder-2)
Begin learning the basics of vocal and acting technique used in musical theater. Strengthen creativity with theater based activities and games. Practice things like auditioning, learning lines, projecting on stage, creating a character, and performing a solo then apply these lessons by rehearsing songs and scenes from fun Broadway shows.



TUMBLING AND GYMNASTICS

Mondays, Jan 11 – May 10
(No class Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 8, Mar 29)

2:40-3:25 pm**
Ages: 3–Kindergarten

3:45-4:35 pm**
Ages: 4–5 yrs. and 6–8 yrs. **Separated by age.**

Location: Gym
Cost: $330*

Class separated into age groups.
****Shepherding from Little School and Yellow School 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.

Contact Coach Robbie with questions: 713-866-4822

"Musical Theater (Beginner/Intermediate)" (Grades: 3-5)
Have a blast delving into the techniques and creativity of musical theater. Specific emphasis on collaboration as students explore and create performance pieces. Strengthen imagination with daily improv games and creative exercises. Practice things like auditioning, vocal warm ups, acting techniques, performing a monologue, building a character, and performing solo and ensemble pieces.

Contact Emma: info@spotlightprojecttheatre.com

*Cost includes processing fee



WOODWORKING

Mondays, Jan 25-May 3
(No class 2/15, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29)
3:45-4:45 pm
Ages: 5-10 (Level II)

Tuesdays, Jan 26-May 4
(No class 3/9, 3/16, 3/23)
2:30-3:30 pm
Ages: 7 ½-11 (Advanced)

Tuesdays
Session I: Jan 26-Mar 2
3:30-4:45 pm
Ages: 7 ½-11 (Advanced)
Session II: Mar 30-May 4
3:30-4:45 pm
Ages: 7 ½-11 (Advanced)

Tuesdays, Jan 26-May 4
(No class 3/9, 3/16, 3/23)
4:45-5:45 pm
Ages: 7 ½-11 (Advanced)

Thursdays, Jan 28-May 6
(No class 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)
2:30-3:30 or 3:40-4:40 pm
Ages: 5-10 (Level II)

Fridays, Jan 29-Apr 30
(No class 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)
3:15-4:45 pm
Ages: 5-12 (Advanced)

Location: Room 170

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

*Cost includes processing fee



ART STUDIO & ART

Wednesdays, Jan 13 – Apr 21
(No class Feb 3, Mar 10, Mar 17)
Location: Room 170

ART STUDIO
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Cost: $271*
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.

ART
1:00-4:00 pm
Cost: $430*
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.



CERAMICS

Mondays, Jan 4 – Mar 22
(No class Jan 18 and Feb 15)

12:30-2:30 pm

Location: Room 170
Cost: $256*

Notes: Supplies included

This is a hand-building class for adults of any skill level. You will learn the basics of creating functional and decorative objects. You will learn simple building techniques, how to apply texture, and different glaze applications.

Beverly Lawson has taught art for over 30 years to people of all ages. She has illustrated two children's books. She also enjoys teaching Drawing & Watercolor.

*Cost includes processing fee



DRAWING & WATERCOLOR

Tuesdays, Jan 12 – Mar 16

9:30-11:30 am

Location: Room 206
Cost: $251*

This is a class for adults who are beginner to intermediate levels. The focus of our class is to learn techniques of drawing and how to successfully paint with watercolor. We will explore many subjects both natural and man made. Together we share our discoveries of new materials and resources. Artists of all skill levels will be successful in this friendly, relaxed class.

Beverly Lawson has taught art for over 30 years to people of all ages. She has illustrated two children's books. She also enjoys teaching ceramics.



YOGA

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Jan 4 – May 28
(No class Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 8-12, Mar 26, Mar 29)
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.



YOGA (IYENGAR)

Fridays, Jan 8 – May 28
(No class Mar 26)

11:30 am-12:45 pm

Location: Room 171-172
Cost: $10 per class

For students of all ages and physical conditions. For beginner and continuing adults as well as expectant mothers with healthy pregnancies.

Iyengar yoga emphasizes correct alignment of joints for maximum benefit and safety. Jimena is a certified Iyengar Yoga teacher.

*Cost includes processing fee

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, Chapel	Blended Worship • *A mix of traditional and contemporary music*
9:45 am, Sanctuary	Contemporary Worship • *Led by MDPC's praise band*
11:15 am, Sanctuary	Traditional Worship • *Hymns led by a full choir*
11:15 am, Chapel	Spanish-language Worship
6:00 pm, Chapel	Portuguese-language Worship

2027 Spring Closure Schedule

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

- Martin Luther King Day, **Monday, January 18**
- President' Day, **Monday, February 15**
- Good Friday, **Friday, Mar 26**
- Easter Monday, **Monday, Mar 29**
- Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31**

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!

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_____

Name_____Phone_____

Class Name _____ Page # _____

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

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If available, do you need Shepherding from The Little School to class? Yes No

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

If yes, a Shepherding 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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  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.
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Class Cancellations and Refunds

A full refund, less $25 administrative fee, credit card fee and any supply fee, will be given if you cancel 10 or more days prior to first day of class/camp.

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.

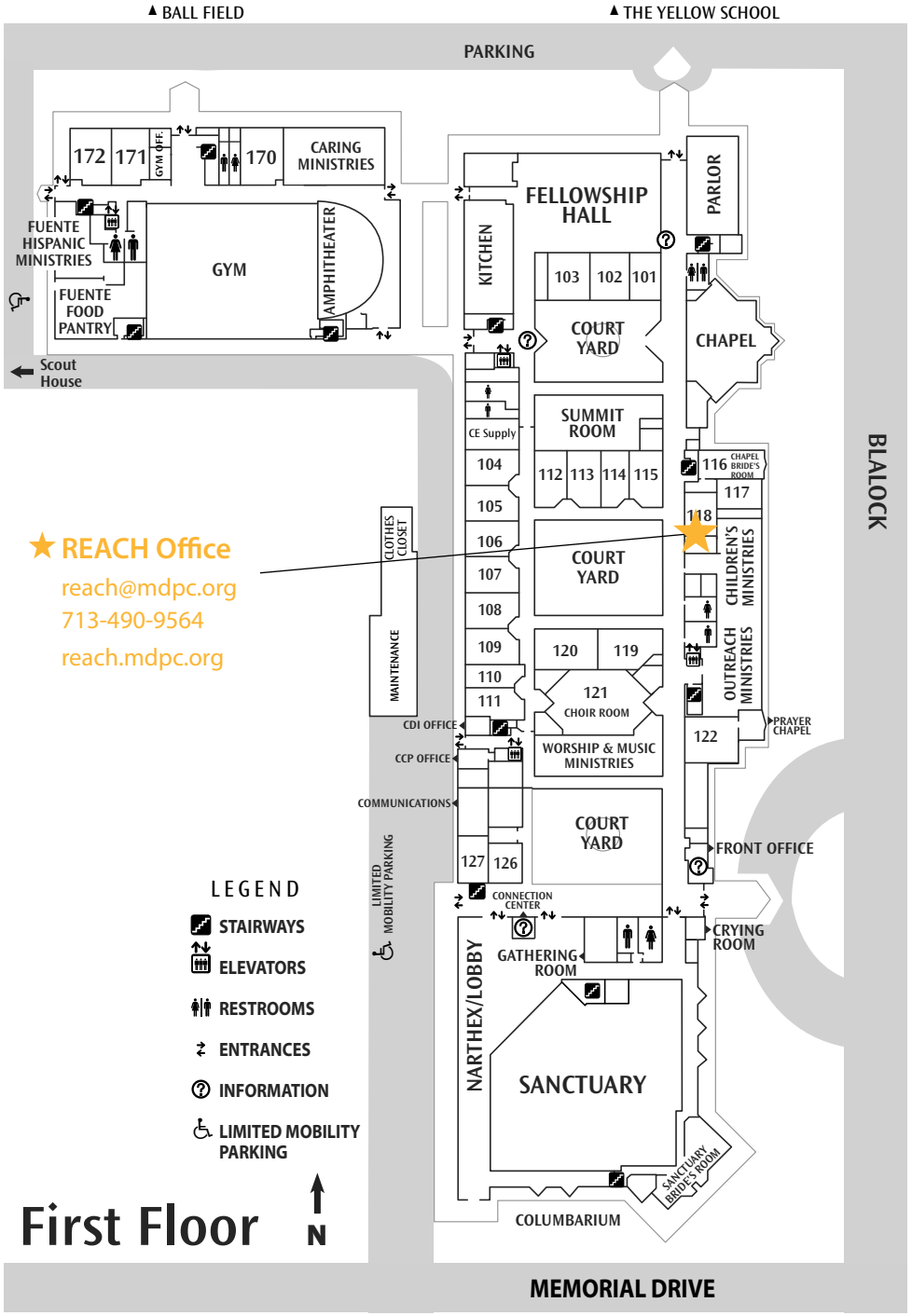
In case of inclement weather, MDPC's REACH Ministry follows the school closing of Spring Branch Independent School District. If they are closed, we are closed.

Injury

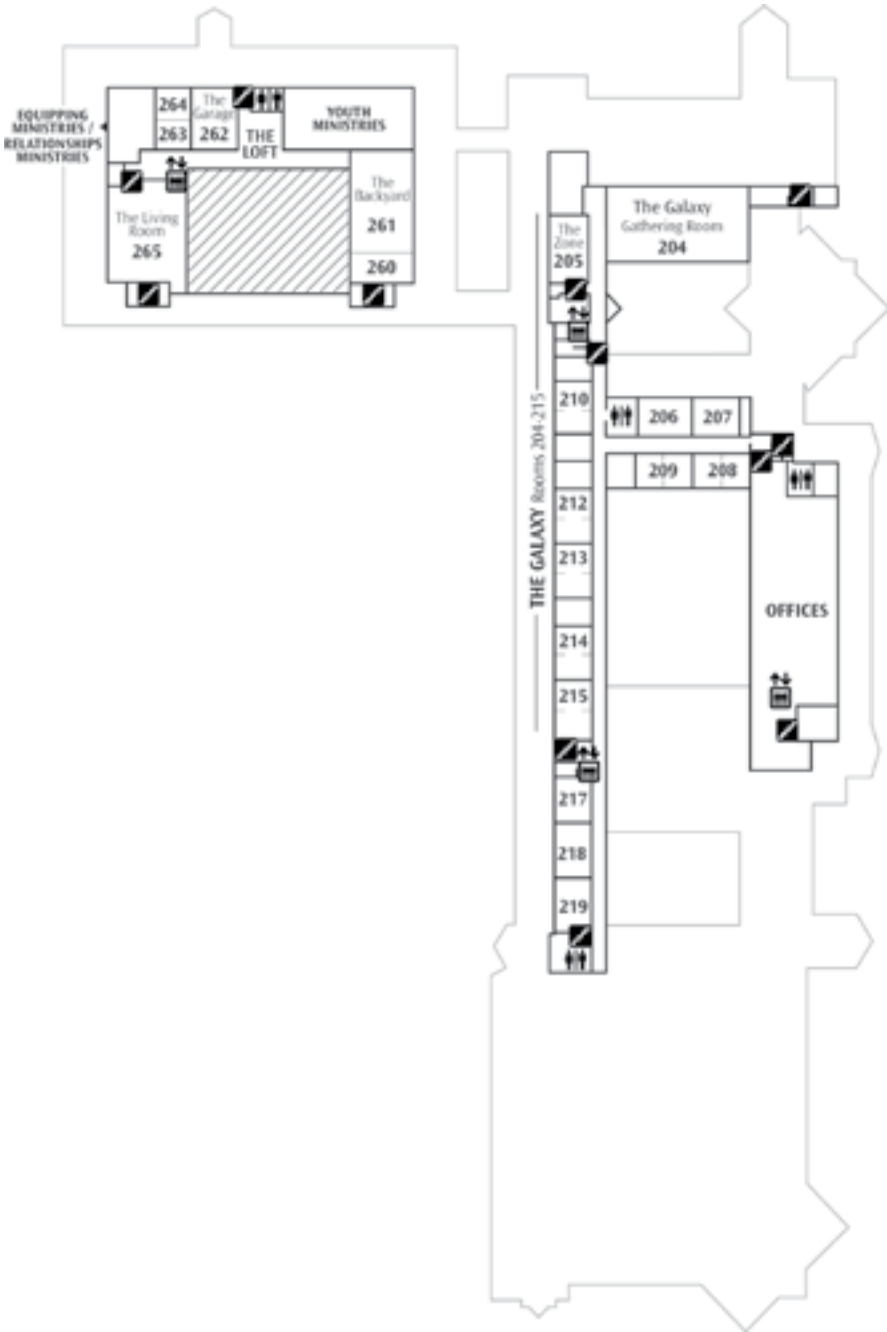
Every effort is made to insure the safety of all children participating in REACH classes. In the unlikely event that an injury occurs, appropriate first-aid medical attention will be provided and an accident report will be completed.

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.

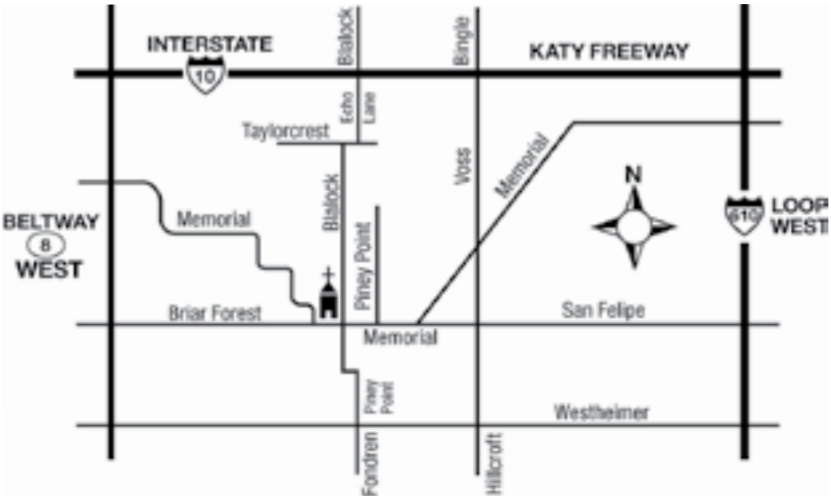


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