



# lifegroups

Growing together as we grow in Christ.

## WINTER



# EMMANUEL

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### Small group

*Small groups are our home based continuous groups that incorporate aspects of Sunday school, bible study, fellowship and discipleship with a focus on relationship. A healthy productive Small Group allows other Christians into our lives at an intimate level. These groups are intentionally small for transparency, confidentiality and accountability.*

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*Bible Studies focus on a specific themes, character traits or books of the bible. For example: a bible study may cover the Old Testament or a book from the Old Testament. Likewise, a bible study may cover a topic: Godly Marriage or series of Topics: Behold Your God. Last, Bible Studies may cover themes such as Heroes of the Bible or God Honoring women. Bible studies may be ongoing, one time offerings held at church or elsewhere.*



### Bible study

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*Sunday School is a comprehensive way of learning from one another and to receive encouragement to live by God's Word. These small and large groups usually gather at the church for learning, application, fellowship, discipleship and bible study. These groups are co-ed and intergenerational unless designed to meet the needs of specific age groups.*



### Sunday school

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### Fellowship

*Fellowship groups are specialty groups based around a common trait or interest with a focus of how to do "it" God's way.*

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*Discipleship groups are action oriented preparatory studies and classes often with an expected outcome. Want to learn how to share your faith? Take the three circles training. Newlyweds? Join the young marrieds.*



### Discipleship

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# Introduction

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## Vision

### *Pastor Jeff House*



Thank you for your interest in Life Groups at Emmanuel. We believe that the regular teaching of God's Word is crucial to the spiritual health and wellbeing of our church. I hope that you will prayerfully consider joining one of Emmanuel's Life Groups.

### **The goals for our Life Groups are to be:**

**L**oving in our Language:

1 Corinthians 13:8,13 *"Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away."* *"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."* Paul refers to many spiritual gifts but he goes out of his way to show that a "loving spirit" is the greatest of all gifts. Here at Emmanuel we desire to show the love of Christ in each of our Life Groups.

**I**ntentional in our Instruction:

2 Timothy 2:2 *"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."* It is a true saying that "you teach what you have been taught". Each of our leaders spend time studying God's Word to impart Biblical principles in the hearts and minds of those in their class, so that you may then take the things you have learned and teach others also.

**F** aithful in our Foundation:

2 Timothy 3:16 *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”*. Even though there are many great recourses and books written to aid a believer in his/her walk with God. The Bible is and always will be our foundational teaching tool.

**E** vangelical in our Efforts:

1 John 5:13 *“These things I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that you have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God”*. We desire to teach the Bible in such a way that it brings people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and encourages believes to grow in their relationship with God.



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## Life Groups and Childcare

At Emmanuel we love children and have many great programs designed specifically for them. On Sunday mornings we have Kids Worship at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM. If you sign up for a Life Group which meets during these times, you can use these programs without signing up.

There are four other times which Emmanuel provides childcare (Birth - 5th grade) for Life Groups which meet on the church campus *\*with the exception of Session 3 on Thursday morning which is for Birth thru Preschool (Age 5).*

- Session 1 is Tuesday night 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- Session 2 is Wednesday night 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- \*Session 3 is Thursday morning 9:30 to 11:30 AM
- Session 4 is Thursday night 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**In order to use any of these sessions, you must email Karla Aguirre, [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) by the deadline, Sunday, December 30, 2023. Please see page #19 for detailed instructions for what to include in your email to Karla when registering your child for life group childcare.**

For the safety of your children, we maintain a certain ratio of workers to children & we staff these sessions based on the number of children signed up. If you fail to sign up for childcare, you may be turned away.

Some Life Groups which meet at other times and places handle childcare in a variety of ways. Some leave it up to the individual parents to arrange for childcare, some pool together and hire a babysitter, and some swap babysitting services with parents who attend a group on another night. When you sign up for a Life Group, the group leader will contact you and will discuss how that group handles childcare. For any other questions regarding childcare, please contact the church office at 652-3161.

# SUNDAY

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LG #001

## Maranatha Class

We will be continuing in II Peter.

Continues:

The Maranatha Life Group also talks about current events, Jewish history and Jewish Holy Days, and the group has a big emphasis on missions. They have a great group (30's to 90's) of folks who are excited to learn more about the scriptures and invite others to join them!



**Led by: Ed Smith**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Shiloh Room**  
**Childcare available**

LG #002

## The Book of Philippians

Begins Back:  
January 8

Men of all ages and men and teenage boys are welcome. Come join us.



**Led by: Rick Byler**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Room 218**  
**Childcare available**  
**Men Only**

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MEN'S MINISTRY

LG #003

## Senior Adult Bible Study

Continues:

Join Durward and Dave as they alternate teaching this Sunday life group. Durward will continue to lead the group in the study of the Book of Romans and Dave will lead the group in the continuing study of I & II Peter. This is a mixed group with open discussion, shared prayer & fellowship.



**Led by: Durward Sobek & Dave Todd**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Big Horn Room**  
**Childcare available**

LG #004

## Deaf Class

Continues:

Join us as we study the book of Genesis and then attend the 11:00 AM service which is interpreted for us.



**Led by: Bob Champion**  
**Co leaders: Andy & Patty Minchew**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Yellowstone Room**  
**Childcare available**

LG #005

Begins Back:  
January 7



## Theology and Doctrines

Description: Trinity, Sanctification, Predestination, Inspiration, Eternal Security. How did we get the Bible? How do we know if we are studying the right books? How do we know that Christianity is true? These are words we have heard, and questions we have, but many of us feel the study and understanding of these topics is something reserved for the scholarly elite. This is not true. Our class is designed for both new and more experienced believers. This is an interactive class where we study God's word and pray for one another. Please join us as we study these topics and discover why the understanding of these topics is important for our everyday lives.

**Led by: Jonathan Elenbaas**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Beartooth Room**  
**Childcare available**

LG #006

Begins:  
January 7



## Praying Through the Bible

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**A notebook will be available for \$15. Please have cash or make checks payable to EBC.**

**Led by : Cari Roush**  
**Sunday**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Room 205**  
**Childcare available**  
**Women Only**



LG #007

Continues:



## Grupo de Vida - Fundamentados en Cristo

Discipulado Bíblico para quienes desean aprender, crecer y poner en practica la Palabra de Dios en sus vidas. Para jóvenes y adultos totalmente en español.

**Led by: Pastor Obed Aguirre**  
**Sunday**  
**Domingos 9:30am - 10:30am**  
**Conference Room**  
Tenemos cuidado de niños a través del ministerio NextGen.



# SUNDAY

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LG #008

Continues:

## Mixed Adult Bible Study Class

This is a mixed adult Life Group with open discussion and shared prayer time.



**Led by: Larry & Ann Palmer**  
**Sunday**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Room 205**  
**Childcare available**

LG #009

Begins:  
January 7

## Amongst Wolves

Amongst wolves is a life group fellowship that will tackle the life issues of today from a biblical perspective. Our purpose is to successfully proclaim truth without fear through balancing whatever wise shrewdness is required to avoid conflict and danger without losing a dove-like innocence.

**Matthew 10:16** “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”



**Led by: Pastor Tra Williams**  
**Sunday**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Big Horn Room**  
**Childcare available**

LG #010

Begins:  
January 7

## Beginner's Sign Language Sunday Group

This class is designed to teach you the very basics of sign language. Beginning with learning to sign the alphabet.



**Led by: Bob Champion**  
**Sunday**  
**12:30 PM**  
**Yellowstone Room**  
**No Childcare available**

# MONDAY

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LG #11

Ongoing:



## **Movers To The Word - Aerobics, Strength, Flexibility & Core Workouts**

This is a faith-based exercise Life Group. Besides focusing on the outside of our bodies for our overall health, we focus on the inside of our Spiritual health by spending time in prayer during each class.

**Led by: Ginny Lanes**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**11:50 AM**  
**Big Sky Room**  
**No Childcare available**  
***Women Only***



LG #012

Begins:  
January 8



## **What if Jesus was Serious? by Skye Jethani**

Each brief reflection on the Sermon on the Mount "will challenge you to rethink assumptions and apply Jesus' teachings to today's cultural realities."

**Led by: Christina Laird**  
**Bi-weekly on 2nd & 4th Monday**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Yellowstone Room**  
**No Childcare available, *Women Only***



LG #013

Begins:  
TBD



## **First Responders Life Group**

What about you?

This life group is specifically aimed towards First Responders, married or single.

The dates will be flexible.

**Please contact Josh if you are interested at (406) 671-7682.**

**Led by: Josh and Kari Schoening**

## LG #014

Begins Back:  
January 2



### Knowing Your Bible

Join Pastor Jeff and his life group this fall as they continue the study of the Bible picking up with the New Testament. Have you ever wished you were more familiar with the Bible? Maybe there are certain books you know a lot about but others you know very little, or nothing, about. God has given us His Word so we can know more about Him and His work in the world. Join us as we fellowship, study and familiarize ourselves with the book God has written to us.

**Led by: Pastor Jeff House**

**Tuesday  
6:30 PM**

**Shiloh Room**

**Email Karla @ [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) to sign up for childcare session 1 by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

## LG #015

Begins:  
January 9



### DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making.

**Please note - there needs to be at least 4 people that sign up to hold this group in January.**

**Led by: Dave Todd & Sharon Nolte**

**Tuesday  
6:30 PM**

**Yellowstone Room**

**Email Karla @ [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) to sign up for childcare session 1 by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

## LG #016

Begins:  
January 9



### DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)

Your kids probably feel scared, sad, and confused after your divorce. They know you have been hurt deeply. As a result, they may hide their feelings because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. DC4K helps them process those feelings and gives them tools to communicate better with you.

**Please note - there needs to be at least 4 - 12 kids signed up to hold this group in January.**

**Led by : DC4K Leadership Team**

**Tuesday  
6:30 PM**

**Room #208**

**No childcare available**

# WEDNESDAY

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LG #017

## Pastor Paul Uncharted

Begins back:  
January 3

Join Pastor Paul every Wednesday as he continues a study about the life of David, part 2.

Each class will be recorded and posted online the following week.



**Led by: Pastor Paul Jones**  
**Wednesday**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Activity Center**  
**No childcare available**



LG #018

## Nueva Esperanza Grupo De Vida

Continues:

¿Necesitas Nueva Esperanza?

Ven a aprender de Jesús.

**EL** te dará Nueva Esperanza

¡Hay Guardería!

También hay programa para adolescentes

Ven, toma un cafecito y juntos descubrimos La Esperanza.

Todo es gratis.



**Miércoles Grupo de Vida - Estudio Bíblico**

**6:30pm**

**Salón Shiloh**

Inscríbese en la sesión de cuidado 2 de niños antes del Domingo 24 de Diciembre.

LG# 19

## Creating a Smart Stepfamily

Begins:  
January 10

Join us as we learn how to empower couples and stepfamilies for successful family living! Whether dating or married with stepchildren, a stepmom or stepfather, a step grandparent, ministry leader, mentor, relationship coach, or therapist these sessions will provide much needed help.



Join us for 8 weeks to watch, study and discuss the training sessions created by author, therapist, and blended family expert, Ron Deal.

**Led by: Ric & Heather Henricksen**

**Wednesday**

**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Beartooth Room**

**Email Karla @ kaguirre@myemmanuel.net to sign up for childcare session 2 by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

LG #020  
Begins:  
January 10



## **Reclaim Compassion: The Adoptive Parent's Guide to Overcoming Blocked Care with Neuroscience and Faith** By Lisa Qualls and Melissa Corkum

Is your parenting journey turning out differently than you imagined? You had so much love to give, but now you feel ashamed and bewildered by your lack of compassion. You may be experiencing blocked care—a self-protective mechanism in your nervous system that makes it difficult to connect with your child and maintain compassion. When it happens, it's like your heart seems to have left the relationship. But the good news is you are not a bad parent. You can heal from blocked care, and compassion can be rekindled in your heart. Rooted in faith and backed by neuroscience, this practical and powerful guide offers a simple step-by-step process for reclaiming compassion for your child and yourself.

**Book: Please purchase before first class.**

**Led by: Jonathan Elenbaas & Phil Reintsma**

**Wednesday**

**6:30 PM**

**Room 205**

**Email Karla @ [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) to sign up for childcare session 2 by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

Continues:

LG #021



## **Courageous Men**

The focus of this group is to put our Christian *faith into action* through developing authentic brotherhood relationships, leading others to faith through discipleship, and providing services to those in need within our community. Selected faith-based topics are presented and discussed within this group as well. If you want to learn how to turn your faith into action, then this group is for you! Our foundational scripture is found in James 2:14-18. *"I will show you my faith by what I do."* **If interested or for more details please contact Steve at 406-690-8474 or email [eaglfan50@gmail.com](mailto:eaglfan50@gmail.com)**

**Led by: Steve Willis**  
**1st & 3rd Wednesdays**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Big Horn Room**  
**No childcare available**  
**Men Only**

LG #022

Begins:  
January 3



## **Young Families Fellowship**

Once a month, we gather together to be encouraged in practical biblical tools for healthy family relationships. Come, build friendships with fellow young families while growing in our faith in Christ. Scripture, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, humanity, salvation, the church, and the end times. Know God more deeply as you examine these foundational truths.

**Led by: Daryl and Candi Haidle**

**1st Thursday of each month**

**6:30 PM**

**Shiloh Room**

**Email Karla @ [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) to sign up for childcare session 4 by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

# THURSDAY

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LG #'s  
#023 - 9:30 AM  
#024 - 6:30 PM

Begins:  
January 11



## Praying Through the Bible

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**Led by: Cari Roush  
Thursday**

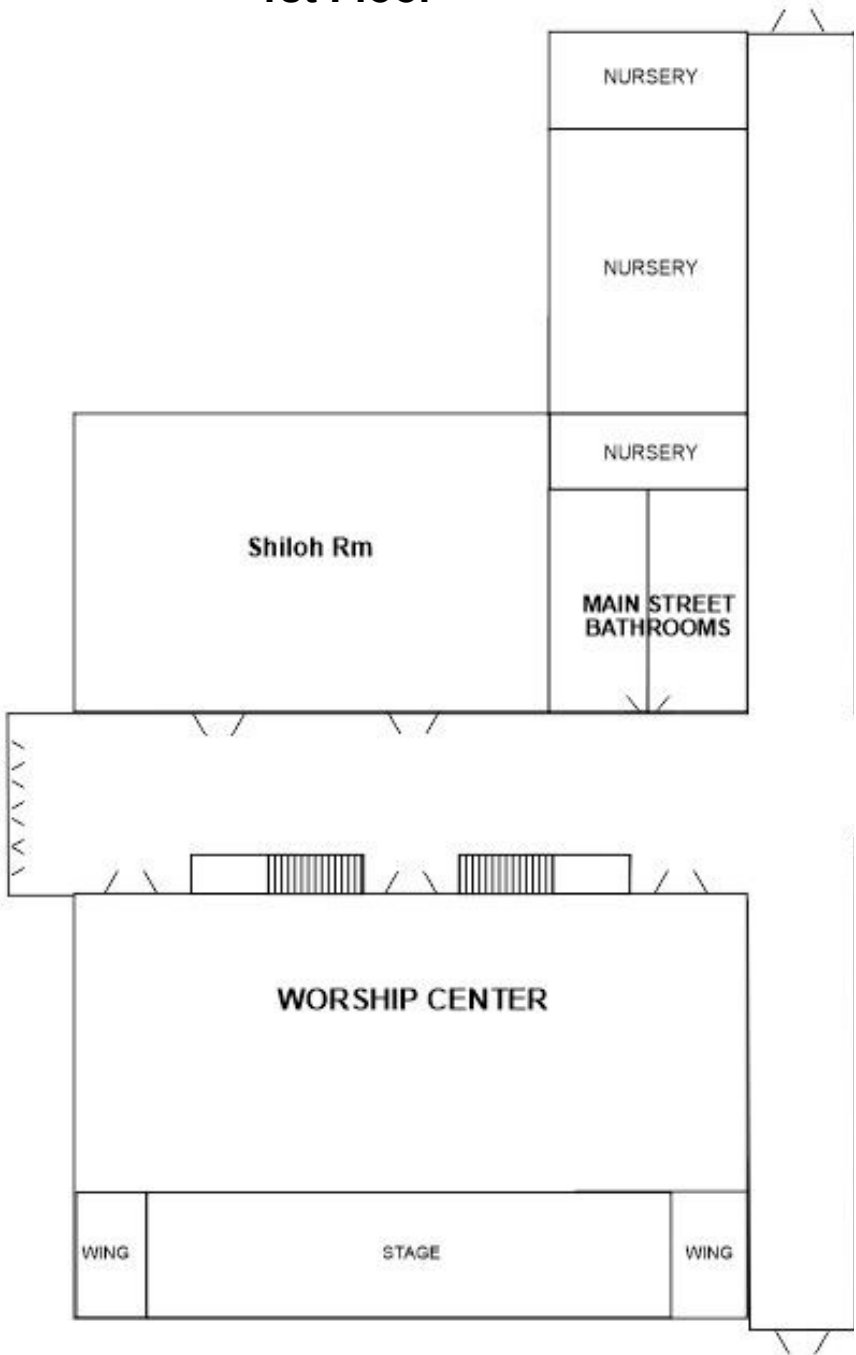
**This life group is being offered @  
9:30 AM in the Shiloh Room  
6:30 PM in the Yellowstone Room**

**Email Karla @ [kagirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kagirre@myemmanuel.net) to sign up for childcare session 3 (9:30 AM group) or session 4 (6:30 PM group) by Sunday, December 24. See page 19 for instructions.**

***Women Only***



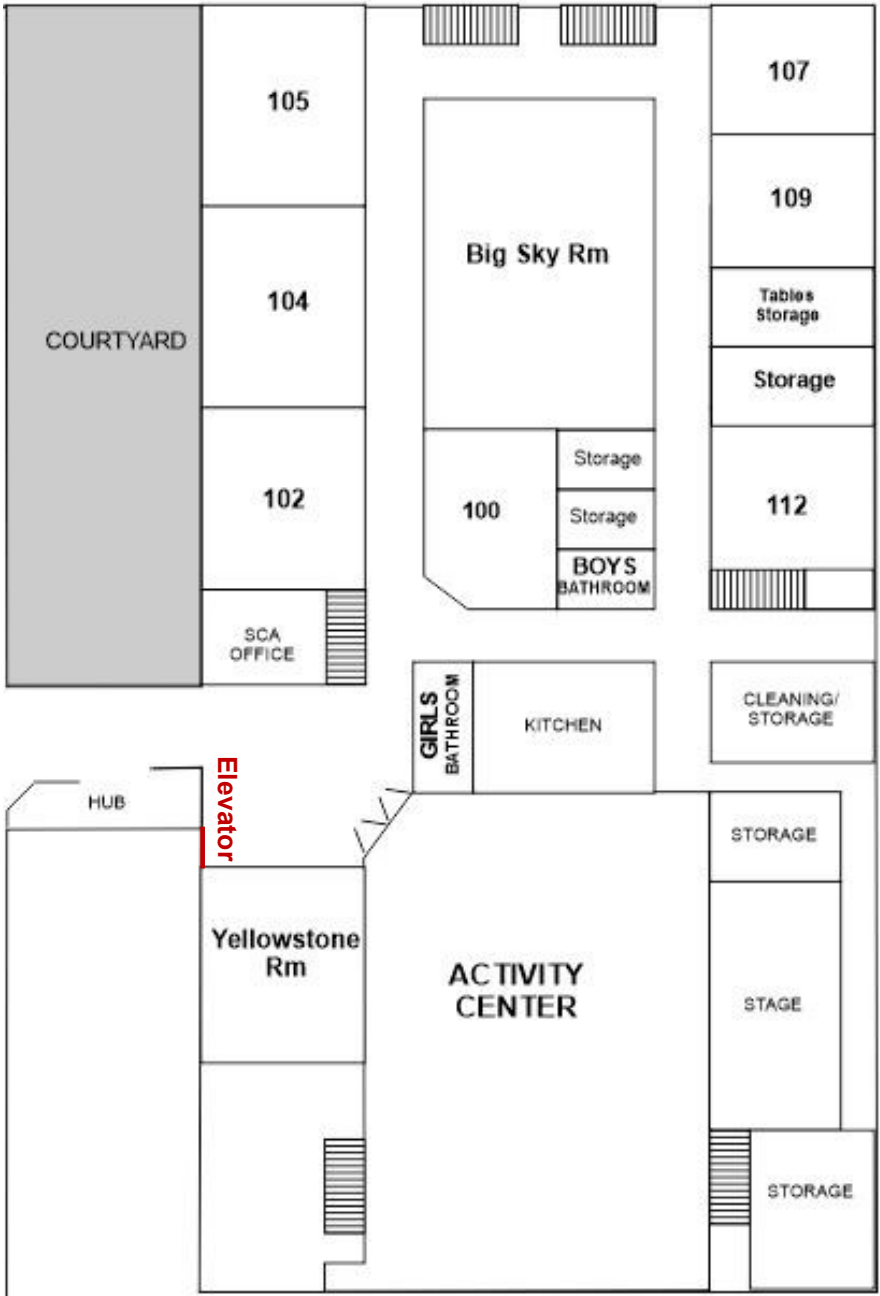
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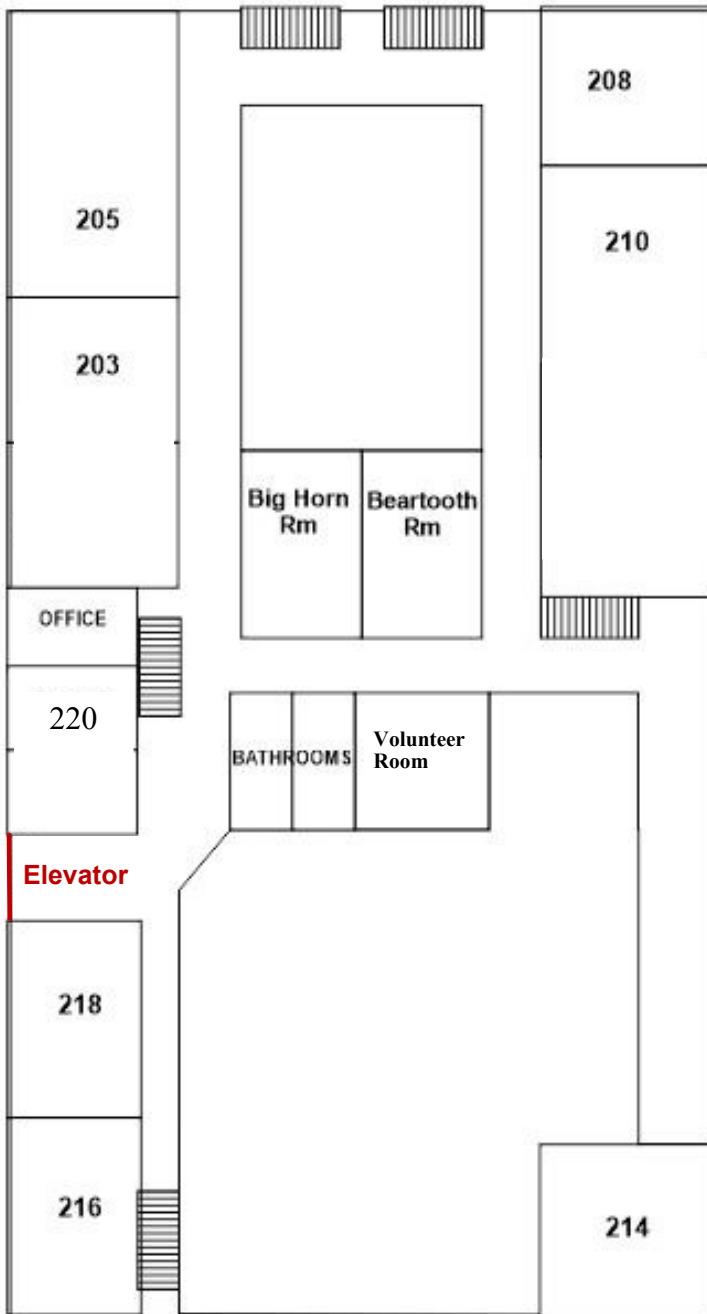


# 1st Floor

Education Wing



# 2nd Floor



Signing up for a life group is easy.  
Sign up on the Church Center App under groups.  
Scan this QR code to register with your  
phone, sign up on the kiosks at the  
Welcome Center or go to our website  
and register online at [myemmanuel.net](http://myemmanuel.net).



*Please note if you are already attending a group,  
you will not have to sign up again, but if you have a child  
in childcare, you will need to register them for  
for childcare, each semester.*

To register for childcare, email Karla Aguirre  
at [kaguirre@myemmanuel.net](mailto:kaguirre@myemmanuel.net) by the  
deadline Sunday, December 24.

Please include the following information:

- ⇒ Parent Full Name
- ⇒ Parent Phone
- ⇒ Which Childcare Session(s)
- ⇒ Full Name of each child
- ⇒ Age/Grade of each child
- ⇒ Gender of each child

For any questions, please call Ginny in the office at (406)  
652-3161.



*Dr. Paul Jones*  
Lead Pastor

**W**hen we talk about the greatest helps or hindrances to the Christian life, we inevitably end up talking about fellowship versus isolation. You were never created to do life alone. It has so many detrimental aspects. Now in modern America, you have to be intentional about getting with other like-minded Christ Followers. At Emmanuel, Life Groups are that intentional element designed for your spiritual health and wellbeing.

**W**e provide many different kinds of Life Groups that study many different biblical concepts at various times during the week, so that there will be one or two that seem to fit you and your schedule. Even though you can pick a different Life Group each semester, we would like you to consider staying with one and really get to know the people in that group. It's when you move past the superficial and get to the REAL that your Life Group will take on a different meaning.

**L**ast, if you're still not convinced, consider the methodology of Jesus. He took three and a half years and poured Himself into 12 guys. The result was a changed world. Pour yourself into a Life Group and watch what God does!