

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
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**nursery**  
early childhood &  
**elementary**

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first assembly*

[desmoinesfirst.org](http://desmoinesfirst.org)

# WELCOME

[desmoinesfirst.org/children](https://desmoinesfirst.org/children)

Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your children to the nursery, early childhood and elementary-age ministries. We value the time we have with your children and thank you for entrusting them to our care.

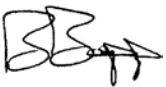
Their safety and spiritual health are important to us. We want you to be at ease to worship and be on the receiving end of ministry, knowing your children's safety and spiritual health are cared for.

We use the Parent Pager children's check-in system for added security. The main advantage of this system is photo identification. You can read more about it on the following pages or at [desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager](https://desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager). All first-time guests with children begin by registering at the Parent Pager computer at lobby Welcome Center.

Also, we complete a Child Abuse and Criminal History screening of all our adult teachers and helpers.

Our dedicated and qualified teachers and helpers in the nursery and early childhood classrooms are excited to partner with you in your children's spiritual health.

In His Service,



Brian Bopp  
Children's Pastor



# MISSION of des moines first assembly

Honor God as healthy followers of Christ.

# VISION of des moines first assembly

We envision a Spirit-filled environment that emphasizes growth in our relationship with Christ, authentic connection in Biblical community, servicing in our God-given gifts, and sharing the love of Christ to those in the marketplace.

# CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Our Children's Ministry check-in/out system, named Parent Pager, provides a way to efficiently and effectively manage our children's security, while allowing real-time communication with parents, guardians and staff.

## WHAT MAKES IT EASY?

Using touchscreen kiosks throughout the building (see map on later page), check your children into the care of our Children's Ministry team with just a few taps. Then, pat the printed identification stickers on them and take your children to their classes.

## WHAT MAKES IT SAFE?

The main advantage to our Parent Pager system is photo identification. Along with stickers, you will receive printed check-in and check-out slips showing photos of all authorized people permitted to claim your child. No more random number tags so often misplaced.

## WHAT MAKES IT REAL-TIME?

You can be paged wherever you are on campus via your cell phone should your child need you. In the event of a page, you will see a call coming from a number that starts with 279. Because the church has multiple lines, the last four digits will vary. (If you answer the call, you will only hear a beeping sound, because it is a paging system.) If you receive a page, please go to your child's classroom.

## HOW DO YOU CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD?

Following the service, go to ANY of our Parent Pager kiosks to check out your child. Using the touchscreen, tap "Child Out." Then, put your finger on the scanner, and the computer will automatically bring your information onto the screen. Tap the photos of the children you are checking out and tap "Finish." The kiosk printer will give you a check-out slip for each child. Your child's classroom number will appear on the slip. When you arrive at the room, just show the slip to the teacher.

To see a video about the check-in/-out process, visit [desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager](http://desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager).



## WHY USE BIOMETRICS?

The Parent Pager system uses finger print scans (biometrics) for heightened security. At no time, is a fingerprint image ever stored, and no fingerprints can be recreated from the template.

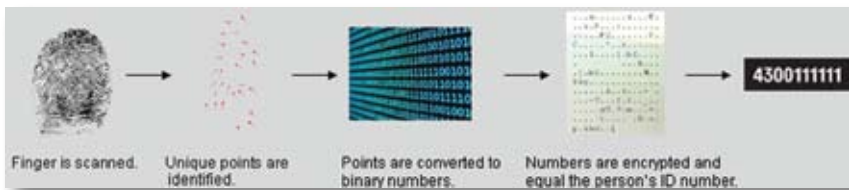
The following are some frequently asked questions about using biometrics:

**Q. Can my fingerprint be given to anyone else?**

A. No. No fingerprint images are stored. Only encrypted numerical representations of the unique points of the fingerprint are stored.

**Q. Can my fingerprint data be taken off the computer and used to re-create my fingerprint?**

A. No. identiMetrics (the scanning software) never takes your fingerprint, only unique points. The actual fingerprint cannot be recreated from the encrypted template.



**Q. Can my fingerprints be taken from the computer software and used on another fingerprinting system?**

A. No, The software uses a proprietary algorithm that can only be used with that software.

**Q. Can my fingerprints be copied or used by anyone else?**

A. No. It is impossible to duplicate or falsify fingerprints from the information stored in the software.

To read more frequently asked questions about using biometrics, visit [desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager](http://desmoinesfirst.org/parentpager).

If at any time you have questions about checking in/out your child, just ask one of our hosts wearing a red lanyard.

# IN THE CLASSROOM

## **ADULT-TO-CHILD RATIOS**

A proper ratio of adults to children helps us provide quality ministry and care for your children.

Birth to age 2 = 1:3; Ages 2-3 = 1:5; Ages 4 and up = 1:6

In our cooperative parent programs, we ask all parents/guardians to rise to the expectation to assist in the nursery or classroom as helpers. After you have started attending regularly, one of our coordinators will contact you to schedule your help on a rotation basis once a month.

We complete a Child Abuse and Criminal History screening of all our adult teachers and helpers for the safety of the children.

## **ALLERGIES**

We serve treats during every service. If your child has an allergy, please let us know during registration so their name tags can be identified.

## **WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD WITH YOU**

In an effort to provide a healthy environment for all children, please keep your child with you if they have any of the following symptoms:

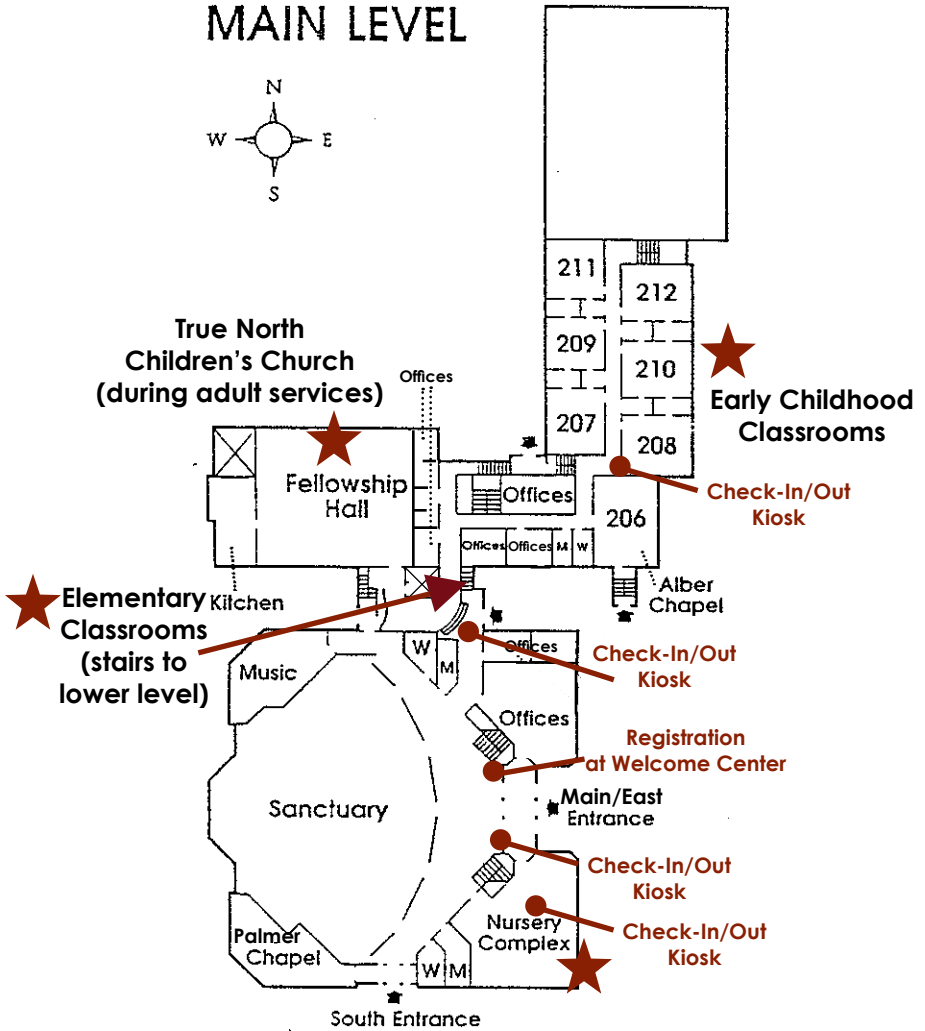
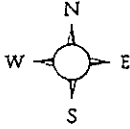
- Fever
- Vomiting with the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the last 24 hours, even if your child has been on antibiotics
- Runny nose in any color other than clear
- Wet cough
- Chicken Pox or any other contagious disease
- Pink Eye, Conjunctivitis or any other eye infection
- Any mysterious rashes or break outs
- Communicable disease

## **MOVING CLASSROOMS**

Children ages 2 through 5 are promoted to the next age group the first Sunday of their birth month. Children going into Kindergarten and 1st grade move the first Sunday of June.

# FACILITY MAP

## MAIN LEVEL



### WITH QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact us:  
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