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Hello Middle school volunteers. These are the volunteer announcements for Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Of course, the theme for the night is Valentine's night. We are going to hand out candy hearts, a little box of candy hearts to everybody, and we'll have some fun. Valentine's Themed activities.

This is week two of the heart to heart series. The lesson will be about what is love from a biblical perspective.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at night to shine this past Friday night. What an amazing opportunity for us to show love to our community. I know it was fun to be on the dance floor with middle school students and I know there were various other volunteers such as yourself serving in different roles throughout the night. Thanks for helping us make that happen.

Reminder that baptism Sunday is on February 25. As of right now, we have 8 middle and high school students who have signed up to be baptized, which is exciting. There are few Times in our ministry to students where we get tangible evidence that students are growing in their faith and their lives are changing. Baptism is one of the few tangible signs that we can point to to see, oh, students are taking steps in their faith, so we celebrate Every time a student chooses to be baptized, if it's somebody in your small group who's getting baptized, we will let you know so that you can be there to support that student at their baptism, Whatever service it's at, If that applies to a student in your small.

On Saturday, March 2nd, we're doing pickleball night at the Valley Community Center just for volunteers, just to have something fun for us to do, to focus on building community among ourselves. That'll be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Community Center. We can provide all the equipment you need, no prior experience necessary.

Our next special event with the middle school students is on Friday, March 22nd. It is the staff scavenger hunt and for that event, if you choose to participate, you will get dressed up in a disguise and hang out at the Jordan Creek Mall. we have received Permission from their security team to be there that night, and students will come and try to identify you in your various disguises. Leaders have gotten so into this and so creative with their disguises in the past, and I hope you'll consider participating with us. It's so much fun to see the

excitement on students faces and their delight when they realize that you are who you are, even though you're dressed up like A punk rocker or an old person or...Oh man, we've seen so many different things over the years. So March 22nd, Mark your calendars staff scavenger hunt. That event will run 6:30 to 10:30 PM.

and finally I'll wrap up by referring to the How to win as a middle school volunteer document and the section titled Before You Show Up #4: Character matters. You will reproduce who you are more than what you teach. Another way of saying this is more is caught than taught. Students are watching you, taking notes of who you are and how you Act and sure, the things that you teach kids, those matter. But who you are matters even more. So pay careful attention to where your heart is at and your mind and the choices and the attitude that you're bringing to Wednesday night programming because you're going to reproduce who you are. For better or for worse. May you choose to use that for better and to be a blessing. As an example, in the lives of middle school students.

Thank you for serving. We'll see you this Wednesday night.