

## Audio file

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## Transcript

Hello Middle school volunteers. This is volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, February 28.

First of all, I'd like to celebrate all the students and people from Valley Church who got baptized this past Sunday. We had a good number of middle school students get baptized and Hopefully, as we see 4, 5, 6, 7 middle schoolers get baptized, you can cling to that as as some tangible evidence that God is at work in middle schoolers lives. We don't often get to see tangible evidence Of that, which is one of the reasons why I love baptism so much.

This Wednesday is DIY night do-it-yourself night. So we're going to provide you with some fun materials, and you'll be able to create a special DIY project with your small group. We will provide all the materials for that.

It is also week four of heart to heart series, and this week we're talking about gender, God's design for gender, and how we want to celebrate the fact that God made guys and girls in a very general sense to be different.

Couple of upcoming events :

on Thursday, February 29. It's leap day. It happens once every four years and there is a leap day event at the Valley Community Center and we're going to be encouraging middle school students to attend that Leap Day event. It's a family event, so we want them to go with their parents. But it's intended to be a community event to build bridges with our community, and so we want middle schoolers to invite their friends, their neighbors, their family, friends, other community members who don't normally attend a church.

And there's going to be neon, glow in the dark, black light dodgeball, glow in the dark 9 square, etc. They're going to have pizza and just a ton of fun things this Thursday evening at the Community Center from 5-8 pm.

And then this Saturday night, March 2nd is pickleball night for you middle school volunteers from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, You're invited, but not required to come and have fun playing pickleball. Bring a board game if you'd like to, and we're just going to hang out and connect as volunteers.

The staff scavenger hunt is on Friday, March 22nd, so be thinking of a disguise for you to dress up in disguise at the Jordan Creek Mall. That's going to happen after spring break

And also put this on your radar: March 27th is a Wednesday. It's the Wednesday Right before Easter. And we're not going to have regular Wednesday night program that night. It is a small Group night where you are encouraged to plan an event with your small group, so there's lots of things you could do. The church building and the Community Center are available, and Jodi and I want to come alongside you to help you prepare and plan something for small group night. Just a fun special gathering for your small group.

From the how to win as a middle school volunteer document, I'm on the side that has a list of don'ts, #3 says: Don't use your phone excessively during program because it communicates that you're not interested. So please be thoughtful of yourself on use during programming.

I'm not saying you're not allowed to pull out your cell phone. It's not like I'm making mental notes like, ooh, that leader took out their cell Phone. How dare they!

But we want as much as possible to be fully present during program and not distracted with our phones and what's going on there. Of course, emails or text messages or phone calls come in from time to time that you cannot ignore. That happens for me as well, but as much as possible, be aware of your cell phone use. Keep your cell phone tucked away so that you can be as present and focused as possible with middle schoolers.

Thanks for everything you do in middle school ministry and we'll see you this Wednesday night.