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Transcript

Hey middle school volunteers, these are the volunteer announcements for the week of October 30, 2024. This Wednesday, it's open gym and movie night at the Valley Community Center, and we're looking forward to a low key night with a little less structure than normal where we can come and hang out.

We've got basically two options. We'll be playing the Lego Batman movie out in the cafe, and then we'll have the gym open as well. We'll keep 1/2 of the gym just free for all kind of whatever you want on one side of the gym. And then the other side of the gym will probably have a rotation of different structured activities. Like we might do some touch football or soccer or pickup basketball or ultimate Frisbee and things like that. So just a low key night. An opportunity for us to to be together, do something a little bit different from normal. We haven't seen each other because of Great Pumpkin party so we just wanted to to have that touch point.

And then we also this week, in case you don't know, have the Blitz all nighter on Friday, November 1st. I know we've got a number of you who are signed up to stay up all night with us. Thank you. If you cannot stay up all night and you're just going to help for a little bit on Friday evening or Saturday morning and enjoy sleeping in the comfort of your own bed- thank you for that. I'll include a link on the volunteer announcements page if you can't stay up all night, but you want to help out either Friday evening or Saturday morning, there's lots of parent help opportunities for that.

We'll return with regular Wednesday nights on Wednesday, November 6. The theme will be color night. I don't want to say too much about that because we don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves, but we're going to start a series on Philippians and each grade is going to have a different color that they're going to be encouraged to wear that night, among other fun activities.

And then things actually will slow down here a little bit in middle school ministry. From late August until mid November, we've got our fall kick off and we're launching small groups. We've got fall retreat, we've got great Pumpkin party. We hosted a love you Des Moines

Family Day at the Valley Community Center and then we had the Great Pumpkin Party and the Blitz all nighter. That's all packed in within about a two-month time frame, and that's fun and that's good. But it's also good to have different seasons of ministry so. The intensity will slow down just a little bit here for the months of November and December and then things will pick up again as we gear up for winter blast already in late January.

For some spiritual encouragement for you, I'm going to pose a question that I've asked in these announcements in the past recently. I asked for you to reflect upon the last 24 hours of your day. Think about when did you feel alive or when did you feel closest to God? And then on the flip side, when did you feel the least alive? When did God feel the most distant? And as you reflect on those two moments, what might God be trying to say to you through the Holy Spirit as you reflect on those experiences from the last 24 hours? God is always working in us. I believe he wants to speak to us through his Word, through our circumstances, through other people, and through the Holy Spirit. And it's up to us to listen to him and to be discerning as we listen for the voice of the Lord, for the voice of what is true. So I hope you'll take some time and space to do that today, and whatever God calls you to do, be obedient. Thanks for everything you do. We'll see you this Wednesday!