

## Transcript

Hey middle school volunteers, these are the volunteer announcements for the week of October 9, 2024.

The theme this Wednesday night is spin night. Everybody will be able to get their own spin top. We've ordered 200 of those and you'll be able to hand those out to your kids during small group social time at the beginning of the night and have some fun with them then. Although then we're going to ask you to get those back from students, otherwise they're going to be a huge distraction throughout the rest of the night. You'll keep them in your small group bin throughout the rest of the night, and then re-pass them out to kids for small group spiritual time at the end of the night, at the end of small group spiritual time, Before we do worship through music. So yeah, everybody will get a spin top. We'll of course do some spinnny relays. So for those of you who get motion sick, it's going to be a good night!

Warren is going to teach, and we're going to continue talking about the Holy Spirit. We're going to specifically talk about spiritual gifts. So that's an overview of this Wednesday night.

Here are some things coming up, some important dates:

Sunday, October 20 through Wednesday, October 23 is the Great Pumpkin Party and for those of you who don't know, it's a giant party that Valley Church throws for the entire community and thousands of people come over those four nights and there's lots of fun, family friendly activities. Middle school students have the opportunity to serve at the Great Pumpkin Party by helping. At the Carnival game stations. Now, normally those games are in the lower level of the church building, but let this be a reminder that the lower level of the church building is off limits because of construction. So the carnival games are going to be moved to the area outside the Community Center where they normally have the ice rink. They're going to set up a giant tent and all the carnival games are going to be located there this year. So middle school students can sign up to serve on 1, 2, 3 or all four nights of the great. Pumpkin party and that sign up is live on the middle school events page.

8th Grade Quest kicks off this Sunday, October 13, so if you're an eighth grade leader, encourage your students to sign up for that.

And October 30 is a unique night because for a couple of reasons, #1 there's no children's ministry that night, and it's also a couple days before the Blitz all nighter. And it's also beggar's night where kids go trick or treating in our part of Iowa and so typically on a night like this we'll do something like a small group night. But this year we're going to do something different. I don't quite have the name of the night ready to share with you, but we're going to have a low key night at the Valley Community Center where we're going to have an open gym time. And we're going to be showing a movie in the cafe at the Community Center. So just low structure, but a fun night for kids and leaders to come and hang out. And we do want you to be a part of that night. On October thirty. That's the Wednesday night of that week, so no normal program that week. It'll just be open gym night and movie night.

If you want to do a small group night and you want to do something special for your small group on that night, that's just with your small group at someone's house. Or at the church building or at the Jordan Creek Mall or somewhere around town, you may do that as well. Otherwise, we'll be excited to hang out and I'll be together at the Valley Community Center. That's Wednesday, October 30.

And then please sign up if you want to be a volunteer for all night at the Blitz all nighter. That's Friday, November 1.

For your encouragement as leaders. One thing I've been talking about is encouraging you to pay attention to how God is working in your life, and one way that you can do that is by practicing a kind of prayer that's called the daily examen. And how this works is at the end of the day, you spend some time and prayerfully reflect back on the day. And ask yourself, when did you feel closest to God? Or when did you feel most alive during the day? And then when did you feel farthest away from God, or when did you feel the most drained throughout the day? And then as you reflect on those two different moments throughout the day, ask yourself what might God be saying to you, or what might God be teaching you, as a result of those two moments from your day. It's a kind of prayer that doesn't have to take super long. You can invite the Lord to guide your mind and guide your thoughts to remember what events happen throughout the day, and it's a prayer that Christians have been praying for centuries. The daily examen. It's a great way to start to sense what God is doing in your life and what God might be wanting to teach you.

Thanks for checking in. We'll see you this Wednesday night!