

Hi, Middle School Volunteers.

These are the volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Thank you for checking in!

The theme for this Wednesday night is Balloon Night. So we'll definitely do some activities involving balloons. And I'm sure there will be some balloon decorations scattered somewhere in the Valley Community Center.

This will be week two of the Heart to Heart series, and the topic for this Wednesday is love. What is love from a biblical perspective? We'll talk about how love is far more than just a feeling. Love is a choice, as demonstrated by Jesus and how he lived his life.

Seventh grade girls leaders, a handful of you have been requesting a leader huddle. So there will be a seventh grade girls leader huddle during worship this Wednesday night. Wanted to mention that.

And then I also wanted to let you all in on a vision that I have and something that our middle school staff and intern team has been thinking about and dreaming of. We're thinking of an event that we're going to do on Saturday night March 8—we've had a certain kind of event on the calendar but it's probably gonna evolve and the event that I'm hoping we will end up having on March 8 is one where it kind of feels like a mini version of Blitz all-nighter, except it will not be all night.

It'll just be a Saturday night, but I don't yet have a name for it. But on Saturday evening, March 8, I want to have an event that, like Blitz, is really fun for middle schoolers and so fun that our normal attending kids will be excited and inspired to invite their friends who don't know Jesus.

Because at this event, we will do lots of fun things like maybe go to a trampoline place, maybe go to an arcade, eat some pizza, something like that. But there's also going to be a time where the gospel is going to be shared with everybody in attendance. But instead of me or instead of the speaker inviting kids to receive the

gospel into their lives, we're going to actually empower our own students to walk their own friends through how do you pray to become a follower of Jesus. And we'll empower our students to answer their friends' questions about faith. And we will do some preparation with our kids ahead of time. We will give them materials to work with that night so they're set up to succeed. And I know this is going to be a challenge for some students.

It might seem kind of intimidating, but we're going to do everything we can to set up our students to not just invite their friends to church to hear the gospel, but our students are going to be able to help their friends understand the gospel. And also, again, in addition to all that, there's going to be a ton of fun, typical middle school activities. The name is TBD. The specific details have yet to be ironed out, but it's going to be on Saturday evening, March 8th. And again, the hope is to help our students mobilize their friends to deeply love Jesus Christ.

The leader tip for this week is I just want to challenge you to pause and think about something that I mention from time to time.

What is God doing in you right now? What's God teaching you in life? And this could be something that is a result of you serving in middle school ministry, or it could be just from any aspect of your life.

What is God doing in you?

How is he stirring you?

How is he teaching you?

How is he challenging you?

Is God calling you to make any bold faith moves at this time?

Maybe that's something you want to reflect on, or these are some questions you want to reflect on in your prayer time today or tomorrow or sometime over the next

few days. it's good to pay attention to these kinds of things thanks for everything you do and we'll see you on Wednesday night!