

# Leader Announcements

## January 28

Hi middle school volunteers! These are the volunteer announcements for Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

### **Teaching Topic**

This is week four, the final week of our series on spiritual warfare and the armor of God. Jake Ferrell is going to do the speaking, so I'm excited to hear what Jake has to share with us.

### **Winter Blast - Thank You**

Thanks to everybody who helped at the Winter Blast retreat. It's a cold weekend, but hey, so many great things always happen at Winter Blast. Appreciate those of you who gave your time and energy to invest in middle school students at Winter Blast.

### **Nigh To Shine - February 13**

As a church, our next event for the middle school ministry and the church is Friday, February 13. It's the Night to Shine, which is a prom night experience for adults and teenagers with special needs. There's lots of ways that you can serve and anybody else at Valley Church can serve for that event. We are specifically asking middle school students to serve as dance buddies, which means they would come to the VCC gym from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday night and be out on the dance floor. Bring some hype, bring some energy, and make the dance even more exciting and fun for all of the guests.

### **February: Heart To Heart Series & New Format**

Reminder that February is going to be our series on, it's called Heart to Heart, which is our love, sex, and dating series. We are also going to kick off, we're going to experiment with a new Wednesday night format in the month of February. So each of the three grades, 6th grade, 7th grade, and

8th grade, will be assigned to either the cafe, the gym, or the brand new Bridges Room. And your grade will be in that space for a majority of the night. That's where you'll do announcements, game, teaching, and small groups. And then at the very end of the night, we're going to all come back together for worship through music. So it's an experiment. We'll test it out for the month of February and see how it goes. And it will allow us to target the teaching a little more specifically to each grade level, which is good given the fact that we're teaching something that can be sensitive content with the Heart to Heart series.

### **Leader Tip: Worship Time**

For the leader tip this week, I've talked about this before, but I want to emphasize the importance of the example that you can set during our worship time at the end of the night. I'm going to encourage you to set a good example for the students of what it looks like to engage with worship. And also, I could use your help in making the worship experience the best possible experience for everyone by redirecting students who are nearby you, who, if they're talking or being a distraction, please redirect them to focus on the worship experience. And the more that you can be spread out around the room and not just on the fringes or in the back of the room during that worship time, the more that you'll be able to guide, lead, and set a good example for that worship through music time.

That's all I got for today. Thank you for checking in and we'll see you this Wednesday night!