

Leader Announcements

March 11

Hi, middle school volunteers! These are the volunteer announcements for Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Plan for This Wednesday

The theme for this Wednesday is going to be tournament night because we've got some pretty popular college basketball tournaments coming up soon. So should be a fun night filled with a variety of different kinds of competitions. That being said, we are going to have pretty much a normal schedule. So we'll start off with a game. We'll do announcements, teaching, everybody all together, and then we'll do small group time and worship through music at the end of the night. I'm super stoked. Pastor Brandon Early is going to be teaching. Thank you, Brandon, for being willing to do that. During worship time this Wednesday night, there will be an optional leader huddle for adults who are leading seventh and eighth grade groups. That will be in the gym. We'll have one huddle for the ladies and one separate huddle for the guys.

Off March 18: Spring Break

We are off next Wednesday, March 18, for spring break. So enjoy a little extra time. Whether your family's traveling or not, I hope it's a week of refreshment and just enjoying a slightly different schedule.

Special Events

Thanks to those of you who helped at Super Saturday. That is such a fun event and hopefully your gut has recovered from the event. Our next special event in middle school ministry is on Saturday, March 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Valley Community Center. It is Love U Des Moines Family Day. That is a time where we basically open up the community center to the community and middle school students are going to help host a variety of

family-friendly activities. It's free and open to the community. So if you've got neighbors, please invite them to come or friends, invite them to come to Love U Des Moines Family Day. There's going to be crafts, video games, bingo, dodgeball, mini golf, snacks, lots of great things. 1 to 4 p.m. March 28. If you want to help out, we'll include a link for you to sign up if you want to fill one of those helping slots as well. We're hoping middle schoolers fill a majority of the volunteer options, but you are welcome to join in as well.

Leader Tip: Pray for the Lost

For the leader tip this week, I'm going to pose a question to you that was convicting to me when it was posed by someone else a couple years ago. Here's the question. Let's say that God answered every prayer that you have prayed in the last seven days. That'd be pretty cool. If he did that, if he answered every prayer that you have prayed in the last seven days, would any new believers enter the kingdom of God? In other words, the question is, in the past week, have you prayed for any lost people who you know to become followers of Jesus? As we're stepping into a new season as Valley Church, where there's going to be new spaces and new opportunities to invite people to be a part of what we're doing here. I hope that question gets you thinking a little bit. Who do you know in your sphere of influence who is not a follower of Jesus? I encourage you to be praying for those people that they would come to know Jesus, whether it's through you, through an invite, through an interaction, or maybe it's through you and some other things that God is doing in their life. So the leader tip for this week is to pray for lost people, specifically by name, who are in your life. Maybe there's some lost students in your Wednesday night small group, or maybe you're not sure if they're saved or not. You could be praying for those students by name as well.

Thanks for all you do in middle school ministry, and we will see you this Wednesday night!!!