

Volunteer Announcements

October 14, 2026

Hello, middle school volunteers. These are the volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

This Wednesday: Friend Night

This Wednesday night, the theme is friend night, and we want to encourage all middle school students to invite a friend. Here's the thing, the middle school kids, they can't force their friends to come. All that they can control is reaching out and inviting a friend, and then we'll trust that the Lord is gonna bring the right kids who need to come to friend night. We're specifically gonna, we're encouraging kids to invite friends who don't know Jesus or who don't have a church home. As an added incentive, we're gonna serve Costco cake to everybody who comes to friend night this Wednesday. And as usual, for those friends who come for the very first time, the new friend and the friend who brought them are also gonna get the full-size piece of candy. So lots of sugar, extra sugar, in the middle school ministry. If you are the parent of a middle schooler, please consider asking your kid, brainstorming with your child who they could invite to join us at friend night. I'm excited because Rachel Hoffman is gonna be doing the teaching this week. This will be the final week of our game rotations. So there's dodgeball and Nuke Em and then a game out in the cafe.

Whichever one of those games your grade has not done yet, that's what you will do this week.

Extra Help Needed: Stay Late to Set Up Carpet!

And as a way of helping with the Harvest Hoedown ministry event, which is happening on Friday of this week, we've committed to help that event with setup and we've agreed to have all the carpets laid down in the gym on Wednesday night. So we've done it different ways in the past. This Wednesday, we're gonna set up all the carpet after middle school program. So starting at 8 p.m., we're gonna have the carts with all the carpet and

we'll lay that down on the entire gym floor. If you are able to stay late and help us lay down those carpets at the end of the night this Wednesday, we would appreciate that. I would assume if we get enough hands, we'd have it knocked out by 8.30 p.m. So that's a little overview of this Wednesday night.

Upcoming Events

And now for some things coming up for the middle school ministry and Valley Church that I wanna make sure are on your radar.

- The Great Pumpkin Party is October 18 through 21 and middle school students are encouraged to sign up at game stations in the lower level of the church building. Please note there are separate signup forms for adults and students to sign up to serve at the Great Pumpkin Party. You are encouraged to sign up on the adult signup form. There's tons of ways that you can help at Great Pumpkin Party.
- And because of that event, there is no middle school program on Wednesday, October 21st.
- And then the following Wednesday on October 28, we will also not have a regular program that night. Instead, we will do open gym and movie night. Just kind of a fun, different kind of program, but a great way to hang out and connect with students. We'd love to see you there for that.
- And then on Wednesday, November 4, we will resume with our typical Wednesday night format.
- Please consider signing up to be a part of the Blitz All Nighter on November 13. If you want to be one of the few, the brave, the proud who stay up all night, you can sign up on the church events page. There is also a separate parent help sign up form if you'd rather not stay up all night and just help with a portion of Blitz. However you can help, we would appreciate that.
- And finally, we're doing some Explore Baptisms right now for anybody who's interested. After all of our Wednesday night and Sunday morning programs, anybody who's interested in learning more about baptisms can do that. And Baptism Sunday is coming up on Sunday, November 15.

Leader Tip

For the leader tip this week, I'm looking at the document that is linked at the middle school volunteer information webpage. And it's a document called How to Win as a Middle School Volunteer. This document is a great one for you to review if you're ever feeling lost or discouraged or like, why am I doing this? Or what am I supposed to be doing as a middle school volunteer? This one page document front and back can help align and clarify your role. Under the section called Never Forget, Never forget that middle schoolers are goofy and developing, but they're incredibly moldable and shapeable. And number two, this is a profound moment in students' lives. You can make a huge difference in a few short years.

Thank you for serving in middle school ministry and we will see you this Wednesday night.