



Welcome Parents and Youth!

We would like to welcome you to the youth student ministry. Rooted was a name picked by the youth based on the scripture Colossians 2:6-7 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." We are committed to help our youth have a relationship with Christ and grow in their walks. By teaching them not only Gods word but also the many attributes that is God. Teaching them to model Christlikeness in their lives and be able to share the gospel to others. We are also wanting to give them opportunities to lead and learn the roles God will have for them in the church in the future. We also want to show the importance of relationship not only with Christ but also with their family, friends, and the church. We expect your youth to be involved with the group participating in events, talks, bible studies, fundraisers, missions, church events etc. We feel active participation is vital for the growth of our youth.

Parents we also feel it is vital for our parents to be active with the youth ministry when the opportunities arise as well as help support the youth group. Our youth parents are important to us as well. Please understand that we want to help in any way possible to help your youth grow and to help the bond within the family. The leaders of the youth group will never take the place of parents. We want to work alongside you so please also communicate! Communication is huge! If your youth is struggling we want to help, if you have certain rules please let us know so we can help keep those when they are with us, if you have any issues or concerns please come talk to us directly we believe whole heartedly on coming to a brother or sister if an issue arises and speak with them directly. You can contact us anytime by email gbscrootedyouth@gmail.com, or if you download the GroupMe app we can be reached through that. You may also join our Instagram page. We also have a closed Facebook page that you and your child may join.

We have youth meetings Sunday evenings at 500pm and Wednesdays at 630pm we usually have the youth room open about 15-30 min prior. An average meeting night will consist of usually hang time then we have opening prayer about 10 min of worship time we then move on to lesson time which usually includes a brief activity or ice breaker we then have discussion and announcements closing prayer and with extra time they are allowed to hang out with each other. Every first Wednesday we usually join the prayer service in the sanctuary until about 730 and then head back for lesson time. We will have periodic days that we may take them to get ice cream or dinner or something of that nature we have also at times gone to visit some of our widows. You will need to fill out a general permission slip which will allow them to go on these quick trips we will always send a text or message in GroupMe as a heads up.

We will have calendars as best as possible for up to two months advance and we will have sign up sheets in the youth room for events you can visit our youth page on the Gourd Springs website for volunteer sign up, calendar, forms etc., we will also be sending parent newsletter through email, as well as sometimes parents will use GroupMe to confirm a student's attendance. GroupMe is a social media app that does not delete messages. We use this to get information out to the parents and the youth. The youth have their own group with leaders and the parents have their own group with leaders this allows for students to speak freely they have a tendency to be more open and this also allows the parents on their group to ask questions speak freely as well. We encourage you to please download this we will send an invitation which will come as a text message to join the group. We do a lot of communication through this app.

Events we have can be costly when taking a group but so worth it. We do expect for large events such as youth camps that a youth is participating in 3-4 youth meetings a month, we have a total of 8 a month usually so we felt 3-4 would be fair as well as participation in fundraisers. Our youth work very hard with fundraisers to be able to go to these camps and events so we expect a decent amount of participation from your youth. We usually for these events will also require a deposit in the past tickets have been purchased and youth would not come, and the ticket could not be returned. This will help to hold the ticket or spot and help to offset the cost, usually any money the youth bring on these trips is extra spending money, between fundraisers and deposits it all helps to pay for the event and food etc. If for any reason a youth can not or will not be attending or a family can't afford a deposit, please reach out to us so we can work together to figure something out. There will always be information and a permission slip for these events.

We welcome you to the Rooted Student Ministry and look forward to getting to know your youth and your family!

Thank You,

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