

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2025-26



Rooted Student Ministry student handbook 2025-2026.

Mission: Helping students from ALL walks of life become fully devoted followers of JESUS Christ!

Core verse: Colossians 2:6-7 *6 “So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude”.*

We are so excited for the new season of Rooted Student Ministry. We love seeing God work in and through the lives of 7th-12th grade students. We are extremely grateful to have each one of you. It is essential for Pastor Kyle (Student Pastor) and all our volunteer leads that each student has a positive, safe, and uplifting experience every time they participate in this student ministry. To ensure that this happens, a code of conduct has been created and will be enforced as needed.

Youth Ministry Student Code of Conduct:

Rooted Student Ministry at Central Baptist Church exists to come alongside families in our church and community, partnering with parents in shepherding youth. We pray that the Lord will draw them to Himself through the gospel of Christ and that they will desire to know, love, and serve Him.

Because of that, CBC wants to ensure that our gathering times serve as a place where students are accountable for their actions, seeking to honor the Lord, and love one another through their conduct. We also desire to be clear about the expectations of students during these times, so that they will show respect for their leaders and the Lord, as we seek to share the word of God with them.

1. BEHAVIOR TOWARDS LEADERS | Students are responsible for honoring those in authority, following rules and directions as given, being respectful and attentive during the lesson, and leading by example among their peers. (1 Tim 4:12; Titus 3:1)

2. BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHERS | Students are responsible for their actions and will not harass, intimidate, or bully others. Rather, students will show humble consideration for others, loving their neighbors as themselves, and encouraging their peers to do the same. (Matt 22:39; Rom 12:10; Eph 4:1-3, 31-32; Heb 10:24)

3. LANGUAGE | Students are responsible for demonstrating respect for others through their use of appropriate language, avoiding profanity, slurs, or degradation of others, and, instead, we encourage students to use language that will build others up. (Eph 4:29)

4. ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES | Students are not permitted to use or be in possession of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other substances illegal for minors. (Eph 5:18) Zero tolerance!

5. Restroom | Students are highly encouraged to use the restroom before the beginning of worship. This is to avoid ANY kind of distractions during worship and the message.

6. TECHNOLOGY | Students are not permitted to use cell phones at any time AFTER exiting the Activity Center unless for emergency purposes.

7. PROPERTY | Students are responsible for respecting CBC property, also being courteous and considerate of other ministries taking place during youth gatherings. (NOTE: Students who drive themselves to church or activities are **NOT PERMITTED** to leave once they arrive or return to their vehicle until the conclusion of the service or activity.)

8. PARTICIPATION | Students are expected to participate in all scheduled activities during youth gatherings (e.g., games, singing, lesson time, discussion time). If a student is unable to participate or must leave early for any reason, they must speak with a leader to inform them.

9. Health | It is our mission to spread JESUS, NOT germs. Sickness happens to all of us at some point. To help minimize the spread of illness in the youth group, if you have experienced the following symptoms, you are **NOT allowed** to attend or participate until the symptoms have been gone for 24 hours: vomiting, diarrhea, fever, pink eye, etc. Please note that if you exhibit any of these symptoms during youth group or an activity, a parent or legal guardian will be called to pick you up as soon as possible.

10. RELATIONSHIPS/PDA | Students are expected to refrain from public displays of affection during youth meetings and activities.

11. DRESS CODE | Students are expected to wear modest, appropriate clothing that adheres to the following dress code:

- No exposed undergarments
- Girls: No bare midriffs
- Girls: No short shorts/mini skirts
- Guys: T-shirts stay on
- Clothes cannot promote sex, drugs, alcohol, or violence.

We will follow the Crockett ISD Calendar. If Crockett ISD is closed due to weather, illness, or holidays, WE WILL NOT have youth group. Pastor Kyle and Pastor Shane reserve the right to make exceptions to this. It will be clearly communicated if an exception is made.

We are so thrilled to have you as a part of Rooted Student Ministry. We want you to know you are loved, welcomed, and we are genuinely excited you are here! We look forward to what God will do in your life this year! It is also important to note that this is a place where your friends are welcome to join you. We look forward to meeting them! The best is yet to come!

Student Acknowledgment:

I have read and understand the Rooted Youth Ministry Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the guidelines above, understanding that I may be removed as a participant if I violate any of these rules.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Acknowledgment:

I have read and understand the Rooted Youth Ministry Code of Conduct. I agree to encourage and support the guidelines above, and I understand that I will be contacted if my student violates any of these guidelines and is removed as a participant.

Signature: _____

Date: _____