



The Rooted Student Ministry Vision & Mission

*The Student Ministry of Sycamore
Presbyterian Church*

Why Midlothian?

Midlothian, VA is an exciting place to do student ministry because it's a rapidly growing community with an increasing number of young families. As more families move into the area, there's a greater need for the life-changing gospel message of Jesus Christ, particularly for the students who are navigating their own journeys of faith and identity. This makes it an ideal place for us to reach out and make a lasting impact.

The growing demographic in Midlothian also brings a diversity of backgrounds and needs, making our mission even more vital. As the area continues to develop, there are students from various walks of life who may not yet know the hope found in Christ. This creates a unique opportunity for us to meet students where they are—whether they're searching for purpose, struggling with identity, or just beginning to explore their faith. Rooted Student Ministry is committed to being a place where students can encounter the gospel, build meaningful relationships, and find the strength to face life's challenges. The potential to influence the next generation of leaders, athletes, scholars, and community members in Midlothian is tremendous, and we are eager to be a part of God's work in this area, sharing the message of Jesus with those who need it most.



Nestled between J.B. Watkins Elementary School and Midlothian High School, Rooted Student Ministry is perfectly positioned to connect with students at a critical time in their lives. With so many students in close proximity, we have the opportunity to be a vibrant and active presence in their lives, offering the hope of the gospel, community, and discipleship. This is a time of great potential for ministry in Midlothian, and we are excited about the opportunity to take the gospel to students in need of Jesus, helping them grow in faith and navigate the challenges they face.

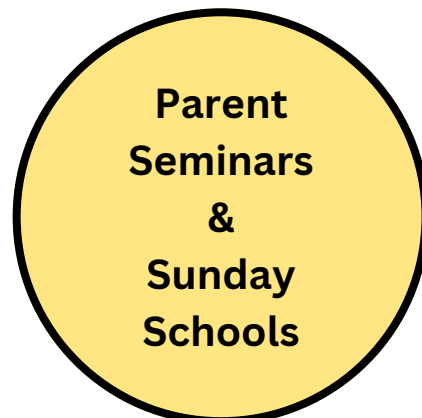
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1. We equip students and families with through youth group and bible study, where they receive age appropriate challenges and the Gospel message
2. Through events and mission trips we grow together as disciples, and a community who goes out together for God's glory.
3. Through mentorship and contact work, we apply Gospel truths to the every day life of students
4. And we equip parents with tools to help them excel as the primary disciple maker of their students.

Spheres of Responsibilities



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This vision is rooted in Scripture, drawing from key biblical principles that guide the church's mission and purpose.

1.To Know the Lord Jesus Christ

The foundation of our ministry is to help students and families develop a personal, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. In John 17:3 (ESV), Jesus Himself defines eternal life as knowing God and His Son, saying, “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” Our aim is for every student to not just know about Jesus, but to truly know Him, experiencing the fullness of life He offers.

2.To Make Disciples

Jesus commands His followers to make disciples of all nations. In Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV), we read: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Rooted Student Ministry is committed to fulfilling this Great Commission by guiding students to grow in their faith and, in turn, to disciple others. Our goal is to see students equipped to share their faith, live as examples of Christ’s love, and lead others to follow Him.

3.Empowering Students and Families to Fulfill the Great Commission

The Great Commission is not only a call to individual discipleship but to the whole Church, including families. In Acts 1:8 (ESV), Jesus empowers His followers with the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Rooted Student Ministry exists to empower both students and families, providing them with the tools, resources, and support to fulfill God’s mission in their own homes, schools, and communities.

Through these biblical foundations, Rooted Student Ministry strives to equip and send out students and families who are deeply rooted in Christ, active in discipleship, and passionate about spreading the gospel to the world.

Youth Group & Bible Study

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Youth Group is divided into Middle School and High School groups. Each week, we teach age-appropriate messages presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ. This time offers gospel-seekers a low-pressure environment where they can come to know Jesus, with a focus on fellowship and Christ-centered community.

In Bible study, we equip students with tools to engage with scripture independently. Each week, we go through a passage together using the S.O.A.P. method, where we Summarize the scripture, make Observations, Apply the message of the passage to our lives, and Pray in light of the passage for our needs and the needs of others.

Youth Group Sunday Afternoons

Middle School: 3-4:15pm
High School 4-5:30pm

Bible Study Tuesday Evenings

Middle School: 6-7pm
High School: 7-8pm*

**Every other week we have High School fellowship, a time dedicated to deepening and growing our High School community*

Events & Mission Trips



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Throughout the school year, we offer events for students that emphasize the importance of being a community dedicated to Jesus Christ and living a life on mission together. Our events include both general gatherings for the whole group and age- and gender-specific events, such as gatherings for middle school boys and girls or high school boys and girls.

During the summer, Rooted Student Ministry makes the most of students' free time. We offer trips to camps, service events, and mission trips (both stateside and international) with the express purpose of teaching students to live out and learn the Great Commission, understanding what it means to be on mission for God in everyday life. Through our annual Servant Week, we teach students the importance of living a life on mission for the Lord within their local community. Rooted Student Ministry also participates in missions across the country and abroad, joining Sycamore's mission trips available to the whole church.

Mentorship & Contact Work



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Mentorship is an essential part of being in God's church. Male and female spiritual leaders are encouraged to meet regularly with students for prayer and guidance. These mentorship meetings are coordinated between the mentor, the student's parents, and the Rooted Student Ministry staff, who regularly check in with mentors to provide ongoing support and prayer for the students.

"Contact work" refers to when a staff member meets with a student or group of students to serve them, pray with them, and apply God's Word to their lives. In addition to mentorship from leaders outside of student ministry, the staff of Rooted Student Ministry strive to be involved in students' lives in gender-appropriate Contact Work. Male staff members meet with and mentor young men to encourage their growth in the grace of Jesus Christ. Female staff members meet with young women. Both are encouraged and trained to provide guidance through scripture reading and prayer, and to ensure they receive spiritual support and to deepen relationships between students and staff.

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Parent Seminars & Sunday Schools

Rooted Student Ministry upholds the biblical principle that, while the church serves as the primary disciple-maker of its members, parents are the most effective disciple-makers of their children. Therefore, Rooted Student Ministry hosts parent seminars led by staff and ministry professionals within the church to equip parents with the necessary tools for guiding the hearts of their covenant children

Our seminars and Sunday school classes are designed to support parents as they disciple their students. We offer seminars on topics like Family Worship, Discipleship and Technology, and Sunday school classes on parenting in light of God's grace toward us in Jesus Christ. Recognizing our limitations, we rely on members and leaders within the church to equip parents to thrive as the primary disciple-makers of their students. Through our connections with the James River Presbytery, the home presbytery of Sycamore Presbyterian Church, we seek out those with the greatest wisdom and knowledge to best serve parents as they guide their children.

Our Name & Logo

The Rooted Student Ministry name is inspired by Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV):

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

This powerful passage captures the vision for our ministry—seeing students deeply **rooted** in Christ, growing in faith, and standing firm in their identity as His followers.

For our students, this is not just about knowledge, but about living with a bold, unwavering faith that transforms every aspect of their lives. We want them to be so *rooted* in Jesus that no matter what life throws at them, they are built up, established, and unshaken. This ministry is about equipping students to take on the world with hearts full of thanksgiving, living out the gospel with confidence and purpose. Through Rooted, we’re raising up a generation of students who are deeply grounded in God’s Word, passionate about His mission, and ready to change the world around them.



Our logo is a powerful visual representation of the mission and vision of Rooted Student Ministry. It features the roots of a tree, symbolizing strength, stability, and a deep foundation in Christ. While it may look like a mirror, the bottom half of the logo represents the roots—firmly grounded in God's Word—while the top half represents what God is shaping our students into: strong and tall, like a tree reaching toward the sky.

This design is intentional, showing how, as students are rooted in Christ, they grow and become more resilient, able to face life’s challenges with confidence. Just as strong roots enable a tree to stand firm in any storm, our students, rooted in Jesus, are equipped to tackle the difficulties of life, standing tall and steadfast in their faith. Through this process, they become not only grounded in God’s love and truth but also bold and confident, ready to take on whatever comes their way with the strength they find in Christ, our Lord.