

Hello all!

With school starting up this week, I just wanted to take a second to give you all a heads up on what Rossville Christian Church plans to do with our Roots ministry this year!

To start, let me say, we here at the church love having the opportunity to spend time with all of your students. It is something that we look forward to each week when we have Roots on the calendar. As we have been looking at how it is going to be the wisest and safest way to do Roots this year, here is our current plan.

- In conjunction with the School and how they are handling COVID and how to keep students safe and in talking with Travis VanVleck, we as RCC are going to hold off on starting our Roots ministry until the school board decides that it is safe to move into “green” category. We plan to be in communication with Travis so we can have as much heads up for when this might be.
- Once we do begin having Roots again, we are changing up the flow of the hour and a half we get with your students. In past years, all ages went to snack, from there K-1st grade, and 2nd -5th grades split up and went to a time of worship. From there, the 2nd -5th grade group separated into their classrooms for the lesson time. While this worked well, it did have the students in larger groups than what is now safe and advised. So our new plan is to have different stations for each of the different groups to rotate to. We will have a Snack/ Worship station, an Activity station, and a lesson station. Each group will start at a station then when it is time, rotate to the next one. This way, we can parse out everyone into smaller groups to more easily social distance in the spaces that will be used.
- For the 6th graders, I (Caleb) will continue to take that group of students with me into the youth room where that space is large enough to spread out to keep social distancing.
- Depending on the school's stance on allowing visitors into the school while they are in the “green” category, we may have to change the rendezvous point that we meet your students. Our current plan for that will be to meet your students in the grassy areas out front of the school. We plan to make a few big signs with our Roots logo on them so that your students will see it and remember to meet there.
- When we do begin Roots again, we will do check out like we did last year using our walkie-talkie system. To reduce clustering, we will limit how many students we will send up at a time. Limiting how many students we send up at a time might slow the process down some but we want to ensure the safety of your students, your family, and our volunteers.

We are going to do our best to keep you informed of what we plan to do with our Roots ministry this year. We are majorly bummed out that we are not going to be able to start within our typical time-frame but we know that it is safer and wiser to wait for a few weeks.

Until then, we want to be as ready as we can when we have the “green” light (see what I did there?) to move forward with Roots. So, if you would like for your student(s) to participate with

Roots this year once we get going, feel free to [register here now](#)! This will give us an updated list of who will plan to participate this year. If you aren't sure if you want to sign up for Roots just yet, no need to worry, we will still plan to use last year's list of participants for our email updates and won't switch over to our new list until we get to start Roots.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out, we would love to chat with you!

Advance the Kingdom,

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