



ROOTED
HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

REVELATION 4:11 TPT
YOU ARE WORTHY, OUR LORD AND GOD, TO RECEIVE GLORY, HONOR,
AND POWER, FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, AND FOR YOUR
PLEASURE THEY WERE CREATED AND EXIST.

Rooted's Vision Statement

Although we value academic excellence, we believe Rooted is a training ground where students are equipped to become world changers. Our greatest desire is that each student will come to know God's character, adore Him, experience His presence, and share His love. Our commitment is to guide children into knowing who they are in Christ based on what God's word says about them, so they'll be equipped to reach their God-designed destiny, walking in wisdom, love, and power.

We believe that Christian home education is not only an excellent educational opportunity but one that crosses generational barriers and gives children opportunities to be marinated in the wisdom of generations while providing opportunities for them to step into and develop leadership skills at early ages.

We also believe that each person has unique gifts that are given to them for the benefit of the body of Christ. It is our great privilege to call forth the gold in them and walk beside them as the Holy Spirit develops those gifts in them.

Our Statement of Faith

We believe in the Holy Scripture and fully accept the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore wholly without error as originally given by God, the only infallible, and authoritative rule of faith, life, and conduct. (Ps. 119:105, 133, 160; Prov. 30:5a; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:19-21)

- We believe that there is One God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 1:1-5, 14:10 & 10:30, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Cor 13:14 & 3:17, Deut 6:4, Hebrews 1:1-4 & 1:8, Isaiah 48:16, Romans 9:5, Colossians 2:9, 1 Jn 5:20)
- We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of the lost and sinful man, Jesus is the only way to eternal life. Salvation from sin is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ. (John 3:16, 3:18 & 14:6, Acts 4:12, Eph. 2:8-9, Romans 3:23, 6:23 & 10:9-10, 1 John 3:8 & 5:13)
- We believe in the present and continued ministry of the Holy Spirit whose presence and powers are necessary for believers to live a Godly life and for the building of the Body of Christ. (John 14:26, Romans 8:14 & Acts 1:8 & 4:31, Thess, 2:13, 1 Cor. 12:7)
- We believe in the power of prayer, both individual and corporate.
- We believe that parents have the God given responsibility for the care, education and training of their children.
- We believe in the redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; I Cor. 6:9-11)
- We believe that every human life is a sacred gift from God, created in His image with inherent dignity and purpose (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-16).

From conception to natural death, we affirm the immeasurable value of each individual, recognizing that life is to be protected, cherished, and nurtured.

- Our homeschool community upholds a culture of life, where we teach our children to respect and defend the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and all who are vulnerable. We encourage families to live out this conviction by promoting compassion, support, and education that affirms the beauty and worth of every human being.
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Gossip, slander, hateful, and harassing behavior, and attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the morals of Rooted Homeschool Co-op. However, preaching and teaching God's Truth as revealed in Scripture is not hateful or harassing of any person.
- We believe that marriage and families are ordained and defined by God. that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman based on their DNA and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral, and therefore sin. (Gen. 2:18-25; Ex. 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matt. 19:4-6, 9; Rom. 1:18-31; I Cor. 6:9-20; I Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complimentary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist outside the aforementioned, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

Our Vision for the Homeschooling Community

We are a community of people intentionally partnering together to help disciple the next generation to become passionate lovers of God and to equip each student for successful and courageous living through Christ.

What are we Passionate About?

Jesus is always first.

- God is the center of all subjects. [Romans 1:20, John 15:5, Matthew 22: 37-40]

Worship

- Jesus is worthy of every moment. [Psalm 150:6, Revelation 4:11]

Growing in & seeking lifelong relationship with Jesus

- Become successful life-long learners and leaders in a lifetime relationship with the Lord Jesus. [1 Thessalonians 2:11 & 12]

Partnership

- Partnering and empowering together to prepare and develop the whole student, mind, body, and spirit through academic education interwoven with ministry and worship. [Proverbs 22:6]

Community

- Community and friendships within all the activities [Romans 12:4-5, Romans 12:16]

Passions & Gifts

- Identifying passions and spiritual gifts for impacting the world for Christ! [Philippians 2:13, Romans 12:6-8, Romans 1:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11]

Rooted's Core Values

Commissioned to Make Disciples: God reveals Himself in the Bible as Creator and “the way, the truth, and the life.” We honor Him as Lord and King. Therefore, all curriculum and instruction flow from the Biblical worldview that in Christ Jesus, God established His kingdom and commissioned His people to make disciples of all nations. We teach the students to preach the Gospel in word and action, knowing that signs and wonders follow those who believe. [Mark 16:15-18, 2 Cor. 5:11-20]

Generous: Because God is extravagantly generous to us and we desire to be like Him, we look for opportunities to teach every student to walk in love and generosity in everyday situations and larger group projects. We strive as parents and teachers to be examples and encourage generosity by giving of our time, resources, gifts, and words.

Friends with God: Each student's relationship with Christ is the core of all they can learn and accomplish. We invite students to receive and respond to God's offer of an intimate relationship by loving Him in return with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength through communion with the Holy Spirit. [Luke 2:52, Mark 12:30, 2 Cor. 13:14]

Sons and Daughters of God: Knowing and personally experiencing God's transforming love, power, and truth is humanity's deepest need and greatest joy. As our students grow in friendship with the Lord and learn to follow the Holy Spirit, they will perceive themselves as God perceives them and embrace their true identity as a child of the King. As they work FROM God's acceptance rather than FOR it, holiness and Christ-like character will become more an internal motivation to position them to fulfill God's call on their life and less a merely external expectation. [Galatians 4:7, Romans 8:14-17]

Self-Directed Learners and Leaders: We purpose to nurture a love for learning in our students and to help them understand their learning styles and strengths, thereby equipping them with the skills to be successful, self-directed learners. Students with this self-understanding become excellent contributors and leaders in both church and society. They impart what they are to others – all for the glory of God. [Ephesians 2:10, Psalm 15]

Passionate Worshipers: Worship is fundamental to our relationship with God. It recognizes His worth, and we become like the One we worship. We believe the arts find their true home in service to God, so we prioritize providing students opportunities to express worship through the various arts. [John 4:23]

Our Approach to the Education of the Whole Person

Educational Philosophy

Jesus grew in wisdom (intellectually), stature (physically), and in favor with God (spiritually) and man (socially). [Luke 2:52] Therefore, our overarching educational commitment encompasses the spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical areas of our students' and families' lives. We believe these areas are inseparable, and God is the center of everything. Because of this, we embrace the move and work of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of development. Scripture commands parents to be responsible for the education of their children. At Rooted, our purpose is to come together as a community of Christian parents to assist one another in their Biblical duty. [Deut. 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6] Our united purpose and commitment to one another is to partner together to prepare and develop the whole student; mind, body, and spirit, we use academic instruction that is interwoven with Biblical teaching, ministry, and worship.

While each class offered at Rooted may look different, we embrace an educational guideline of reading, exploring, writing, and discussing with thought-provoking questions. Using questions, the lead teacher can create the opportunity to get the students involved and excited in the direction of the topic studied that day. This creates a learning atmosphere where students are genuinely engaged and learning together. On our class meeting day, students share what they have learned and discovered through class discussions and hands-on discovery.

Parent and Grandparent Intercession

We ask the parents and grandparents to commit to pray weekly in intercession for our co-op. *This is essential.* This is a spiritual battleground; the battle must be fought with spiritual weapons. [Ephesians 6:13-20] We ask that you spend some time waiting on the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit how He would like you to pray for our students and families. If you have a grandparent who would like to come and pray during a class day, please contact Michelle Warmuth, we would love to have them.

Family Responsibilities

1. To have a fruitful and successful co-op requires a committed cooperative effort from all involved. We all count on each other, so being a part of this co-op requires a commitment to responsibilities. This involves showing up on time and prepared for your classes and having your child prepared for their classes.

2. Come ready for class with all the needed supplies, including assignments. A general supply list will be emailed before the start of the co-op year. If your student needs other supplies for a certain class, the lead teacher will reach out to you with those.

3. If you have any class fees above the normal registration fees, for instance, if an outside teacher is hired for a certain class or a higher class material fee for an upper-level science class, you must pay the semester's class fee by the first day of co-op for the corresponding semester.

4. We understand each family has unique schedules and unexpected things come up in life. When making travel or other foreseeable plans, please keep in mind the success of the co-op requires committed involvement, therefore please make efforts to plan accordingly.

5. Should a relational issue or problem arise, you agree not to share issues concerning the co-op or its members with anyone who is not directly involved or part of the solution to your concern (i.e., other parents or students).

For classroom-related issues, reach out to the lead or assistant teacher. For all other issues, concerns, or conflicts that need the attention of a leader, please get in touch with one of our leadership team.

Please sign for acknowledgment of the statement: _____

6. There is no smoking/vaping in, around or near the buildings. If you must smoke/vape you need to go to your car or the far side of the parking lot away from all students and buildings.

7. If you wake up ill or cannot attend or will be late based on unforeseen situations, please call or text Kristen at (717)265-4808 as soon as possible.

8. **Sick policy.** Parents & Students must be fever, diarrhea, and vomiting-free for 24 hours before attending co-op. We have families with various medical issues, so please use wisdom and consideration of others when making decisions as to attending co-op if there is an illness in your home.

Student Responsibilities

1. All students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest Christian standards of honesty, honor, integrity, responsibility, and love toward their fellow Christians.
2. Students are expected to treat each other and teachers with respect.
3. A student's actions, dress, possession, etc., may not cause a problem for anyone else. Smoking/vaping is strictly forbidden.
 - a. About #2 above:
 - b. Problem actions include but are not limited to not following parent/teacher instructions, misuse of the facility, misuse of computers/internet, lying, bullying, teasing, cheating, stealing, playing, or visiting in areas that are out of bounds, inappropriate language, being unsafe, violence, romantic displays of affection, discussions/jokes regarding sexual matters.
 - c. Problem dress includes but is not limited to items of clothing that are reveling or have negative or profane messages/images
 - d. Problem possession includes anything illegal, dangerous, or electronic devices after the student has been asked to put them away.
4. Students of Rooted will conduct themselves in Christian character, including but not limited to Being respectful of all others, honest, fair play, and good sportsmanship.
5. If a student's actions, dress, or possessions cause a problem for anyone else, they will be asked to solve that problem.
6. If any student cannot or chooses not to solve the problem, appropriate consequences will be imposed by an adult leader/parent. These consequences will depend upon the situation and the person or persons involved. Parents will always be a part of this decision.
7. If the student feels that the consequences appear to be unfair, they can request a time to meet with the teacher and their parent after that class day. If this discussion provides additional information that sheds a different light on the situation or shows the consequences to be unfair, In that case, the consequences may be changed or eliminated to fit the unique situation better. The goal is to strive to honor each person and for each party to take personal responsibility.

Meeting Days - Tuesday

Parents must remain on-site during meeting days unless another arrangement has been made and your child(ren) is under the authority of another parent for the day. Please let one of the members of our leadership team know asap if you will be assigning your child(ren) to another responsible adult for the day.

We meet at:

Brotherton Missionary Baptist Church

4000 Buck Mountain Rd

Cookeville, TN 38506

Everyone is expected to help clean up after the co-op. Lead teachers please take the last 5 mins of class to clean-up the classroom directing helpers and students to assist in the process. Clean-up should be an all-hands-on-deck effort.

As for the main facility clean-up we have 2 rotating teams, you will be notified which team you are on and the dates you serve.

Commitment is Required

Rooted Co-op is parent led & without a solid commitment from our registered families co-op ceases to function properly. We do not have a point or other system to ensure participation, but we rely on your word as your solid commitment.

Please know that you will be expected to arrive on time, show up when you sign up, follow the guidelines, and follow through on your commitments. We all serve one another and that is what makes co-op such a great thing but it does require participation from everyone.

We also understand some days don't go as planned, there is grace for that.

Yet, continued skipping out on the commitment agreed upon when joining Rooted will result in removal from the co-op.

Please sign for acknowledgment of commitment agreement: _____

What Does a Class Day at Co-op Look Like?

Rooted operates on a schedule that on the last meeting day of the last week of each month there will be a field trip rather than class. We do our best to keep the field trip on the same day as our regular meeting day, but please keep in mind that we do need to be flexible as we are not in full control of when field trips can take place.

Each in-class day begins at 9 am sharp. We open with a time of prayer and worship where our students with musical abilities are invited to lead in worship during this time. This opening time might include a short devotional led by a parent or older student as well as any announcements for the day or upcoming events.

9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting (worship, announcements, prayer)

9:15-10:15 Session 1

10:20-11:20 Session 2

11:25-12:25 Session 3

12:30 Lunch, indoor/outdoor varies due to weather. We would love for our families to have lunch together and spend this time fellowshiping and having fun but we do ask that the indoor lunch area be vacated by 1:00 p.m.

You are welcome to stay and play outside after 1, just make sure to leave no trash behind.

Field Trips and Other Activities

- Each month, we will have at least one field trip. One will be during the last week of the month in place of class for that week. The others will vary.
- Through the summer and other school year breaks there will be park days, hiking days, skating rink meet-ups, etc. Please keep an eye out for these fun events.
- If there is a desire, we would love to have a monthly 7th & up night for fellowship and fun for our older students. This can include movie night, bowling, board game night, etc.

Staying up to Date With the Group Happenings

1. Rooted has a private group on Facebook,
 - Rooted Homeschool Co-op

You will receive an invite once your student is enrolled. This is where teachers can post class updates, pictures, cancellations, and information that is for our co-op families only. **This is the co-op hub**; it will be a place to stay in the loop of the co-op happenings.

***Please note, both pages for Rooted are named the same, but the private page is set up as such for the protection of our families. Please only post pictures and other class-specific information on this page.*

2. We also have a few public Facebook pages for our larger homeschooling community.
 - Cookeville TN Homeschool Connects
 - Homeschooling in Putnam County
 - Rooted Homeschool Co-op

This is a place for the larger homeschool community to get to know one another through social events, field trips, park days, and other things related to homeschooling in our area. Members of this page do not need to be part of the co-op. There will be some co-op information posted for those who are contemplating joining the co-op, but this information will be general.

Those Who Desire a No-Photo Policy

We understand that some parents have concerns about their children being posted on social media in today's digital world. We want to respect and honor those who prefer a no-photo policy. If you wish to implement this policy, please inform Michelle Warmuth. She will provide you with a sheet of stickers that you will need to affix to your child/ren each time the co-op meets. This is the only way we can ensure that no photos of your child are posted online in the private group. We create a yearbook using candid photos, and since our group page is private (making our posts, files, and albums inaccessible to the public), we use the albums feature to upload pictures. This is the easiest way for parents to share photos, as building the yearbook is a group effort. Please note that children with a no-photo policy will not be included in class photos, field trip pictures, or other candid photo opportunities. However, you will still be able to add your child's "All About Me" page to the yearbook since that information is scanned in and not uploaded at the end of the year.

Enrollment Process for New (or Interested) Families

For families looking into joining the co-op, the process is simple, so feel free to tell your friends about Rooted!

They can contact Michelle through any of the Facebook groups, in person, or over the phone (yes, you can share her number 530-559-0424). She will answer their basic questions and share a bit about the co-op and the Facebook community pages.

If joining the co-op is their desire, this handbook will be shared and once they reach back out in agreement on our vision and statement of faith. If the co-op semester has begun, a “tour” will be scheduled on one of our co-op days. This gives them a look at the rhythm and flow of the day and allows the prospective family to know if it’s a good fit for their family. Please keep in mind once co-op has begun, registration is closed until the following semester.

At the tour, Michelle will answer questions about the handbook, review the co-op commitment, answer any other questions, explain the difference between the larger Facebook homeschool community page and the co-op, etc. They will also be invited to join us for lunch to give their kids a chance to meet some of our amazing kids and give the parents a chance to connect with the adults.

We view the co-op as an extension of the family. We want new friends to feel welcome and plugged in immediately. It is, for this reason, that our leadership team has decided to embrace a moderate growth plan. This means there may come a point where we have a waitlist for the co-op side of things. We want to continue to grow and expand, but more importantly, to steward well the relationships of our existing co-op families.

Rooted Leadership Team

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| Michelle Warmuth, | <i>Director, Class coordinator, Registration</i> | 530-559-0424 |
| Kristen Dumbirth, | <i>Assistant Director, Absences, cleaning coordinator</i> | 717-265-4808 |
| Becky Moffitt, | <i>Relations and Co-op Issues, Treasurer</i> | 931-713-1032 |
| Michelle Riveria, | <i>Secretary, Social Media</i> | 615-388-2848 |

Enrollment Costs for the 2025/2026 School Year

Family enrollment fees are \$60 per student, per semester. The full semester fee applies if your child is not in the nursery or the toddler room. Siblings in the nursery and toddlers have no additional charge.

Nursery/toddler/preschool-age children must have a school-aged sibling enrolled for them to be eligible for enrollment at Rooted.

Enrollment fees cover the facility use fee, reimbursement to the teachers for materials purchased for the classes, printing, and copy expenses, etc.

Fees are payable at registration checks can be made out to Rooted. PayPal must be marked "Friends and family" or the service charge will be invoiced to you.

If your student takes a class where we have hired a teacher, a kit, or a kit must be purchased, that cost will be disclosed when class descriptions are posted, and enrollment is taking place.

****Please note that the cost of the co-op is subject to change. In the future, we may have to pursue a non-profit status including purchasing insurance, etc. Being the co-op is still under the umbrella of the host church all of those things have not yet been required. No change will take place without ample notice or mid-year.**

Registration Fees and required signature pages can be mailed to :

Rooted

% Becky Moffitt

PO Box 811

Cookeville TN 38503

A gift to the host church

We have been so greatly blessed by our host church with the use of their building. There are costs included in hosting our group and although they generously allow us to use the facility for a minimal fee, the costs go above what we pay. We would like to present them with an additional monetary gift at the end of the semester as a means to say, 'thank you', and offset some of the costs of hosting the co-op. This is also a way to express one of our core values; generosity.

Family Co-op Agreement Page

We have fully read the Rooted Co-op Handbook and agree to the biblical values, beliefs, and Christian faith herein set forth and commit to the following:

- Parental agreement with the Statement of Faith
- Fulfillment of outlined student & parent participation.
- As a parent, I understand and agree to the policies outlined on page 5 and page 9.
- My student(s) understands and agrees to their responsibilities outlined on page 6.
- We understand that if we do not fulfill our obligations, that our family can be removed from the co-op or become ineligible for re-enrollment.

Parent Signature

Date Signed

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

Family Allergy Page

Please list major allergies, reactions or other information you would like your students' teachers to know, including directions if it requires immediate intervention.

SAMPLE Student: Miles Morgan Age: 6

Allergy/directions & other info: Gluten & dye free. Epilepsy - requires immediate rescue medicine - nasal spray will be marked in front backpack pocket w/instructions

• Student: _____ Age: _____

Allergy/directions & other info:

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