

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 4/16-4/22

Sunday Service Times: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
or online at laurelridge.online.church

Sundays, Nursery/Preschool: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM

Sundays, Kids (K-6th) Services: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM
Streaming online at 9:50 AM: "Ridge Kids" on YouTube

NO THE RIDGE Community Group: 9:50 AM
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Tuesdays, Celebrate Recovery: 6 PM, Oakley Campus

Wednesdays, Kids (K-4th) and Preteen (5th-6th) Adventure
6:15-8 PM

Wednesdays, THE RIDGE (MS and HS): 6:15-8 PM
(7-8th grades, 9-12th grades)

Thursdays, Prayer Team: 5:30 PM, Conference Room

Thursdays, Grief Share: 7 PM Room 301

****For all Nursery-12th Grade programs, contact brandon@laurelridgechurch.org**

Bethel Island Campus | Week at a Glance

Sunday Service Times: 11:00 AM

Wednesdays, Bible Study: 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

For other opportunities and Community Group info, visit laurelridgechurch.org

*Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register

Oakley Campus Planner

*VBS Workers Registration Starts

4/16: NO The Ridge Community Groups

*4/16: Spring Community Groups Begin

4/17: Mommy Meet Up, 9-11:30am, Gym

4/18: Boomers Lunch, Melos Pizza & Pasta, 11:30am

*4/21: Father Daughter Dance, 6:30pm

*4/23: In House VBS Sign ups begin

*4/27: Care Team Training, 6:30-8:30pm, Rm. 102

*4/30: Children's Baptism Class, 12:10pm, Room 301

5/3: Last Day of Wednesday Night Program (K-12)

*5/5-6: Elementary Awake-a-Thon Fundraiser, 6pm-7am

*5/7: Next Steps Experience Begins, 9:30am

*5/7: Outside VBS Sign ups begin

5/7 or 6/4: VBS training, 1pm, gym

*5/20: Ladies Paint Day, 2-4pm, Rm 301

5/21: Baptism Sunday, 11am

*5/21: Secret Sister's Luncheon, 1pm, gym

5/29: Office Closed Memorial Day

5/31: Mystery Dinner Night, Gr 8-11, 6-8pm

6/7: Summer Fun Game Night: Ice cream Social, Gr 4-7, 5-8pm

*6/10: Men's Breakfast, 8-10:30am, N Gym

6/11: Student Next Steps, 9:50am, Room 301

*6/12-6/16: VBS

6/14: Camp meetings, 1pm or 6:15pm

*7/2-7: Kid's Sugar Pine Camp, Gr 2-6, \$560, \$100 deposits past due.
Spots available first come, first serve

*7/10-15: Centrifuge Summer Camp, Gr 7-12, \$399, \$100 deposits
past due. Spots available first come, first serve

Laurel Ridge Church: Seek God. Build Community. Unleash Compassion.



BUILDING a LIFE of FAITH
How Jesus Turns a Little Into a Lot
April 16, 2023

I. Over the next six weeks we are going to focus on growing, sowing and going in FAITH.

Colossians 2:6 - Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, **7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith**, just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. HCSB

Hebrews 11:8 - By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was going. HCSB

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

DEVELOP OUR SPIRITUAL _____ BY STRETCHING OUR FAITH.

James 1:2-4 - Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

I. HOW FAITH IN JESUS _____ A LITTLE INTO A LOT.

Mark 6:34-44 – The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000

STEP 1. ADMIT I HAVE AN _____ PROBLEM.

Mark 6:34-37 - When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵ **By this time it was late in the day**, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ **Send the people away** so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered, "**You** give them something to eat." They said to him, "**That would take eight months of a man's wages!**"

Three typical responses when we have an unsolvable problem in our life:

- A. WE _____.
- B. WE PASS THE _____.
- C. WE _____.

➤ **Question: Has God ever asked you to do something impossible?**

STEP 2. GIVE GOD WHAT _____ I ALREADY HAVE.

Mark 6:38 - "How many loaves **do you have?**" Jesus asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five small loaves of bread and two fish.'"

Principle: God always _____ with what I have.

John 6:5-6 - When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

- ✓ **God always has the _____ before I even know the problem.**

STEP 3. PUT IT _____ IN THE HAND OF JESUS.

John 6:8-9 - Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Mark 6:41 - Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

- **Principle: God will use whatever I _____ him.**

STEP 4. _____ GOD TO MULTIPLY IT.

Mark 6:42-43 - They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

- **Principle: Whatever I give HIM, I always get back _____.**

Mark 10:27 - "All things are possible with God."

John 12:24-26 - I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

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2. Our App: Search for "Laurel Ridge Community Church" on iOS and Android.
3. Online: laurelridgechurch.org/give
4. Bill Pay: Setup LRCC on your bank's Bill Pay.
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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