

**Regular Sunday Service Times:** 8:30, 9:45, and 11 AM

- **Watch Online:** [laurelridgechurch.org/watch-online](http://laurelridgechurch.org/watch-online)
- **Nursery/Preschool:** At all service times
- **Kids Church (K-6th) Services:** At all service times
- **THE RIDGE (MS and HS) (7-8th Grade, 9-12th Grade) Community Group:** At all service times.
- **Monday: Divorce Care:** 6:30 PM, North Gym
- **Wednesdays: Kids and Preteen Adventure** (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **Wednesdays: THE RIDGE (MS and HS)** (7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **Tuesdays: Celebrate Recovery:** 6:00 PM, Oakley Campus
- **Thursdays: Prayer Team:** 5:30 PM, Room 104

*For all Nursery-12th Grade programs, contact [brandon@laurelridgechurch.org](mailto:brandon@laurelridgechurch.org)*

For other opportunities and Community Group info, visit [laurelridgechurch.org](http://laurelridgechurch.org)

## Oakley Campus Planner

**\*5/17:** Growth Pathway, 9-10:45 am, Rm 301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Base, Living Faithfully for Jesus

**\*5/17:** Baptism Sunday, 11am

**\*5/17:** Secret Sisters Lunch, 1pm, Gym

**5/19:** SALT 60+, Celia's Restaurant, 11:30am

**\*5/24:** Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am, Rm 301  
Home Base, Sharing Jesus with confidence

**5/25:** Office Closed for Memorial Day

**5/29:** Men's Outdoor Movie Night, 8pm

**5/31:** Spring Quarter of Community Groups End

**6/2:** Election at LRCC Campus

**6/7:** 2026 HS and Above Graduates Announced

**\*6/8-12:** Rainforest Falls VBS, 9am-12:30pm,  
(3yr potty trained to 6<sup>th</sup> Gr)

**\*6/13:** Men's Breakfast, 8-9:45am, Gym

**6/17:** 4-7<sup>th</sup> Gr, Game Night, 6:15-8pm, Gym

**6/21:** Father's Day

**\*6/22-26: Concord Campus**  
Rainforest Falls VBS, 9am-12:30pm,  
(3yr potty trained to 6<sup>th</sup> Gr)

**6/24:** High School Mystery Night, 6:15-8pm, Gym

**\*6/28-7/3:** Kids Camp, 2-6<sup>th</sup> Gr, Camp Sugar Pine, \$499

**7/4:** Independence Day

**\*7/6-7/11:** CentriFuge, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Gr, Jenness Park, \$499

**7/6:** Office Closed for Independence Day

**\*10/2-5:** Youth Retreat, 7-12<sup>th</sup> Gr, Jenness Park, \$179,  
\$50 deposit due August 30<sup>th</sup>

\*Register at [laurelridgechurch.org/register](http://laurelridgechurch.org/register)



Family Life: God's Design for the Home  
Too Busy to be Close  
May 17, 2026

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**Direction is not primarily determined by major life moments, but by accumulated smaller decisions that shape rhythm, priority, and capacity over time.**

➤ **Margin means: An extra amount allowed beyond what is needed.**

**I. JESUS CALLS YOU TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIS PACE**

*Matthew 11:28-29* - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> **Take my yoke upon you and learn from me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

➤ **When a person is yoked with Christ, movement happens in two dimensions:**

- 1. Directional alignment – going where Christ leads**
- 2. Pacing alignment – moving at the speed Christ sets**

**II. WHAT SHOULD YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ LOOK LIKE?**

**Margin includes:**

- the ability to respond to needs without internal panic**
- the capacity to be present in relationships without distraction**
- the freedom to be interrupted without irritation**
- the space to rest without guilt**
- the availability for spiritual reflection without rushing**

**Margin is not inactivity. It is intentional availability.**

*Ephesians 5:15-17* - Be very **careful**, then, **how you live** – not as **unwise** but as **wise**.<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> **Therefore** do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

## ASKING THE WRONG QUESTION VS. THE RIGHT QUESTION:

**WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO ME OR MY FAMILY?**

When it comes to scheduling, the default questions people ask are:  
Do I have time? Are we free on that day? Can we fit it in?

- **A BETTER QUESTION: IS IT \_\_\_\_\_**

To make this practical, every decision can be filtered through a simple statement:

Because \_\_\_\_\_ is important to me, is it wise to say yes or no?

## III. THE NEED OF SAYING “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Therefore, the inability to say, “No,” does not expand life; it compresses it.

- **It compresses spiritual time, family time, rest time, and reflection time.**

*Romans 12:1-2* - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Conform means: To fashion alike, i.e. conform to the same pattern.**

➤ **A counter-cultural life appears different:**

- **less filled calendars**
- **more intentional relationships**
- **protected time for God**
- **structured rest**
- **selective commitments**

## WHEN LIFE GETS BUSY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS GO FIRST:

### 1) INTIMATE TIME WITH \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 6:33-34* - But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### 2) INTENTIONAL TIME OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 11:28-29* - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- **Rest is not inactivity. Rest is trust.**

*Deuteronomy 5:13-14* - Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work,

*Exodus 23:10-11* - "For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, <sup>11</sup> but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused.

*Psalms 90:12* - Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should. TLB

*When life is viewed as infinite, urgency increases but clarity decreases. When life is viewed as finite, priorities become clearer.*

## IV. A CALL TO REALIGN MY \_\_\_\_\_

**He invites us to take His yoke—not to increase our burden but to regulate our**

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### **Five Easy Ways to Give:**

1. In Person: Place your offering in an offering box at either exit.
2. Our App: Search for "Laurel Ridge Community Church" on iOS and Android.
3. Online: [laurelridgechurch.org/give](http://laurelridgechurch.org/give)
4. Bill Pay: Setup LRCC on your bank's Bill Pay. Your name is your account number.
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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