

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 4/23-4/29

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

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
* 4/23: In House VBS Sign ups begin. CODE: stellar23
* 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
5/14: Mother's Day
5/15: Mommy Meet Up, 9-11:30am, Gym
5/16: Boomers, BYO Lunch & Bingo, 11:30am
*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
6/4: Spring Quarter Community Groups End
6/7: Summer Fun Game Night: Ice cream Social, Gr 4-7, 5-8pm
*6/10: Men's Breakfast, 8-10:30am, Gym
*6/11: Student Next Steps, 9:50am, Room 301
* 6/12-6/16: VBS
6/14: Summer Camp meetings, 1pm or 6:15pm
6/18: Father's Day
* 7/2-7: Kid's Sugar Pine Camp, Gr 2-6, \$560, \$100 deposits past due. Check for availability.
* 7/10-15: Centrifuge Summer Camp, Gr 7-12, \$399, \$100 deposits past due. Check for availability.



BUILDING a LIFE of FAITH
How to See Through Eyes of Faith
April 23, 2023

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

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH OUR HUMAN EYES?
(*Numbers 13-14* - Spying out the Promised Land)

1. WE EXAGGERATE OUR _____.

Numbers 13:27-28, 31, 32 - They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, And it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ **But** the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. . . . ³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are **stronger than we are.**" ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

2. WE UNDERESTIMATE OUR OWN _____.

Numbers 13:33 - "We seemed like grasshoppers **in our own eyes**, and we looked the same to them."

3. WE GET _____.

Numbers 14:1 - That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.

4. WE START COMPLAINING ABOUT _____.

Numbers 14:2 - All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt!"

5. WE EVENTUALLY GIVE _____ AND _____ GOD.

Numbers 14:3 - Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

- SEEING FROM A _____ POINT OF VIEW = _____
- SEEING FROM _____ POINT OF VIEW = _____

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. HCSB

➤ ***FAITH IS LEARNING TO SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW.***

Genesis 21:19 - Then **God opened her eyes and she saw** a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

Luke 24:31 - Then their **eyes were opened** and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

1. FAITH _____ THE _____ FOR A MIRACLE.

Mark 11:22-24 - "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³ "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Because when faith is used, the law of faith goes into practice and God sets up the fact that the law of faith can actually do more than the laws of physics.

Matthew 13:58 - And he did not do many miracles there because of their **lack** of faith.

2. FAITH UNLOCKS ALL THE _____ OF GOD.

2 Corinthians 1:20a - "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all 'Yes' in Christ!"

3. FAITH TURNS GOD GIVEN _____ INTO REALITY.

Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think—according to the power that works in you—²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. HCSB

4. FAITH SHRINKS MY _____.

Genesis 18:14a - "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Luke 1:37 - "For nothing is impossible with God!"

5. FAITH GIVES ME POWER TO HOLD ON IN _____.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

It doesn't take you out of the storm, it calms you in the storm.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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