

# Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 1/21-1/27

**Sunday Service Times: 8:40, 9:50, and 11:00 AM**  
or online at [laurelridge.online.church](http://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 and 11am**  
(7-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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**  
(7-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

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

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

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## Bethel Island Campus | Week at a Glance

**Sunday Service Times: 11:00 AM**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM, Fellowship Hall**

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

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

## Oakley Campus Planner

\*1/21: Sign Up for Community Groups  
\*1/21: Secret Sister's Lunch, 1pm, Gym  
\*1/21-3/24/2024: Winter Community Groups  
1/22: Mommy Meet-up, 9-11:30am, Gym  
1/24: Winter Camp Deposit Due, Gr 7-12  
1/28: Contribution statements available  
<https://laurelridgechurch.org/giving-statement>  
\*2/3: Men's Breakfast, 8-9:45am, Gym  
\*2/4: Next Steps Begin, 9:30am, Room 301  
2/4: Annual Business Meeting 2pm  
2/4: Kids Camp and Centrifuge Camp Deposit Due  
\*2/4/2024: Children/Teen Baptism Class, 12:10pm,  
Room 301

2/14: Winter Camp Balance Due, Gr 7-12  
2/15-5/9: Grief Share, 7pm, Rm 301  
2/18/24: Baptism Sunday, 11am  
2/19: President's Day, office closed  
2/20: Boomers, BYO lunch and a Movie, 11:30am  
\*2/23-25/24: Winter Camp, Gr 7-12,  
Deposit Due 1/24  
2/28: Mission Trip Meeting, Gr 7-12, 5:15 or 8pm.  
Balance Due  
\*3/22-25/24: Mission Trip, Gr 7-12  
\*6/23-28/24: Summer Camp, Gr 2-6  
\*7/8-13/24: Summer Camp, Gr 7-12



The Faithful Life  
What is a Disciple?  
January 21, 2024

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- The book of Acts tells us the story of the first century church. It didn't begin as an institution. It began as a movement.

ekklesia (Church) actually means: an assembly or gathering.

1. A SIMPLE MESSAGE. 2. A GROWING MISSION. 3. A PURE DEVOTION.

- Devoted means: To be earnest towards, to persevere, be constantly diligent, or to attend tirelessly all the exercises.

*Acts 2:42-47* - They **devoted themselves** to the **apostles' teaching** and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**TWO QUESTIONS:**

1. WHAT IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH?

*Matthew 28:18-20* - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> **Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- TO MAKE \_\_\_\_\_.

2. WHAT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- **DISCIPLE MEANS:** *to be the disciple of one; to follow his precepts and instruction.*

### THREE ATTRIBUTES OF A DISCIPLE:

*Matthew 4:19-20* - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

1. "FOLLOW ME," INVOLVES THE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 4:19* - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, ...

### FOLLOW MEANS: THE SAME WAY WITH.

*John 12:26* - Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

- **KNOWLEDGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **OBEDIENCE LEADS TO PRIDE.**

*1 Corinthians 8:1-2* - Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

2. "AND I WILL MAKE YOU," INVOLVES THE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 4:19* - "...and I will make you..."

*Romans 8:29* - For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ **TRANSFORMS HOW WE SEE THE WORLD, WHAT WE VALUE, AND WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE IMPORTANT.**

*Romans 12:2* - Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind.

### What was Jesus like?

- He was a man on a mission.
- He thought like one sent from God.
- He acted like the servant of all.

*2 Corinthians 3:17-18*- Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed into his likeness** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### 3. "FISHERS OF MEN," INVOLVES THE \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 4:19*- "...fishers of men."

*2 Corinthians 5:15-20*- And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself **through Christ** and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to **us** the **message of reconciliation**. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making **his appeal** through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- **WHEN OUR HEART IS TRANSFORMED, IT \_\_\_\_\_  
THE DISCIPLE INTO ACTION.**

*Ephesians 2:10*- For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

***A GROWING DISCIPLE OF CHRIST IS A PERSON WHO IS FOLLOWING CHRIST (HEAD) AND IS BEING TRANSFORMED (HEART), WHICH LEADS TO A COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION OF CHRIST (HANDS).***

*Colossians 1:28*- We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

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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.
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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