

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 12/3-12/9

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 and 11am
(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

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

Bethel Island Campus | Week at a Glance

Sunday Service Times: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

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

*Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register

Oakley Campus Planner

12/11: Mommy Meet up, 9am, Gym

12/10: Coat Drive Last Day, Lobby

12/12: Boomer's Christmas Celebration, 11:30am

12/20-1/1: Office Closed

12/20, 27 & 1/3: No K-12TH Gr. Wednesday Programs

12/24: Christmas Eve Services,
8:40am, 9:50am, 11am & 1:30pm

12/24 & 12/31: No Sunday 7-12th Gr
Community Groups

12/31: New Year's Eve Service
8:40am, 9:50am & 11am

1/7, 14, 21, 28: Base Camp, 9:30am, Rm 301

*1/7: Sign Up for Community Groups

*1/21: Secret Sister's Lunch, 1pm, Gym

*1/21-3/24/2024: Winter Community Groups

*2/4: Next Steps Begin, 9:30am, Room 301

2/4: Kids Camp and Centrifuge Camp Deposit Due

2/4/2024: Children Baptism Class 12:10pm,
Room 301

2/18/2024: Baptism Sunday, 11am

*2/23-25/2024: Winter Camp, Gr 7-12,
Deposit Due 1/24

*3/22-25/2024: Mission Trip, Gr 7-12

*6/23-28/2024: Summer Camp, Gr 2-6

*7/8-13/2024: Summer Camp, Gr 7-12

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



CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT . . .
GOD's Activity and Care
December 3, 2023

1. There was a small number of Jewish people who _____
every single day for the arrival of a Messiah.

2. _____ this is relevant for us:

At some point in our Christian experience, God is so quiet and God is so inactive. There are times in our lives when we will look around and say, "*Why am I doing this? Why am I attending? Why am I serving? Why am I giving? Why am I believing? Why am I obeying? Why in the world am I continuing day after day after day to live my life as if there is something bigger than me? Is this more of a superstition than something I really believe?*"

Luke 1:5-6- In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly.

3. For _____ years, God had done nothing for the nation of Israel. And yet, these two would get up every day and live their lives as if Christmas is coming.

Luke 1:7- But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

4. Their entire faithfulness to God was based on a _____
made to Abraham two thousand years earlier.

Genesis 12:2-3- "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

5. The reason Luke begins with this story is because this was the beginning of something brand _____
that would ultimately result in the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham.

Luke 1:21-27 – Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." ²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

10. This is _____ problem.

Do we stay or do we go? Do we believe or do we stop believing? Do we serve or do we just go do something else? Do we give or do we just spend and know that there is nothing to life but what we see around us? Do we stay engaged? Do we stay in that difficult marriage, or just do what everybody is doing? Do we participate in that shady deal or do we continue to maintain our integrity?

11. In every generation, there is a _____ of Christ followers that decide whether or not they will remain faithful in spite of the fact that God seems to be quiet.

12. _____ to the world of Zechariah and Elizabeth.

13. The challenge is: Will you be part of that faith _____?

14. Christmas is a reminder that even when God is silent, God is not necessarily still. And when it seems that he is still, it's not that he is uninterested.

15. God is the God who _____ his promises and Christmas is a reminder of His faithfulness.

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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
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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