

# Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 1/28-2/3

**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

1/28: Winter Camp Deposit Past Due, Gr 7-12  
Check for availability

\*1/28-3/24/2024: Winter Community Groups

\*1/28: Sign Up for Community Groups

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 Past Due

2/25: No 7-12 Grade Sunday Community Groups

2/26: Mommy Meet Up, 9-11:30am, Gym

2/28: Mission Trip Meeting, Gr 7-12, 5:15 or 8pm.  
Balance Due

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

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

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

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



The Faithful Life  
Learning to Serve Like Jesus  
January 28, 2024

- 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. AN EXPANDING MISSION. 3. A SERIOUS 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.

*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.**

**Spiritual Gifts - Heart - Abilities - Personality - Experiences**

*1 Peter 4:10* - Each one should use whatever gift he has received **to serve others,** faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

**Big Idea: WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS. WE CALL THAT “\_\_\_\_\_.”**

*Matthew 20:28* - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **LESSONS FROM JESUS:**

1. Jesus stated that one of the reasons for His \_\_\_\_\_ was to serve.

*Mark 10:45* - For even the Son of Man **did not** come to be **served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

2. Jesus stated that significance and meaning in life are \_\_\_\_\_ to serving.

*Mark 9:33-35* - They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the **greatest**. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be **first**, he must be the very **last**, and the **servant of all**."

*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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MEANS: THE SAME WAY WITH.**

- **WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ US FROM SERVING LIKE JESUS?**

*Mark 9:30-35* - They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> **because he was teaching his disciples**. He said to them, "**The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him**, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "**What were you arguing about on the road?**" <sup>34</sup> **But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest**. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

1. Being \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 16:13* - "**No** servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot** serve both God and Money."

2. Being \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 20:30-32* - Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" <sup>31</sup> The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" <sup>32</sup> Jesus **stopped** and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

- You must be \_\_\_\_\_ to be interrupted.

*John 14:15* - "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

**Prayer: Lord I want to put you FIRST and make myself AVAILABLE.**

- Look for opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Look for short term opportunities.
- Look for long term opportunities.
- Look for ASAP opportunities.

*Matthew 10:42* - And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

**Challenge:**

**Evaluate: Does my lifestyle reveal that I serve from obedience?**

**Serve card.**

*Matthew 25:21* - "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

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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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