

Regular Sunday Service Times: 8:40, 9:50, and 11 AM

- **Watch Online:** at laurelridgechurch.org/watch
- **Nursery/Preschool:** At all service times
- **Kids Church (K-6th) Services:** At all service times
- **THE RIDGE (MS and HS) (7-8th grades, 9-12th grades) Community Group:** Now at all service times.
- **NO Wednesdays, Kids and Preteen Adventure** (K-4th grades, 5-6th grades) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **NO Wednesdays, THE RIDGE (MS and HS)** (7-8th grades, 9-12th grades) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **Tuesdays: Celebrate Recovery:** 6:00 PM, Oakley Campus
- **Thursdays Prayer Team:** 5:30 PM, Room 104
- **Thursdays, Grief Share:** 7:00 PM, Room 301

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

Oakley Campus Planner	
10/19-11/17: Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes 10/22: No K-12th Wednesday Evening Program 10/24: Harvest Carnival, 6-8:30pm 11/2: Daylight Savings Time Ends *11/2: Growth Pathway-9-10:45 am, Rm 301 1st Base, Connect with Jesus and the Church *11/2: Child/Teen Baptism Class, 12:10pm, Rm 301 11/2-23: Angel Tree *11/9: Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 2nd Base, Developing Daily Habits with Jesus 11/9: Fall Quarter Community Groups End 11/10: Mommy Meet Up, 9am, Gym *11/10: DivorceCare "Surviving The Holidays." 6:30-8:30PM, South Gym.	11/11: Veterans Day (Office Closed) 11/13: GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Seminar 7-8:30pm, Rm 301 *11/14: Youth Lock-In, 7pm-7am 11/16: Baptism Sunday, 11am *11/16: Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 3rd Base, Living Faithfully for Jesus 11/18: SALT 60+Thanksgiving, 11:30am, Gym *11/23: Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 Home Base, Sharing Jesus with confidence 11/25-28: Office Closed for Thanksgiving 11/27: Thanksgiving Day *Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register
Laurel Ridge Church: Seek God. Build Community. Unleash Compassion.	



EKKLESIA
Devoted to...
October 19, 2025

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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.

- 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. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ **Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.** ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- God's chief competition for your heart is not the devil.

1. God has a lot to say about money, but it has nothing to do with money. What if He is checking your _____
to him by how you view and use money?

Matthew 6:24 - "No one 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. ...

Matthew 6:24 - ... You **cannot** serve both God and Money.

2. Who or what has your devotion? (Headship or Lordship)

- You will either place your trust in money, wealth, and the pursuit of security, or in God.

3. There are two pitfalls when it comes to your finances:

a. Personal _____ means that everything that comes your way, you consume.

b. Personal _____.

- Both of these traps are self-centered.
- Both of these traps are driven by _____.
- Greed can be defined this way: If it comes to me, it is for _____.

4. God doesn't just want to rescue you financially. God wants to have headship or Lordship of your life, but His competition is your _____.

5. Giving is not a financial decision. It's a decision whether or not to _____ God to rule your life.

Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

6. What Jesus taught is not about money, it's about your devotion, and the main competitor for your devotion is money.

7. Three action steps to break greed:

- Give _____, Save _____, Live _____.

Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

1 Corinthians 16:2 - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

8. Financial independence is living independently of _____ your money.

Matthew 6:24 - "No one 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.

Matthew 6:24-32 - You cannot serve both God and Money. ²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the **pagans** run after all these things. . . ,

9. A pagan is just somebody who doesn't believe that there is a _____ who is interested in human affairs.

Matthew 6:32-34 - . . .and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ **But seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and **all these things will be given** to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

10. Who or what is first in your life? _____

- ***If you don't give, take the Tithe Challenge. Sign up online at laurelridgechurch.org/give***

Free Wi-Fi: LRCC-GuestWifi Password: lrccguest

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. Your name is your account number.
5. Mail a check to the church: 2459 Laurel Road, Oakley, CA 94561

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