

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | 4/9-4/15

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

NO 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

4/9, 16: NO The Ridge Community Groups

*4/14-16: Spring Camp, Gr 6-12, \$170

*4/16: Spring Community Groups Begin

4/17: Mommy Meet Up, 9-11:30am, Gym

4/18: Boomers Lunch, Melos Pizza & Pasta, 11:30am

*4/21: Father Daughter Dance, 6:30pm

* 4/23: In House VBS Sign ups begin

* 4/27: Care Team Training, 6:30-8:30pm, Rm. 102

* 4/30: Children's Baptism Class, 12:10pm, Room 301

*5/20: Ladies Paint Day, 2-4pm, Rm 301

*5/5-6: Elementary Awake-a-Thon Fundraiser

*5/7: Next Steps Experience Begins, 9:30am

*5/7: Outside VBS Sign ups begin

5/7 or 6/4: VBS training, 1pm, gym

*5/20: 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

*6/10: Men's Breakfast, 8-10:30am, N Gym

* 6/12-6/16: VBS

6/14: Camp meetings, 1pm or 6:15pm

* 7/2-7: Kid's Sugar Pine Camp, Gr 2-6, \$560, \$100 deposits past due. Spots available first come, first serve

* 7/10-15: Centrifuge Summer Camp, Gr 7-12, \$399, \$100 deposits past due. Spots available first come, first serve

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



BELIEVE!
EASTER
April 9, 2023

1. We all _____ the benefits of believing in Jesus.

- A. Meets us where we are (John 20:19).
- B. Gives us encouragement (John 20:19).
- C. Shows us his love (John 20:20).
- D. Fills us with his presence (John 20:22).
- E. Offers us forgiveness from all of our mistakes (John 20:23).
- F. Gives us strength for daily living (Isaiah 40:29).
- E. Gives us a purpose to live for (Colossians 1:16).
- G. Gives us eternal life (John 11:25-26).

2. _____ should we believe in Jesus' resurrection?

A. Matthew, a first century tax collector who became a Jesus follower and saw him die, wrote about it after the resurrection.

B. _____, who hung around with the followers of Jesus and traveled with Peter, wrote about it and believed it.

C. Luke, a doctor, interviewed eyewitnesses and said, "I have interviewed and I have thoroughly investigated and believe it."

D. _____ was one of the first people to the empty tomb. He was there when Jesus asked him to care for His mother.

E. Peter, a fisherman, believed Jesus rose from the dead.

F. _____, the brother of Jesus, believed it.

G. _____, who wrote about half of the New Testament, believed it.

• **The Foundations are: His birth, His death, and the resurrection.**

1 Corinthians 15:14-17 - And if Christ has not been raised, **our preaching** is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:18-19 - Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:32 - . . .If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

1 Corinthians 15:20 - **But** Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7 - For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

There's one question that we have to wrestle with today:

Do I _____ Jesus was raised from the dead?

3. But if he did, and you BELIEVE in the _____ of Jesus, it changes everything for you.

- I can call God my Heavenly Father.
- There's more to life than just this life.
- My prayers are being heard.
- I do have the power to break bad habits.
- There is forgiveness in Christ.
- I can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

John 11:25 -26 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who **believes in me** will live, even though he dies;²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. **Do you believe this?**"

✓ So what does it mean to _____ in Jesus?

James 2:19 - You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

Believe means: Pisteuo, to believe, to trust in, to cling to, to rely on, to adhere to, or to commit to.

Next Steps: 1. Commit to Christ. 2. Commit to come back next week. New series starts next week “Building a Life of Faith.”

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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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