

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

- **Watch Online:** at [laurelridgechurch.org/watch](http://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.
- **Wednesdays, Kids and Preteen Adventure**  
(K-4<sup>th</sup> grades, 5-6<sup>th</sup> grades) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **Wednesdays, THE RIDGE (MS and HS)**  
(7-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://laurelridgechurch.org)

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<p><b>9/30:</b> Worship Night, 7pm</p> <p><b>*10/4:</b> Men's Breakfast, 8-9:45am, Gym</p> <p><b>10/5-11/17:</b> Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes</p> <p><b>10/8:</b> K-3<sup>rd</sup> Parent/Child Game night, 6:15-8pm, Gym</p> <p><b>10/8:</b> No K-12<sup>th</sup> Regular Wednesday Evening Program</p> <p><b>10/13:</b> Mommy Meet Up, 9am, Gym</p> <p><b>10/15:</b> No K-12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening Program</p> <p><b>10/22:</b> No K-12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening Program</p> <p><b>10/24:</b> Harvest Carnival, 6-8:30pm</p> <p><b>11/2:</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p><b>*11/2:</b> Growth Pathway-9-10:45 am, Rm 301 1<sup>st</sup> Base, Connect with Jesus and the Church</p> <p><b>*11/2:</b> Child/Teen Baptism Class, 12:10pm, Rm 301</p>	<p><b>11/2-30:</b> Angel Tree</p> <p><b>*11/9:</b> Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Developing Daily Habits with Jesus</p> <p><b>11/11:</b> Veterans Day (Office Closed)</p> <p><b>11/13:</b> GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Seminar 7-8:30pm, Rm 301</p> <p><b>*11/14:</b> Youth Lock-In, 7pm-7am</p> <p><b>11/16:</b> Baptism Sunday, 11am</p> <p><b>*11/16:</b> Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, Living Faithfully for Jesus</p> <p><b>11/18:</b> SALT 60+Thanksgiving, 11:30am, Gym</p> <p><b>*11/23:</b> Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 Home Base, Sharing Jesus with confidence</p> <p><b>*Register at <a href="http://laurelridgechurch.org/register">laurelridgechurch.org/register</a></b></p>
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EKKLESIA  
Defining a Disciple  
September 28, 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.

*Acts 2:42* - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...

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

### ***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."

- WE ARE TO MAKE \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **2. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?**

- **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."  
20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

#### **1. "FOLLOW ME," STARTS WITH YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*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 WITHOUT 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," TRANSFORMATION OF YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*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 . . .

- **HE 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.

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," SHOWS IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

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 MOVES 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), IS BEING TRANSFORMED (HEART), WHICH LEADS TO A COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION OF CHRIST (HANDS).***

*Colossians 1:28-29*- 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.

**Next Steps:**

**Join a Community Group.**

**Sign up for Growth Pathway, starts in November.**

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

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