

Oakley Campus | Week at a Glance | Sep 27- Oct 3

Regular Sunday Service Times: 8:30, 9:45, and 11 AM

- **Watch Online:** laurelridgechurch.org/watch-online
- **Nursery/Preschool:** At all service times
- **Kids Church (K-6th) Services:** At all service times
- **THE RIDGE (MS and HS) (7-8th Grade, 9-12th Grade) Community Group:** At all service times.
- **Sundays: Divorce Care:** 4-5:30pm, Gym
- **Tuesdays: Celebrate Recovery:** 6:00 PM, Oakley Campus
- **Wednesdays: Kids and Preteen Adventure**
(K-4th Grade, 5-6th Grade) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **Wednesdays: THE RIDGE (MS and HS)**
(7-8th Grade, 9-12th Grade) 6:15-8:00 PM
- **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	
*10/2-5: Youth Retreat, 7-12th Gr, Jenness Park, \$179, \$50 deposit past due *10/3: <u>Concord Campus</u>-Young Adult/Young Family BBQ Social, 5pm, Lawn 10/5: <u>Concord Campus</u>-Celebrate Recovery Launch, 6:30-9pm, Monday's 10/7, 14, 21: No Wednesday Evening Child/Youth Program 10/12: Mommy Meetup, 9-11:30am, Gym 10/14: Parent Child Game Night, 6:15-8pm 10/23: Oakley Campus, Harvest Carnival, 6-8:30pm *10/25: Growth Pathway, 9-10:45 am, Rm 301 1st Base, Connect with Jesus and the Church 10/30: <u>Concord Campus</u>, Harvest Carnival, 6-8:30pm *11/1: Baptism Classes for Children and Students, 12:10pm, Rm 201 11/1-12/1: Angel Tree	11:1: Daylight Savings Ends *11/8: Growth Pathway, 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 3rd Base, Living Faithfully for Jesus 11/11: No Wednesday Evening Child/Youth Program 11/11: Office Closed (Veteran's Day) 11/12: Griefshare Surviving the Holidays Seminar, 7pm *11/13-14: Youth Lock In, 7pm-7am, 7-12th Gr 11/15: Fall season of Community Groups End *11/15: Growth Pathway- 9-10:45 am. Rm 301 Home Base, Sharing Jesus with confidence *11/15: Baptism Sunday, 11am 11/17: SALT 60+ Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:30am 11/24-26: Office Closed for Thanksgiving *Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register
Laurel Ridge Church: Seek God. Build Community. Unleash Compassion.	



UNDER THE HOOD
When Faiths Get Real
September 27, 2026

WHAT'S UNDER THE HOOD?

We may be trying to shape Jesus into someone who supports the life we already want:

- *Safety Net Jesus*
- *Emergency Contact Jesus*
- *Vending Machine Jesus*
- *A Jesus who always agrees with my politics, preferences and plans*

We don't shape Jesus into someone useful to us. He reshapes us into people who _____ **Him.**

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Biblical faith is _____ **in the character and promises of God.**

BIG IDEA: *Faith is confidence in God that moves us to trust, obey, and keep going—even when we cannot see, understand or feel the outcome.*

REAL FAITH...

1. Faith _____ **God, even when I cannot see the outcome.**

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Christian hope is rooted in what God has _____.

The unknown part is not God. The unknown part is every _____.

Hebrews 11:7 - By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.

Faith doesn't require you to deny what you see.

Faith reminds you that what you see is not _____.

2 Corinthians 5:7 - We live by faith, not by sight...

**Faith doesn't require me to know every outcome.
Faith calls me to know and trust the One who holds it.**

2. Faith _____ God, even when I don't understand the whole plan.

Hebrews 11:8 - By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Faith asks: What has God already made _____?

Faith isn't only trusting God for a miracle. It's trusting him enough to do the next _____.

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

Faith doesn't need every detail before taking the next step God has already made clear.

3. Faith _____, even when I don't feel like it.

Feelings are real, but they make a poor _____.

A life of faith is built through ordinary _____ repeated over time.

(Consistency + Faithfulness) x Time = Lasting Impact

Hebrews 11:27 - By faith he [Moses] left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible.

Persistence is bringing our _____ to God and continuing to put our trust in Him.

Hebrews 11:39 - These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

**The measure of faith is not whether I get the outcome I wanted.
The measure of faith is whether I remain anchored to God.**

FAITH HAS A FOCUS

Hebrews 12:1b-2a - ... Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

**Faith begins by receiving Christ, not by proving ourselves to Him.
As we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus,
He forms in us a faith that trusts, obeys, and keeps going.**

THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT STEP OF FAITH

Pistewo means to believe, to trust, to completely rely upon. Saving faith is more than knowing facts about Jesus; it is completely entrusting your life into His hands.

Romans 10:9 - ... if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 1:12 - Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Have you placed your faith in Jesus and received Him as the Lord of your life?

PUT FAITH INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK

1. *Name one area where God is asking you to trust Him. (Choose one sentence to finish)*

• *God, I cannot see what you are doing in* _____

• *God, I do not understand why you are asking me to* _____

• *God, I do not feel like continuing to* _____

2. *Take one clear step of obedience this week*

My next faithful step is _____

I will tell: _____

**You don't have to know the outcome in advance.
Take the next faithful step, and keep your eyes on Jesus.**

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

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