

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	
10/12-11/17: Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes 10/13: Mommy Meet Up, 9am, Gym 10/15: No K-12th Wednesday Evening Program 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 11/2-30: 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 *Register at laurelridgechurch.org/register
Laurel Ridge Church: Seek God. Build Community. Unleash Compassion.	



EKKLESIA
Building Community
October 12, 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.

Harvard University Medical School did research and found that the two most powerful and meaningful experiences in life are achieving and connecting.

1. **Achieving has to do with our accomplishments- winning contests, pursuing career success & financial milestones, and reaching our goals.**
2. **Connecting has, of course, to do with our relational world: the people we are close to and love.**

Romans 12:5- so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member **belongs** to all the others.

What destroys relationships:

1. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

James 4:1-2 - What causes fights and quarrels? Don't they come from your **desires that battle** within you? ² You want something but you don't get it.

Proverbs 28:25 - A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.

• _____ BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS.

Philippians 2:4 - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Galatians 6:7-8 - The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others – ignoring God! – ⁸ harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in **response to God**, letting **God's Spirit do the growth work in him**, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. (Mes)

Galatians 5:16 - "Live freely, animated and **motivated by God's Spirit**. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness." (Mes)

Galatians 5:15-16 - If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

2. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

Job 5:2 - Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

- **Ask God to fill you with His love.**
- **Go to that person in His love. (Grace and Truth)**

Why does God say don't do this?

Psalms 73:21-22 - When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, ²² I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

- **When you get resentful, you stop thinking clearly.**
- **When you get resentful, you act in self-defeating ways.**

Hebrews 12:15 - **Look after each other** . . . Watch out that **no bitterness** takes root **among you**, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives." (LB)

- _____ **BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS.**

Colossians 3:13-14 - Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Titus 3:3-4 - "Once our lives were full of resentment and envy. ⁴ But then . . . Christ saved us – not because we were good enough to be saved but **because of His kindness and love** – by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit. . . all because of what Jesus our Savior did so that He could declare us good in God's eyes." (LB)

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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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