

## April 28: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Nathan Rosenberger  
**Opening Prayer:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Communion-presiding:** David Barron  
**Communion-serving:** Clyde Shaffer, Tom Sellers, Jr., Rick Smith  
**Scripture:** Caleb Smith  
**Scripture Reading:** Esther 4:12-17  
**Sermon:** Brandon Foresha  
**Closing Prayer:** Steve Maul  
**Remarks:** Ben Wright  
**Communion Prep:** Laurie Barron

## May 5: Sunday Worship Leaders

**Songs:** Randy Grossman  
**Opening Prayer:** Jonah Lee  
**Communion-presiding:** Clem Rosenberger III  
**Communion-serving:** Justen Traxler, Clyde Shaffer, Kendal Grossman  
**Scripture:** Nolan Grossman  
**Scripture Reading:** Esther 5:1-8  
**Sermon:** Brandon Foresha  
**Closing Prayer:** Frank Ridenour  
**Remarks:** Steve Maul  
**Communion Prep:** Laurie Barron

### ANNOUNCEMENTS




- **Ladies' Bible Study:** May 2 - "Becoming a Woman God Can Use". Every other Thursday at 1:30 pm at the building.
- **Every Wednesday at 1pm:** a group gathers at the building for visiting. See Ben or Brandon.
- **Sunday afternoon studies:** Please sign up to teach a lesson from the new study book on table in foyer.
- The teens have been collecting kids clothes and candy to send to Africa. They also want to send and Amazon order for Michael himself to enjoy. *They will be packaging everything up and making some cards on May 5 at 4:30. Please see Amber if you can help and want to attend.*
- We will be collecting items again for Honduras. For example: Soaps, small bottles of shampoos, cream rinse, Q-Tips, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, hand wipes, sanitizers, wash clothes, deodorants, combs, Kleenex etc. **They are in need of newborn baby items as well: bottles, binkys, bath wash towels, rattles, etc.**  
We will collect until May. There will a box in the foyer.

### PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

- The Wrights, Mauls and Ridenours are traveling. Please pray for their safety.
- Kayla Luketic has swollen legs. She has an upcoming doctor appointment.
- Robert Cassady has kidney stones.
- Cathy Sagi is still in a lot of pain from her surgery.
- Brandi Gardener's surgery went well. She is home recovering and waiting for the test results.
- Fay is having some upper respiratory issues and is backing off chemo for now.
- Marshall Moore has started his cancer treatments. He and his wife are considering baptism. Please pray that they obey the gospel.
- Ricky had an MRI and is going through pre-testing for Dementia.
- Jim Graham is doing well with his chemo. Please continue to pray.
- Sherry Farster is in a great deal of pain from her knee replacement. Please continue to pray.

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:30 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Evening Service: 6:30 PM**  
**Wednesday Eve Bible Study: 7:00 PM**

### Options for accessing services:

- Join us on **Facebook** at **Kittanning Church of Christ Group**
- To listen **via phone**, call in at **1-408-418-9388**; at prompt enter code **797 046 235**
- For **Webex** conference go to:

**https://kittanningchurchofchrist.my.webex.com/meet/clemdebby.**

You will likely have to download Webex program on a computer or cell phone app. Follow instructions from the link. **Meeting # is 797046235**

**PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE** if you use Webex and are not asking questions or commenting. If you have questions about Webex, please call Debby at (724) 954-4776.

**\*\*Remind App text message system:** To sign up and receive messages please text this Number- 81010 with this Message- @32f4df

## Letting Go And Giving Up.

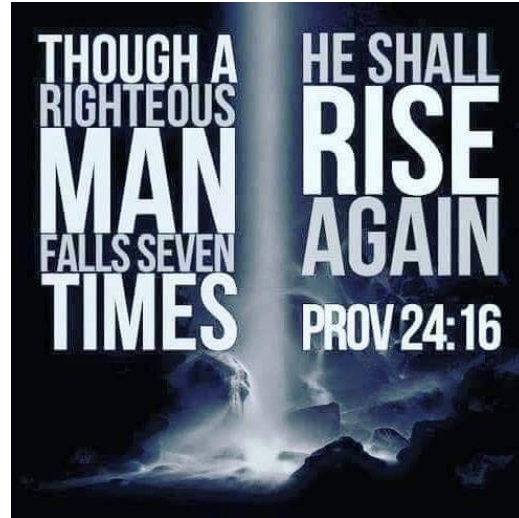
I cannot count the number of times I have heard these two phrases used in Christianity. It's confusing. In some situations, we're told to have faith, keep holding on but in others we're told to let go and put in the hands of the Lord. Which one is it? How can I know which one I'm supposed to do?

First, consider your frame of mind. When you choose to let go of something you are making a conscience decision that comes from a place of faith and acceptance. In Hebrews 12:1 we're told that, "Believers are thus called to forfeit anything holding them from spiritual growth." Whereas giving up is a lack of faith. In this you're thinking of failure and inability.

Second let's consider control. Letting go is about releasing control of the situation to the Lord. You're still concerned about the outcome, but you are choosing to trust in the Lord for the outcome. You will continue praying about it, but you are doing as Peter says in 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Third, let's consider freedom vs. failure. When you choose to let go of something you are choosing to free yourself from the emotional and spiritual war raging within you. You feel lighter and liberated when you stop trying to carry the burdens of life alone (Matt. 11:28-30). On the other hand, when you give up, there is a sense of failure which weighs you down as you walk through life and hinders you from moving forward. Fourth, consider the outcomes of peace and shame.

When you make the choice to let go of some burden or failure weighing you down, placing it in the hands of Jesus, there will be a sense of peace as a result. In Phil. 4:6-7, Paul tells us that God's peace will guard our hearts and minds when we turn it over to Him in prayer. On the other hand, when we give up, there is an overwhelming sense of failure and sadness attached to it. Lastly, consider looking forward or backwards.



The last thing to consider here is the differences between those who give up versus those who let go. The person who let's go is focused on the future and possibilities whereas the person who is giving up is focused on the past and their failures. When you're stuck looking back it hinders your ability to move into the future.

Letting go aligns well with Phil. 3:13-14 where Paul says we are to forget about the past and strain toward what lies ahead. If you have given up remember the words of Prov. 24:16, "the righteous falls seven times and rises again." As the Lord's glorious family, it's time to get back up and commit whatever struggle you are holding onto to the Lord's gracious hands.

- Jeff Arnette, Preacher at Central Haywood Church of Christ in Clyde, NC



May 4 - Justen Traxler  
May 4 - Colleen Plummer



May 3 - Frank & Lorrie Ridenour

✉ *Letters of Encouragement*

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- 1 Peter 5:7

*Thank you for attending services with the church who meets in Kittanning!  
We invite you to study and worship with us again.*