

May 30th & 31st 2026

WELCOME

"Restoring lives and developing committed disciples of Jesus Christ"

Lead Pastor: Logan Ames
Pastor of Evangelism & Visitation: Benny Sorbello

WEEKLY SERVICES & KIDS CHURCH

SATURDAY SERVICE // 6 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES // 9 AM & 10:45 AM

CHILDREN BIRTH TO 3 YEARS

Nursery care during the entire service

CHILDREN PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

Kids Church during the sermon

Children should be picked up in their classrooms following the service

TEENS GRADES 7TH TO 12TH

Stay in for the whole service

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 31st – June 28th 8 AM – 8:45 AM

Exploring the Character of God

Led by Bob Mattern – Sign up at the Welcome Center

MAMA BEAR APOLOGETICS STUDY

Mondays June 1st – July 27th

10 AM – 12 PM

At the home of Linda Crawford

Sign up at the Welcome Center

CAMP YOLIJWA OPEN HOUSE

June 6th 1 PM – 5 PM

Activities for all ages & BBQ Chicken

FAITHWEAVER FUN NIGHT

June 15th 6 PM – 8 PM

Ages 4 years old to 6th grade

WHEN WE PRAY

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Friday, June 26th at 6:30 PM

At the home of Pam Westerhold. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Bring your favorite finger food.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

BENEFITS JAMAICA MISSION TRIP

JUNE 20TH AT 10 AM

Hosted by Ben & Karen Sorbello
4095 Colonial Rd, Dover

Registration fee - \$15/person, \$25/team
Horse rides \$15. Mini horse \$10
Food available

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at FriendshipCommunity.org

Text [FCCDOVER](https://www.fccdover.org) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

During the service via the box located at back of the sanctuary

Or by mail 3380 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Giving Update

Weekly Expenses

Received Last Week: \$9,156

Received YTD: \$217,828

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$1,932

Received YTD: \$103,774

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$315

Received YTD: \$3,983

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 322

Average Attendance: 314

Prayer lists and monthly birthday lists are available outside the church office.

Foundations - The Afterlife

Pastor Logan Ames

Philippians 3:18-21 (NIV) – "For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body".

"citizenship" = Greek *politeuma* – "citizenship, community, or conversation"

Isaiah 55:9 (NIV) – "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts".

"Just as the Roman colonists never forgot that they belong to Rome, you must never forget that you are citizens of heaven; and your conduct must match your citizenship"
– William Barclay

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4 (NIV) – "A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure".

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4 (MSG) – "A good reputation is better than a fat bank account. Your death date tells more than your birth date. You learn more at a funeral than at a feast – after all, that's where we'll end up. We might discover something from it. Crying is better than laughing. It blotches the face but scours the heart. Sages invest themselves in hurt and grieving. Fools waste their lives in fun and games".

Psalms 139:16 (NIV) – "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be".

Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV) – "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting".

"Death is wicked. Death is evil. Death is not how it's supposed to be. And me getting a cancer diagnosis again is pretty small on the grand scheme of things, but it's a touch of grace because it forces me to tell the truth. And the lie I want to tell myself is that I'm the center of everything, and I'm going to be around forever, and I can work harder and store up enough that I can atone for my own brokenness. But I can't, and so I hate cancer, but I'm also grateful for it. I tell a lot more truth to myself than I used to when I thought I was super omni-competent and interesting"

– Ben Sasse

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 (NIV) – "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong".

"I hate pancreatic cancer. I would never wish it on anyone, but I would never want to go back to a time in my life where I didn't know the prayer of pancreatic cancer"
– Tim Keller

Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV) – "Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth', for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away'. He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true'".

Genesis 3:21-24 (NIV) – "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever'. So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life".

Genesis 2:9 (NIV) – "The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil".

Revelation 22:12-16 (NIV) – "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. Don't worry whether our earthly pleasures will be in heaven, for heaven is far better than we can imagine.
2. God doesn't waste our pain; He'll use whatever suffering we endure to point us toward eternity without it.
3. Were it not for God's mercy, we'd all be stuck in a forever fallen state of knowledge of good and evil.