

August 29th & 30th 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

NTS CAR SHOW/YARD SALE

September 5th 8 AM -2 PM

Bring your car (entry by donation), grab
some food, or get a yard sale spot for
\$20 – all to benefit Night to Shine.

CHURCH RETREAT AT CAMP YOLIJWA

September 11th -13th

Payment is due now. \$118/adult,
\$59/child ages 5-17, children under 5
years of age is free.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 20th – October 18th

8 AM – 8:45 AM

Exploring the Character of God
Led by Bob Mattern – Sign up at the
Welcome Center

Support Night to Shine at our Bake Sale
during the Car Show & Yard Sale on
Saturday, September 5!

Donate baked goods by signing up at the
Welcome Center.

Donations may be dropped off Friday,
September 4, from 5–7 PM or Saturday by
8 AM. All proceeds benefit Night to Shine!

LADIES LUNCH PICNIC AT THE HOME OF
PAM WESTERHOLD
September 20th at 1 PM

Bring a chair

Sign up will be available soon at the
Welcome Center

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at FriendshipCommunity.org

Text [FCCDOVER](https://www.fccdo.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 as of 8/23/2026

Weekly Expenses

Received Last Week: \$14,806

Received YTD: \$360,705

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$1,181

Received YTD: \$136,107

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$587

Received YTD: \$7,671

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 302

Average Attendance: 314

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

The Mysteries of God - Children of God

Pastor Logan Ames

John 1:9-13 (NIV) – "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet, to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God".

Matthew 24:12-14 (NIV) – "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come".

Matthew 18:1-5 (NIV) – At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. And He said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me".

"Child dedication as practiced in the Churches of God is not a sacrament nor is it a declaration of the child's faith. God's grace covers a person until such a time as they are able to make a faith decision on their own. That age will be different for each child. In the death of a person before that age, we believe that person goes to heaven"

– Churches of God General Conference, *We Believe*

Matthew 18:10-14 (NIV) – "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish".

Deuteronomy 1:37-39 (NIV) – Because of you the Lord became angry with me also and said, "You shall not enter it, either. But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad – they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it".

"Anything, in fact, will serve as an excuse, when the heart is bent on compromise"

– Charles Spurgeon

Luke 14:26-27 (NIV) – "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple".

Matthew 10:37-39 (NIV) – "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it".

"The greatest danger of idolatry comes not from what is bad, but from what is good – such as love in family relationships. The greatest threat to the best often comes from second best"

– David Guzik

2 Samuel 12:19-23 (NIV) – David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes", they replied, "he is dead". Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.

Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!" He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live'. But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting?

Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me".

Psalms 51:13-15 (NIV) – "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praises".

Jonah 4:9-11 (NIV) – But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is", he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead". But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?"

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. Every living human being, no matter their age, has the right to become a child of God through believing in Jesus as Savior.
2. We believe that children who do not yet know right from wrong are safe in God's grace until they reach the age at which they are accountable for their own response to Jesus.
3. Consider all the things in life that concern you more than potential children of God being lost, then ask why.