

July 18th & 19th 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

3380 FOX RUN ROAD // DOVER, PA 17315

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITHWEAVER FUN NIGHT

July 20th 6 PM – 8 PM

Ages 4 years old to 6th grade.

LADIES POOL PARTY

July 24th at 5 PM

At the home of Linda Crawford.

More information to come!

SUMMER FEST

August 1st 10 AM – 2 PM

Food, games, & bounce houses

Sign up to help at the Welcome Center!

CHURCH RETREAT @ CAMP YOLIJWA

September 1th – 13th

Sign up at the Welcome Center, payment is now being accepted.

\$118/adult, \$59/child (ages 5-17)

Use envelopes provided.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
MOBILE PACK EVENT
AT FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

JULY 24TH & 25TH

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

BLOOD DRIVE

August 11th 1 PM – 6 PM

Appointments are required. Reserve your spot today by visiting:

[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and search for sponsor code *FriendshipDover*.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at [FriendshipCommunity.org](https://www.FriendshipCommunity.org)

Text [FCCDOVER](https://www.FCCDOVER) 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: \$9,328

Received YTD: \$304,944

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$3,601

Received YTD: \$128,719

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$516

Received YTD: \$6,006

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 325

Average Attendance: 313

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

The Mysteries of God - Grace and Mercy

Pastor Logan Ames

"If my testimony should not be necessary, or serviceable, yet, perhaps, I am bound, in conscience, to take shame to myself by a public confession which, however sincere, comes too late to prevent or repair the misery and mischief to which I have formerly been accessory. I hope it will always be a subject of humiliating reflection to me that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders"

– John Newton, *Thoughts Upon the African Slave Trade*

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT) – "So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most".

"boldly" = Greek *parresia* - "boldness, confidence, openness, publicity, or freedom of speech"

1 Timothy 1:12-16 (NIV) – "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life".

"Mercy is the heart of God, and grace is His hand. Mercy addresses past failures for which we need forgiveness, while grace addresses our present and future – what we need in the present and the favor He will bestow as we move forward"

– Dr. Charles Stanley

Lamentations 3:19-23 (ESV) – "Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness".

Mark 10:47-52 (NIV) – When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him".

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you". Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see". "Go", said Jesus, "your faith has healed you". Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

"mercy" = Greek *eleeo* – HELPS - "to show mercy as God defines it, as it accords with His truth, which expresses God's covenant-loyalty-mercy"

Isaiah 54:7-8 (NKJV) – "For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you", says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Ephesians 2:1-5 (NIV) – "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved".

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) – "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast".

"grace" = Greek *charis* – "favor or benefit"; English word "charity"

Romans 8:1-4 (NIV) – "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

And so He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit".

Matthew 5:17 (NIV) – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them".

Titus 3:3-8 (NIV) – "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. Grace and mercy are two different things we receive and find in Christ, and we desperately need both.
2. Before we present prayer requests to God, we ought first to remember His mercy already shown to us.
3. Since Christ has fulfilled the righteous requirement of the law, we who are in Him cannot be condemned.