

May 23rd & 24th 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

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

May 24th through May 30th

Numerous volunteers needed

See Sarah Morin or Susan Mellinger

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

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.

PRAISE & LINE DANCING IN THE PARK (BROOKSIDE) MAY 30TH 12 -5 PM

Hosted by Friendship Community Church and Dover Bethany GMC, featuring our Friendship worship team, praise music, line dancing, free hotdogs, snacks, and family fun. This free community event is open to everyone—invite your family and friends!

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 - Freedom

Pastor Logan Ames

John 15:12-13 (NKJV) – "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends".

John 8:31-33 (NIV) – To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free". They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

"This section of the discourse is addressed to those who believe, and yet do not believe. Clearly they were inclined to think that what Jesus said was true. But they were not prepared to yield Him the far-reaching allegiance that real trust in Him implies. This is a most dangerous spiritual state"

– Leon Morris

"Was there not a Roman garrison looking down from the castle into the very temple courts where this boastful falsehood was uttered?"

– Alexander Maclaren

Jeremiah 29:4-9 (NIV) – This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant garden and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper". Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them", declares the Lord.

John 8:34-38 – Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet, you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father".

"The power of self-deception in the unconverted man is infinite"

– J.C. Ryle

Isaiah 53:4-5, 10 (NIV) – "Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed" – "Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand".

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it"

– *The Declaration of Independence*

Genesis 2:15-17 (NIV) – The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die".

Genesis 3:4-5 (NIV) – "You will not certainly die", the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil".

1 Peter 2:11-17 (NIV) – "Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. Submit yourselves to the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor".

1 Peter 2:18-19 (NIV) – "Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God".

John 19:28-30 (NKJV) – "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst!' Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit".

Exodus 12:22 (NIV) – "Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. While we focus on a national freedom that can be removed, God offers us an eternal freedom in Jesus.
2. Patriotism is not wrong, but it is blasphemy to put one's country ahead of God and His plan.
3. Freedom was endowed to us by God, but it is not freedom from consequences for disobeying Him.