

June 27th & 28th 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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WEB: FRIENDSHIPCOMMUNITY.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES LUNCH

July 19th after 2nd service
Ordering out for lunch

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!

CHURCH RETREAT @ CAMP YOLIJWA

September 11th – 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 CHILDDREN
MOBILE PACK EVENT
AT FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

JULY 24TH & 25TH

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

EMBRACE LIFE

July 13th – September 21st

Help support moms and families throughout this 10-week program. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to provide a meal, serve in childcare, or assist with transportation.

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

Weekly Expenses

Received Last Week:	\$12,286
Received YTD:	\$277,238

Building Fund

Received Last Week:	\$1,726
Received YTD:	\$115,247

Missions Fund

Received Last Week:	\$660
Received YTD:	\$5,461

Attendance (combined services)

Last week:	303
Average Attendance:	314

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

The Mysteries of God - Foolish Vows

Pastor Logan Ames

James 1:19-20 (NIV) – "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires".

Matthew 5:33-37 (NIV) – "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made'. But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one".

Exodus 20:7 (NIV) – "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name".

"The truly good man will never need to take an oath; the truth of his sayings and the reality of his promises need no such guarantee. But the fact that oaths are still sometimes necessary is the proof that men are not good men and that this is not a good world"
– William Barclay

1 Samuel 1:10-11 (NIV) – In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head".

Judges 11:29-31 (NIV) – "Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites. And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord: 'If you give the Ammonites into my hands, whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the Lord's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering'".

Judges 11:32-35 (NIV) – "Then Jephthah went over to fight the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into his hands. He devastated twenty towns from Aroer to the vicinity of Minnith, as far as Abel Keramim. Thus Israel subdued Ammon. When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of timbrels! She was an only child. Except for her he had neither son nor daughter. When he saw her, he tore his clothes and cried, 'Oh no, my daughter! You have brought me down and I am devastated. I have made a vow to the Lord that I cannot break'".

Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 (NIV) – "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, 'My vow was a mistake'. Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore, fear God".

Judges 11:36-39a (NIV) – "My father", she replied, "you have given your word to the Lord. Do to me just as you promised, now that the Lord has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. But grant me this one request", she said. "Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry". "You may go", he said. And he let her go for two months. She and her friends went into the hills and wept because she would never marry. After the two months, she returned to her father, and he did to her as he had vowed. And she was a virgin.

Deuteronomy 12:31 (NIV) – "You must not worship the Lord your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods".

Exodus 38:8 (NIV) – "They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting".

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 (NIV) – "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few".

Romans 12:2 (AMP) – "And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. Words matter, and once they have come out of our mouths and done damage, they cannot be put back in.
2. If we think God can be manipulated, we'll always be tempted to try to sweeten the deal for Him.
3. When the honoring of a foolish, sinful vow leads to another sin, the vow must be broken and repented of.