November 22nd & 23rd 2025

# WELCOME

"Restoring lives and developing committed disciples of Jesus Christ"

Lead Pastor: Logan Ames Associate Pastor: 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

PHONE: (717)779-0400 WEB: FRIENDSHIPCOMMUNITY.ORG

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

12/1@6PM

Ornament making for the kids and fellowship for adults. Join us!

## LADIES WINTER TEA

12/13 @ 11 AM

Sign up at the Welcome Center – see Jodi Contreras for more information.

#### KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

12/21 @ 10:45 am

Join us for a shirt kid's Christmas program, refreshments will be provided.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

12/24 at 5 & 7 PM

Sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer.

#### **NIGHT TO SHINE**

Registration is now open for volunteers and quests – sign up today!

Thank you to all those who provided baked goods for our sale on Election Day!

Save the date: February 13, 2026

WOMEN 4 CHRIST 12/5 AT 6:30 PM

LADIES LUNCH 11/16 AFTER 2ND SERVICE

KIDS OUTDOOR ZONE 11/22 10 AM -1 PM

#### WAYS TO GIVE

Online at FriendshipCommunity.org

Text <u>FCCGive</u> 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: \$13,193 Received YTD: \$523,133

## **Building Fund**

Received Last Week: \$1,941
Received YTD: \$136,408

#### Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$235 Received YTD: \$12,222

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 360 Average Attendance: 291

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

## AMPLIFIED—A Great Opportunity Pastor Logan Ames

Acts 21:26 (AMP) — "Then Paul took the [four] men, and the next day he purified himself along with them [by submitting to the ritual]. He went into the temple to give notice of [the time] when the days of purification [ending each vow] would be fulfilled and the usual offering could be presented on behalf of each one".

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV) — "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law, so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some".

Acts 21:27-28 (AMP) — When the seven days [required to complete the ritual] were almost over, [some] Jews from [the province of] Asia [Minor] caught sight of him in the temple, and began to stir up the crowd, and they seized him, shouting, "Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place".

Acts 6:13 (AMP) – They presented false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the Law [of Moses]".

Acts 21:35-36 (AMP) — "When Paul got to the steps, he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob; for the majority of the people kept following them, shouting, 'Away with him! [Kill him!]"

Acts 21:39 (AMP) — Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia (Mersin Province, Turkey), a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people".

Acts 22:21-22 (AMP) — "And the Lord said to me, 'Go, I will send you far away to the Gentiles". They listened to Paul until [he made] this [last] statement, but now they raised their voices and shouted, "Away with such a man from the earth! He is not fit to live!"

Exodus 5:1-3 (NIV) — Afterward, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness". Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go". Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or He may strike us with plagues or with the sword".

Acts 23:6-9 (AMP) — But recognizing that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began affirming loudly in the Council chamber, "Kinsmen, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!" When he said this, an angry dispute erupted between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the [whole crowded] assembly was divided [into two factions]. For the Sadducees say that there is no [such thing as a] resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees [speak out freely and] acknowledge [their belief in] them all. Then a great uproar occurred, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and began to argue heatedly [in Paul's favor], saying, "We find nothing wrong with this man; suppose a spirit or an angel has [really] spoken to him"?

"Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty" - Corrie ten Boom

Acts 24:24-27 (AMP) — "Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him talk about faith in Christ Jesus. But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control [honorable behavior, personal integrity], and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, 'Go away for now, and when I find [a convenient] time I will send for you'. At the same time, he was also hoping to get money from Paul [as a bribe]; so he continued to send for him quite often and talked with him. But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded [in office] by Porcius Festus; and wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned".

Acts 23:11 (AMP) — On the following night, the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Be brave; for as you have solemnly and faithfully witnessed about Me at Jerusalem, so you must also testify at Rome".

Acts 26:27-29, 32 (AMP) — "King Agrippa, do you believe the [writings of the] Prophets [their messages and words]? I know that you do". Then Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time [and with so little effort] you [almost] persuade me to become a Christian". And Paul replied, "Whether in a short time or long, I wish to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become such as I am, except for these chains" — And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar (Emperor Nero)".

Acts 27:25-26 (AMP) — "So keep up your courage, men, for I believe God and have complete confidence in Him that it will turn out exactly as I have been told; but we must run [the ship] aground on some island".

Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV) — "Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear".

## Bottom Line - Key Points

- 1. Living in God's will means every tragedy is a possible testimony and every hardship a great opportunity.
- 2. Whatever uniqueness you possess as a result of your experiences or DNA, God wants to use it uniquely.
- 3. True freedom is found in obeying the will of God, and it's worth being tortured or even killed for it.