

July 25th & 26th 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

SUMMER FEST

August 1st 10 AM – 2 PM

Food, games, & bounce houses

Sign up to help at the Welcome Center!

KID'S GIFT CARD BINGO & ICE CREAM

August 7th @ 6 PM

Please bring 1 or more \$5 gift card.

Games are over when the prizes are gone. Sign up at the Welcome Center

FAITHWEAVER FUN NIGHT

August 10th 6 PM to 8 PM

Ages 4 years old to 6th grade

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. See Clara Ames or Beth Zapata for more information

CHURCH SERVICE & PICNIC

AT BROOKSIDE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Service at 10 AM with picnic following immediately afterward

Sign up at the Welcome Center to bring food and/or to volunteer!

BLOOD DRIVE

August 11th 1 PM – 6 PM

Appointments are required. Reserve your spot today by visiting:

RedCrossBlood.org and search for sponsor code *FriendshipDover*.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at FriendshipCommunity.org

Text 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: \$12,777

Received YTD: \$317,721

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$1,887

Received YTD: \$130,606

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$235

Received YTD: \$6,241

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 303

Average Attendance: 312

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

The Mysteries of God - Age Matters

Pastor Logan Ames

Proverbs 16:31 (NKJV) – "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness".

"One day, a man discusses the future of countries. The next, the country discusses him in the past tense. He was gone between two sunsets. A dead man's calendar can still look busy. Meetings remain written in their squares. Unanswered messages wait inside a glowing screen, each one addressed to someone who can no longer reply. Death does not clear the desk before it enters the room. It simply comes"

– Pastor Rich Bitterman

Hebrews 9:27-28a (NKJV) – "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many".

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV) – And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops'. Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry'". But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God".

Joshua 14:10-12 (NIV) – "Now then, just as the Lord promised, He has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time He said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as He said".

Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV) – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day', and the darkness He called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day".

"day" = Hebrew *yom* – "a day (as the warm hours), whether literal (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figurative (a space of time defined by an associated term)"

Genesis 7:17-23 (NIV) – "For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. Every living thing that moved on land perished – birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark".

"Either the rock record is the evidence of millions of years, or it is largely the evidence of Noah's flood. It can't be both"
– Dr. Terry Mortenson, *Answers in Genesis*

Isaiah 26:4 (NIV) – "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, Is the Rock eternal".

Romans 5:12 (NIV) – "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned".

Genesis 1:31a (NIV) – "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good".

Genesis 5:3 (NIV) – "When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth".

1 Timothy 6:1-2 (NIV) – "All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. Those who have believing masters should not show them disrespect just because they are fellow believers. Instead, they should serve them even better because their masters are dear to them as fellow believers and are devoted to the welfare of their slaves".

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NIV) – "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free".

John 21:24-25 (NIV) – "This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. Doing the Lord's will obediently as we age is not easy, but He promises and delivers a far greater reward.
2. Rather than being overly concerned with the age of rocks, we ought to be focused on the Rock of Ages.
3. When reading about controversial things in Scripture, we must consider the age in which they are written.