

August 22nd & 23rd 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

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.

CHURCH RETREAT AT CAMP YOLIJWA

September 11TH -13TH

Payment is due now. \$118/adult,
\$59/child ages 5-17, children under 5
years of age is free.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 20th – October 18th

8 AM – 8:45 AM

Exploring the Character of God
Led by Bob Mattern – Sign up at the
Welcome Center

Support Night to Shine at our Bake Sale
during the Car Show & Yard Sale on
Saturday, September 5!

Donate baked goods by signing up at the
Welcome Center.

Donations may be dropped off Friday,
September 4, from 5–7 PM or Saturday by
8 AM. All proceeds benefit Night to Shine!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BILLIARDS

August 28th at 6:30 PM

New location!!

At the home of Paul Kitzmiller.
Sign up at the Welcome Center if you
wish to attend.

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: \$14,806

Received YTD: \$360,705

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$1,181

Received YTD: \$136,107

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$587

Received YTD: \$7,671

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 302

Average Attendance: 314

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

The Mysteries of God - My God, My God

Pastor Logan Ames

Luke 22:14-20 (NIV) – When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God". After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes". And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me". In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you".

"remembrance" = Greek *anamnesis* – "recollection, a bringing to mind"; HELPS – "a deliberate recollection done to better appreciate the effects of what happened; active, self-prompted recollection especially as a memorial"

"What is certain is that Jesus bids us commemorate, not His birth, nor His life, nor His miracles, but His death"

– D.A. Carson

Matthew 27:45-50 (NIV) – From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah". Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave Him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save Him".

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit".

"cry out" = Greek *anaboao* – "to raise a cry"; only time used in the Bible

"His one moan is concerning His God. It is not, 'Why has Peter forsaken me? Why has Judas betrayed me?' These were sharp griefs, but this is the sharpest. This stroke has cut Him to the quick"

– Charles Spurgeon

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT) – "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!' For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ".

Isaiah 59:1-2 (NIV) – "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear".

Isaiah 53:4-5, 9-10 (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" – "He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. 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".

Psalms 22:1-5 (NIV) – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame".

"Listeners familiar with the text understood the reference went far beyond immediate despair. Psalm 22 famously begins in profound anguish but arcs toward ultimate vindication, trust, and praise in its final verses"

– AI Overview of Jewish rabbinical practice of invoking Psalm 22 by quoting its first line

Psalms 22:27-31 (NIV) – "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him – those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim His righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!"

Psalms 22:16-18 (NIV) – "Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment".

"There's one moment in the crucifixion I used to throw at Christians as my knockout punch. Jesus crying, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' I'd say: 'See? He's just a man in despair. God doesn't get forsaken by God'. Here's what wrecked my argument: Those aren't words of despair. They're the first line of Psalm 22, written by David many years earlier. And in Jewish culture, quoting a psalm's first line pointed everyone to the whole passage. Psalm 22 goes on: 'They pierce my hands and my feet. They divide my garments and cast lots.' A crucifixion described hundreds of years before crucifixion existed. Jesus wasn't confused on the cross. He was announcing fulfillment. 'This is that'. The verse I used to prove He was only a man... was Him telling us He was the One the whole psalm foretold. My knockout punch turned out to be His mic drop"

– Shahriq Khan, founder of Christ Underground

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. The best way to battle forgetfulness toward God is to intentionally remember what He did for us.
2. No matter how much pain you've had in your life, you've never faced any of it forsaken by God.
3. Even when we are in agony as Jesus was, we must not lose sight of God and His power to save us.