

July 11th & 12th 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

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!

SUMMER FEST

August 1st 10 AM – 2 PM

Food, games, & bounce houses

Sign up to help at the Welcome
Center!

CHURCH RETREAT @ CAMP YOLIJWA

September 1th – 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 CHILDREN
MOBILE PACK EVENT
AT FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

JULY 24TH & 25TH

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

BLOOD DRIVE

August 11th 1 PM – 6 PM

Appointments are required. Reserve
your spot today by visiting:

[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and search for
sponsor code *FriendshipDover*.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at [FriendshipCommunity.org](https://www.FriendshipCommunity.org)

Text [FCCDOVER](https://www.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: \$7,865

Received YTD: \$292,461

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$6,550

Received YTD: \$123,407

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$240

Received YTD: \$5,871

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 275

Average Attendance: 312

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

The Mysteries of God - For Heaven's Sake

Pastor Logan Ames

Revelation 1:17-19 (NIV) – When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later".

Philippians 3:7-11 (NIV) – "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead".

"garbage" = Greek *skubalon* - "that which is thrown to the dogs; refuse, waste, or dung"

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 (NIV) – "I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory'".

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV) – "Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words".

"caught up" = Greek *harpazo* - "to seize, kidnap, take by force"; Latin *rapturo* - "to carry off"

"He endured the worst that death can possibly be. It is because there was no softening of the horror of death for Him that there is no horror of death for His people. For them it is but sleep"
– Leon Morris

Psalms 56:3-4 (NIV) – "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) – One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong". Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise".

John 20:17 (NIV) – Jesus said, "Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'".

2 Peter 3:8 (NIV) – "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day".

"Though the bones be scattered to the four winds of heaven, yet, at the call of the Lord God, they shall come together again, bone to His bone. We doubt not that God will guard the dust of the precious sons and daughters of Zion"

– Charles Spurgeon

Revelation 7:1-4 (NIV) – "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 'Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God'. Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel".

Revelation 14:1-4 (NIV) – "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb".

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV) – "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. We must believe that the imperishable we experience in heaven is better than all perishable things here.
2. Rather than trying to figure out the timing of the rapture, let us simply be encouraged that it will happen.
3. God is outside of time and created it, so our earthly understanding of it need not be applied to heaven.