



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church

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September 2026 Church Newsletter

It All Comes Down to the Foundation

As any builder can tell you, a building's foundation is what makes or breaks the structure when disastrous weather hits. Jesus alludes to this fact in his parable of the wise and foolish builder (Matthew 7:24-27). Two men decided to build a house; the foolish builder on shifting sand and the wise builder on the solid rock. When the storm came, the first house was destroyed while the other was left standing.

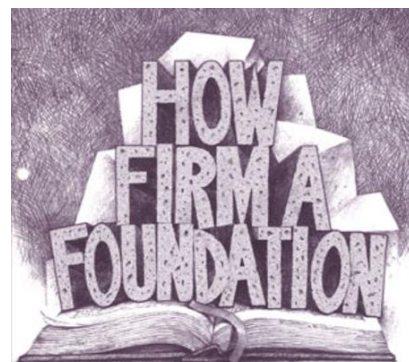
Though the author is unknown, I cannot help but think that this parable was part of the inspiration for the hymn *How Firm a Foundation*. The beginning of this classic hymn talks about how God's Word (capital W referring to Jesus) is the firm foundation we should build our lives upon. The verses discuss the hardships we will face in life, yet how with Christ as our foundation, we will be kept safe through every storm. We especially see this in the third verse:

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

Just as we as individuals need to build and rely upon Jesus as our foundation, so does our denomination. The Global Methodist Church is a young church, and many are working on strengthening its foundation this September. August 30 through September 5 is General Conference, and it is being held in Johannesburg, South Africa. Delegates and volunteers from around the world are meeting to discuss and vote on legislation to help clarify and strengthen our Book of Doctrine and Discipline, as well as elect eight new bishops to serve and oversee the church at large.

This is foundational work! The leaders and policies chosen at this General Conference will either become a solid base for the Global Methodist Church to pass down to future generations or bring foundational weakness that will cause cracks further down the line.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters and the task they have ahead. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be present, for wisdom and discernment, and for humility to pursue God's will even if it is not the agenda of the delegates. Pray for our young church to have a firm foundation built upon Christ and His word so when the storm blows, Christ's church will not crash but stand firm.



Keep Praying and God Bless,
Pastor Emily

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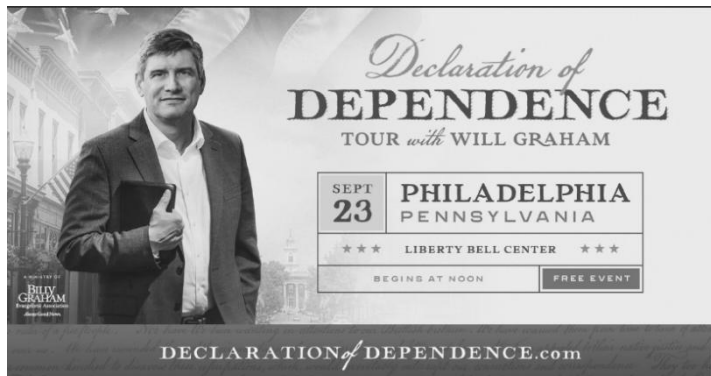
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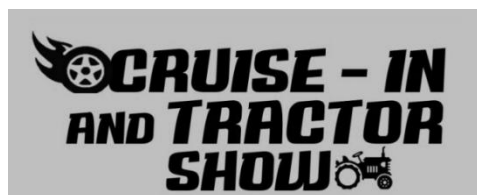
Bus Trip to the Declaration of Dependence Tour with Will Graham!



To celebrate America's 250th anniversary, The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is doing a prayer tour through the original 13 colonies. The tour stop in Pennsylvania will be in Philadelphia, the birthplace of our country and an important place in the First Great Awakening. The event will take place at noon on Wednesday, September 23rd and will include worship, a message from Franklin Graham's eldest son, Will, and a time to pray for our country and community.

We will take a bus trip to spend that day in Philadelphia. The prayer meeting will be held at Liberty Bell Center. Come not only to pray for our country, but also to see the place where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were signed.

The bus fare will approximately be \$40 per person - exact cost will be posted in the bulletin. The deadline to sign up is September 20th.



2nd Annual Cruise-in and Tractor Show September 19th 11am-3pm

Come out to join us for the 2nd Annual Cruise-In and Tractor Show. From antiques to hot rods to tractors, all are welcome to enter. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. Registration and

food proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, while ice cream proceeds will support IMO mission trip.

Check out the bulletin board to sign up for food donations or to help the day of the event. We will need volunteers to help with parking, registration and food.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our VBC in August!



Scholarships

Congratulations to Lucas Runk and Gina Helsel, who were both awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for this academic year from the church.

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Walk to Emmaus Retreats Coming Soon - Still a chance to go!



If you have not been on an Emmaus retreat, we want to encourage you to do so. We have over 20 folks here who have been to Emmaus and they would love to sponsor you. If you need help, Emmaus offers a scholarship fund that will pay half your cost and if needed, the church will pay half your expenses. So, you have no financial excuse for not going.

Sign up on your Communication Card and we will get you more info:

Men's Weekend, September 17-20

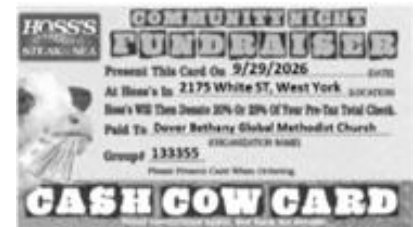
Women's Weekend, September 24-27

Trail Life Troup #2717

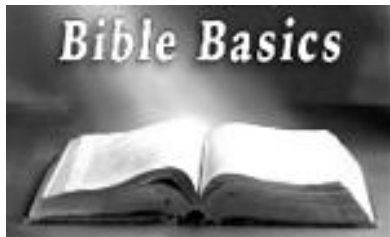
Weekly troop meetings start back this September, each Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. It is a Christian scouting program for boys age 5 to 17. If you know of boys and teens who might be interested, please contact Pastor Sal for more information.

Hoss's Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

All day on Tuesday, September 29th at the 2175 White ST, York location, your meal will benefit our shoebox program. Make sure to bring your bulletin advertisement or pick up a Cash Cow Card at the welcome center in the lobby.



"Bible Basics" Bible Study



Beginning Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, we will host a six-week Bible study on a general overview of the Bible. Our time will include scripture study and applying the Bible to our lives. It is never a bad idea to review the "basics." Nancy Buonocore is leading the group as preparation for teaching the course for our Northeast Annual Conference Certified Lay Ministry training program. Please sign up on your Communication Card.

September 2026 Volunteer Schedule	6	13	20	27
Greeters	Elaine Myers Donna Snyder Nancy Dehoff	Mary Chronister Dana Keefe Mark & Margie Burkhart	Mike & Ginger Lehr Jom & Holly McKean	Rich Crager Carl Krause Pat Smith Carolyn Blymire
Nursery	Steve Green Jeanne Spahr	Carla Green Ginger Lehr	Tennille Burkhart Aleia Brown	Maria Spence Gail Wolgamuth
Hospitality	Mark & Margie Burkhart	<i>We need you!</i>	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	The Runks
Head Usher	Will Sydor	Rich Crager	Jack McLeod	Allan Crisamore
Counters	Joanna Yingling & Stacy			



Financial Life of our Church

GENERAL FUND – Thru July 2026	
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<u>REVENUE</u>	
Contributions	
General Fund/Sunday School	\$185,628
Other Donations	1,737
Memorial Gifts	525
Other Income	<u>3,045</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$190,935

<u>EXPENSES</u>	
GMC Connectional Funding	\$4,603
Human Resources	
Pastoral Support	109,288
Lay Employees	21,183
General Operations	
Church Administration	4,970
Church/Parsonage Utilities	23,083
Property Maintenance	20,200
Taxes, Insurance, Fees, etc.	13,306
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Scholarship Fund - \$4092
Cemetery Fund - \$43,841
Operation Christmas Child - \$8778
General Fund - \$46,790

Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar September 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Trail Life	2 6pm Line Dancing	3	4	5
6 8am Helping Hand Class 9:00am Worship 10:30-11:30 am Kid's Connection: Children's Ministry	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 6:30 pm Trail Life 7pm Board of Director's Meeting	9 9am Stitches of Love 6pm Line Dancing 6:30pm Bible Basics Study	10	11	12
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