



# Dover First Christian Church



October  
2021

It's been a great few weeks for our church family. We had wonderful time of worship and fellowship as we dedicated a deck at Beneath the Shade. Campfire Faith is in full effect, and its been fun to eat together, study God's word together, and see the kids running around again. Finally, we ended the month with an excellent Cruise-In Benefit that raised approximately \$3600 for Scott Cecil and his family. Thank you to everyone who has helped organize, plan, serve, or teach this month. It has been a good month because of your willingness to give of your time, gifts, and energy.

As we move forward together, you are going to notice us trying to focus on our mission statement. We want to be the love of Christ in our community through service and discipleship. This means many of our resources (time, money, programming) will have a community focus. We want to build on what we started with Beneath the Shade and the Cruise-In as we continue to find ways to connect with and love the community where God has placed us.

When you look at our October schedule, you will see that outward focus beginning to manifest. We are packing food for Haiti. There is a community fall festival planned for October 17. We are tailgating and giving away free food at the Dover-Phila game. Even our open gym basketball is designed as a way to connect with people outside our church. These are great opportunities for us, as a church, to live out our faith and love. I hope to you see many of you plugged in and serving at these great events.

We spent our last prayer and praise meeting brainstorming over thirty ways we could be Christ's love, and over the next few months you will see some of these ideas come to fruition. I'm excited to see what happens as we pursue our mission together.

On a personal note, I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity the Shepherds have given me to take a Sabbatical at the end of this year. I will be taking this extended break from December 27-January 23 to refresh, renew, and refocus my ministry. The shepherds shared the details at our most recent quarterly meeting, but you can get an information sheet from the church office if you missed the meeting. Again, I'm truly thankful for this season of refreshment.

Josh

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FALL FEST OCTOBER 17

We are having a Fall Fest on October 17th from 5-7pm. This will be an evening of games, food and fun for Preschool through 4th grade. We do need help with some food and supplies. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

## CAMPFIRE FAITH EVERY WEDNESDAY

We are continuing Campfire Faith every Wednesday in October starting with supper at 5:15pm. Then we will have Bible study from 6-7pm. We have a group for all ages.

## FAMILY PICTURES EVERY SUNDAY

We are taking family pictures for our "Family Tree" on the wall in the hallway. Please stop by after worship on Sunday to get your picture taken.

## LADIES LUNCHEON OCTOBER 20

Join us at The Pointe Restaurant on October 20th at Noon. Please let Carlene Swinderman or Shirley Homan know if you are able to come.

## TAILGATE PARTY OCTOBER 22

Come out and show your school spirit at the Dover-Phila Tailgate Party. We need your help to reach out to our community. We will be giving away hotdogs, water and hot chocolate as they walk to Crater Stadium. Monetary donation are needed to purchase the food and drinks.

## OPEN GYM EVERY SUNDAY

Join us every Sunday afternoon in October at Memorial Hall from 1:30-3pm to play basketball.

Keenager's  
Retreat  
Oct 12

Round Lake  
Christian Camp

Middle School  
Retreat  
Oct 29-31

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