

## A Week at a Glance

### Sunday, January 7

- 10:00 AM Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 AM College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 AM *The Starting Place* (C-10)
- 11:30 AM Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-1)
- 1:00 PM *Prayer for the Persecuted Church* (The Chapel)
- 1:00 PM **COMMUNITY** (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 5:00 PM *International Students Team Dinner Meeting* (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

### Monday, January 8, 2018

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Prayer Worx (Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 6:30 PM *Perspectives: Class Fellowship* (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *War Room: Pray for Our Leadership Team* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Women (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Tuesday, January 9

- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word Bible Study* (no childcare; Lower Chapel)
- 10:30 AM **ENCORE** (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *Getting to the Heart of Addiction Ministry* (Pavilion)
- 7:00 PM Praise Dance Team Rehearsal (Y-301)
- 7:00 PM Legacy Group (The Lounge)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Wednesday, January 10

- 9:30 AM *Daughters of the King Bible Study* (Lower Chapel)
- 11:30 AM Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 6:45 PM Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/Gyms/YMC)
- 7:00 PM *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM **COMMUNITY** (Warren home)

### Thursday, January 11

- 7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs church parking lot)
- 8:00 PM **COMMUNITY** (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Friday, January 12

- 7:00 PM Jr. High Youth Group (TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

### Saturday, January 13

- 8:30 AM Men's Seminar (The Chapel)
- 6:00 PM H.E.A.R.T.S. Basketball (Lower & Upper Gyms)

## Sunday, January 7, 2018 COMMUNION SUNDAY

At 8:25, 9:55 & 11:25 AM

Pastoral Staff  
"A NEW YEAR'S  
COMMUNION"

At 5:00 PM

Pastor Jim Bushoven  
"RESTORING  
LIFE'S  
GREATEST  
QUALITIES"

*The floral arrangement today is in loving memory of  
Beverly, John, and Ken Vander Wiele,  
given by their families.*

## Welcome

**Welcome to Hawthorne Gospel Church!**

We are glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new or looking to connect, fill out the yellow *Connector/Prayer Request* card located in the back of the pew and hand it to a *Connector* at the Discovery Center for a small gift and some helpful information about our church.

Please join us in the Pavilion between the morning services for a time of fellowship and coffee and where you'll obtain information on upcoming events!

**New Beginnings** thanks the HGC congregation for their generosity in filling Ziploc bags for its Christmas outreach. These items were given out in beautiful Christmas bags on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, the patients wish to thank our *Made with Love* Ministry for the handmade lap blankets which were distributed with the Christmas bags. **All Glory to God!**

## Celebration & Praise!

# Today at 10:00 am

## The Starting Place

**The Starting Place** is a two-week, one-time experience that is held every other month on Sunday mornings. This is the bridge you take from attending church to developing your faith. Interested? Please come to room C-10 (lower level of church building).

## Adult Bible Classes

Brochures giving details on each class are available in the church foyer.

Remember . . .  
Sunday School is for adults, too!

## Pastoral Leadership Team

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| <b>John Minnema</b> , Senior Pastor                                  | <a href="mailto:pastorjohn@hgusa.org">pastorjohn@hgusa.org</a>   |
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| <a href="http://www.hawthornegospel.com">www.hawthornegospel.com</a> | <a href="http://www.hca.org">www.hca.org</a>                     |

**Pray for the Sick Home:** Pat Albright; Michele Alonzo; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Ellie Bauer; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Artie Fialko; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Mark Hastings; Carol Deans-Heiser; Joseph Letterese; Jack Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Michael Martin; Kris Miller; Al Molzan; Len Mulé; Mary Pascual; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Rob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Doris Ryan; Marli (Klar) Sheji; George Thebold; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; James Tucciarone; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods

**Hospitals & Rehabs:** Vince Carnevale; Ray De Rouville; Andy Feingold; Kathryn Mummiani; Phil Paolucci; Florence Spaccarotella; John Spence

**Our Christian Sympathy** is given to those who were bereaved of loved ones recently:

Steve Koshlap at the Homegoing of his mother on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Anna Mae Vander Groef at the Homegoing of her husband, Larry, on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

## HGC Library Hours

**Sunday: 9:30 to 10:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Monday: Closed**

**Tuesday through Saturday: 12:00 to 3:30 pm**

Be sure to visit . . .

and enjoy

the following new DVDs for children:

**Superbook: *The Fiery Furnace***

**Superbook: *Esther***

**The Complete TV Series: 3, 2, 1 Penguins**

The Library is located on the upper level of The Chapel  
Phone: 973-427-6960, extension 130.

## Un-Exempting God:

Here is a great verse with which to begin this New Year. *Jesus says: All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me (Matthew 28:18).* I think that in general terms we would agree that Jesus Christ has all authority. But in reality, we probably have those areas that we regard as being exempt from His authority!

For example, there may be that particularly difficult person that you gave up on because you felt that he/she would never change. Perhaps there is a habit or personal rut that you are in that has proven too difficult for you. You may deem the state of our country as being outside His authority. It is possible that the chaos in the world gives the appearance that things are out of His control.

What things do you exempt, in practice, from being under the authority of Christ? What things do you exempt from your prayers as being impossible? If Christ has **ALL** authority in heaven and on earth, then the answer has to be nothing!

In 2018, could we consider *un-exempting* those things and allow God to work? Here is a challenge for you: We have set as a goal of our church to see the light of the gospel shine across the all nations around the world. This seems like an impossible task, so **impossible** that we may exempt it from our prayers. Based on the fact that Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth, could we make this request a priority for 2018?

Pastor David A. Schuit



All are cordially invited to attend the  
**Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church**  
today from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in The Chapel

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer?  
The Board member on call this week is Frank  
Tirrito.

**Board  
Member  
on Call**

## Special Times of Prayer

The **War Room** will be open tomorrow evening at 7:00 to pray for our pastoral staff. Come to the church office conference room and join others in upholding our pastors in prayer.

**Midweek Prayer** for **Adults** is held on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in The Chapel.

**Men!** Plan now to join your hearts in prayer with others every Thursday morning at 7:00 in Pastor John's office.

**Next Sunday Morning**, from **8:00** to **8:20**, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** will be held for our worship services. Please join us in room C-111/12 (*lower level of the church building*).

## New Ministry

### *Getting to the Heart of Addiction*

will meet every week

beginning on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

from **7:00** to **8:30 pm** in the Pavilion.

For more information, contact Tim Stanley at [tstanley@hgusa.org](mailto:tstanley@hgusa.org) or 973-427-6960, extension 161).

## Crossroads

Crossroads connects prisoners with mentors in Christ-centered relationships so that lives, prisons, and churches are restored through the Gospel. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, a training session will be held on **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 pm** in The Chapel. Sign up in the Pavilion today or on January 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, or call the church office weekdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 973-427-6960 on or before January 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Seminar

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

from **8:30** to **11:00 am** in The Chapel

### “Finding Purpose and Hope in Brokenness and Impossibility”

Guest Speaker

**Barry Milazzo**

Barry chronicles the amazing 30-year saga of his family after a vaccine-induced brain injury *Humpty Dumptied* the life of his baby boy.

This gripping story will show you how to embrace the purpose and hope of Jesus Christ in the face of your own brokenness and impossibility.

Sign up **today** in the Pavilion, or call 973-427-6960, extension 122.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' *Getting to Know You Tea*

with guest speaker

**Eve Schuit**

### “A Task Unfinished”

being held on

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

from **3:00** to **5:00 pm**

Sign up at the special display in the Pavilion **today** through **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, or call 973-427-6960 weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on or before January 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Upcoming Meetings

## Encore

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

Plan now to attend our **Missions Focus Day** with Matt Andersen of Star of Hope Ministries, Paterson. Come to The Chapel on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM and celebrate the ministry of this Christ-centered, non-profit organization established in 1913.

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## Serving Hands

**Serving Hands**, a ministry for men and women of all ages who serve our missionaries through prayer and projects, will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 AM in The Chapel. Amoon and Ghazala Sharon, who serve with Alpha Ministries, will report on their recent outreach to Pakistan.

# Mark Your Calendars! Membership Classes

will be held on  
Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
at 10:00 am in room C-10.

Membership in a local church is an important step in the Christian's lifelong journey of discipleship. If you would like to become a member of Hawthorne Gospel Church, please sign up in the church foyer today to let us know you are coming. Membership candidates need to attend both sessions. For more information, please call 973-427-6960, extension 112.

# Staff Chapel

**The Congregation** is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs this Wednesday (January 10<sup>th</sup>) from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM in The Chapel. For more information, please call the church office at 973-427-6960.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Tim Stanley

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| January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018<br>AM Services<br><i>Beginning a new series on<br/>Great Texts of the Old Testament</i><br>Pastor John W. Minnema<br>"Living by Faith: Abraham & Sarah"<br><i>Genesis Chapters 12-25</i> | January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018<br>5:00 PM<br><i>Continuing in the series on<br/>Restoring Life's Greatest Qualities</i><br>Pastor David Schuit<br>"Restoring True Love" |
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Pastor John W. Minnema

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| January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018<br>AM Services<br>Quarterly Missionary Sunday<br>Pastor David Schuit | January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018<br>5:00 PM<br>Pastor Mark Rolling<br>"Restoring Real Joy" |
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Pastor Scott Warren

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| January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018<br>AM Services<br><i>Continuing in the series on<br/>Great Texts of the Old Testament</i><br>Pastor John W. Minnema<br>"In the Hands of God: Joseph"<br><i>Genesis Chapters 37-50</i> | January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018<br>5:00 PM<br>Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.<br>"Restoring Deep Peace" |
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Pastor Mark Rolling

## Introducing: *THE GATEKEEPERS*

All of us have heard the reports of increasing random, senseless violence worldwide, and we want you to know that since 2010 we have been working quietly to upgrade the security measures around our beautiful campus. From time to time, we will be posting in the bulletin safety and security information so you can understand the basic steps used and planned in creating a safer and more welcoming environment for those in attendance.

**Our Mission Statement:** To continually assess the church security situation, recommend policy and procedures, and train workers in proper observation and response techniques in order to ensure the safety of the congregation and church assets.

Our foundational Scripture for the GATEKEEPERS comes from the Old Testament where we see that safety and security were important around the temple even thousands of years ago.

*“In all, there were 212 Gatekeepers in those days...David and Samuel appointed their ancestors because they were reliable men. These Gatekeepers and their descendants, by their divisions, were responsible for guarding the entrance to the house of the LORD, the house that was formerly a tent. The Gatekeepers were stationed on all four sides—east, west, north, and south.”*

I Chronicles 9:21-24

You may give an additional gift toward this ministry by marking the offering envelope “Security” in the space provided.

Pastor Dave Andersen  
Frank Tirrito  
Rick Cyriacks

