

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 22

- 10:00 AM Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 AM College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 AM *Equipping Track* (E-5)
- 11:30 AM Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-1)
- 1:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Monday, April 23

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Women (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, April 24

- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 9:30 AM ENCORE Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:00 AM *God's Little Singers* (C-23/24)
- 11:00 AM *Play & Pray* (C-6)
- 7:00 PM *Legacy Group* (Lower Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Praise Dance Team Rehearsal (Upper Gym)
- 7:00 PM Ladies' *In-Touch* Fellowship Dinner (The Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, April 25

- 9:30 AM *Daughters of the King* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 9:30 AM Nursery/Story Time for Women's Bible Study (The Lounge)
- 6:45 PM Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/Gyms/YMC)
- 7:00 PM *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 PM *Equipping Track* (Y-306)
- 7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible (TheLOFT)

Thursday, April 26

- 7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 AM *Deep Roots* (The Chapel) and Nursery/Story Time (C-6)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs church parking lot)
- 6:30 PM Praise Dance Team Rehearsal (Lower Gym)
- 8:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, April 27

- 7:00 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)
- 7:30 PM HCA: Dessert Theatre (Pavilion; Lower Church)

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00 AM *Desire4Hope* Outreach (Paterson)
- 10:00 AM Praise Dance Workshop (Lower Gym)
- 6:00 PM *PrimeTime* German-Style Dinner (The Chapel)
- 7:30 PM HCA: Dessert Theatre (Pavilion; Lower Church)

Sunday, April 22, 2018 Missions Focus Sunday

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

Pastor David A. Schuit
**“JESUS AND THE
CHILDREN”**
Luke 18:15-17

At 5:00 PM

*Continuing in the series on
Church in Culture*
Pastor Jim Bushoven
**“CALLED, NOT
EMPLOYED”**
Luke 10

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!

The Starting Place

We want to help you grow in your devotion to Christ. Sometimes the hardest part is taking the first step. We have the perfect first step for everyone, **The Starting Place!** It's the bridge you take from just attending church to developing your faith. This two-week, one-time experience is held every other month on Sunday mornings. The next scheduled session will be held on Sunday, May 6th and 13th, at 10:00 am in room C-10 (lower level of the church building). Sign up in the church foyer or on our website (hawthornegospel.com).

Baptismal Service

A baptismal service is planned for **Sunday, June 24th**. If you are at least 13 years old and desire to give public testimony to your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism, you must attend one of the following classes: **Sunday, June 3rd**, or **Sunday, June 10th**, at either **10:00** or **11:30 am** in room C-11/12 (lower level of the church building).

You must bring to class a written copy of your testimony, which tells your story of how you received Jesus as your Savior, and a paragraph entitled *Why I Want to Be Baptized and What Baptism Means to Me*. Sign up today in the church foyer and pick up a copy of the brochure, *Why We Value Baptism*.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

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Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Bakers are Needed for the 3rd Week!

To help, please contact Kelly Stephenson.

Pray for the Sick

Home: Pat Albright; Michele Alonzo; Lorrie Doris Anderson; Vincent Anello; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Ellie Bauer; Karen Beller; Vicki Calabrese; Vince Carnevale; Nela Chacon (*arm surgery tomorrow*); Debby Chapman; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Phil Dimitri; Bob Falconieri; Andy Feingold; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Carl Grotz; Linda Hanowitz; Mark Hastings; Herman Heiser; Joe Letterese; John Lo Bue; Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Ruth Marion; Mike Martin; Harry McCullen; Kris Miller; Al Molzan; Doris Mossige; Dianne Nowak; Mary Pascual; Marian Petersen; Joan Podschelne; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Julie Rieke; Carlos Rivera; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Gail Schuit; Bud Stranberg; Tim Tileston; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; Dolores Urbanovich; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods. **Hospitals & Rehabs:** Raymond De Rouville; Robert & Marie Lanzalotto; Henrietta Lawless; Jake Locicero; Steve Meyers; Phil Paolucci; Bill Pezzuti; Jennifer (Tanis) Powell; Maryann Schwinge; John Spence; Ashley Williams.

Robert Mc Gill, a member since 2017, entered into the waiting arms of Jesus on April 17th. Our Christian love is given to his wife, Huguette.

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

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

A Lesson on Windows:

There has probably not been a more significant concept in the last 30 years in terms of spreading the gospel than the realization that most of the peoples of the world who have not heard the gospel live in the regions called the **10/40 Window**. This **window** is the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia between 10 degrees North and 40 degrees North Latitude. The 10/40 Window includes the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. Approximately five billion people out of the world population of 7.5 billion live in this window.

But there is another window which may be just as significant and that window is the **4/14 Window**. Studies have shown that 70% of those people who come to know Christ as their Savior do so between the ages of 4 and 14. So, if people are going to become a Christian, they are far more likely to make that decision by the age of 14 than after that age. At the very least, this confirms that children and young people are indeed *the world's most fruitful field*, and we cannot afford to neglect this window.

Talking about children ...

The 264,000 meals that we packed with the *Feed My Starving Children* event were shipped on April 9th to Swaziland in Southern Africa. The meals will be distributed through a Christian orphanage called The Children's Cup. They serve FMSC meals in their centers and church or partner sites that care for orphaned and vulnerable children. Thank you for your part in that!



Today is Quarterly Missionary Sunday!

All offerings will go toward the support of our missionaries around the world.

To give for other purposes, please use a pew envelope and indicate how your gift is to be used.

Grace of Giving Sunday

April 29th, 2018

Paving the Pathway

As we continue to plan for our proposed new building addition, April 29th has been set as *Grace of Giving Sunday*. We have been thrilled with the generosity displayed by our church family.

Our buildings are a tool God has provided for worshipping, growing, and serving so we may continue to *develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ*. It is not about buildings, but all about people. You can invest in the spiritual lives of others through this project. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may want to use you on *Grace of Giving Sunday*.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Ladies, Plan to Attend

R&R

Saturday, May 5th, 9:00 am in The Chapel

(a continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 am)

Guest speaker:

Sue Vander Pyl

“Rising Above the Madness”

Come, listen and learn how to navigate through the busyness of life.

God's Word tells us how in the book of Mark.



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that is biblically-centered
and academically excellent?

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For more information or to arrange a personal tour,
please call Victoria Gracian
at 973-423-3331, extension 206.

Outreach Events Coming Soon!

On **Thursday, May 3rd**, from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Pavilion, HGC will host the Passaic County #knockoutopioidabuse Town Hall Forum. Key leaders in the community, including Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor, pain management specialists, and HGC Outreach Director, Tim Stanley, will speak. Don't miss this learning opportunity. Be in the know . . . and help us #knockoutopioidabuse!



On **Sunday, May 6th**, HGC is partnering with the Hawthorne Special Education Parent's Advisory Council (SEPAC) at its **5K Color Run**. This event will be held in Goffle Brook Park.

For more information or to join the volunteer team, please e-mail Pastor Jim at jim@hgcusa.org. If you wish to sign up to run or walk, please go to hawthornenjsepac.com.

Supernova SON VBS!

Get ready for our next VBS adventure from **June 25th to 29th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Throughout the week, kids will learn that Jesus is everywhere...He knows everything...He is forgiving...He is all powerful...and He is the light of the world! Preregister online at hawthornegospel.com—we also offer classes for adults. For more information, please call 973-427-6960, extension 122.

There are opportunities for men, women, and teens to help in big and small ways. Please contact Catherine Talgada, VBS Volunteer Coordinator, at hgcvolunteervbs@gmail.com.

“Breakfast for Dinner” VBS Fundraiser
 Wednesday, May 9th, at 5:30 pm in the Pavilion;
 \$5 per person!

Needed for 2018 VBS Crafts

One pound coffee cans and lids.
 Bring your empty cans and lids to the Resource Center,
 Room C-7 on the lower level of the church building. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The Praise Dance Team will be interpreting a song which requires volunteers in its *Cardboard Testimony* on Sunday, April 29th, at our Sundays @ 5 service. There also will be a **Praise Dance Workshop** on Saturday, April 28th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the lower gym (**no experience necessary**).

For more information on both, please contact Sherry Alicastro or Suzanne Kozlowski.

Prime Time

Next Saturday, April 28th, at **6:00 pm** in The Chapel, Prime Time will host a German-style dinner. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information or to sign up, please visit the special display in the Pavilion this morning.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, April 25th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor David Schuit

Grace of Giving Sunday	
April 29 th , 2018 AM Services <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastor John W. Minnema “O Jerusalem” 2 Kings 25	April 29 th , 2018 5:00 PM Pastor Jim Bushoven A Night of Restoration Experienced

Special Prayer Gathering, May 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor Mark Rolling

May 6 th , 2018 AM Services Communion <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastoral Staff “David and Bathsheba” 2 Samuel 11-12; Psalms 32 & 51	May 6 th , 2018 5:00 PM Communion <i>Continuing in the series on Church in Culture</i> Pastor Mark Rolling “Grounded, Not Distracted” 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 9th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

Mother's Day	
May 13 th , 2018 AM Services <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastoral Staff “Esther” Book of Esther	May 13 th , 2018 5:00 PM NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 16th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
 Pastor John W. Minnema



Pray for America UNITY!

67th Annual Observance

ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER!

*Make every effort to keep the unity
of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*
Ephesians 4:3

Scripture tells us again and again that
our fervent prayer is effective.

That our loving God responds to His children's
earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much,
and ultimately determine the course of history.
Please attend one or more of the other prayer
events that will be noted in next week's bulletin
as we join together with other believers
around the country in prayer for

The United States of America

Special Prayer Gathering

on **Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018**

at **7:00 PM** in The Chapel

Parent Prayer Group

Our Student Ministry organizes a special night for the parents where we spend time praying with and for each other. We also discuss relevant topics to equip us with parenting skills to help us raise our teens. We would love to see you there. Come on **Friday, May 4th**, from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** to The Chapel. For more information, please email Pastor Jake at jake@hgcsusa.org.

GATEKEEPERS Security Memo Locked Doors

One of the responsibilities of our church leaders is to be Gatekeepers. As Gatekeepers, we have a dual role—like a shepherd we minister to the sheep, but we also provide for their protection. This has been a requirement even going back to Old Testament days. Please read Ezekiel 33:6.

HCA has been locking all exterior doors during school hours for a couple of years now. Here at HGC in the sanctuary building, we are locking the two exterior doors near the platform ten (10) minutes after each service starts and unlocking them when the service ends to allow access for those parking in the rear parking area.

The doors downstairs by the boiler room are always locked, and the lower entrance doors by the kindergarten are locked when the 5:00 pm service starts. You are always able to exit any of the doors simply by pushing the bar in the usual manner.

Your ability to worship in peace and safety is an important concern as we see this troubled world struggling without Christ. All the more reason for us to passionately seek . . .

. . . to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.