

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 8

- 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)
- 1:00 PM *Prayer for the Persecuted Church* (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Monday, April 9

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Monday Evening Bible School Classes (YMC; The Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Women (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

- 9:15 AM *The Amazing Collection* Women's Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 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 12

- 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)
- 7:00 PM *The Amazing Collection* Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM *Made with Love* (The Chapel; Classroom "A")
- 8:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, April 13

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

Saturday, April 14

- 8:00 AM *Desire4Hope* (Paterson)
- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast with Mike Palombi (Pavilion)

Sunday, April 8, 2018

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

*Continuing in the series on
Great Texts of the Old Testament*

Pastoral Staff

“SAMSON”

Judges 13-20

*We will hold a Prayer of Dedication
of our Church Board
at all of the morning services.*

At 5:00 PM

*Beginning in the series on
Church in Culture:
How Christianity Will
Thrive Tomorrow*

Pastor Jim Bushoven

**“CULTURE
MAKING”**

Matthew 9

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).

Baby Dedication: At the 9:55 am service, Zachary James will be dedicated to the Lord by his parents, Bernie and Liana Criscenzo.

Celebration & Praise!

Baby Boy! Andrew David, born April 3rd to Mark and Amy (Schuit) Stabell.

New Member: Miss Tracy Castillo will be welcomed in as a new member at the 11:25 am service today.

Host Homes Needed

Liberty University is coming to HGC in concert on Saturday, April 21st, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. LU Praise is a choir that has sung for the presidential inauguration and many other special events. Sammi Shaffer, who grew up in our church, sings with LU Praise. Plan now to attend as it will be a great night of worship.

We also are looking for host families to house the visiting students. To host two or more students for Saturday evening, or for more information, please contact James Jensen at james@hgcusa.org.

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Volunteers Needed for ...

- Club 208
- Special Needs Buddies
- Nursery workers

To help, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober or Jessica Clavijo at 973-427-6960, extension 166.

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; 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; Joseph Letterese; Bob & Marie Lanzalotto; John Lo Bue; Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Michael Martin; Harry McCullen; Kris Miller; Al Molzan; Doris Mossige; Len Mulé; Dianne Nowak; Mary Pascual; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Carlos Rivera; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Maryann Schwinge; Bud Stranberg; Timothy Tileston; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods

Hospitals & Rehabs: Raymond De Rouville; Henrietta Lawless; Ruth Marion; Steve Meyers; Phil Paolucci; Bill Pezzuti; Jennifer (Tanis) Powell; John Spence; Dolores Urbanovich; Ashley Williams

Our Christian Love is given to Sharon Eelman at the Homegoing of her sister, Deborah Jean Stark, on April 1st in Iowa.

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.

The Compassion Experience!

Don't miss it ...

The Compassion Experience is a free event featuring an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, and the Dominican Republic.

In this exhibit, you will step inside homes, markets, and schools—without getting on a plane and traveling to the country! You will see and hear each child's story that begins in poverty, but ends in hope.

The Experience is put on by *Compassion International*. It gives visitors a chance to see life for some children from a different perspective. Our hope is that by going through this exhibit it will provide an awareness of what it is like for many children around the world and give you an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life—not only physically, but spiritually.

The exhibit will be here April 20th through 23rd and you will be able to sign up on our website (hawthornegospel.com).

For more information, contact Pastor David Schuit.

You're Invited ...

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

will be held **today!**

Come to The Chapel

between **1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

Arrive when you can and stay as long as you are able.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

Encore

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

Plan now to attend the monthly meeting this **Tuesday, April 10th**, at **10:30 am** in The Chapel. Space historian, Joe Lennox, will compare today's space station missions to Alan Shepard's first American space flight in his talk entitled *Shepard to the Station*. Mr. Lennox is the creator/curator of a space history museum. If you did not purchase a box lunch, bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided by the committee. **Note:** Outing to *America's Keswick* will be on Thursday, June 7th. The cost is \$20 per person, and you may reserve your place with a full payment at this meeting.

Made with Love

This ministry knits and crochets items for various ministries at HGC and for those who no longer are able to come out to church or who are ill.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or wish to learn, please join *Made with Love* for its next meeting this **Thursday, April 12th**, at **7:00 pm** in The Chapel.

For more information, email hgc.madewithlove@gmail.com.

Calling All Men!

On **Saturday, April 14th**, at **8:00 am**, Legacy Builders will hold its Men's Breakfast with Mike Palombi in the Pavilion. His message of hope is delivered powerfully, simply, and with answers to some of life's most troubling circumstances. Mike uses his building skills and experience of overcoming the entanglements of addiction and incarceration to teach at-risk youth the importance of building the right foundations for life! For more information, or to sign up, visit the Pavilion today or call 973-427-6960, extension 122, before Wednesday.



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an educational program
that is biblically-centered and
academically excellent?

HAWTHORNE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

offers that and so much more.
Come for a visit with your student,
preschool through high school.

Call Victoria Gracian at 973-423-3331, extension 206,
for more information or to arrange a personal tour.

HCA is a ministry of Hawthorne Gospel Church.

Need Help Healing?

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center

offers free, confidential support for those
troubled by a past abortion.

Individual help is available year-round,
and post-abortion Bible study groups
for women and men will start in mid-April.

Please email Help@LighthousePRC.org to learn more.
All inquiries will be kept confidential.

There is no obligation to participate if you inquire.

HGC Outreach Ministries supports the work of the
Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center!

Our Annual Blood Drive

will be held on
Monday, April 16th, 2018, 3:00 to 7:15 pm
in the Bloodmobile that will be parked in the
lower section of our parking lot.
Visit the Pavilion today to sign up or call 973-427-6960.

Serving Hands

Serving Hands, a ministry for men and women of all ages who serve our missionaries through prayer and projects, will hold its meeting on **Friday, April 20th**, at **9:15 am** in The Chapel. Mrs. Claire Oppliger, our missionary with *Athletes in Action*, will share her ministry via SKYPE. Plan now to attend!

Family Movie Night

Friday, April 20th, at 7:00 pm
in the Lower Gym

Questions, or to R.S.V.P., email Jessica Clavijo
at jessicac@hgcusa.org.

Top O' the Hill Day Camp

This six-week, well-rounded, Christian day camp includes sports, crafts, Bible study, swimming, and recreation for children entering grades 1 through 6 in September. The camp begins on **July 2nd** and ends on **August 10th (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)**. Registration has begun, but there are plenty of openings each week. Detailed brochures are available at the Discovery Center in the church foyer today. Please carefully read the entire brochure and should you have any questions, call 973-427-6960, extension 142.

Ride into Recovery Picnic Fundraiser

on Sunday, April 15th, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm
at Van Saun Park, 216 Forest Avenue, Paramus.
For details, visit the display in the Pavilion this morning.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, April 11th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Jim Bushoven

April 15th, 2018
AM Services
*Continuing in the series on
Great Texts of the Old Testament*
Pastor John W. Minnema
"Gideon"
Judges 6-9

April 15th, 2018
5:00 PM
*Continuing in the series on
Church in Culture: How Christianity
Will Thrive Tomorrow*
Pastor Kirk De Boer
"Provoked, Not Offended"
Luke 19

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, April 18th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

Missions Focus Sunday

April 22nd, 2018
AM Services
Pastor David Schuit
"Jesus and the Children"
Luke 18:15-17

April 22nd, 2018, 5:00 PM
*Continuing in the series on
Church in Culture: How Christianity
Will Thrive Tomorrow*
Pastor Jim Bushoven
"Called, Not Employed"
Luke 10

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

April 29th, 2018
AM Services
*Continuing in the series on
Great Texts of the Old Testament*
Pastor John W. Minnema
"O Jerusalem"
2 Kings 25

April 29th, 2018
5:00 PM
Pastor Jim Bushoven
A Night of
Restoration Experienced

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

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

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.

VBS Fundraiser: Wednesday, May 9th, at 5:30 pm. *Details to follow.*

GATEKEEPERS *Security Memo*

“If you see something, say something”

You’ve heard that expression so many times that *it goes in one ear and out the other*. However, that statement is applicable for all of us at all times including when we are at church. Occasionally, we need to be reminded of our surroundings and the fact that there is evil in this world. Unfortunately, the world is changing, and we have a responsibility to act appropriately to ensure the safety of our congregation.

In these difficult times, we want you to know that you may have a reasonable expectation of safety as we worship together. For several years, we have been training *Gatekeepers* (*Security, Parking lot, Ushers, Connectors, etc.*) in *Behavioral Analysis* techniques as taught by an FBI-trained instructor and have trained 80 of your fellow members to remain vigilant wherever they may be. We are designing circular layers of security observers for your safety and peace of mind. Ongoing efforts are planned in the months ahead.

Churches minister to many hurting people and as such we want to be sure we are available to all. In doing so and in answer to our Lord’s command to love one another, we want to be careful not to exclude those truly seeking help. Even though you may not notice we have trained observers, we trust you will take comfort in the fact that there are procedures in effect for your safety.

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 4th**, or **Sunday, June 11th**, at either **10:00** or **11:30 am** in room C-11/12 (*lower level of the church building*). Sign up in the church foyer today.