

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 6

- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 am ABC: *How to Share Your Faith* (E-5)
- 11:30 am Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-8)
- 1:00 pm COMMUNITY Fellowship (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, January 7

- 6:00 am Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 pm Bone Strengthening (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 8

- 9:30 am *Women of the Word* (Lower Chapel)
- 10:30 am ENCORE (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Legacy Group (The Lounge)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, January 9

- 11:30 am Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 6:45 pm Worship Community Rehearsal (Sanctuary; C-10)
- 6:45 pm Kid's Klub (C-1, 2/3, 4, 5/6, 8, 9; Gyms, Y-201; Pavilion)
- 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)

Thursday, January 10

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 8:00 pm COMMUNITY Fellowship (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, January 11

- 7:00 pm *Released* (Lower Chapel; The Lounge; Nursery)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (TheLOFT; Y-401)
- 7:00 pm Legacy Group *Pickle Ball Game Night* (Pavilion)

Saturday, January 12

- 8:00 am *Desire4Hope* Outreach (Paterson)
- 9:00 am Women's R&R (The Chapel)

Sunday, January 6, 2019 New Year's Communion Sunday

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

Pastoral Staff
**“FOCUS...
ON JESUS”**

At 5:00 PM

Pastor Mark Rolling
**“DAVID:
THE JOURNEY
BEGINS”**

I Samuel 16
*Beginning the new series
King David: A Heart after God*

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

Welcome **Welcome to Hawthorne Gospel Church!**

We are glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new or looking to connect, please fill out the *Welcome/Prayer Request* card located in the back of the pew and hand it to a *Connector* at the Welcome 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

Whether you are new to HGC or have been attending for years, this is an opportunity to find out more about our church, how to get involved, and how to grow in your faith. **The Starting Place** will be held on **Sunday, January 20th and 27th at 10:00 am** in room C-10. Sign up in the church foyer today. For more information, please email Pastor Kirk De Boer at kirk@hgcusa.org.

Mark Your Calendars! Membership Classes

will be held on
Sunday, January 20th and 27th, 2019
at 11:30 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, our next two-session Membership Class will be held on Sunday, January 20th and 27th, at 11:30 am in room C-10 (*lower level of the church building*). Membership candidates need to attend both sessions. Please sign up in the church foyer today to let us know you are coming.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is Robert Vander Pyl.

**Board
Member
on Call**

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Pray for the Sick

Home: Jay Aftab; Patricia Albright; Lorrie Doris Anderson; Lori Bader; Louise Ballentine; Ellie Bauer; Bertha Beller; Walter Boroughs; Nicole Braciliano; Sharon Braunlin; Randy Broisma; John Calabrese; Vicki Calabrese; Vince Carnevale; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Phil Dimitri; Chris Eelman; Ellen Forstrom; Kyle Franklin; Donald Frey; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Linda Hanowitz; Mark Hastings; Herm Heiser; Bobbie Jones; Dee Kemper; Ben Kudisch; Robert & Marie Lanzalotto; John Lee; Joe Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Ruth Marion; Mike & Janice Martin; Steve Meyers; Kris Miller; Miguel Miranda; Al Molzan; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Doris Mossige; Elianna Otera; Norma Overlock; Eliseo Pagano; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Colleen Savone; Connie Sayles; Maryann Schwinge; Gari Semon; Antonia Spagnola; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Marion Warnet; Dick Wells; Lisa Van Hise; Ashley Williams

Hospitals & Rehabs: Stephanie Allen; Ken De Block (*heart bypass surgery*); Betty Cleveland; Bill & Janet Davies; Raymond De Rouville; Ian Grinyer; Henrietta Lawless; Phil Paolucci; John Prochaska; Carlos Rivera; John Spence; Bud Stranberg; Jeffrey Swan; Jim Unrath

Our Christian Sympathy is given to Garry Knyfd at the recent Homegoing of his brother, Craig.



HGC Library Hours

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

Monday: Closed

Tuesday and Saturday: 12:00 to 3:30 pm

Start off the new year with a good book from our Library!

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. 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 2019 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 nations of North Africa. 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 (*and that includes North Africa*), could we make this request a priority for 2019?

Pastor David A. Schuit



All are cordially invited to attend our next
Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church
today from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in The Chapel

Join Us!

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs on **Wednesday, January 9th, 2019, at 11:30 am** in The Chapel.

Great Classes for Adults!

The **Winter Quarter** of our **Adult Bible Classes** begins at **10:00 am today**. Detailed brochures are available in the church foyer.

How to Share Your Faith: As Christians, we know that we are to share our faith with others. However, studies show that the biggest reason why most Christians don't share their faith is that they are not sure what to say or how to say it. This class is designed to give you the confidence that you need. Join us **today** at **10:00 am** in room E-5.

ENCORE

On **Tuesday, January 8th**, from **10:30 am to 1:00 pm**, our senior adults will meet in The Chapel!

Joan Katz, Chief Dietitian at the Christian Health Care Center, will share valuable information on foods that enhance the brain. Joe Nigro will give the devotional. Bring a bag lunch and a friend; dessert and beverage will be provided by the committee.



SERVING HANDS

Saturday, January 19th, 9:00 to 11:30 am
in The Chapel

Bill & Pamela Noar
our missionaries with Christar, Japan

ALL ARE WELCOME!
High School to Senior Adults

Thank You! New Beginnings

Thank you for your generosity in completing the Ziploc bags with donations for the patients at the Newark facility. Your donations were put into beautiful Christmas tote bags which were given out at the Christmas party. Due to the abundance, many donations were given to the ministries of *Desire4Hope* and *Star of Hope*. Praise God! Also, many thanks to our *Made with Love* ministry, who knitted or crocheted beautiful scarves and hats, and to our *Serving Hands* ministry for making witnessing bracelets. *May God bless all who gave!*

Operation Christmas Child

To all of you who prayed, packed, and volunteered, we are truly thankful for each one of you. We were blessed with 24,511 shoe boxes that overflowed into our fifth trailer. That's 24,511 children who will feel loved and hear that Jesus loves them as well.

You're Invited...

The HGC Men's Ministry will sponsor adult co-ed
Pickleball Game Night
on the second Friday of each month
starting January 11th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Pavilion.
Join us for this monthly fun and fellowship when you are able.

Mark Your Calendars for the **Men's Conference**
on Saturday, January 26th, at 8:00 am in The Chapel
Dr. Andrew Bennett will speak on *How to Deal with Failure*.

For more information on both, please contact Wally Eng.

Women's Ministry Events

“R&R”

Saturday, January 12th, at 9:00 am in The Chapel

Guest Speaker:

Vera Amaral

Life after a Death Sentence

Come, hear how living on borrowed time not only displays God's sovereignty, but teaches us how to live under His control.



16th Annual Ladies'

Getting to Know You Tea

Saturday, January 26th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

(Snow Date: February 2nd)

Guest Speaker:

Susheela Thomas-Sommer

The Strength You Need

If you wish to hostess/co-hostess a table please contact Colleen Savone.

Registration begins **this morning, January 6th**, in the Pavilion



Women's Bible Studies

For more information on all of our Bible studies starting this month, please visit our website

hawthornegospel.com and click on *Women*.

An Invitation

Our **International Students Ministry** will hold its Banquet on Saturday, January 19th, at 5:00 pm in the HGC Pavilion. Dr. Doug Shaw, President of International Students, Inc., will speak and students will share their testimonies. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained by calling Shirley Innis. *You'll enjoy food from five continents.*

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 9th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

January 13th, 2019
AM Services
Pastor John W. Minnema
“The Power of the Gospel”
Romans 1:1-17
Beginning a new series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

January 13th, 2019
PM Service
Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.
“The Lord Is My Shepherd”
Psalm 23
Continuing in the series
King David: A Heart after God

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 16th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

January 20th, 2019
AM Services
Dr. Douglas Shaw
President of
International Students, Inc.

Missions Focus
Sunday

January 20th, 2019
PM Service
Pastor Jonathan Minnema
“David and Goliath”
1 Samuel 17
Continuing in the series
King David: A Heart after God

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Dave Andersen

Pastor John W. Minnema
January 27th, 2019
AM Services
“Suppressing the Truth”
Romans 1:18-32
Continuing in the series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

January 27th, 2019
PM Service
“David & Saul: Seeds of Jealousy”
1 Samuel 18
Continuing in the series
King David: A Heart after God

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 30th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Jonathan Minnema



AM Series: Romans: The Power of the Gospel

PM Series: King David: A Heart after God



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*).

Ministry Financial Needs!

November 30th, 2018 ~ Year-to-Date

	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 3,044,378	\$ 569,250
Needed	\$ 3,219,230	\$ 585,846
Balance	\$ (174,852)	\$ (16,596)

Thank you for giving to the Lord's work here throughout 2018, with your generous gifts! We currently have the following needs:

- ☛ General Fund Deficit
- ☛ Missionary Fund Deficit
- ☛ Two Maintenance Dump Truck Repairs: \$8,285 (*still needed*)

You may give via the following:

- ☛ Church App
- ☛ Church Website
- ☛ Pew Envelope