

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 3

- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Class: *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)

Monday, March 4

- 1:30 pm Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Hawthorne Community Bible School (YMC/The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm *War Room: Pray for our Pastoral Staff/Country* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults Women (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, March 5

- 9:30 am *Women of the Word* (Lower Chapel)
- 10:00 am *God's Little Singers* (C-23/24); 11:00 AM *Play & Pray* (C-6)
- 7:00 pm Ladies' *In-Touch* Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm *LifeGivers* (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, March 6

- 9:15 am *The Amazing Collection* Women's Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 9:30 am *Daughters of the King* Woman's Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 11:30 am Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 6:45 pm Worship Community Rehearsals (Sanctuary; C-10)
- 6:45 pm Kids' 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, March 7

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 am *Deep Roots* Women's Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 9:30 am *Story Time* for Preschoolers/Moms in Bible Study (Nursery)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm *The Amazing Collection* Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm COMMUNITY Fellowship (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, March 8

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (TheLOFT; Y-401)
- 7:00 pm *Released* (Lower Chapel; The Lounge; Nursery)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study in Spanish (Y-307)
- 7:00 pm Adult Co-Ed Pickleball Game Night (Pavilion)
- 7:00 pm Student Ministry: *Lifeline for Parents* (The Chapel)

Saturday, March 9

- 8:30 am Men's Conference (The Chapel)
- 9:30 am Moms & Tots (C-10; C-5/6)
- 6:00 pm Newly Married & Young Families (C-10; C-5/6)
- 7:00 pm Men: *Building for Freedom* (Contact Pastor Tim)

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Communion Sunday

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

Pastoral Staff
**“THE WAY
TO GOD”**

Romans 4:1-25
Continuing in the series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

At 5:00 PM

Pastor Kirk De Boer
**“LASTING
FRIENDSHIPS:
DAVID & JONATHAN”**
1 Samuel 20; 2 Samuel 1
Continuing in the series
King David: A Heart after God

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. This two-week, one-time experience is held every other month on Sunday mornings. Details on the next scheduled session will be announced soon.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be held **today** from **1:00 to 2:00 pm** in The Chapel.

Celebration & Praise

The War Room will be open **tomorrow** to uphold our pastoral staff in prayer. We also will have a time of prayer for our country. Come to the church office conference room at **7:00 pm sharp!**

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs this **Wednesday** from **11:30 am to 12:00 pm** in The Chapel.

Daylight Saving Time begins on **March 10th** at **2:00 am!** Be sure to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before retiring Saturday evening.

A Special Time of Intercessory Prayer will be held on **Sunday, March 10th**, from **8:00 to 8:20 am** for our worship services. Please feel free to join us in room C-111/12 (*lower level of the church building*).

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

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Pray for the Sick

Home: Jay Aftab; Pat Albright; Lorrie Anderson; Lori Bader; Louise Ballentine; Ellie Bauer; Kenneth De Block; Walter Boroughs; Nicole Braciliano; Sharon Braunlin; Randy Broisma; John Calabrese; Vicki Calabrese; Vincent Carnevale; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Marie D'Elia; Phil Dimitri; Ellen Forstrom; Kyle Franklin; Don Frey; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Herman Heiser; Bobbie Jones; Dee Kemper; Ben Kudisch; Marie Lanzalotto; John Lee; Joe Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Amelia Mandaro; Karen Mandell; Ruth Marion; Michael & Janice Martin; Steve Meyers; Kris Miller; Miguel Miranda; Elaine Miyamoto; Al Molzan; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Doris Mossige; August Nicholas; Elianna Otera; Eliseo Pagano; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan Podschelne; Jennifer (Tanis) Powell; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Al Rick; Linda Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Maryann Schwinge; Antonia Spagnola; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Timothy Tileston; Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Anna Van Dyk; Lisa Van Hise; Marion Warnet; Ashley Williams

Hospitals & Rehabs: Stephanie Allen; Chris Bracken; Betty Cleveland; William & Janet Davies; Raymond De Rouville; Henrietta Lawless; Phil Paolucci; John Prochaska; John Spence; Bud Stranberg; Diane (Bacolo) Vigilanti (*recovering from surgery*)



Thank You to all who prayed for me during my eye surgeries. The Lord heard and answered your prayers...He gets all the glory.
Linda Hanowitz

Our Christian Sympathy is given to those of our church family who were bereaved of loved ones recently:

Vicki Calabrese and Jonathan at the Homegoing of their father/grandfather in Wisconsin on February 22nd.

To our missionaries, Scott and Catherine Mercer. Scott's father passed away in Sebring, FL on January 28th and Catherine's father passed away in Lititz, PA on February 24th.

Five Most Dangerous Places to Be a Christian...

The Christian persecution we read about in the Bible is not a thing of the past. It still exists. And today, in the 21st Century, we are living in a time when persecution against Christian believers is the highest in modern history. **We need to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Lord!**

Here are the five most dangerous places to be a Christian—countries where saying **yes** to following Jesus is truly a life-or-death decision.

- 1. North Korea:** Christians are seen as hostiles in this society and, therefore, must be eradicated. Pray that the new diplomatic efforts would mean a lessening of pressure and violence against Christians.
- 2. Afghanistan:** Afghanistan is once again a close second behind North Korea on the 2019 World Watch List. An Islamic state, the country does not permit any faith other than Islam to exist. To convert to a faith outside Islam is tantamount to treason because it's seen as a betrayal of family and country.
- 3. Somalia:** Estimates suggest that 99 percent of Somalis are Muslims, and any minority religions are heavily persecuted. The Christian community is small and under constant threat of attack.
- 4. Libya:** After the ouster of former dictator Muammar Gaddafi, Libya plunged into chaos and anarchy, which has enabled various Islamic militant groups to control parts of the country. Libyan Christians face continual abuse and violence for their decision to follow Christ.
- 5. Pakistan:** Under Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws, Christians live in daily fear that they will be accused of blasphemy—which can carry a death sentence.

Pastor David A. Schuit

Moms & Tots

is meeting on
Saturday, March 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 am in room C-10.
This month is a **kid stuff swap**—don't miss it!
Registration is required to attend...visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

The Lifeline *for* Parents

Once a month, our Student Ministry hosts **The Lifeline** for parents with children from middle school through young adults. At the meeting being held this **Friday, March 8th**, we will discuss the topic of Gender and Sexual Identity. Join us at **7:00 pm** in The Chapel. Questions? Contact Pastor Jake at jake@hgcusa.org or 973-427-6960, extension 174.

Men's Ministry

You're Invited...

Co-ed Pickleball Game Night

Friday, March 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Pavilion



Men's Conference

Saturday, March 9th, 8:30 to 11:00 am in The Chapel

Guest speaker: Daniel P. Buttafuoco

Topic: *Consider the Evidence*

Learn how to defend your faith!

Sign up this morning in the Pavilion or email nelac@hgcusa.org, or 973-427-6960, extension 122.

You're invited to HCA's

ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION

Thursday, March 14th, at 6:00 PM

Macaluso's in Hawthorne, NJ

For more information, contact Sandy Vasquez-Chong at sandy.vasquezchong@hca.org or 973-423-3331, extension 225.

Encore

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

Plan now to attend the monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, at 10:30 am in The Chapel. *An Illustration History on Manhattan Bridges* will be given by Kevin Woyce.

Reminder: Reservations and payments (\$8.00) are due at this meeting for the April 9th box luncheon.



Serving Hands

Serving Hands, a ministry for men and women of all ages who serve our missionaries through prayer and projects, will meet on Saturday, March 16th, at 9:15 am in The Chapel. Tony and Mary Ann Loeffler will report on SREA's outreaches via SKYPE. Don't miss it!

New Members

We are excited to announce that the following people have met the requirements for church membership and upon the recommendation of the Elder Board at its February 20th, 2019 meeting, a motion was made to add them to our membership roster as active members.

They will be welcomed in on Sunday, March 17th, 2019:

Mrs. Nalini Bethala of Upper Saddle River, Vivian Bethala of Upper Saddle River, Miss Samira Bethala of Upper Saddle River, Michael De Urso of Brooklyn, NY, Glenn DeWysockie of New Milford, Mrs. Edna Harding of Upper Saddle River, Miss Mary Surekha Harding of Upper Saddle River, Ms. Rachel Sooyoung Lee of Closter, Jaewon Lee of Closter, Elvin Luyun of Fair Lawn, Mrs. Maria Rosario Luyun of Fair Lawn, Mrs. Serafina Marinaccio of Riverdale, Subhash Mathew of Bergenfield, Mrs. Pretty Mathew of Bergenfield, Charles Muller of Pine Bush, NY, Miss Christal Rolling of Upper Montclair, Miss Emma Tang of Hawthorne, Evan Tang of Hawthorne, Mrs. Margaret Wehner of Wyckoff.

"Your eyes
saw my
unformed body;
all the days
ordained for me
were written in
your book before
one of them
came to be."
Psalm 139:16



Every LIFE is known and valued by God

Scripture leaves us no room for doubt—God loves and values the lives of all His children. Lighthouse has the honor of sharing God's love of life with those who struggle with an unplanned pregnancy or related concern. Our ultrasound ministry helps reveal the hidden secrets of the womb. Our post-abortion recovery program helps the hurting find forgiveness and a new perspective on life. Our parenting education with material aid shares God's love through practical, compassionate support that helps families thrive. Our student education program reaches area youth with the value of God's design for healthy and loving relationships.

Hawthorne Gospel Church is sharing God's love this month through a DIAPER & WIPES DRIVE that will assist Lighthouse moms and dads in need. Please bring your diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5 are especially needed) and baby wipes to the church foyer over the next few weeks (through March 17th). On behalf of the hundreds of babies born to Lighthouse families last year: THANK YOU!

Lighthouse invites you to celebrate 35 years of bringing God's LOVE to LIFE on March 4th at our annual banquet. For more details or to register, please visit FRIENDSOFLIGHTHOUSEPRC.ORG.

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Mailing: PO Box 227 • Hawthorne NJ 07507
973.238.9047/Events@LighthousePRC.org
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Newly Married & Young Families

Saturday, March 9th, at 6:00 pm
in rooms C-10 and C-5/6.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Kirk at kirk@hgusa.org.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 6th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

March 10th, 2019
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Peace with God"
Romans 5:1-11
Continuing in the series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

March 10th, 2019
PM Service

Pastor David A. Schuit
"An Enduring Legacy:
Passing the Baton"
I Kings 2; I Chronicles 29:26-30
Concluding the series
King David: A Heart after God

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

March 17th, 2019
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Death or Life"
Romans 5:12-21
Continuing in the series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

March 17th, 2019

5:00 PM
Dessert Fellowship

5:30 PM
Annual Congregational
Business Meeting in the Pavilion

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

March 24th, 2019
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"New Life in Christ"
Romans 6:1-14
Continuing in the series
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

March 24th, 2019
PM Service

Children's Ministry
will showcase its
Sunday School Program

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 27th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Tim Stanley



Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 17th, 2019

in the Pavilion

Coffee and Dessert at 5:00 PM
Your entire family is invited.

Please let us know you are coming by signing up at the Welcome Center in the church foyer today, or call the church office at 973-427-6960.

Business Meeting at 5:30 PM

The following item will be brought before the membership for approval at our business meeting.

- I. The Elder Board is recommending that the following three men be appointed to serve on the Elder Board for the next three years:

Michael Eelman James Meagher Mark Schaefer

Updates on the Paving the Pathway building program and on the adoption of the First Baptist Church of Hackensack will be given at this meeting.

A special program for children from age 4 up to fifth grade will be held during the business meeting. The children will be excused at 5:25 pm to go to their program in room C-10.

The nursery also will be open at 5:25 pm for infants and toddlers up to age 3.

Members . . .

your attendance at this important meeting is essential.

Visitors are welcome.

Paving the Pathway Sunday

Next Sunday, March 10th, will be the *Paving the Pathway Sunday*, and we will have a special offering for our building program. We have received over one-half of the funds required for the project. On Wednesday, March 13th, the Elder Board will be meeting to make a decision as to when we can go ahead. All the plans for the building have been finalized. We have a site permit and a contractor. We are praying for God's provision and blessing.

Vision for the Future

Update on Adoption of FBC

Over the past two months, we've been updating you on the meetings and discussions that have taken place regarding the possibility of HGC **adopting** First Baptist Church in Hackensack and making their congregation and property an additional campus of the Hawthorne Gospel Church.

We are excited to announce that at the Elder Board meeting on February 20th, after prayerfully considering the opportunity, the Elders unanimously decided to move ahead with the adoption of First Baptist Church. More detailed information will be given at the Congregational Meeting on March 17th.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading in the days ahead, the many details and logistics that need to go into the planning of this new opportunity, and for our leadership and the leadership of FBC as we take the next steps.

God has yet greater things for His people.

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