

SERMON NOTES

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

Sunday, May 5, 2019
Student Focus Sunday

At 8:25, 9:55 & 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM

Pastor Jake Minnema and Pastor Kirk De Boer
“THE BODY OF CHRIST”

*Our Jr. & Sr. High Students
will serve as ushers, greeters, and sound technicians.
The high school band will lead the morning worship,
and the middle school band will lead the evening worship.*

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. Be sure to support our Jr. & Sr. High students at their bake/clothing sale today.

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 **today (May 5th)** at **11:30 am** in room C-10.

The Marriage of Miss Erin Christie to Mr. Francisco Zapata Reyes took place on April 6th in Long Beach Island., NJ.

Celebration & Praise

Baptismal Service

A baptismal service is planned for **Sunday, June 30th**. 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 9th, or **Sunday, June 16th**
at either **10:00** or **11:30 am**
in room C-10

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 at the **Welcome Center** in the church foyer and be sure to pick up a copy of the brochure, *Why We Value Baptism*.

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 5

- 8:00 am *Intercessory Prayer* (C-11/12)
- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 11:30 am Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-8)
- 11:30 am *The Starting Place* (C-10)
- 1:00 pm *Prayer for our Country* (The Chapel)
- 1:00 pm College & Young Adults Fellowship (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 5:00 pm *Morning Star Grief Recovery for Children* (C-8)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)

Monday, May 6

- 6:00 am Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 pm Bone Strengthening (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, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

- 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)
- 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 (TheLOFT); 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible (TheLOFT)

Thursday, May 9

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 am *Deep Roots* Bible Study (The Chapel) & Story Time (Nursery)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm *The Amazing Collection* Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm *Made with Love* Ministry (The Chapel; Classroom "A")
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults Bible Study (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, May 10

- 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-301)
- 7:00 pm Legacy Group *Pickleball* Game Night (Pavilion)

Saturday, May 11

- 8:00 am Men's & Women's Breakfast (Pavilion)
- 8:00 am *Desire4Hope* Ministry (Paterson)
- 9:30 am Moms & Tots (The Chapel)
- 6:30 pm *Newly Married & Young Families* Ministry (C-5-6; C-10)
- 7:00 pm Men: *Building for Freedom* (Contact Pastor Tim)

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Missions

Vision in Action (VIA) Meeting

Join us on Sunday, May 19th, at 1:00 pm in The Chapel

☛ Pray for the Persecuted Church

- ☛ Enjoy good fellowship
- ☛ Listen to great testimonies
- ☛ Be informed with videos
- ☛ Call upon the Lord in prayer
- ☛ Enjoy a light lunch



Help Wanted

There is an urgent need for administrative assistance in the AIM office in Nairobi, Kenya. The position is for up to one year, and you would be working alongside others from our church. For more information, see Pastor David Schuit today or email him at davids@hawthornegospel.org or call him at 973-427-6960, extension 140.

TODAY is Student Focus Sunday!

To help raise funds for mission trips and summer camp, the students will be selling baked goods and apparel (t-shirts, sweatshirts, bracelets) in the Pavilion.

Come to the Pavilion **this morning** to encourage and support our young people, who are a vital part of the current church community. Show them **YOU** are behind their efforts!

Prayer Is Important

Begins Today: Intercessory Prayer for our worship services will be held **every Sunday morning** from **8:00 to 8:20 am** in C-11/12 (lower level of the church building). All are welcome to attend.

Prayer for our Country will be held **today** from **1:00 to 2:00 pm** in The Chapel.

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!**

Made with Love

Do you enjoy knitting/crocheting or wish to learn? Then why not attend *Made with Love* this **Thursday, May 9th**, at **7:00 pm** in The Chapel. Questions? Please visit hgc.madewithlove@gmail.com.

Encore

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

Plan to attend the next meeting on **Tuesday, May 14th**, at **10:30 am** in The Chapel. We'll learn more about the goals in missions: *How to Grow Missions Awareness*, *How to Be Active in Missions Mobilization*, and *How to Support Global Missions*.

Reminder: Reservations and payments (\$60) are due at this meeting (May 14th) for the presentation of *Beauty and the Beast* at the Paper Mill Playhouse on Saturday, June 1st.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

Vacation Bible School

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...Come, get ready for our **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** adventure **June 24th through 28th, 2019** from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the **KINGdom!**

Throughout the week, kids will learn about God's Army, God's Provision, God's Reign, God's Power, and God's Kingdom. There are many ways to serve during VBS! Join this exciting week...and serve with us. To preregister, visit:

hawthornegospel.org/ministries/vbs.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Pray for Home: Jay Aftab; Ellie Bauer; Nicole Braciliano; Sharon Braunlin; Randy Broolsma; John Calabrese; Vicki Calabrese; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Marie D'Elia; Phil Dimitri; Robert Estrada; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearth Goller; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Herman Heiser; Bobbie Jones; Jack & Dee Kemper; Ben Kudisch; Marie Lanzalotto; Henrietta Lawless; Joe Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Joan Mallette; Ruth Marion; Karen Meima; Steve Meyers; Al Molzan; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Sal Mummiani; August Nicholas; Ermetta Olson; Eliseo Pagano; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Richard Prins; Mike Quinn; Alice Rascio; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Robert Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Kristen Seidman; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Allison (De Rosa) Torrans; Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Diane (Bacolo) Vigilanti

Hospitals/Rehabs: Chris Bracken; Chris Contreras; Raymond DeRouville; John Lee; Phil Paolucci; John Prochaska; Marion Warnet

Our Christian Sympathy is given to Gerald Csapo at the recent Homegoing of his beloved mother, Irene.

Ministry Financial Needs Update!

March 31st, 2019 ≈ Year-to-Date

	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 823,846	\$ 142,889
Needed	\$ 806,382	\$ 145,615
Balance	\$ 17,464	\$ (2,726)

Please continue to pray
how you can be a part of giving throughout 2019.
Everyone may give!
Each financial gift in any amount is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Ways to give:

Pew Envelope/Offering Plate Website Church App

“Paving the Pathway”

Each week, we are getting closer to
the starting goal of **\$4 million!**

Received: **\$3,838,084.26** (through April 28th)

Needed: **\$161,915.74**

Please pray about partnering further with us
in giving the amount needed to reach this starting goal.

You may donate through our
Website, App, or Pew Envelope, under *Building Project*

Your gift in any amount is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Scott Warren

May 12th, 2019 AM Services

Mother's Day

Pastoral Staff
“Psalm 23”

NO Evening Service

Hackensack Campus at 11:00 AM

Pastor John W. Minnema
“A Woman of God”

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 15th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

May 19th, 2019
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
“Our Struggle with Sin”
Romans 7:1-25
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

May 19th, 2019
PM Service

Pastor Mark Rolling
“Does Prayer Really Work?”
Luke 18:1-8; Hebrews 4:14-16
Beginning a new series: “Hot Topics”

Hackensack Campus at 11:00 AM

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.
“God's Saving Grace”
Romans 3:21-31
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Tim Stanley

May 26th, 2019 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
“Walking by the Spirit”
Romans 8:1-17
Romans: The Power of the Gospel

May 26th, 2019 PM Service

Pastor David Schuit
“Is There More Than One Way to God?”
John 14:6; Romans 3-6
Beginning a new series: “Hot Topics”

Hackensack Campus at 11:00 AM

Missions Focus Sunday
Pastor David A. Schuit
“Is the Great Commission Still Valid Today?”
John 17:15-19

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 29th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor David Schuit

Ladies, A Special Invitation...

This Saturday, May 11th, from **8:00** to **9:30 am**, there will be a **Men's Breakfast** in the Pavilion. The Men's Ministry has extended an invitation to the women of HGC to attend. Our guest speaker, Joe Nigro of *Straight Path Ministry*, will share how we can *Trust in the Lord*. Please register for the breakfast today in the Pavilion between the morning services, or by calling the church office (973-47-6960, extension 122).

Moms & Tots

is meeting on
Saturday, May 11th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am
in The Chapel.

This month: **A special treat for moms**—don't miss it!
Registration is required to attend...visit Eventbrite.com.

GriefShare Ministry

GriefShare will begin a new cycle of 13 sessions on **Thursday, May 16th**, at **7:30 pm** in The Chapel. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, why not come out on the first and third Thursday evening for encouragement and fellowship. Participants view a DVD, then will join others for discussion. For details, call Lories Slockbower or Anna Simon.

Serving Hands

Saturday, May 18th, at 9:15 am in The Chapel
Live billiards/gospel presentation with
Steve Lillis

Newly Married & Young Families Ministry New Spring Small Groups Starting!

Come...

join us in the lower level of the church building
from **6:30** to **8:00 pm**

Saturday, May 11th, June 1st, 15th, and 29th, 2019

as we discuss four different marriage-themed

Focus on the Family Podcasts.

These Bible-based podcasts will be emailed to you to listen or read (*via transcript*) before our gatherings.

There are four independent podcasts,
so feel free to join even if you cannot attend
all four gatherings!

***Childcare will be provided.**

Sign up to join by emailing Pastor Kirk De Boer
at kirk@hawthornegospel.org

Top of the Hill Day Camp

New this year!

Camp now includes children
entering the 7th grade in September.
Detailed brochures/registration forms
are available in the church lobby.