

“Putting on the Armor of Light”

Romans 13:1-14

“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, September 29, 2019

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

Pastor John W. Minnema

**“PUTTING ON
THE ARMOR
OF LIGHT”**

Romans 13:1-14

*Continuing in the series in
the Book of Romans*

At 5:00 PM

Pastor David A. Schuit

**“PAUL’S
TWO KEYS
TO EFFECTIVE
MINISTRY”**

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
*Continuing in the series in
1 Thessalonians*

BCCA Prayer of Dedication ~ Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

“A HEALTHY CHURCH”

1 Corinthians 13

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 **today** and **next Sunday, October 6th**, at **10:00 am** in room C-10 (*lower level of the church building*).

Serving Your HGC Home

God has blessed us with a beautiful campus and buildings, and we thank Him for this blessing. With this comes upkeep costs to keep the buildings and grounds looking and functioning well.

We are looking to bring individuals, couples and families together on organized group workdays, ongoing projects, school breaks and other days and times you may be available, to accomplish needed tasks.

Do you have skills in the following specific areas?

General Cleaning & Maintenance
Landscaping & Seasonal Clean Up
Painting & Construction
Plumbing, Heating & Electrical
Technical

These are just a few areas we've listed above. If you don't have a specific skill listed here or have another skill or maybe not a specific skill at all, but are willing to serve in this capacity, let Chad De Boer know at chad@hawthornegospel.org or by calling the church office (973-427-6960, extension 116).

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 29

- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 am Equipping Track (E-5)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 am *The Starting Place* (C-10)
- 11:30 am Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-8)
- 12:00 pm Marriage & Family Fall Kick-Off Luncheon (The Chapel)
- 1:30 pm *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* (The Lounge)
- 5:00 pm *Morning Star* GriefShare for Children (C-8)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)

Monday, September 30

- 1:30 pm *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 pm Hawthorne Community Bible School (YMC/The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Women Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, October 1

- 9:30 am *Women of the Word* (Lower Chapel)
- 10:30 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, October 2

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (The Chapel)
- 9:30 am *Daughters of the King* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 11:30 am Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 6:45 pm Worship Community Rehearsal (Sanctuary; C-10)
- 7:00 pm PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 pm *Truth Seekers* Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 7:00 pm Deaf Ministry Co-Ed Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study; 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

Thursday, October 3

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 am *Deep Roots* Women's Bible (The Chapel) & *StoryTime* (C-5/6)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm **COMMUNITY** (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, October 4

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)
- 7:00 pm *The Lifeline* for Parents (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/YMC)
- 7:00 pm *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study in Spanish (The Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Co-Ed Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tim (Y-301)

Saturday, October 5

- 7:30 am Legacy Builders Bible Study (TheLOFT; Y-401)
- 6:30 pm Women's Ministry: *Soup, Salad, and Sisterhood* (The Pavilion)

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Mrs. Jay Behnke will observe her 92nd birthday this Friday, October 4th. *Congratulations, Jay!*

Celebration & Praise

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.

FALL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

October 18th through 20th, 2019

Theme: *Knowing God and Making Him Known*

You're Invited to an International Dinner

on Saturday, October 19th, at 6:00 pm in the Pavilion

Join us as we kick off with a great international dinner a new and strategic outreach in Egypt. HGC is partnering with an evangelical Christian hospital in Aswan, Egypt, to facilitate wheelchair services so that children with disabilities can get off the floor and live more productive lives. It is estimated that over 65 million people in the world need a wheelchair. In most developing countries, few who need them have access to one. Without a wheelchair, children with disabilities are often left alone at home, or even to die, as soon as they are too big to carry.

What if we could change that, one child with a disability at a time, and at the same time bring the good news of the gospel to them and their families?

Our initial goal is to provide proper wheelchair seating for the children currently in the hospital's program. For the Christian workers at the hospital, each contact with a child and his/her family is another opportunity for sharing Christ's love in a country that is closed to the gospel.

Plan now to join us on the 19th for this vital outreach!

The Lifeline for Parents

Once a month, our Student Ministry hosts *The Lifeline*, a resource geared towards parents with children from middle school through young adults. The focus is to become better equipped to parent our children in a broken world through specialized speakers and workshops, as well as gain support and encouragement through fellowship and prayer. During the year, we will discuss issues such as sexuality and gender identity, self-harm, anxiety, depression, media, understanding teens, and gospel-centered parenting. Join us **this Friday, October 4th**, from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** in The Chapel. For more details, please contact Pastor Jake at jake@hawthornegospel.org.

3rd Annual Soup, Salad, and Sisterhood

Ladies, it's not too late to register for Soup, Salad, and Sisterhood being held on **Saturday, October 5th**, at **6:30 pm** in the Pavilion. To register, come to the Pavilion this morning, go to Eventbrite.com, or call 973-427-6960, extension 150. The only cost to attend is to bring a soup or salad to share. It's a great time of worship and fellowship as we kick off the new ministry year.

Israel, Here We Come!

We are planning another church trip to Israel in July 2020. If you have any interest in going, there will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, October 6th**, at **1:00 pm** in room C-10. Questions? Email Jonathan Minnema (jonminnema@hawthornegospel.org).

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

ENCORE

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 8th**, at **10:30 am** in The Chapel.

Patricia Carrera, of Carrera Brokerage LLC and a member of our church family, will provide the necessary information needed to make an educated decision regarding your Medicare program. It's important to explore your healthcare options and get answers to questions from someone who knows how to get the most out of your retirement benefits. Bring a bag lunch and a friend; beverage and dessert will be provided by the committee.

Buddy Break Training Session

Our Special Needs Ministry will hold a *Buddy Break* Training Session on Saturday, October 26th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Lower Chapel. If you wish to become a *Buddy* to a special needs child and want to register for this training session, or if you have any questions about our Special Needs Ministry, please contact Eddy Santos.

Baptism Classes

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, November 3rd or 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 when you received Jesus as your Savior, and a paragraph entitled *Why I Want to be Baptized and What Baptism Means to Me*. Sign up for a class today at the Welcome Center in the church foyer and pick up a copy of the brochure, *Why We Value Baptism*. The baptismal service is planned for Sunday, November 24th.

Pray for the Sick Home: Jay & Wendy Aftab; Vera Amaral; Lori Bader; Marian Bakker; Louise Ballentine; Ellie Bauer; Helen Borduin; Randy Broisma; John Calabrese; Vicki Calabrese;

Esther Christensen; Laura Christenson; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Vince Della Ratta; Marie D'Elia; Phil Dimitri; Bob Estrada; Chuck Evans; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Carolyn R. Hubertz; Bobbie Jones; Jack & Dee Kemper; Ben Kudisch; Charlie Landers (13 years old; cancer); Chris Lee; John Lee; Joseph Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Tony Loeffler; Lisa Lovell; Lisa Marion; Ruth Marion; Mike & Janice Martin; Karen Meima; Steve Meyers; Al Molzan; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Irene Muller; August Nicholas; Ralph Opderbeck; Bill Pezzuti; Joan & Tom Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Rich Prins; Mike Quinn; Alice Rascio; Laura Reihbein; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Robert Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Marlene Russo; Colleen Savone; Connie Sayles; Laura Smith; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Diane Vigilanti

Hospitals & Rehabs: Raymond De Rouville; Dearh Goller; Carl Hoffman; Marlene Magdar (*hospice*); Phil Paolucci; John Prochaska; Aidan Raudenbush; Antonia Spagnola

Our Christian Sympathy is given to the family of Margaret (Peggy) Iacobelli who went Home to be with the Lord on September 20th. A memorial service will be held for Peggy on Saturday, October 5th, at 10:00 am at *The Pines*, and light refreshments will be served afterward.

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.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or wish to learn, please join *Made with Love* for its next meeting on **Thursday, October 10th**, at **7:00 pm** in The Chapel.

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

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, October 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor David Schuit

Communion Sunday

October 6th, 2019 AM Services
Pastoral Staff
"Our Great Example"
Philippians 2:1-13

October 6th, 2019 PM Service
Pastor Jake Minnema
"A Strong Faith"
I Thessalonians 3:1-13
Continuing in a series in I Thessalonians

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Kirk De Boer and Jonathan D. Minnema
"Our Great Example"
Philippians 2:1-13

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

Discipleship Outreach Sunday

Pastor Mark Rolling and Pastor Tim Stanley

October 13th, 2019 AM Services
"Empowered to Serve"
Mark 3:13-19; Acts 1:1-11

October 13th, 2019 PM Service
"Shine Like Stars"
Philippians 2:12-18

Missions Focus Sunday at Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor David A. Schuit
Pastor of Missions

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

Missions Focus Sunday

October 20th, 2019 AM Services
Guest speaker:
Sean Cooper

October 20th, 2019 PM Service
Missionary
Gospel Encounters

Discipleship Outreach Sunday at Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Mark Rolling and Pastor Tim Stanley
"Empowered to Serve"
Mark 3:13-19; Acts 1:1-11

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, October 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema

Ministry Financial Needs Update!

August 31 st , 2019 ~ Year-to-Date	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 2,111,228	\$ 383,935
Needed	\$ 2,161,761	\$ 386,732
Balance	\$ (50,533)	\$ (2,797)

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Paving the Pathway Update

Goal: \$5,628,181.00!

Received: \$4,090,097.11 (through September 24th)

Needed: \$1,538,083.89

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Please pray for all of our financial needs above. If you would like to give an **extra gift** to the above needs, please note or choose *General Fund* or *Building Project* via the following:

☛ App ☛ Website ☛ Pew Envelope

Thank **YOU** for **YOUR GENEROUSITY!**

Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Bakers and

On-Campus Serving Teams Are Needed!

To help, please contact Kelly Stephenson.

Important Need!

To maintain proper safety in our parking lot during the Sunday morning services now that construction has begun, we all must be careful driving on campus. With this in mind, we are in need of more parking attendants to help direct traffic. Why not consider joining the parking team? Contact Pastor Kirk De Boer at kirk@hawthornegospel.org or 973-427-6960, extension 175.

Worship Community Opportunities!

The Worship Community Choir invites you to join its rehearsal **this Wednesday at 6:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. You may join our vocal or instrumental ministry. If your talent is technical, the stage crew or sound team can use your help. Also, we need help with the computer on Sundays for the slides. To participate on a short-term basis, consider singing for our Christmas concerts. Questions? Please contact James Jensen (973-427-6960, extension 160, or jamesj@hawthornegospel.org).

Women's Fall Conference

with **Leslie Vernick**

speaking on

“Beyond Fear into Bravery”

Saturday, November 2nd,

from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Leslie is a gifted communicator who teaches how to weave God's truth into the details of our lives. She has a gift of applying the hard truths of Scripture in a way that makes them seem inviting. Leslie always points women to Christ and how He thinks of and views us. Tickets are *on sale* in the Pavilion and online at iTickets.com. A light breakfast and lunch are included in the price of your ticket. To learn more about Leslie and her ministry, visit www.leslievernick.com.