

# “The Son of the Most High”

Luke 1

“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, December 15, 2019**

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

**Pastoral Staff  
“THE SON OF  
THE MOST HIGH”  
Luke 1**

**At 5:00 PM**

**Worship Community  
“THE CAROLS OF  
CHRISTMAS”  
Directed by  
Rommel Guingon**

**At Hackensack at 11:00 AM**

**Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.  
“THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH”  
Luke 1**

*The poinsettia by the manger in the church foyer today  
is in loving memory of Thomas Sinclair given by his 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 in **January**. Complete details will be noted in the bulletin soon. If you should have any questions, please contact Pastor Kirk De Boer at 973-427-6960, extension 175, or [kirk@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:kirk@hawthornegospel.org).

**Baby Dedications:** At the 9:55 am service, Cayleigh Anne will be dedicated to the Lord by her parents, Michael and Gilleanne Lenart.

## Celebration & Praise!

**Engaged:** Miss Sherlee Bernabe of Little Ferry to Mr. Gary Pupa of Springfield. A 2020 wedding is planned.

Miss Renee Elmore to Mr. Phil Remmers, both serving the Lord on the mission field, are engaged and plan to marry within the next few months.

## Thank You

To all who provided the Thanksgiving meal or who served the men at Bethel Ranch on Thanksgiving, we say *thank you!* Both the staff and residence at the Ranch are very appreciative to you all.

Also, the men enjoyed the message of hope given through the Gospel Trick Shot demonstration by Steve Lillis. The Lord truly provided more than any of us could have imagined. Thank you, again!

## A Week at a Glance

### Sunday, December 15

- 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)
- 1:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 1:30 pm *Perspectives Class* (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)

### Monday, December 16

- 6:00 am Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 pm *Bone Strengthening* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Women Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Tuesday, December 17

- 9:30 am *Women of the Word* (Lower Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Elder Board (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm *LifeGivers* (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Men Ages 18-27; Upper Room)

### Wednesday, December 18

- 7:00 pm **PRAYER MEETING** (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

### Thursday, December 19

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 5:30 pm *New Beginnings* Christmas Celebration (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Friday, December 20

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Christmas Celebration (Y-401/TheLOFT)
- 7:00 pm Co-Ed Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tim (Y-301)
- 7:00 pm Children's Ministry Nativity Tour (Church Foyer)

### Saturday, December 21

- 7:30 am Legacy Builders Men's Bible Studies (Y-401; TheLOFT)
- 9:30 am *Serving Hands* (The Chapel)

### Sunday, December 22

- 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)
- 1:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Christmas Celebration (Y-401/TheLOFT)

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## This is BIG!

Thank you for your contribution through our Thanksgiving offering towards our Feed my Starving Children event coming up in March 2020. Thank you for your willingness to make a difference in the life of a hungry child. If you would still like to contribute to this cause, you can do so through the church—just mark it for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding hungry children and in need of the gospel. Their approach is simple: children and adults here in the States hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and FMSC then ships these meals around the world through their Christian distribution partners.

It takes at least 10 tons of rice to reach our goal of 250,000 meals. So, we still need your financial help to buy the raw materials to pack the meals! Maybe think of it this way: If you gave up for one month buying your coffee macchiato at Starbucks and donated that money to FMSC, you could feed one child one meal for a whole year! Or if you give up going out to eat with your family one time and give that money instead to FMSC, you could feed a hungry child for seven months! It does not take a whole lot of sacrifice on our part to make a big difference in the life of a child! Thank you!

Pastor David A. Schuit

## Come...Celebrate

### “Three Wisemen and a Baby”

Children's Ministries Nativity Tour

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm

Bring your family and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies as you hear from the wisemen about the new baby King. You'll make a craft and feed **live** animals along the way. Tours leave every 20 minutes from the church foyer. For more details, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober ([sandy@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:sandy@hawthornegospel.org) or 973-427-6960, extension 166.

# Ministry Financial Needs Update!

October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019 ~ Year-to-Date	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 2,610,208	\$ 487,988
Needed	\$ 2,722,505	\$ 480,532
Balance	\$ (112,297)	\$ 7,456

## December Giving

As we approach the end of this year, we would like to see our **General Fund end the year in the positive.** Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of this with giving an extra gift, in any amount, to this fund. **Thank you for giving!**

## Paving the Pathway Update

Thank you for your **Grace of Giving Sunday** donations in the amount of  
**\$16,817.78**

toward our *Paving the Pathway* Building Project.  
 It is greatly appreciated . . . please continue to give!

**Goal: \$5,628,181.00!**

**Received: \$4,200,748.78** (through December 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Needed: \$1,427,432.22**

**Ways to Give:** APP ~ WEB ~ PLATE

*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 9:7

# Mark Your Calendars! Membership Classes Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Pray for the Sick

**Home:** Jay & Wendy Aftab; Vera Amaral; Marian Bakker; Ellie Bauer; Vicki Calabrese; Laura Christenson; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Vince Della Ratta; Marie D'Elia; Michael De Urso; Phil Dimitri; Helene Dubetsky; Robert Estrada; Chuck Evans; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Carolyn Hubertz; Bobbie Jones; Jack & Dee Kemper; Gordon Kline; Ben Kudisch; Charlie Landers; John Lee; Joseph Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Carol Lupano; Lisa & Ruth Marion; Michael & Janice Martin; Karen Meima; Steve Meyers; Emelia Misovic; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Len Mulé; Andrea, August, & Dawn Nicholas; Raymond Obsuth; Ermetta Olson; Ralph Opderbeck; Phil Paolucci; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan & Tom Podschelne; Jen Powell; Luz Pring; Rich Prins; John Prochaska; Michael Quinn; Alice Rascio; Laura Rehbein; Al Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Kaci Rodriguez; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Lories Slockbower; Laura Smith; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Diane Vigilanti

**Hospitals & Rehabs:** Joan Peano; Aidan Raudenbush; Antonia Spagnola; Julia Anne Torrano (*infant; open-heart surgery this Wednesday*)

## Childcare Available

**During** our morning and evening services, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers in C-5/6 (*lower level of church*). If your child is not sick, please be sure to take advantage of this ministry. **Also** during the services, please **turn off cell phones** or put them **on vibrate**. We appreciate your kind consideration and cooperation.

## Here's Where YOU'RE Needed!

### Children's Ministries

Infant Toddler Center (Nursery)

Adults and high school young people during ALL Sunday services.

Sunday School @ 10:00 am & Club 208 @ 5:00 pm

Teachers and helpers.

*Buddies* for our Special Needs Ministry.

To help in the Children's Ministries, please contact

Sandy Lynn Bober at

[sandy@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:sandy@hawthornegospel.org) or 973-427-6960, extension 166.

### Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Set-Up/Clean-Up Team helpers still are needed!

Please contact Kelly Stephenson.

### Men, We Need Ushers

At the 9:55 am Sunday service:

Contact Frank Tirrito or Rick Cyriacks.

### Men & Women *Connectors* Are Needed

At ALL Sunday services:

Please contact Clifford Cook.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor John W. Minnema

### Christmas Sunday

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema  
"Christ the Lord"  
Luke 2

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 PM Service

Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema  
"The Messiah Is Born"  
Luke 2

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema  
"Christ the Lord"  
Luke 2

No Prayer Meeting on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Have a Blessed Christmas!

### New Year's Sunday

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema  
"Wonderful, Encouraging Words  
from Jesus"

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 PM Service

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.  
"Dancing with Devotion:  
Living a God-Pleasing Life"

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

FBC Missionaries to Italy  
Keith & Debbie Jones  
will be reporting

No Prayer Meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Have a Blessed New Year!

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM Services

Pastoral Staff  
New Year's  
Communion

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Pastor Mark Rolling  
"Walk by Faith, Not by Sight"  
Beginning a new series,  
Abraham: A Life of Faith

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastoral Staff  
New Year's Communion

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor Mark Rolling

## Serving Hands

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 am  
in The Chapel.

This ministry is for women and men who desire to pray and support our missionaries through various projects. This month, Casey Manger will share her experience serving with *Café 10°40°*... and why not come early and help with the many projects that await our attention?

## Meal Ministry Team

Through a team of volunteers, we will provide three meals for two weeks to church members/attendees in times of need. We serve families and individuals after the birth of a baby, surgery or a hospitalization, or during times of a crisis. Volunteers are contacted through email and are asked to sign up to provide a meal through a meal calendar. Sound like something you might like to do? If so, please contact Kathryn Wansong at the church office ([kwansong@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:kwansong@hawthornegospel.org)) to make us aware of a need or to volunteer to help serve our church family.

## Ministry Volunteers Needed

**Our New Beginnings Ministry** offers an opportunity for you to come with us one Thursday evening as we visit with men and women who are ill and in need of encouragement and prayer. If you've ever thought that God might be calling you to serve Him in this way, now is the time to join us for an evening to experience His blessing in serving others. Our team of both men and women currently has an opening for another man. Why not join us for a visit—or for details, contact Cara Greene.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is Donald Klingen ([dklingen@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:dklingen@hawthornegospel.org)). **Board Member on Call**

## Come, Celebrate with Us!

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 and 5:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**During** our the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, we need additional volunteers to help in the Nursery. If you can volunteer during one of these special holiday services, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at [sandy@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:sandy@hawthornegospel.org) or at 973-427-6960, extension 166.



## Ring in the New Year!

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### Annual Watchnight Service

Dessert & Fellowship at 5:00 pm  
in the Church foyer  
(Bring a dessert to share.)

Service begins at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## Table Hostesses Needed

The Women's Ministry is looking for table hostesses for the **Ladies' Hospitali-Tea** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
and **Coffee Talk** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, in the Pavilion.  
(Snow Date: Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>)

If you'd like to serve as a hostess for either of these events, please contact Kerri Schaefer.