

**“Wonderful, Encouraging Words  
from Jesus”**

“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 29, 2019  
NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY**

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

**Pastor John W. Minnema  
“WONDERFUL,  
ENCOURAGING  
WORDS  
FROM JESUS”**

**At 5:00 PM**

**Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.  
“DANCING WITH  
DEVOTION: LIVING  
A GOD-PLEASING  
LIFE”  
Philippians 2:4-9**

**At Hackensack at 11:00 AM**

**Keith Jones**

*FBC Missionary to Italy*

**“OUR LOVE FOR JESUS MAKES US  
WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN HIS MISSION”  
Acts 16:1-4**

**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).

## 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

## 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.

## A Week at a Glance

### Sunday, December 29

- 8:00 am *Intercessory Prayer* (C/11/12)
- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel)
- 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 Fellowship (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)

### Monday, December 30

**The Academy is closed until January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.**

- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Women Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Tuesday, December 31

**The Church Office closes at 1:00 pm.**

- 5:00 pm Watchnight Fellowship and Service (C-23/24; Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm *COMMUNITY* Men's Bible Study (Upper Room)

### Wednesday, January 1

HGC Campus Closed  
**Have a blessed New Year!**

### Thursday, January 2

**Pastor John's 7:00 am Prayer group will NOT meet today!**

- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Departs HGC for Newark)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Friday, January 3

**Jr. High Youth Group is not meeting!**

### Saturday, January 4

- 7:30 am Legacy Builders Men's Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 am *Desire4Hope* Outreach in Paterson (Departs HGC Campus)
- 5:00 pm Homeschoolers Alumni Basketball Game/Practice (Upper Gym)

### Sunday, January 5

**Sr. High Youth Group is not meeting!**

- 8:00 am *Intercessory Prayer* (C/11/12)
- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Up/Lower Chapel; Lounge)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 am Equipping Track (E-5)
- 11:30 am Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-8)
- 1:00 pm *Prayer for the Persecuted Church and Our Country* (C-10)
- 1:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

## HGC Library

**Closed:** December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
**Open:** Thursday through Saturday: 12:00 to 3:30 pm

## Pastoral Leadership Team

**John Minnema**, Senior Pastor      pastorjohn@hawthornegospel.org  
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## Need a Great New Year's Resolution?

How about a new commitment to grow in your faith in 2020? Everyone needs help in this area, and we are offering a class that will assist you in developing habits that will enable to do just that.

So, if you want to get started on your spiritual journey, or if you have gotten off track from that journey, plan now to attend the...

### Equipping Track

on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 10:00 am  
in the Education Building  
in Room E-5

## Sunday School Isn't Just for Kids!

The Winter Quarter  
of our  
Adult Bible Classes

will begin on

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 am

Detailed brochures on all classes are available  
at the Welcome Center in the church foyer today.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is Robert Vander Pyl (rvanderpyl@hawthornegospel.org or 201-956-2808). **Board Member on Call**

# Ministry Financial Needs Update!

| November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 ~ Year-to-Date | General Fund | Missionary Fund |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| Received  | \$ 2,871,141 | \$ 540,192      |
| Needed  | \$ 2,980,725 | \$ 536,963      |
| Balance   | \$ (109,584) | \$ 3,229        |

## Year-End Giving

**Today is the last Sunday to give for 2019!** We would like to see our **General Fund end the year in the positive!** Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this with giving an extra gift in any amount, to this fund. Thank you for giving!

Helpful information regarding counting your financial gifts toward 2019:

**Give** via offering plate, drop off at the church office, or at our Annual Watchnight Service on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Give** via WEB or APP before 11:59 pm EST on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Mail** in, making sure your check is dated and post-marked no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Paving the Pathway Update

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

**Received: \$4,230,031.47** (through December 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Needed: \$1,398,149.53**

*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. 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; Violet Knyfd; 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; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Rich Prins; John Prochaska; Mike 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; Jim Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Randi Venema (*recovering from surgery*); Diane Vigilanti

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

# 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  
Table helpers in all grades.

## Special Needs Ministry

A *Buddy Break* Training Session will be held on

**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
in the Lower Chapel.

If you wish to become a *Buddy* and want to register for training,  
or if you have any questions about our Special Needs Ministry,  
please call Eddy Santos at 973-202-0763.

To help in the Children's Ministries,  
please contact Sandy Lynn Bober  
([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  
at [pennyln1977@gmail.com](mailto:pennyln1977@gmail.com) or 201-759-8759.

## Men, We Need Ushers

At the 9:55 am Sunday service:

Contact Frank Tirrito (914-659-6599 or [ftirrito@optonline.net](mailto:ftirrito@optonline.net))  
or Rick Cyriacks (551-486-7222).

## Men & Women Connectors Are Needed

At ALL Sunday services:

Please contact Clifford Cook (201-712-1659).

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

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

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr. and Pastor Kirk De Boer  
New Year's Communion  
"Abounding Love"

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

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema  
"The Superiority of Jesus Christ"  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
Beginning a new series in the  
Book of Hebrews: *Focus on Christ*

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 PM Service

Pastor John W. Minnema  
Pastor Mark Rolling  
Pastor Timothy Stanley  
*A Night of Prayer*

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor David A. Schuit  
Missions Focus Sunday

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor John W. Minnema

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM Services

Pastor David A. Schuit  
Missions Focus Sunday

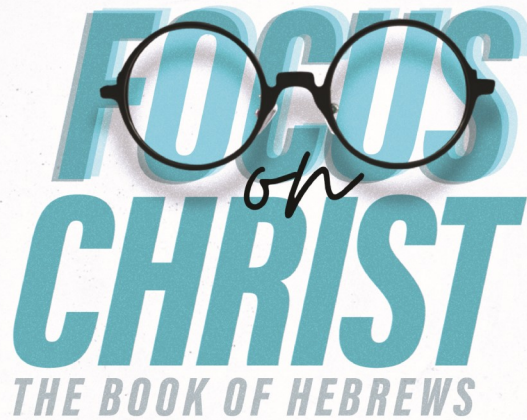
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 PM Service

Pastor David A. Schuit  
Missions Focus Sunday

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor John W. Minnema  
"The Coming of the Lord"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor Timothy Stanley



**FOCUS**  
*on*  
**CHRIST**  
THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

**New AM Series: "Focus on Christ", Book of Hebrews**

**New PM Series: "Abraham: The Life of Faith"**



**ABRAHAM**  
THE LIFE OF FAITH

## Ladies' R&R

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 am  
in The Chapel with  
Regina Pelaschier  
"Only Truth"  
(*My Life in China*)

"You deserve the best years of my life!"  
*God would use this praise I made to Him one morning  
to lead my family of six to Asia for 13 years!*

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## Two Women's Events Same Day

on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
in the Pavilion.  
(*Snow Date: Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>*)

Ladies' Hospitali-Tea from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
and  
Coffee Talk from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

If you'd like to serve as a hostess for either of these events,  
please contact Kerri Schaefer at  
[kerrilynnschaefer@gmail.com](mailto:kerrilynnschaefer@gmail.com) or 201-230-3972.

Reservations for both events begin on  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020** in the **Pavilion!**