

# “Turning Away from the Living God”

Hebrews 3:7-19

“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, February 23, 2020

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

Pastor John W. Minnema

**“TURNING AWAY  
FROM THE  
LIVING GOD”**

Hebrews 3:7-19

*“Focus on Christ” Series*

At 5:00 PM

**Children’s Ministry  
Sunday School  
Concert**

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

**“OUR HEAVENLY CALLING”**

Hebrews 3:1-6

Continuing the series in Hebrews: *“Focus on Christ”*

## 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. For more information, or to sign up for the future session, please contact Pastor Kirk De Boer at 973-427-6960, extension 113, or [kirk@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:kirk@hawthornegospel.org).

**Prayer is Important!** Every Sunday morning from **8:00** to **8:20**, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** is held for our worship services. Please join us in room C-11/12 (*lower level of the church building*).

**Our Daily Bread Devotionals**, for the months of March, April, and May, are available at the Welcome Center.

## Celebration & Praise!

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Sanctuary.

Light refreshments at **5:00 pm**.

The business meeting will start at **5:30 pm**.

Members are urged to attend...visitors are welcome!

Complete details to follow.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is Robert Vander Pyl ([rvanderpyl@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:rvanderpyl@hawthornegospel.org)).

**Board  
Member  
on Call**

## A Week at a Glance

### Sunday, February 23

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

### Monday, February 24

- 1:30 pm Bone Strengthening Exercise for Women (The Chapel)
- 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, February 25

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

### Wednesday, February 26

- 9:15 am *Women of The Way* (The Chapel)
- 9:30 am *Daughters of the King* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 6:45 pm Worship Community Rehearsal (Sanctuary; C-10)
- 7:00 pm PRAYER MEETING** (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

### Thursday, February 27

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 am *Deep Roots* Women's Bible (The Chapel) & *StoryTime* (C-5/6)
- 6:15 pm *New Beginnings* (Departs HGC parking lot)
- 7:00 pm *Women of The Way* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Friday, February 28

- 3:00 pm Sr. High Snow Camp (Departs HGC parking lot)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)
- 7:00 pm Kids' Klub (Lower Church; YMC; Gyms; Pavilion)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study in Spanish (The Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Co-Ed Adult Bible Study (Y-301)
- 7:15 pm *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)

### Saturday, February 29

- 7:30 am Legacy Builders Men's Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:30 am Desire4Hope Ministry (Departs for Paterson)
- 4:00 pm Marriage & Family Ministry (C-10; C-5/6)
- 6:30 pm PrimeTime Fellowship (The Chapel)

## Pastoral Leadership Team

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*Missionary of the Week*

**PRAY FOR  
OUR MISSIONARIES  
SERVING IN THE UK!**

## Update on HGC/FBC

**Leadership Teams** will begin to form to evaluate the various aspects of the ministry to help in determining how to most effectively move forward. Teams include the following areas:

Administration, Building & Grounds, Communication, Pastoral Care & Prayer, School, Technology, Worship Service, and Church Community.

If you are a part of FBC or HGC and would like to be involved, contact Pastor Kirk De Boer ([kirk@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:kirk@hawthornegospel.org)). Please continue to pray for God's direction in the coming days.

## Marriage & Family Ministry

A Sermon Series Small Group Study  
in the Book of Hebrews will next meet

**This Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in room C-10  
and will meet every other week thereafter.

**Childcare will be provided!**

Immediately following this Saturday's small group study,  
there will be a **Chili Cook-Off Dinner!**

For details, or to sign up, contact Pastor Kirk De Boer  
at [kirk@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:kirk@hawthornegospel.org).

## Liberty University's

### "LU Praise"

will be in concert here on

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

*A freewill offering will be received.*

### Host Families Needed

If you are a member or regular attendee at HGC and  
are interested in hosting some of the students Saturday night,  
please contact James Jensen at [jamesj@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:jamesj@hawthornegospel.org).



### Teams Needed!

If your talent is technical, our stage crew or sound team can  
use your help. Also, please consider helping with the computer  
on Sundays for the slides.

## Moms in Prayer

**Come...pray with us!** We are moms just like you who have  
concerns about our kids and the influences around them. In  
prayer, we know that we are not alone and this gives us reassur-  
ance and hope. **Moms in Prayer** impacts children and schools  
worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. Join us  
Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm or Friday evenings at 7:15 pm in  
the church library.

Questions? Please contact Dorothy Rolling or Karen Verhoog at  
[newjersey@momsinprayer.org](mailto:newjersey@momsinprayer.org).

### Pray for the Sick

**Home:** Jay & Wendy Aftab; Vera Amaral; Marian  
Bakker; Ellie Bauer; Helen Borduin; Joan Buchanan-Smith;  
Vicki Calabrese; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Vincent  
Della Ratta; Marie D'Elia; Samantha De Vries (*4 years old;*  
*heart*); Phil Dimitri; Helene Dubetsky; Chuck Evans; Ellen Forstrom;  
Glenn Garside; Jim Goulian; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Carolyn  
Hubertz; Bobbie Jones; Gabrielle Kemavor; 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; Len Mulé; Ed Natale;  
Dorothy Nickles; Ray Obsuth; Ermetta Olson; Ralph Opderbeck;  
Phil Paolucci; Carol Pavlik; Luz Pring; Richard Prins; John Prochaska;  
Alice Rascio; Laura Rehbein; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Kaci Rodriguez;  
Robert Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Robert Schuit; Lories  
Slockbower; Laura Smith; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Alice Tenny;  
Tim Tileston; Julia Anne Torrano; Ilse Troper; Jim Unrath; Pablo  
Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Randi Venema; Diane Vigilanti

**Hospitals & Rehabs:** Karen Beller (*recovering from hip replace-*  
*ment surgery*); Dearh Goller; Mary Miller; Joan Peano

**Our Christian Sympathy** is given to Dee Kemper at the Home-  
going of her sister, Florence Steffens, on February 18<sup>th</sup> in Long Is-  
land.

## Women's R&R

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am  
in The Chapel

### Gigi Venegas "Mighty in God"

*Spiritual battle is very real and can be fierce, but  
our weapons against it are real and divinely powerful  
to destroy the enemy's strongholds!*

*Come at 8:45 am for a continental breakfast.*

## Financial Giving Updates!

**THANK YOU** for your generous giving!

Please pray about your part in continuing to give  
regularly to the ministry in 2020!

### *Paving the Pathway Update*

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

**Received: \$4,322,085.38** (through February 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Needed: \$1,306,095.62**

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*

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

### Communion Sunday

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 AM Services  
Pastoral Staff  
"The Throne of Grace"  
Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 5:1-10  
Hebrews series: "Focus on Christ"

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
Pastor John W. Minnema  
"When Faith Is Tested"  
Genesis 22  
Abraham: "A Life of Faith"

### At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Mark Rolling and Pastor Kirk De Boer  
"The Throne of Grace"

Hebrews 4:14-16 and Hebrews 5:1-10; Hebrews series: "Focus on Christ"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor Mark Rolling

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM Services  
Pastor John W. Minnema  
"Entering God's Rest"  
Hebrews 4:1-13  
Hebrews series: "Focus on Christ"

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema  
"God's Faithfulness from  
Generation to Generation"  
Genesis 24—Concludes the series on  
Abraham: "A Life of Faith"

### At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Jake Minnema  
"Turning Away from the Living God"

Hebrews 3:7-19; Continuing in the series in Hebrews: "Focus on Christ"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor Timothy Stanley

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM Services  
Pastor John W. Minnema  
"Pressing on to Maturity"  
Hebrews 5:11-6:12  
Continuing in the series in Hebrews:  
"Focus on Christ"

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm  
**Our Annual  
Congregation Meeting**  
Members are urged to attend.  
Visitors are welcome!

### At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor David A. Schuit  
"Entering God's Rest"

Hebrews 4:1-13; Continuing in the series in Hebrews: "Focus on Christ"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel  
Pastor John W. Minnema

## Special Needs Ministry

Buddies and Nurses are needed for Buddy Break.

Next Training Session will be held on  
Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
in the Lower Chapel.

Detailed flyers are located at the Welcome Center today or  
visit [specialneedsministry@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:specialneedsministry@hawthornegospel.org).

## You're Invited to HCA's

### Dessert Theatre

#### "Trouble on the Tracks"

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Showtime: 7:30 pm in the Pavilion

Tickets go on sale tomorrow (February 24<sup>th</sup>) at HCA!  
For more information, call 973-423-3331.  
Don't miss it and don't wait...tickets go fast!



## Annual Banquet & Auction

### "Set Apart for His Glory"

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM  
Macaluso's Events & Banquets in Hawthorne

For information about sponsorships and  
to reserve your table, contact [info@hca.org](mailto:info@hca.org).

## Student Ministries

### Sr. High Snow Camp

Sr. High will be at Camp-of-the-Woods, Speculator, NY  
from **Friday to Sunday**,  
**February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
(Departs this **Friday at 3:00 pm**; returns **Sunday at 6:00 pm**)

**Sorry, "Waiting List" Only!**

Questions? Contact Pastor Jake at 973-427-6960,  
extension 174 or [jake@hawthornegospel.org](mailto:jake@hawthornegospel.org).

**Donations for Sr. High Snow Camp** are appreciated!  
Please use a pew envelope and mark it accordingly.

## PrimeTime Fellowship

This Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> in The Chapel  
starting with pizza at 6:30 pm.  
Beverage will be provided. Join us for the study,  
"An Upward Glimpse Toward Heaven"

## Join the Team!

### Men & Women *Connectors* Are Needed

If you'd like to get to know more people at HGC,  
being a *Connector/Greeter* will help you do that.  
To serve, please contact Clifford Cook.

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### Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Bakers and Set-up/Clean-up Teams are needed.  
To help, please contact Dorothy Rolling.