

Financial Giving During These Difficult Times

The Lord is working in ways we see and cannot see...
and we thank Him for that.

We continue to remain faithful to Him
during these trying times and follow His leading.

Can you believe it's now the 10th Sunday of not meeting in person?

We are so grateful for your prayers, kind and encouraging words,
and donations throughout these uncertain times.

**We would appreciate your continued
giving regularly by the following ways:**

- 1) On our website, via our app, or on-line, by using a debit or credit card or linking a bank account.
- 2) Mail a personal check or send directly through your bank, to 2000 State Route 208, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506.
- 3) Drop off at the church office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday (please call before you come).

Questions? Contact Chad De Boer
at 973-427-6960, extension 116.

*He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.'*

Psalm 46:10

Paving the Pathway Update

Goal: \$5,628,181.00!

Received: \$4,478,814.36 (through May 11th)

Needed: \$1,149,366.64



Hawthorne
GOSPEL CHURCH

Sunday, May 17, 2020

LIVE-STREAMED at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Pastor John W. Minnema

“DRAWING NEAR TO GOD”

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Weekday Devotionals: Our Pastoral Staff shares great truths from God's Word from Monday through Friday! For the next week they will continue in the book of Philippians. Visit the website.

Our Prayer Meeting is online every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The **May Prayer Calendar** also is on our website.

The Church Office will remain open. Please call us first. If it is not urgent, we may ask you **not** to come in, but one of our pastors will certainly speak with you over the phone.

Our GriefShare Support Group meets online every Thursday at 7:30 pm. However, you must register to participate. Please go to www.griefshare.org/groups/115263/registration/new. For more details, please call Lories (973-628-0745) or Anna (973-452-2490).

COVID Outreach

HGC is very focused on reaching out to our local and surrounding communities. We currently are extending a *helping hand* to the police departments, the post office, correction officers, and to those who are homeless in Paterson. Also, we want to equip **YOU** to reach out to those with whom you come in contact with often (sanitation workers, local postal workers, landscaping crews, etc.).

Please email Pastor Tim at tstanley@hawthornegospel.org or Pastor Jake at jake@hawthornegospel.org and arrange a pick-up time and the number of gift bags you will need. You also may help in one of the following ways:

1. **Give:** We have exceeded our original goal of \$5,000 to purchase meals, ingredients, and other necessary items. We have received **\$9,319.20** through May 12th. **THANK YOU!** But let's not stop there! Let's extend the love of Jesus even further and *let's continue to give!* Please designate your gift *Covid Outreach*.
2. **Volunteer** to deliver food while adhering to proper standards of social distancing and face masks.

For more information, contact Pastor Timothy Stanley, Director of Outreach, at tstanley@hawthornegospel.org.

Looking to Connect?

If you are looking to get involved while we are apart from each other, please go to our website to find out all the ministries that are continuing to meet **virtually** during this time. There is a list on the right-hand side of the Homepage. You can click on the ministry to find out what is happening and who to contact so you may get involved. Also, if you are not receiving weekly emails from us or need to update your contact information, you also will find a link on the Homepage of our website that will allow you to update that information.

The Secret of Contentment

In Philippians 4:12, Paul says *I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation*. Imagine finding the secret to contentment! It is interesting that Paul wrote these words while he was chained hand and foot in a cold, dark, smelly prison! His circumstances certainly did not determine his contentment! It is interesting, too, that Paul does not pray to get out. That is what I would have prayed for—*Lord, get me out of this miserable situation!* Paul's secret is in verse 13: *I can do everything through Him who gives me strength*. In other words, he could handle any situation through Christ who was his strength in that situation. That's why he could be content...when he was well fed, Christ was his strength; when he was hungry, Christ was his strength; when he was in danger, Christ was his strength; when he felt alone, Christ was his strength! When **WE** face the coronavirus...Christ is **OUR** strength! True contentment is stimulated from the inside, because it is based on **Christ who lives in US!**

Pastor David A. Schuit



Elders & Staff Members on Call

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer?
The Elders and Staff member on call this week are

Michael Eelman (michael.eelman@hawthornegospel.org)

Douglas Hart (dhart@hawthornegospel.org)

Phil Horn (hornphilip@yahoo.com)