

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 3

- 10:00 AM Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School
(Church/Education Building/Chapel/The Lounge)
- 10:00 AM College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 11:30 AM Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-1)

Monday, September 4

HGC Campus is closed for the Labor Day Holiday!

Tuesday, September 5

- 7:00 PM *New Life* AD Anonymous (Alcohol/Drugs; Y-118)
- 7:00 PM *LifeGivers* (Bible House Lounge)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults (Men's Bible Study; Warren home)

Wednesday, September 6

- 8:10 AM HCA Opening Day: *Bell Ringing* Ceremony (Pavilion)
- 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (The Chapel)
- 11:30 AM Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM **PRAYER MEETING** (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

Thursday, September 7

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Departs from church parking lot)
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (Y-301)
- 7:00 PM *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 PM *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 7:30 PM *Morning Star* Children's Grief Ministry (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, September 8

- 7:00 PM Jr. High 8th *Grade Farewell* (TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

Saturday, September 9

- 8:00 AM *Desire4Hope* Ministry (Paterson)
- 9:00 AM Women's R&R Guest Speaker Karen Verhoog (The Chapel)

Sunday, September 10

- 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-1)
- 1:00 PM Prayer for the Persecuted Church (The Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group Fall Kick Off (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Sunday, September 3, 2017 Your Life in God's Family Communion Sunday

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

Pastoral Staff

"THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE"

Ephesians 1:1-14

Beginning a new series in the Book of Ephesians

There will be NO evening service!

Welcome **Welcome to Hawthorne Gospel Church!**
We are glad you are here to worship with us.
If you are new or looking to connect, fill out the yellow *Connector/Prayer Request* card located in the back of the pew and hand it to a *Connector* at the Discovery 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 be able to obtain information about all of our upcoming events!

Congratulations to Pastor Jim and Jean Richmond who will celebrate 65 years in ministry at HGC on September 4th, 2017.
We praise God for His faithfulness!

Celebration & Praise!

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs on Wednesday, September 6th, at 11:30 am in The Chapel.

Donations: If you desire to give a financial gift to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey, make checks payable to Hawthorne Gospel Church and use a pew envelope and mark it *Texas*. Donations will be channeled through a church in Texas.

Membership Class

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 two-session Membership Class will be held on Sunday, September 17th and 24th, at 10:00 am on the lower level of the church building in room C-10. Membership candidates need to attend both sessions.

Please sign up in the foyer today to let us know you are coming . . . pick up a copy of the *Why We Value Membership* brochure.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

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Pray for the Sick

Home: Pastor Dave Andersen; Mark Allen; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Ellie Bauer; Karen Beller; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann (Pickhardt) Dale; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Mark Hastings; George Kriss; Jack Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Michael Martin; Karen Meima; Jessica Mikola; Kris Miller; Len Mulé; Joan Nydam; Noel Nye; Mary Pascual; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Kristie Sanint; Eve Schuit; Brigette Shahin; Joan Buchanan-Smith; Clara Spagnola; Elaine Tirrito; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods; Chris Wronski; Don Zbieg

Hospitals & Rehabs: Vincent Carnevale; Raymond De Rouville; Kathryn Mummiani; Phil Paolucci; Doris Ryan (*recovering/hip replacement surgery*); Florence Spaccarotella; Martha Stein; Norman Trass; Jolene Warner

Mark Your Calendars!

A Blood Drive will be held on Monday, September 18th, from 3:00 to 7:30 pm in the Community Blood Services *Bloodmobile* that will be parked in our church parking lot. Healthy individuals between the ages of 17 and 75 and weighing over 110 lbs. may participate. Donors need to bring I.D. with signature to their appointment. Every donor will receive a free non-fasting cholesterol and glucose test. Detailed information and sign up sheets will be located at a special display in the Pavilion on September 10th and 17th . . . plan now to *give the gift of life*.

HGC Library Hours

Sunday: 9:30 to 10:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Monday: Closed

Tuesday through Saturday: 12:00 to 3:30 pm

Located on the upper level of The Chapel
Phone: 973-427-6960, extension 130

Missionaries of the Week

**PRAY FOR
OUR MISSIONARIES
SERVING IN THE U.S.**

The Future Church Needs YOU!

The Children's Ministry begins its new season on September 10th. Our children need adults who will show the love of Christ to them.

Men and women of all ages are welcome to help
in Sunday School from 10:00 to 11:00 am
or Wednesday evening Kids' Klub from 6:45 to 8:15 pm.

To serve, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober
at sandy@hgcusa.org or 973-427-6960, extension 166.

Ministry Financial Needs!

During the summer months, we have experienced God's blessing upon our ministry! However, giving is down and currently both the General and Missions funds are in a deficit. In addition, we still are in need to cover the cost of \$60,000 for various campus repairs. If you would like to give a special offering toward the deficit (General or Missions) or the campus need (Repairs), please use a pew envelope and mark it accordingly.

Come into His House with Praise

Next Sunday, from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**, a special time of prayer for the church in North Korea will be held in The Chapel. If you wish to join us, please come to The Chapel and stay as long as you are able.

Next Monday at 7:00 pm, the War Room will be open to anyone who wishes to pray for our leadership team. Come to the church office conference room.

Men's Night of Fellowship

with the Agape Blues Company
on Friday, September 15th, at 7:00 pm in the Pavilion.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 30th, at 8:00 AM
in the HGC Pavilion

Speaker: Dr. Dan W. Baugess

Psychologist, professional counselor, and former pastor, Dr. Baugess is uniquely qualified to help Christians confront challenges not only through counseling and psychology, but through biblical principles often lost in the Christian counseling community.

Sign up on Sunday, September 10th, 17th, and 24th in the Pavilion!

Worship Community Opportunities!

Why not consider joining the Worship Community Choir for its kickoff fall rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary? There are opportunities to be a part of our growing Worship Community! You may join our Choir, Praise Team, Special Ensembles, or use your instrumental talents in the Band, Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, String Quartet, or Woodwind Quintet. Or if your talent is technical, the stage crew and sound team can use your help. Also, we could use help with the computer on Sundays for the slides.

If you prefer to participate on a short-term basis, consider singing for our Christmas concerts.

To participate, or for more information, please contact James Jensen at james@hgusa.org or call 973-427-6960, extension 160.



Hawthorne Christian Academy

is committed to **inspire** and challenge our students toward spiritual maturity, to **achieve** academic excellence and to **impact** the world for Christ.

As parents, we are stewards of a sacred trust, and God has placed His children in our care for only a short time.

HCA provides an opportunity to faithfully carry out that trust in a way that glorifies Him and prepares our children for both this life and the life to come.

For details or to arrange a tour,
call Victoria Gracian at 973-423-3331, extension 206.

Hawthorne Christian Academy is a ministry of the Hawthorne Gospel Church

Opportunities to Grow!

2017 Women's Fall Activities Brochure

are available today in the church foyer and lists details on morning and evening Bible studies to help you become a *fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ!*

The Amazing Collection (T.A.C.) begins with the Book of Ruth this Wednesday at 9:15 am in The Chapel and this Thursday at 7:00 pm in room Y-301

R&R

Saturday, September 9th, at 9:00 am in The Chapel

Guest speaker: Karen Verhoog

Topic: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Lot's wife could not take her eyes off the things of this world.

The temptation to turn back was too great.

Can you identify with the temptation she faced

and the hold that this world often has on you?

What if there was a way to fix your eyes on Jesus and never turn back?

Come, learn steps you can take to do just this.

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 am

Detailed R&R schedule cards will be available soon.

Made with Love Ministry

People knit and crochet scarves and other items for New Beginnings, Operation Christmas Child, and those in need.

Come to The Chapel Classroom

on Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00 pm.

Questions or to sign up, e-mail hgc.madewithlove@gmail.com.

Soup, Salad & Sisterhood

Join us for a night of praise, laughter, conversation, and fun over soup and salad on Friday, September 29th, at 6:30 pm.

Come to the Pavilion between the morning services on

Sunday, September, 10th, 17th, and 24th to sign up. The cost is \$5.

Be sure to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors!

It's Important to Pray!

Next Sunday, from 8:00 to 8:20 AM, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** will be held for our worship services. We will be praying that God's Word will go forth with love, clarity, and conviction and for open hearts to receive the truth with joy. If you wish to join us, please come to room C-11/12. **Reminder:** The September Prayer Calendar is available in the church foyer . . . *pick up a copy and pray!*

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 6th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Jonathan Minnema

September 10th, 2017
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Knowing Him Better"
Ephesians 1:15-23
"Your Life in God's Family"

September 10th, 2017
PM Service

Pastor Jim Bushoven
and Pastor Mark Rolling
A Night of Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 13th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Scott Warren

September 17th, 2017
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Amazing Grace"
Ephesians 2:1-10
"Your Life in God's Family"

September 17th, 2017
PM Service

Pastor Jim Bushoven
"Why Jesus Came"
New series "Full Devotion with Help
from Luke" — Luke 4:14-30

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 20th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

September 24th, 2017
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Something Big's Happening Here!"
Ephesians 3:1-21
"Your Life in God's Family"

September 24th, 2017
PM Service

Pastor Jonathan Minnema
"His Cleansing Power"
Series in the Gospel of Luke
Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 27th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Howard Van Dyk Jr.

The Starting Place

The Hawthorne Gospel Church wants to help you grow in your devotion to Christ. Sometimes the hardest part is taking the first step. We have the perfect first step for everyone, The Starting Place!

What is it?

The Starting Place is a two-week, one-time experience that is held every other month on Sunday mornings. This is the bridge you take from attending church to developing your faith.

Where do I begin?

Ask a Connector – Sign Up – Get Started

The next **Starting Place** will be held September 17th and 24th at 10:00 am in room E-5, located in the Education Building between the Sanctuary and the Pavilion. **Connectors** will be glad to help you find your way. Please do not hesitate to ask for directions.

How do I sign up?

See one of our **Connectors** at the Discovery Center or online at hawthornegospel.com and click on *The Starting Place*.

Question: How does one know God?

Answer: Attend

Equipping Track!

The Equipping Track is for **every** follower of Christ.

It is designed to give you the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to know God and to grow in your relationship with Him, so that you may experience your spiritual life to the fullest.

Following the two-week session, **The Starting Place**, the **Equipping Track**, taught by the pastoral staff, will hold classes beginning on the following dates:

Sunday, September 24th, at 10:00 am in room E-5

or

Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 pm in room Y-306

If you should have any questions concerning Equipping Track, please call Pastor Dave Schuit at 973-427-6960, extension 140.

Know Your Bible

We offer two great opportunities for you to study God's Word:

Adult Bible Classes

New classes begin on Sunday, September 10th
from 10:00 to 11:00 am

in various classrooms around the campus.
Brochures are available in the foyer today.

Monday Evening Bible School

begins on September 18th, 2017
with registration at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
Monday Evening Bible School brochures are available
in the church foyer today!

Don't Miss It!

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a dynamic 15-week, 15-instructor discipleship course, will be offered on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm with classes beginning September 11th, 2017.

If you have not registered, but would like to know more about *Perspectives*, you are welcome to attend the class on September 11th at 6:30 pm for **free** in The Lounge.

For more information or to register, visit the *Made for More* display this morning in the Pavilion or go to:

Perspectives.org or HGCperspectives@gmail.com.