

## A Week at a Glance

### 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)
- 1:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group Fall Kick Off (Y-401; TheLOFT)

### Monday, September 11

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Prayer *Worx* (Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening for Women (The Chapel)
- 6:30 PM *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: Session* (The Lounge)
- 7:00 PM *War Room: Pray for Our Leadership Team* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults (Women's Bible Study; Warren home)

### Tuesday, September 12

- 9:15 AM Nursery and StoryTime for Women's Bible Studies (Nursery)
- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 10:30 AM ENCORE (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *New Life AD Anonymous* (Alcohol/Drugs; Y-118)
- 7:00 PM *Legacy Group* (The Lounge)
- 7:00 PM Ladies' *In-Touch* Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults (Men's Bible Study; Warren home)

### Wednesday, September 13

- 8:10 AM HCA Opening Day: *Bell Ringing Ceremony* (Pavilion)
- 9:00 AM Nursery and StoryTime for Women's Bible Studies (Nursery)
- 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (The Chapel)
- 9:30 AM *Daughters of the King* (Lower Chapel)
- 6:45 PM Kids' Klub Carnival (Pavilion; E-1a and 1b)
- 6:45 PM Worship Community (Sanctuary; C-10)
- 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 14

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:15 AM Nursery and StoryTime for Women's Bible Studies (Nursery)
- 9:30 AM *Deep Roots* (The Chapel)
- 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 *Made with Love* (The Chapel Classroom "A" & The Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

### Friday, September 15

- 9:15 AM Serving Hands (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Fall Kick Off (TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM Men's Night of Fellowship (Pavilion)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

### Saturday, September 16

- 7:30 AM Life Group: Men's Bible Study (TheLOFT)

## Sunday, September 10, 2017

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

**Pastor John W. Minnema**  
**"KNOWING HIM  
BETTER"**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**  
**Continuing in the series**  
***Your Life in God's Family***  
**in the Book of Ephesians**

**At 5:00 PM**

**Pastor Jim Bushoven and**  
**Pastor Mark Rolling**  
**"BEFORE  
THE THRONE"**  
**A Night of Prayer**

*The floral arrangement today is in loving memory of  
Mrs. Doris E. Bergmann, given by her sons, Bill and Bob.*

## 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!

**Baby Dedications:** At the 9:55 am service, Francesca Marie will be dedicated to God by her parents, Mark and Nicole Alleman.

At the 11:25 am service, Matthew Anthony will be dedicated to the Lord by his parents, André and Fiona Brown.

**Attention, Parents!** Today is **Promotion Sunday** in Sunday School. If your child is not in the habit of attending a class, we invite you to bring them to their grade every Sunday at 9:55 am. For more information, ask Sandy Lynn Bober, an usher, or a *Connector*.

## Celebration & Praise!

## 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.

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

**Board  
Member  
on Call**

## Pastoral Leadership Team

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## Mark Your Calendars!

**A Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 7:30 pm in the Community Blood Services *Bloodmobile* that will be parked in our church parking lot. Detailed information and sign up sheets will be located at a special display in the Pavilion today and next Sunday . . . plan now to *give the gift of life*.

### 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; Jessica Mikola; Kris Miller; Len Mulé; Joan Nydam; Mary Pascual; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Kristie Sanint; Eve Schuit; Brigitte Shahin; Joan Buchanan-Smith; Clara Spagnola; Elaine Tirrito; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods; Chris Wronski; Don Zbieg. **Hospitals & Rehabs:** Jane Bryson (*recovering from knee surgery*); Vince Carnevale; Raymond De Rouville; Karen Meima (*surgery this Wednesday*); Kathryn Mummiani; Phil Paolucci; Doris Ryan; Florence Spaccarotella; Martha Stein; Norm Trass; Jolene Warner.

**Mrs. Noel Nye**, a faithful HGC attendee, was called Home by her Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Noel served in the Nursery and on the Pioneer Girls Committee. Our Christian love is given to her children, Kevin, Scott, and Mrs. Nadine Glass. A celebration of life will be held next Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am at the Holland Christian Home.

## 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

## Missions Opportunities:

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, HGC will be hosting a picnic for 200 newly arrived international students. For most of them, this will be their first contact with Christians. We will need help with the games, activities, and food for the picnic. Would you consider being a sponsor of one of the following?

1. 15 watermelons
2. 150 ears of corn
3. 150 turkey burgers & rolls
4. 150 hamburgers & rolls
5. 150 veggie burgers & rolls
6. 15 large bags of potato chips
7. Plates, napkins, cups
8. Gift water bottles - \$300
9. Bus rental and drivers - \$500

You can sign up in the Pavilion. For more information, contact Shirley Innis at [shirleyinnis@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyinnis@yahoo.com).

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On October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in The Chapel, an informational meeting on next year's medical missions outreach to India will be held. All are welcome to this meeting. Lunch will be provided. So that we may better plan, please RSVP to Anna Simon by October 10<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend. Thank you!

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Our New Logo

For the past few months, we have been working on rebranding—seeking to create a fresh, new brand that reflects the focus and uniqueness of our church family. Finally, we are pleased to announce the new logo of Hawthorne Gospel Church (you can see it on the front of the bulletin). The pastoral staff and elders feel very positive about the brand, which creatively reflects what our family is about at HGC.

Here is an explanation of what we were trying to accomplish through the brand. The first thing you'll notice is probably the colors. These orange colors communicate the idea of innovation, approachability, warmth, energy, friendliness, and cheerfulness, and we feel they communicate what our church does well.

The second thing you'll probably notice is the cross. Our previous logo didn't seem to communicate how centered on the gospel that Hawthorne Gospel Church is. We wanted to let people know from the very first glance at the logo that our church is a church focused on the gospel.

We are also a church that has a rich and beautiful history. The cross appears on what may look like a stained glass window, which points to the history of our church and how we want to both move forward in our devotion to Christ but never forgetting the past and the people who built this church and paved the way for us!

Every detail of this logo was carefully looked into, all for the purpose of creating something beautiful and intentional that we can be proud of. We hope you love it!

## Fall Sermon Series

AM: *Your Life in God's Family* —  
A study in the Book of Ephesians

PM: *Full Devotion with Help from Luke* —  
A study in the Gospel of Luke

## Come to the War Room

**A Special Time** has been set aside to pray for our Leadership Team. Come to the church office conference room, better known as the *War Room*, **tomorrow, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 PM** and join others in lifting up our pastoral staff in prayer! For more information, please call the church office at 973-427-6960.

## Worship Community Opportunities!

Why not consider joining the Worship Community Choir for its kickoff fall rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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@hgcusa.org](mailto:james@hgcusa.org) or call 973-427-6960, extension 160.



## Hawthorne Christian Academy

Save the dates:

### Homecoming & Harvest Sale

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

For further information, visit our website at [www.hca.org](http://www.hca.org)  
or contact Sandy Chong at

[sandy.vasquezchong@hca.org](mailto:sandy.vasquezchong@hca.org) or 973-423-3331, extension 225

# Opportunities to Grow!

## 2017 Women's Fall Activities Brochures

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

### Begins Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>:

Women of the Word at 9:30 am  
in the Lower Chapel  
Ladies' In-Touch at 7:00 pm  
in The Chapel

### Begins Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:

Daughters of the King at 9:30 am  
in the Lower Chapel

### Begins Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:

Deep Roots at 9:30 am  
in The Chapel

Nursery/Story Time are available for the morning Bible studies. Please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at [sandy@hgcusa.org](mailto:sandy@hgcusa.org) or 973-427-6960, extension 166, and let us know which day you'll need childcare.

## 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 this Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Questions or to sign up, e-mail [hgc.madewithlove@gmail.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Come to the Pavilion between the morning services today and on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to sign up. The cost is \$5. Be sure to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors!

# The Future Church Needs YOU!

The Children's Ministry begins its new season on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:sandy@hgcusa.org) or 973-427-6960, extension 166.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

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

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema

"Amazing Grace"  
Ephesians 2:1-10

Series: "Your Life in God's Family"

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Pastor John W. Minnema

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema

"Something Big's Happening Here!"  
Ephesians 3:1-21

Series: "Your Life in God's Family"

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
PM Service

Pastor Jonathan Minnema

"His Cleansing Power"  
Series: "Full Devotion with Help from Luke" — Luke 5:12-26

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

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema

"God's Amazing Family"  
Ephesians 2:11-22

Series: "Your Life in God's Family" and Communion

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
PM Service

Pastor Mark Rolling

"Why the Broken Follow"  
Series: "Full Devotion with Help from Luke" — Luke 5:27-39

and Communion

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel  
Pastor David Schuit

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in room E-5 or  
Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## ENCORE

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

**Encore** will hold its first meeting of the 2017-18 season on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am in The Chapel. Ellie Kreuger and Fortune Mandaro, who oversee the Operation Christmas Child ministry at HGC, will speak. Invite your friends and bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided by the committee.

## Serving Hands Ministry

**Serving Hands**, a ministry for women who serve HGC missionaries through prayer and projects, will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 AM in The Chapel. This month, Cathy Craig will be sharing what the Lord is doing in and through the ministry of InterVarsity. Be sure to invite your friends!

## Men's Night of Fellowship

with the Agape Blues Company  
this Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Pavilion.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM

in the HGC Pavilion

Speaker: Dr. Dan W. Baugess, Ph.D.

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 **today** and on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in the Pavilion!