

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 6

- 10:00 AM Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 AM College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 10:00 AM *Equipping Track* (E-5)
- 10:00 AM *The Starting Place* (C-10)
- 11:30 AM Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-1)
- 1:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 1:00 PM *Prayer for the Persecuted Church* (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)

Monday, May 7

- 6:00 AM Early Morning Prayer (Conference Room)
- 1:30 PM Bone Strengthening (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM *War Room: Pray for Our Leadership Team* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Women (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, May 8

- 9:30 AM *Women of the Word* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 10:00 AM *God's Little Singers* (C-23/24)
- 11:00 AM *Play & Pray* (C-6)
- 10:15 AM ENCORE (The Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Men's *Legacy Group* (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 PM College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, May 9

- 9:30 AM *Daughters of the King* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 9:30 AM Nursery/Story Time for Women's Bible Study (The Lounge)
- 5:30 PM VBS Fundraiser *Breakfast for Dinner* (Pavilion)
- 6:45 PM Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/Gyms/YMC)
- 7:00 PM *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 PM *Equipping Track* (Y-306)
- 7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 PM Jr. High Bible (TheLOFT)
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Bible (TheLOFT)

Thursday, May 10

- 7:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 AM *Deep Roots* (The Chapel) and Nursery/Story Time (C-6)
- 6:30 PM *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 PM HCA: Lower School Spring Concert (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM *Made with Love* Ministry (The Chapel; Classroom "A")
- 8:00 PM *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, May 11

- 7:00 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Y-401; TheLOFT)
- 7:00 PM *Released* (The Lounge; Lower Chapel) & Childcare (C-5/6)

Saturday, May 12

- 8:00 AM Legacy Builders: Men's Breakfast (Pavilion)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

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

Communion
Continuing in
the series on *Great Texts*
of the *Old Testament*
Pastoral Staff

**“DAVID AND
BATHSHEBA”**

2 Samuel 11 & 12; Psalms 32 & 51

At 5:00 PM

Communion
Continuing in the series on
Church in Culture

Pastor Mark Rolling

**“GROUNDED,
NOT
DISTRACTED”**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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 obtain information on upcoming events!

The Starting Place

We want 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!** It's the bridge you take from just attending church to developing your faith. This two-week, one-time experience is held every other month on Sunday mornings. Sign up in the church foyer or on our website (hawthornegospel.com).

Engaged: Roland Achtau of Wayne to Alexis Golenya of Haledon. A 2018 wedding is planned.

Baby Boy! Cooper Nolan, born March 24th to Joseph and Alyssa (Aftab) Anderson.

Celebration & Praise!

Baptismal Service

A baptismal service is planned for **Sunday, June 24th**. If you are at least 13 years old and desire to give public testimony to your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism, you must attend one of the following classes: **Sunday, June 3rd**, or **Sunday, June 10th**, at either **10:00** or **11:30 am** in room C-11/12 (lower level of the church building). You must bring to class a written copy of your testimony, which tells your story of how you received Jesus as your Savior, and a paragraph entitled *Why I Want to Be Baptized and What Baptism Means to Me*. Sign up today in the church foyer and pick up a copy of the brochure, *Why We Value Baptism*.

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Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Bakers are Needed for the 3rd Week!

To help, please contact Kelly Stephenson.

Pray for the Sick

Home: Pat Albright; Michele Alonzo; Lorrie Doris Anderson; Vincent Anello; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Ellie (Schuit) Bauer; Karen Beller; Walter Boroughs; Vicki Calabrese; Vince Carnevale; Nela Chacon; Debby Chapman; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Phil Dimitri; Bob Falconieri; Andy Feingold; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Linda Hanowitz; Mark Hastings; Herman Heiser; Robert Lanzalotto; Joseph Letterese; John Lo Bue; Jack & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Ruth Marion; Mike & Janice Martin; Harry McCullen; Kris Miller; Al Molzan; Doris Mossige; Dianne Nowak; Mary Pascual; Marian Petersen; Joan Podschelne; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Julie Rieke; Carlos Rivera; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Gail Schuit; Bud Stranberg; Timothy Tileston; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; Dolores Urbanovich; Pablo Valentin; Dave Woods

Hospitals & Rehabs: Barbara Dallen (*D. Lekometros' mom; broken ankles*); Judy Delaney (*broken hip*); Ray DeRouville; Marie Lanzalotto; Henrietta Lawless; Steve Meyers; Phil Paolucci; William Pezzuti; Jennifer (Tanis) Powell; John Prochaska; John Spence; John Stein; Ashley Williams

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

The Library is located on the upper level of The Chapel
Phone: 973-427-6960, extension 130.

Pray for Our Missionary Moms!

Pat Albright, along with her husband, Dick, served 40 years with a ministry to high school students known as Hi-BA—23 of those years were spent in Japan. In 2001, they joined *Fellowship International Mission* at its offices in Allentown, PA, serving there 12 years before retiring. Please **PRAY** for Pat who struggles with severe osteoporosis and the use of only one lung due to a paralyzed diaphragm.

Esther Christensen, along with her husband, Doug, were commissioned for missionary service by HGC in March 1988. The Christensens were appointed by SIM to Bolivia. More recently, they have been serving at SIM's headquarter office in Charlotte, North Carolina. In September 2015, Esther was diagnosed with A.L.S., and this disease continues to take its toll on her . . . **PRAY!**

Gail Schuit and her husband, Don (*brother of Pastor David*), met while both were teaching at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. After they married, they returned to the Academy as dorm parents and teachers and served there from 1977 to 2000. Today, they operate the *Missionary Retreat Fellowship* in Jefferson Township, Pennsylvania. Please **PRAY** for Gail who was diagnosed with liver cancer and is going through chemotherapy treatments.

Thank You . . .

. . . to those who participated in the Annual Spring Blood Drive. This continuing effort of our HGC family is very much appreciated as a community service. Blood donors save the lives of trauma victims, patients with blood disorders, cancer, and many other life-threatening injuries and illnesses in area hospitals. The results of the April 16th drive are as follows: Goal (23), Registered (38), Collected (34).

Thank you for helping us surpass our goal!

Preparing for the Battle

Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be held **today** from **1:00 to 3:00 pm** in The Chapel. Please come when you can and stay as long as you are able.

The War Room will be open **tomorrow evening** at **7:00 pm** to pray for our pastoral staff. Come to the church office conference room and join others in upholding our pastors in prayer.

Next Sunday, May 13th, from **8:00 to 8:20 am**, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** will be held for our worship services. Please join us in room C-11/12 (lower level of the church building).

ENCORE

(formerly Senior Adult Ministry)

Plan now to attend the monthly meeting being held on Tuesday, May 8th, at 10:30 am in The Chapel. Steve Lillis, president and founder of Gospel Trick Shot Ministry, will report on his recent outreach to the Middle East. Invite your friends and bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided.

Serving Hands

Serving Hands, a ministry for men and women of all ages who serve our missionaries through prayer and projects, will hold its meeting on Friday, May 18th, at 9:15 am in The Chapel. Keith and Karen, our missionaries in France, will report on their ministry via SKYPE.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**



Join us for
Hawthorne Christian Academy's

Lower School Spring Concert

Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00 PM
Church Sanctuary

Middle & High School Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:30 PM
Church Sanctuary

Concert features the award-winning Servants of the King, Chorale, Handbells, Middle School Chorus, and more!

Gallery Walk

Tuesday, May 22nd, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Conservatory Recital

Tuesday, May 22nd, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Youth Ministries Building

Gallery Walk highlights HCA's Middle School & High School Fine Arts & Instrumental Programs. Enjoy a Gallery atmosphere!

Word of Life Work Weekend

Come Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-28) to help ready *Word of Life* Camp at Schroon Lake, NY, for its upcoming season. Tasks include planting/yardwork, painting, laundry, cleaning, and whatever else may be needed. Individuals and families are welcome to participate. Food and lodging will be provided at no charge. Space is limited, so register early!

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/60535216430951>. For location, use Lodge and Group Name, *Chad De Boer/Hawthorne Gospel Church*. For more information on the camp ministry, check out camps.wol.org. For questions regarding the weekend, call Chad De Boer.

GATEKEEPERS *Security Memo*

Jumbo Concrete Blocks

As we remembered the tragedy of 9/11 with a 10th Anniversary Memorial Service for all our local first responders on September 11th, 2011 here at our church, we became increasingly aware of our vulnerability. Specifically, vehicles were being used to cause harm at that time around the world; and recently, vehicles are again becoming an easy means of causing major trouble.

At that 10th Anniversary Memorial Service, we parked the visiting fire trucks along the service road by the level grass area and the handicap ramp to deny access to our terrace and main entry by any vehicles. Since that time, during significant events, we have blocked that area off using varying means. Just before the Christmas season, we began using jumbo concrete blocks there for the safety of all who come to worship with us.

Soon, those blocks will be replaced with an attractive rock garden using varying size rocks and plantings. When the *Paving the Pathway* project is complete, we will have a beautiful terrace and main entry area permanently inaccessible to any vehicles except by prior arrangement. Check out the photos on the *Vision for the Generations* brochure and poster in the foyer.

In these troubling times, we are comforted by Scripture and are reminded to be vigilant and prepared as written in Proverbs 21:31:

*The horse is made ready
for the day of battle,
but victory rests with the Lord.*

Supernova SON VBS!

“Breakfast for Dinner” VBS Fundraiser
Wednesday, May 9th, at 5:30 pm in the Pavilion
\$5 per person.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 9th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

| Mother's Day | |
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| May 13 th , 2018 AM Services <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastoral Staff “Esther” Book of Esther | May 13 th , 2018 5:00 PM NO EVENING SERVICE |

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 16th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

| Student Focus Sunday | |
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| May 20 th , 2018 AM Services <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastor Jake Minnema “Elijah” I Kings 17-19 | May 20 th , 2018 5:00 PM <i>Continuing in the series on Church in Culture</i> Pastor Jim Bushoven “In Community, Not Alone” |

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 23rd, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Pastor Dave Andersen

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| May 27 th , 2018 AM Services <i>Continuing in the series on Great Texts of the Old Testament</i> Pastor John W. Minnema “Daniel and the Lions' Den” Daniel 6 | May 27 th , 2018 5:00 PM <i>Continuing in the series on Church in Culture</i> Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr. “Counter-Cultural, Not Relevant” |
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting, May 30th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in The Chapel
Tim Stanley

Opportunities to Get Involved

New Beginnings, our weekly visitation ministry to those who deal with HIV/AIDS, offers Bible studies, prayer, and friendship to those who need to hear the Good News of salvation. If you would like to learn more about this outreach, or wish to attend one week as our guest, please call Steve or Cara.

Come, be a part of our **Sunday Prayer Team** and be blessed by offering to pray for whoever comes forward after one of the Sunday services. Both men and women are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Pastor Mark at 973-427-6960, extension 118, or Cara Greene.

Camp Scholarships Needed

Every year, our **Pioneer Girls** have an opportunity to spend a week away at Camp Cedarbrook and grow in their walk with the Lord. Would you consider donating toward sending one of our Pioneer Girls to camp? Checks should be made payable to *Hawthorne Gospel Church* (on the memo line please note *PG Camp Cedarbrook*). Questions, or for more details, contact Sandy Lynn Bober (sandy@hgcusa.org).

VBS Needs You!

There are opportunities for men, women, and teens to help in big and small ways during VBS week (June 25th-29th, 9:00 am to noon). To join the team, contact Catherine Talgada, our *VBS Volunteer Coordinator*, at hgcvolunteervbs@gmail.com.

Craft Needs: Empty one pound coffee cans with lids and empty **rectangle** (not square) tissue boxes. Please bring your donations to the Resource Room (C-7).

Legacy Builders Men's Breakfast Conference

Guest speaker

Peter German

Saturday, May 12th, 2018, at 8:00 am in the Pavilion

“LEADERSHIP”

Sign up **today** in the Pavilion, or call 973-427-6960, extension 122.

Ministry Financial Needs Update!

March 31, 2018 ≈ Year-to-Date

| | General Fund | Missionary Fund |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Received | \$ 889,711 | \$ 130,018 |
| Needed | \$ 913,902 | \$ 159,019 |
| Balance | \$ (24,191) | \$ (29,001) |

New Highway Sign Update

Have you noticed something missing as you've driven into the parking lot? Our old sign had been taken down, and the installation of our new highway sign has begun! We have collected \$16,450 towards our goal of \$30,000. If you would like to give toward the cost of the sign, please mark the pew envelope accordingly.

Your Grace of Giving Generosity

Thank you for giving to the building project last Sunday! We raised \$45,098. A total of \$2,157,210.70 has been collected so far. If you would like to continue to give to this need, please mark the pew envelope *Paving the Pathway*.

Thank you for giving to the Lord's work at HGC!