

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 2

- 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 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, September 3

The Church Office and Campus are closed today!

Tuesday, September 4

- 7:00 pm LifeGivers (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults Men (Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, September 5

- 8:10 am HCA: First Day of School 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 6

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study: *The Amazing Collection* (Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm COMMUNITY (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

- 8:00 am *Desire4Hope* (Paterson)
- 9:00 am R&R for Women (The Chapel)
- 10:00 am International Students Welcome Picnic (HGC Campus)

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.

Sunday, September 2, 2018 COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Pastoral Staff

“The Power of the Gospel”

Colossians 1:1-8

*Beginning a new series in Colossians entitled
“Keeping Our Focus on Jesus”*

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 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. **The Starting Place** will be held on Sunday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 23rd, at 11:30 am in C-10 (lower level of the church building). Sign up today in the church foyer at the Discovery Center or go to hawthornegospel.com and click on *The Starting Place*.

Congratulations! Walter and Mary Struck will observe their 30th wedding anniversary on September 10th.

Celebration & Praise!

Pastor Jim and Jean Richmond praise God for 66 years at HGC! On Labor Day 1952, Pastor Braunlin welcomed them into the ministry here. *God's callings are His enablings.*

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs on Wednesday, September 5th, at 11:30 am in The Chapel.

Ministry Fair

When: Sunday, September 9th, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Where: HGC Pavilion

Why: That the **body of Christ** at **HGC** acquaint itself with the various ministries and outreach programs so that **everyone** will be **growing** and **serving** the Lord!

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Hawthorne Christian Academy

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

For answers to your questions or to arrange a personal tour, please call 973-423-3331, extension 206.

Full-Time Maintenance Position

We are looking for an experienced individual who has a personal relationship with Christ, a servant's heart, and is ministry minded. Experience to include but not limited to janitorial, property, building and lawn maintenance, snow removal, weekend work, moderate to heavy lifting, and room set-ups. Having a specialized trade (*plumbing, electrical, or HVAC*) is appreciated, but not required. This position includes medical and 401(k) benefits. Qualified and interested? Please stop by the church office with a written testimony and also to fill out an application.

Pray for the Sick Home: Jay Aftab; Pat Albright; Michele Alonzo; Lorrie Anderson; Lori Bader; Louise Ballentine; Evalee Batistich; Ellie Bauer; Bertha Beller; Walter Boroughs; Nicole Braciliano; John Calabrese; Vicki Calabrese; Vince Carnevale; Esther Christensen; Kari Ann Dale; Shirley DeVogel; Phil Dimitri; Art Fialko; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Younes Gill; Dearh Goller; Linda Hanowitz; Mark Hastings; Herm Heiser; Robert & Marie Lanzalotto; Joe Letterese; John Lo Bue; Jake Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Karen Mandell; Ruth Marion; Mike & Janice Martin; Kris Miller; Al Molzan; Doris Mossige; Elsie Murley; Mary Pascual; Bill Pezzuti; Joan Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Alice Rascio; Linda Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Robert Rogers; Colleen Savone; Jacinta Ruiz; Gail Schuit; Maryann Schwinge; Gari Semon; Antonia Spagnola; Diane Spath; Bud Stranberg; Timothy Tileston; Norman Trass; Ilse Troper; Pablo Valentin; Marion Warnet; Ashley Williams; Don Zbieg

Hospitals & Rehabs: Barbara Dallen; Judy Delaney; Raymond De Rouville; Ian Grinyer; Henrietta Lawless; Steve Meyers; Phil Paolucci; John Prochaska; Carlos Rivera; John Spence; Jim Unrath

He Knows Our Name!

One of the tendencies that we have in missions is to reduce the world to a bunch of numbers. So, we count the number of unreached peoples or the number of peoples who do not have a Bible in their own language. We like to point out that in the world today there are 2.5 billion Christians and 1.8 billion Muslims, 1 billion Hindus, and so on.

But just the size of a number like *million* or *billion* is too large for us to get our minds around. Numbers like these often numb and overwhelm us. One way to keep our hearts open and soft to the many people who do not know Christ is to remember that each Muslim, each Buddhist, each street kid, each homeless person has a name!

David says in the Psalms that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made and that God knew us before we were even born. The Bible says that our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. God knows our names!

So, we have to remind ourselves that the world is not just made up of statistics, but it is made up of people—each with their own name. They are not just numbers, but individuals made in the image of God and for whom He died. Perhaps the best way for us to keep from being overwhelmed by the numbers is to get to know some of their names!

Pastor David A. Schuit

A Night of Prayer

Sunday, September 9th, at 5:00 pm

The entire congregation is encouraged to join together for this special time of prayer as we focus on growing in our relationship with Christ. May the Lord help us to pray fervently as we begin a new ministry year! We appreciate your presence. God bless.

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

**Board
Member
on Call**

Know Your Bible

Adult Bible Classes

New classes begin on Sunday, September 9th, at 10:00 am in various classrooms on our campus.

Detailed brochures are available in the foyer today.

Equipping Track

Basic Doctrines of Our Faith

Begins on Sunday, September 9th, at 10:00 am

Every Christian should be familiar with the core doctrines of our faith. These doctrines form the foundation for what we believe, how we should live, and our hope for the future. In this class we will look at such doctrines as: Why we believe the Bible is true, why we believe in sin, why we believe that Jesus is the only way, and why we believe in heaven. As we learn the essential beliefs of Christianity, it will strengthen our faith and give us confidence.

Hawthorne Community Bible School

(formerly Monday Evening Bible School)

begins on Monday, September 17th, 2018

with registration at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Detailed brochures are available in the church foyer today!

Membership Class

Sunday, September 16th and 23rd, at 10:00 am
in Room C-10

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 16th, and Sunday, September 23rd, at 10:00 am in room C-10 (lower level of the church building). Membership candidates need to attend both sessions. Please sign up in the foyer today to let us know you are coming.

It's Important to Pray!

Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be held **today** at **1:00 pm** in The Chapel. Come when you can, stay as long as you are able.

Next Sunday, a special time of **Intercessory Prayer** will be held for our worship services from **8:00 to 8:20 am** in room C-11/12. If you wish to join us, please come.

Children's Ministry Needs YOU!

We are in a **GREAT NEED** for volunteers to help us in many of our ministries. Is the Lord asking you to serve Him in this way? Below are our volunteer needs; and if you would be available to help at any of them, contact Sandy Lynn Bober at sandy@hgusa.org.

Opportunities to serve include:

Sunday

At all our services

Nursery Helpers

During 10:00 am Service

1st Grade Sunday School Teacher

4th & 5th Grade Sunday School Teacher

Sundays @ 5

Club 208 Teachers and Helpers

Wednesday

Kids' Klubs from 6:45 to 8:15 pm

Skippers & Scooters Helpers (Children through Kindergarten)

Pioneer Girls Head Guides and Helpers (1st thru 5th Grades)

TreeClimbers Helpers (1st and 2nd Grade Boys)

Stockade Helpers (3rd through 5th Grade Boys)

Thursday

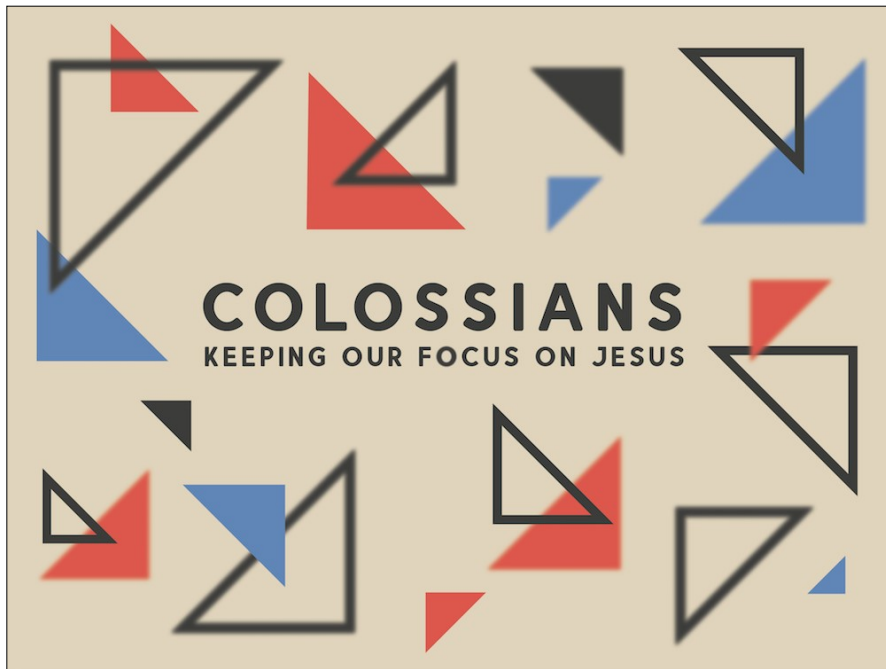
From 9:30 to 11:30 am

Story Time helpers for children Infant through preschool

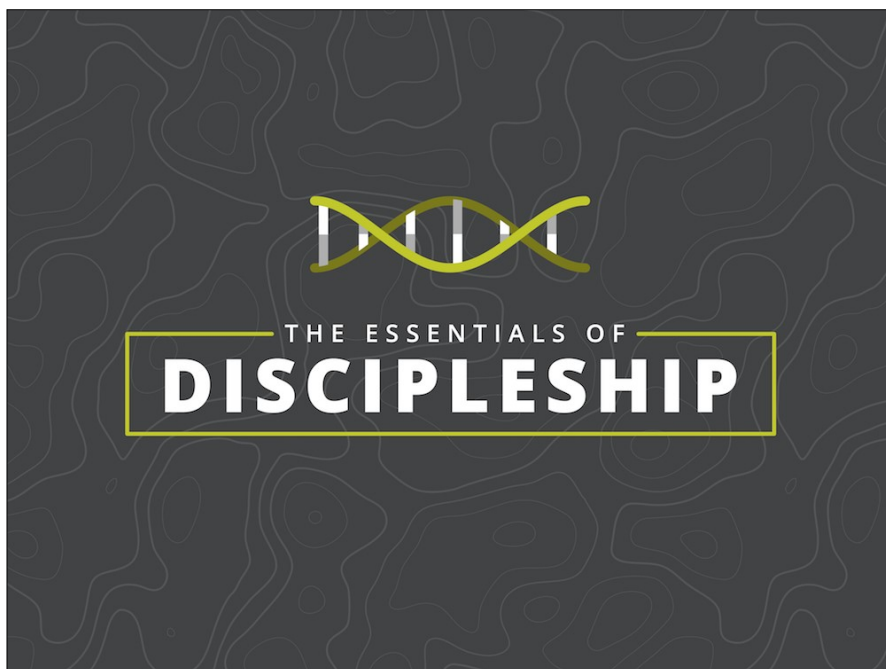
Saturday

Once a month from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Help with children while the moms have a time of fellowship



The new AM Fall Series starts today and
New PM Fall Series starting September 16th, 2018



International Students, Inc.

On Saturday, September 8th, 2018 we'll be hosting a
Welcome Picnic for International Students.

Come to the Pavilion this morning to see how you can help!

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 5th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor David Schuit

September 9th, 2018
am Services
Pastor John W. Minnema
"Knowing God's Will"
Continuing in the series in Colossians
entitled "Keeping Our Focus on Jesus"
Colossians 1:9-14

September 9th, 2018
at 5:00 pm
Pastor John W. Minnema
Pastor Mark Rolling
and Tim Stanley
A Night of Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 12th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

September 16th, 2018
am Services
Pastor John W. Minnema
"The Supremacy of Christ"
Continuing in the series in Colossians
entitled "Keeping Our Focus on Jesus"
Colossians 1:15-23

September 16th, 2018
at 5:00 pm
Pastor Mark Rolling
"The Call to Discipleship"
Beginning a new series entitled
"The Essentials of Discipleship"
Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 19th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

September 16th, 2018
am Services
Pastor John W. Minnema
"A Mystery Revealed"
Continuing in the series in Colossians
entitled "Keeping Our Focus on Jesus"
Colossians 1:24-28

September 16th, 2018
at 5:00 pm
Pastor David Schuit
"The Cost of Discipleship"
Continuing a series entitled
"The Essentials of Discipleship"
Luke 14:25-33

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, September 26th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Dave Andersen

Upcoming Outreaches

HGC's new softball team, *Hawthorne Gospel Royals*, will be participating in a tournament supporting the Mark Sasso Foundation this Friday-Saturday, September 7th and 8th at the Wagaraw Softball Fields (289 Wagaraw Road in Hawthorne). For our team's playing schedule, please call the church office (973-427-6960).

Also, the HGC family is invited to attend **Hawthorne Day** on Saturday, September 22nd, in the town. It's another opportunity to interact with those in our community and to share the different ministries that HGC provides. *Details to follow.*

Worship Community Opportunities!

The Worship Community Choir invites you to join its fall kickoff rehearsal on Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary? You may join our vocal or instrumental ministry. If your talent is technical, the stage crew or 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, contact James Jensen at james@hgcusa.org, or call 973-427-6960, extension 160.

Ministry Financial Needs!

Welcome back from summer vacation and other activities! Thank you for giving to the Lord's work here throughout July and August. We are truly grateful! We currently have the following needs:

General Fund Deficit Missionary Fund Deficit

Sanctuary & Education Building Roof Repairs:

Collected: \$5,500 Still Needed: \$7,500

Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you give. If you would like to give specifically toward the above items, please mark the pew envelope accordingly. Thank you!

Starting This Week

The Amazing Collection, a book-by-book Bible study for women of all ages, begins its morning class this **Wednesday, September 5th**, at **9:15** in The Chapel. The evening class begins this **Thursday** on the **6th** at **7:00** in the church office conference room.

Also, **R&R** (for women) will hold its first meeting of the fall this **Saturday, September 8th**, at **9:00 am** in The Chapel. Cheryl Freeman will speak on *Anchors of Faith*. Come at 8:45 am for the continental breakfast.

Women's Fall Activities Brochures
are available in the church foyer.

Starting Next Week

Morning Star Children's Grief Ministry is a faith-based, community-wide, free program serving children between the ages of 6 through 18 who are experiencing loss. This ministry meets twice a month for an hour and one-half during Sundays @ 5 in room C-8 (lower level of the church building). Questions? Please contact Brenda Pillari or Pastor Howie Van Dyk (973-427-6960). **Begins Sunday, September 9th.**

ENCORE (formerly *Senior Adult Ministry*) will hold its first meeting of the 2018-2019 season on **Tuesday, September 11th**, at **10:30 am** in The Chapel. Ellie Krueger will speak on the power of God's love through the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Invite your friends and bring a bag lunch.

Serving Hands, a ministry for guys and gals from high school to senior adult who serve our missionaries, now meets on the third Saturday of every month from **9:15 to 11:15 am** in The Chapel. The first meeting for the 2018-2019 season will be held on the **15th of September**. Come and hear Steve Lillis, president and founder of Gospel Trick Shot Ministry, share what the Lord is doing through his billiard demonstrations around the world.