

Welcome to Hayward Wesleyan Church

We are a community of people who are being changed by the love of God. We're down to earth and upbeat. We believe that it's the gospel of Jesus that truly changes people and those people are the ones who bring about change in the world.

There's a place for you!

So that we know you are here today, we ask EVERYONE to please either check-in using the Church Center phone app or fill out the Connect Card located in the chair seat back (one per family) and hand it to a Host Team Member on your way out.

If this is your first time here, thank you for coming! We are grateful to have you! We would love to know who you are and help you get connected to the church body. Please fill out a card found in your seat back pocket and hand it to one of the host team members on your way out today.

FAITH & FINANCES

January 2025:

January General Fund Income: \$76,011
January General Fund Expenses: \$53,251
Monthly income exceed expenses by \$22,760
Budgeted Monthly Income Need: \$52,699

YTD—06/01/2024—01/31/2025:

YTD Income: \$456,014
YTD Expenses: \$423,961
YTD offerings exceed expenses by \$32,053

If you would like additional information on weekly financial data please contact the church office.

Giving cheerfully is part of our worship. Your generosity allows us to help more people experience the life-changing impact of belief. You may hand your tithes and offerings to a host team member as you leave today or use the wooden offering receptacles in the foyer.

We encourage electronic giving! Visit www.hwc.church and click on "GIVE" or find "GIVE" within our Church Center phone app.

WIFI available: "HWC Guest network"
Password: wesleyan4613

HWC Church Center Phone App

Stay up to date with events, ongoing small groups, , e-giving, registration, directory and more!

- Download the [Church Center](#) app on your phone.
- Select Hayward Wesleyan as your church
- Enter in your phone number or email
- Select your profile (if no profile appears, continue to follow the prompts in the app to get you added)



PASTORAL STAFF

Ben Kidder, Lead Pastor (ben@hwc.church)
Ryan Wilson, Pastor of Worship and Disciple Making (ryan@hwc.church)
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SERMON NOTES

Today's Songs

Battle Belongs
Firm Foundation
Trust in God
Great I Am

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



HAYWARD **wesleyan** CHURCH

Connecting every life to Jesus



February 23, 2025

Worship Services

9:00 & 10:30AM

"Fear of God"

Exodus 1:1-2:10

Pastor Ben Kidder

LIVESTREAM of services in our

Fireside Room & Family Cry Room #101

Worship service streams online at 9:00 & 10:30AM at
facebook.com/haywardwesleyan OR hwc.church/live

Previous recordings are available @ www.hwc.church/messages

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HAPPENINGS AT HWC

Gather 25, Friday, February 28, 6–9:30PM

Join HWC and Spider Lake Church at the Spider Lake Church Main Campus on Friday, February 28 from 6–9:30PM for the kickoff of Gather 25 livestream. There will be a potluck at 6PM, worship, and a time of community prayer. This is a free family friendly event.

Leadership Short Course, Sundays March 9–30, 10:30AM

If you are looking to grow in leadership, plug in, and intentionally invest in the Kingdom work, then this course is for you! Gather with other leaders to train together and fervently go after the mission of our Savior. Register on the Church Center App.

Hearing Sensitivity Resources: Earplugs and headphones are available, by request, in the Welcome Center for those who may have sensitive hearing or difficulty hearing during service.



CONNECT WITH A GROUP

The below groups are ongoing and open to the public:

Encore—(luncheon for those 65+) 4th Thursday of each month @ 11:30am; now in the Fireside Room; join us for a time of fellowship, music, games and fun! Please bring a dish to pass.

Next Encore: February 27

Gals in Grace meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9AM in the Fireside Room. Currently studying Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope".

Young Adult Bible Study – for 20-something's (or those soon to hit their 20's) on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fireside Room

Northwoods MOMCo— Morning Meetups are 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9–11AM; *Next meetup: Thursday, February 27 @ 9AM; Next Evening Meetup is March 14 at 6:30PM in the Fireside Room*

Prayer Group—Mondays at 10:00AM (Fireside Room)

Celebrate Recovery— Tuesdays 5:30–8:00PM (Theatre Room); Open to anyone with a hurt, hang-up or habit that is hindering your walk with God. Refreshments will be served. Contact via email at celebraterecovery@hwc.church

AA Group—Mondays at 7:00PM (Library)

HWC has several other small groups. If you are interested in joining one of these groups or starting a group, please reach out to Pastor Ryan Wilson, via email at ryan@hwc.church and/or fill out a survey at hwc.church/groups.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

Available at the 9:00 & 10:30 Sunday Worship Services

NURSERY CARE (ages 0–3)

Available during the 10:30 Sunday Worship Service

PRESCHOOL (AGES 3–5, potty-trained) Room 103
KIDS' CHURCH (K–Grade 5) Theatre Room

Youth Group (Grades 6–12)



Hanging out with friends, studying Scripture, growing in faith, and having fun together is what Youth Group at HWC is all about! Join us

Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm at the church building (doors open at 6:30pm). All students grades 6 to 12 are welcome!

High School Collective is a gathering for high school students to grow deeper in their faith and be challenged to 'give away' their faith at school, youth group, church, and the community.

Next HS Collective: TODAY, February 16th at the Mavis' Home



Middle School Bible Study for 6th–8th graders is Sundays during the second service (after worship), in Room 110. Bible Study is currently in the book of Matthew.



Kids' Church is in the series "Let's Focus" Bible Story: Jesus and the Pharisees

Big Idea: Jesus wants us to be pure in heart, not just pretenders.

Memory Verse: "God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you." –Psalm 51:10 (NIRV)



Followers is an after school ministry for children who are in grades K–5. Followers meets every other Monday after school from 3:30–5:00 P.M. Please register in the Church Center App or by calling the office. Please call the school if your child plans to ride the bus this school year. **Next Followers: March 3**



Save the Date for VBS True North, Sunday through Thursday, July 20–24 for ages 3 through 5th grade. Learn about Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

MISSIONS & COMMUNITY



Northwoods New Life Resource Center
HWC supports this local Christian organization, which assists families during pregnancy and beyond. They believe every pregnant woman deserves access to quality information and medical care, and that all families deserve the

resources they need to thrive. Their initiatives include basic health care, parent mentoring, women's and men's support groups, family activities, information, Bible studies and more. The center depends on volunteer nurses and mentors to help provide these services. The Northwoods New Life Resource Center is currently hosting their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Be sure to grab a bottle to fill with change! For more information, visit nwnewlife.org.

Mercy Ships – HWC supports Michael and Heather Drown, who serve with Mercy Ships, an international Christian organization that brings hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor. Mercy Ships operates two main "floating hospitals" off the coasts of Africa, providing health and dental care to people with no other access to life-saving procedures. Stationed at Mercy Ships' U.S. headquarters in Texas, Heather works in administration and Michael is an engineer responsible for Mercy Ships' technology and logistics. Since Mercy Ships' founding in 1978, volunteer professionals from 60 nations have performed more than 105,000 surgeries and 488,000 dental procedures aboard the vessels. While docked, the ships also serve as a training center for local health care workers.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

March 5 (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of Lent. While not a biblical term, Lent has been a significant practice among Christians across the centuries. Would you consider practicing a fast for the 40 Days leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays)? Partner with the Holy Spirit to determine if this discipline is one He wants you to do and if so, how you should fast. Fasting could mean stepping away from a "normal" activity, a certain food or even a particular meal. If you are married it is good to let your spouse speak into this. It's okay to start small. And while we generally practice fasting in a way that doesn't call attention to ourselves, it's helpful to share the experience with your mentor or life group.