

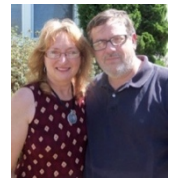


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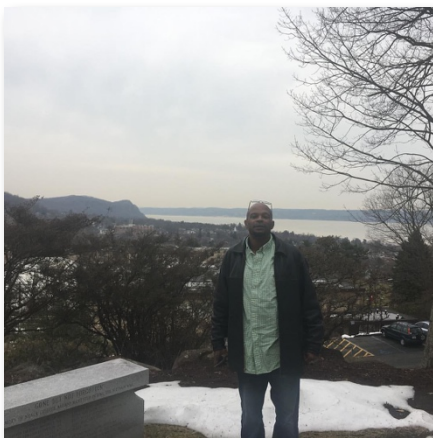
April 2017 Update — News from CPC in the Hill



OUR CPC IN THE HILL KIDS LEARN TO BE FAMOUS FOR FORGIVENESS—For a number Sundays we have been exploring the biblical concept behind our liturgy's second movement, "*Rediscovery of God's Grace in Confession and Absolution*." Our kids, then, have received several illustrations, parables, and stories about "forgiveness" during the children's message just before the sermons. One message I asked, "What do you think I'd like you kids to be famous for?" A few answers came. But I was setting them up for the lesson. I told a story about my mom and me asking each other for forgiveness for being a rotten son and for not being a better mom. (Yes, she knows I tell this story.) I eventually told them, "*I pray that you kids become famous for forgiveness*." Over the weeks, the kids have said, out loud (together), to the adults, "I forgive you," and last week said, "Please forgive me." Powerful and priceless moments. One Sunday, when the children were excused during the sermon, Maxine asked the kids if they understood what Pastor Chip means by forgiveness. They drew their answers.

COFFEE+ AS WE BEGIN TO CREATE A WELCOMING SPACE—

Don't let these beautiful CPC in The Hill ladies fool you—they mean serious business. They are serious about making you feel welcome to our place of worship. Sounds simple, but just like we try to make our homes welcoming to our guests, we are seeking to do the same on Sundays when CPC in The Hill gathers for worship, instruction, and fellowship. The building itself isn't ours (we rent time and space @ 158 Davenport Ave); but, we are taking steps to create a more welcoming space for our church family and, especially, our guests. We have already begun serving coffee and other breakfast snacks, along with orange juice as a welcome in our foyer—we are calling this **COFFEE+**. Along with making changes to our foyer, we will also be reimaging the sanctuary as well.



SPENDING TIME WITH JOHN—John Davis is one of our CPC in The Hill leaders; he is our Music Director, helping to make our singing more like the Hill and leading during our worship services. He and I try to spend some time together each week. He also accompanies me to local conferences (like last month's City Forum Conference). He and I traveled to Nyack College in late March for a conference. These times together are good for the both of us. They give us solid time to talk, listen to others, and to unpack what we've learned. I also am privileged to introduce John as one of our leaders—many at these conferences know me and enjoy hearing about our ministry in the Hill. John helps make it real. I also love when he asks questions—they always add to the discussion! John and I are praying that God sends or leads us to more men that would become a part of our congregation—and to share in some of these adventures!

Check out our Hill ministry video at <http://tinyurl.com/zfand7p>

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL GOALS (PLEASE HELP US GET TO THE HILL)—Lisa and I are so thankful that many have already given to support our ministry in the Hill. To date (3/28) \$14,577 has been given or pledged to help us with our responsibility to resource this year's budget (9/1/16–9/31/17). We still need to raise approximately \$24,000 to cover ministry expenses here in the Hill (and, yes, this includes our salary), which will enable Lisa and I to make our move to the Hill. Here is a simple way to see how you can help get us to the Hill:

<u>Supporters</u>	<u>Annually @</u>	<u>or monthly @</u>	
24	\$500	\$42	= \$12,000
10	\$700	\$58	= \$ 7,000
5	\$1,000	\$83	= \$ 5,000
In order for to raise			= \$24,000

See where you fit. We'd like to move by the end of the summer. Please help us get to the Hill. See below for how best to donate to our CPC in The Hill account.

Update on Prayer Partner Goals—Between a few churches, an upstate NY Ladies Bible study, and all those who have joined our prayer support team, we now have 205 prayer partners. Lisa and I cannot do this without the prayers of the saints. For anyone who is on Facebook, please join **CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners @ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners>**. I post a daily request and give answer-to-prayer reports as well. Lisa and I appreciate so much our prayer partners. ***We can't do this without you!***



Save the Date—APRIL 29th—Lisa and I will be hosting a backyard BBQ at our home in Bridgeport to raise funds to support our 2017 Summer Park BBQ ministry in the Hill. Our costs each week are about \$200 to bring the grill and all the fixings to Trowbridge Square Park and offer a meal to the 40, 60, and sometimes 80 people there—of course, with some preaching and some loving on our Hill neighbors (8 times). **Come join us at our home!**

Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

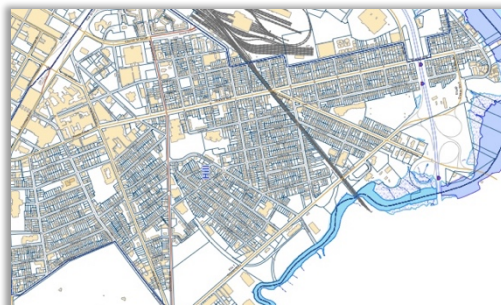
- Pray that God raises up a few men to join us here at CPC in The Hill.
- There are a number of people who have said they plan on joining us for worship—pray God moves them toward an ecclesiastical conversation (as it were)!
- Pray as we begin to plan for 2017 Summer Soccer & Art Camp (June 26–30).
- Pray that more people and churches will partner with us and GET LISA AND ME TO THE HILL: we need to identify new circles of influence and potential support—pray God makes this possible so we may raise the remaining \$24K.

Ways to donate:

- Monthly payments or as one annual sum
- By check to “CPC New Haven”; in memo “Hill/Anderson”; send to CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Pay online at www.anabaino.org (online donations, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)



After clean up, we pause for a quick picture of those who gathered at our March Fellowship Brunch Sunday



The ultimate reason we gather together as a church is for the glory of God and to exalt Jesus our King; the penultimate reason is reflected in this map: the Hill.



Our ladies at the Women of Virtue conference in March. We love our ladies and they deserve a day of blessing.