



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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News from CPC in the Hill — July 2017 Update



A KINGDOM MOMENT AT OUR 2017 SPORTS & ARTS CAMP—This young lady was one of our teen counselors at our 2017 Sports & Arts Camp in The Hill. This was that moment, well a shot, a pic of that kingdom moment, seeing one of our anchor church teens loving on one of our Hill kids. When Pastor Graham (the Senior Pastor of our anchor church, CPC New Haven located at 135 Whitney Ave) asked what God moments, what kingdom moments did you see during Impact Week, I thought of the number of times I saw our 135 teen counselors loving on our Hill kids—when a teen would take aside to console a hurt, crying, or sad child; when a teen would embrace a shy, stand-offish child who couldn't find

their place in the crowd of other kids. These moments were the gospel to me. These were kingdom moments. And, I betcha the teens didn't even know; they were just doing what came natural. These teens, our 135 teen counselors, were the flesh of the gospel for these past five days of Sports & Arts Camp in the Hill.



CELEBRATING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD—At the end of the Hill Sports and Arts Camp, we celebrated with a neighborhood BBQ at Maxine's house on Stevens Street—a few blocks down from where we held the camp at Daniel's School. We invited the campers and their families. We also invited our neighbors (whether their kids came to camp or not). Many of the camp counselors from 135 (our anchor church) and their families came as well. We easily had over 120 who joined us for hot dogs and hamburgers and all the good food and dishes people brought to share. Many of the neighbors shared that they appreciated the impact our little (but growing) CPC in The Hill church is making on their neighborhood.

A LIVING SERMON ILLUSTRATION—We had a live sermon illustration this morning. Rick Varrone, who now attends CPC in the Hill, with his wife, Sharon, helped me out, using his black belt martial arts training to show us how we learn to overcome challenges in our lives and, then, how we should help others overcome their

challenges and struggles. Our extended Children's message, which was for the adults, too, helped us to hear from Isaiah 61 that morning at service. We were looking at Isaiah 61 and its use in Luke 4 to help prepare us for our "In His Midst" Park BBQ ministry this summer (which started the first Wednesday evening in July). The young CPC in The Hill lady (pictured to the left) volunteered to give it a shot. As you can see, she broke the board. I asked everyone--the kids and the adults--what was the brave thing she did. I gave them a hint: it wasn't trying to break the board. One of the other kids gave the right answer: "Stepping up to the challenge; that was her brave moment." This live sermon illustration helped us to see why we do the park ministry—helping others with the challenges and struggles that they are facing.



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

FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE—Our goal: *Get US to The Hill*. To date (5/31), we are at **63%** (or **\$24,000** given or pledged) to meet our financial goal and responsibility for this year's budget (9/1/16–8/31/17). We still need to raise **\$14,000** to cover this year's ministry expenses (and, yes, this includes my salary) . . . this will enable Lisa and I to make our move to the Hill (sooner than later).

<u>Supporters</u>	<u>Annually @</u>	<u>or monthly @</u>	
17	\$500	\$42	= \$ 8,500
5	\$700	\$58	= \$ 3,500
2	\$1,000	\$83	= \$ 2,000
			In order to raise = \$14,000

See how you fit in the table above and where you might be able to help get us to the Hill:

Prayer Partner Goal Update—We now have **over 200** people that count themselves among our prayer partners. We also appreciate churches that are praying for us and the Hill plant; as well as the ladies in Rome, NY who've been praying for me since I was a young child. For those on Facebook, please join our **CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners>. I post daily requests, give answers to prayer reports, and post pictures as well. Lisa and I appreciate our prayer partners so very much. **We cannot do this without the prayers of the saints.**

Thank You to all who gave **generously** at our Backyard BBQ and through the GoFundMe campaign. We have been able to raise what is needed for this summer's BBQ Park Ministry at Trowbridge Square Park (which started July 5th). We will do this again next year. **Come join us at the Park some Wednesday—and see what your giving enables us to do!**



Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

- Pray God works in and through us during our “In His Midst” Park BBQ ministry—and that we’d see some come to Jesus and, of course, come join us at CPC in The Hill.
- Continue to pray God will move some of the families *whose kids already join us* to join us as well.
- Pray God **Gets Us to the Hill**: we have one and a half more months to basically raise the remaining amount. Pray God does a miracle to raise the remaining \$14K.
- The talk of summer (especially our Park BBQ ministry) makes me think of our kids and youth (and more and more kids are coming to church—even asking their parents to get them ready, although their parents haven’t starting attending (yet): Pray for youth workers to be raised up for the kids and teens.

Ways to donate:

- Monthly payments or as one annual sum
- By check to “CPC New Haven”; in memo “**Hill/CA**”; 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)



At Sports/Arts Camp, CPC in The Hill’s Rick Varrone illustrating how we can lean on God for strength.



Freedom Davis, one of our Hill ladies, offering up a testimony at our Unity Service. What a blessing!



Playing Whiffle Ball with one of our neighborhood kids at Mama’s B-Day Party.