



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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June 2017 Update — News from CPC in the Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS HELP SET UP FOR SUNDAY SERVICE—I am so impressed by the kids who join us week after week at CPC in The Hill's Sunday service—and mostly coming without their parents! There are others, however, but the girls to your right (picture) often come with Nigeria and lend her a hand setting up communion and then setting up our



Coffee+ table. So gracious. So willing. And, what I find so humbling and fascinating, at this point in our church's life, we don't have much to attract children. But they come, nonetheless.

I love porched neighborhoods.

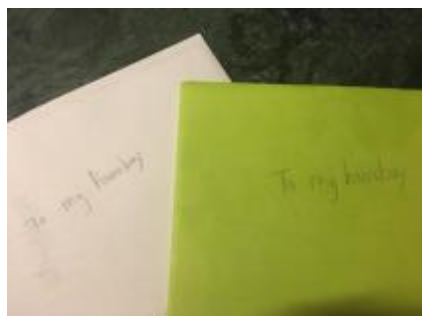
(Please, God, make sure our home in the Hill has a porch!).



While attending a family birthday party and BBQ, the girls (from the picture) were out on their family's porch with their parents and (I think) aunt. I crossed the street and chatted with them for a

while—bragging on their kids. I invited them to come join their kids at worship, of course. But, I went a little further. The family is Hispanic; the Hill is 51% Hispanic. I encouraged them to be the start of a movement of Hispanic families coming to CPC in The Hill (since their kids already come). I said that Jesus would use them to change the lives of their family and neighbors. They thanked me for the kind words about their kids and said they were humbled by the invitation. And, said, they will join us sometime. Pray God makes this so. And, there is another Hispanic family in the Hill, who credit our church helping them restore their faith in God, with whom I have had the same conversation. Pray God draws them to join us.

PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS—Maxine (pictured here to the right) is good at getting involved with the community. I have started joining her at the Hill North monthly community meeting. I was graciously received and said I was glad to be a part of this wonderful community. It was a great experience. I look forward to becoming more present at, not only these meetings, but other community meetings (like Hill South's). Pray that God gets us to the Hill. This, that is my presence at such meetings, is a very important component of our ministry—as the pastor and our church contributing stakeholders in the life of the Hill community. God bless Maxine for her deep commitment and involvement in our community.



“HOMEBOY” AND “PREACH,” NAMES OF HONOR FOR ME IN THE HILL—All in one quick moment: I was just handed two cards from one of our CPC in The Hill teens (who has been accepted to Eastern Connecticut State University) addressed “To My Homeboy,” when a lady on her bike peddled by the teen's family's porch—*there's that porch thing again*—and shouted, “Hey, Preach!” I do not have words for how I felt right at that moment. I gladly, humbly receive and own these titles. I had never, ever been called someone's “Homeboy.” *Who'd have ever thunk it.* The words inside on the cards—priceless. And, being called “Preach” was also such an honor. Being known as the neighborhood's “Preach” is a good thing. May God open doors for people in the Hill to hear of God's grace in Jesus—and join us at CPC in The Hill!

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

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL GOALS—Our goal: *Get US To The Hill*. To date (5/31), we are at **53%** (or **\$20,000** given or pledged) to meet our financial goal and responsibility for this year's budget (9/1/16–9/31/17). We still need to raise **\$18,000** to cover this year's ministry expenses (and, yes, this includes my salary) . . . and this will enable Lisa and I to make our move to the Hill. *See how you fit in the table below and see where you might be able to help get us to the Hill:*

<u>Supporters</u>	<u>Annually @</u>	<u>or monthly @</u>	
24	\$575	\$40	= \$11,400
8	\$700	\$58	= \$ 5,600
3	\$1,000	\$83	= \$ 1,000
In order to raise			= \$18,000



Ladies Bible Study in Rome, NY been praying for Chippy for a long time.

Update on Prayer Partner Goals—We have the privilege of having **over 200** people who count themselves among our prayer partners. Lisa and I cannot do this without the prayers of the saints. We also appreciate churches that are praying for us and The Hill plant; as well as our ladies in Rome, NY who have been praying for me since I was called “Chippy.” 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 and post pictures as well. Lisa and I appreciate our prayer partners so very much. ***We can't do this without you!***

Between our Backyard BBQ and the GoFundMe campaign, we have been able to raise almost all our needed funds for our Summer Park BBQ ministry (which Starts July 5th). Our costs each week (8 wks) are about \$175 to bring the grill and all the fixings to the 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. We have received enough to cover about 6 evenings—with \$405 left to raise before July 5th (or about 2 evenings). Please consider filling the gap and extend your ministry by enabling us to love on our Hill neighbors this July and August. Please visit our GoFundMe page by clicking the picture to the right or the link <http://tinyurl.com/knyl5fa>.



Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

- Ask God to get us ready for Camp week, June 26-30 and our big sidewalk BBQ celebration on closing night (Friday).
- 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 more quarter to basically raise what we raised in the last three. Pray God does a miracle to raise the remaining \$18K.
- Spring and 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/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)



Our “In His Midst” Park BBQ destination in a few weeks: *Trowbridge Square Park*



Can't trade away these moments. One of our kids loving on his pastor!



Our Sunday Morning kids looking up their Bible verse of the month: Romans 8:15