

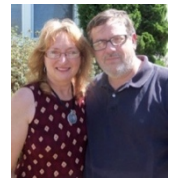


## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### News from CPC in The Hill — September 2017, End of Year Update



**SUMMER OF LOVE, GRILLING, AND BACKPACKS IN THE PARK**—We served an average of 75 people each evening at our Summer Park BBQ ministry we call “In His Midst.” At least four evenings that we served 85+ (topping at 90 a few times for sure). Even people from the community join us, serving at the tables and/or donating a dish for people to enjoy. Each evening started with a brief message and prayer. The messages started with Isaiah 61 and the question, “Who Wants God’s Favor?” The last two evening’s messages linked the good news of the gospel from John 3:16-17 to the importance and blessing of being a part of God’s new community, His church. The good news of the gospel also gives us the good news of the church. We made many new contacts—hoping some will join us. We renewed previous friendships.



Our last evening, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, also included a backpack and school supply give-away to our Park kids. Just some basics to start the year. The Beacon Bikers, a chapter in the Christian Motorcycle Association (pictured to the right) donated 90+ backpack for the giving away. What a grand blessing. The kids loved them. The young girl pictured above says it all. She was so happy to receive her pink backpack—she was waving her arms and dancing. I am guessing her first backpack for her first year at school. Not only the backpacks, but someone from the Beacon Bikers was at the park serving and sharing Christ each night. You always saw them cleaning up the park at the end of the evening. What servants of the Lord!



**EVEN WHEN THE DELUGE FELL, GRILLING AND SERVING CONTINUED**—Each week at our summer BBQ in the Park, I witness God’s grace through those who do all the serving. While, too often, I get the credit and thank you, it is the CPC in The Hill congregation that is serving and loving on the people in the Park. This is church, the body of Christ, visible to the community. (The big word is, the church as the body of Christ is the mediatorial presence of Jesus.) In a very real way: If you want to see Jesus, you can through the church worshipping and serving together.



This was no more evident during the evening of our Wednesday 2017 deluge—yes, it poured BIG TIME! We saw it coming—and still made the decision to get to the park, set up, and serve as many as we could before the rain fell. We probably served about 40+ when it started pouring. Yet, people still kept coming—lining up—and our servers kept serving. One young lady (pictured to the left next to the girl with the pan over her head) had been volunteering to help with drinks at the coolers. Eventually drenched to the bone, she still stayed at her post until the last person went through the line. Although with a few other ladies, this young girl often helps us at the park and at service setting up



in the morning. Pictured here (above) is our Nigeria still grilling until the last hot dog was done, last hamburger grilled, and last person had something to eat.



**FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE**—Typically, raising support for a potential church plant means, without the gifts and support of others, there would be no church plant. This motivates people. CPC in The Hill, however, offers a different challenge: if an individual doesn't give, *there is still a church (plant)*. There is no appearance of immediacy. Our anchor church wants to see us move to the Hill as soon as possible, which will make our ministry more effective. As of 8/31, we are at **66%** of our financial goal and responsibility for the 2016-2017 year's budget. This coming year, **Sept 1, 2017–Aug 31, 2018**, Lisa and I will need to raise **\$40,000** to help cover expenses. Thank you to all who supported us this past year—praying you all will continue to do so. Please consider helping us out.

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

**Prayer Partner Goal Update**—We are grateful for the **225+** people that count themselves among our prayer partners. We also appreciate churches that are praying for us; as well as the ladies in Rome, NY. For those on Facebook, I post daily requests, give answers to prayer reports, and post pictures as well. Please join our **CPC in The Hill Prayer Partners** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPCintheHillPrayerPartners>. *We cannot do this without the prayers of the saints.*

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**FYI—the New Fiscal Year is upon us and . . . and this means a new round of annual fundraising. Please consider supporting us with your prayer and as financial partners. This coming year, we will be responsible to raise about \$40,000. Will you please consider helping us in the 2017-2018 ministry year? Lisa and I would love to share at your church, Sunday school, Bible Study, or Prayer Group. Please contact us to set up a time. Thanks!**

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### Our Ministry in the Hill Prayer Requests

- ♦ Pray God helps us to stay connected and continue developing relationships that were started in the Park.
- ♦ Continue to pray God will move the families *whose kids already join us* to join us as well.
- ♦ Pray God raises up new supporters and sustains our current supporters for this new year, 2017–2018.
- ♦ Again and still (like the picture here says), pray God awakens the youth workers we need in The Hill. Charlie Z calls the picture here **"The 12."** The young are ripe for harvest—and they keep coming. Pray for someone to step up and join us to minister to these young people and the many teens in our families.
- ♦ Finally, please pray that God leads me to men who would be a part of our church planting journey. I will be reaching out to the few I have in mind already—pray God helps me and moves them spiritually.



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### 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](http://www.anabaino.org) (online donations, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)



At the very end, after clean up, I talked to the kids about God helping them in school. We did a shout out prayer (all the kids at once shouting the subject they want the most help with). Then, we passed out over 90 backpacks with school supplies.



Our very own CPC in The Hill Rick Varrone doing one of the Wednesday evening's park preaching—breaking some boards and teaching about God's helping us with our problems.



Even in the pouring rain, we kept right on serving 'till the last person had a meal. Our beautiful CPC in The Hill servants of the Lord.