



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### March 2018 — News from CPC in The Hill



**BROTHER JOHN SHINES AT URBAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE**—Each year we have had the privilege of joining other New Englanders at a workshop on urban ministry sponsored by the Luis Palau Association and Vision New England, *the New England City Forum*. Brother John, one of our leaders and music director, has joined each of these one day collaboratives. He brings insight and some reality to the discussion, for John is one, if not *the only one* in the whole group, from the very population we are seeking to serve and reach with the gospel. This year John led some of the discussion and encouraged us never to give up, because what we all are doing is vital to our neighbors “in the hood.”



**PAINTING WITH CPC IN THE HILL KIDS**—About once a quarter, Nigeria and Sharon gather our kids together (Saturday at noontime) to learn a Bible lesson and, also, to receive a lesson in painting (one that goes with the lesson). Sharon graciously supplies paints, brushes, and real canvases. CPC in The Hill supplies the snacks and drinks. Again, our kids' ministry is growing—and parents are starting to join the painting activity as they did for this past event. The kids have learned and painted about creation, the armor of God and about the flood. Next, the fruit of the Spirit. Our kids are so important to us—plus this helps us to connect with the parents.

**IF JERRY CAN MAKE IT, EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT TO WORSHIP**—Sometimes the least among us become our greatest examples. Jerry has been attending on and off since I started back in July 2014, but now has come back with a vengeance—very committed to joining us each Sunday. As you can tell from the picture to the right, his bicycle is his mode of transportation. What makes this day (and picture) such a great example: this Sunday morning there was an icy snow storm. I half expected most to stay home and didn't expect to see my brother Jerry at all. The weather was cold and icy and, like I said, snowing. Yet, there was Jerry, arriving on his bicycle. I said, “If Jerry can make it, everyone can make it.” Each communal prayer time Jerry gives thanks that he is at church and that God is giving him the grace and strength for his life. Jerry also calls me almost every other day—often beating me to the punch—just to check in. He tells me it's important to make sure his pastor is doing well and is encouraged. Jerry is a great example to us all. God give me many more Jerrys.



**LEARNING TO READ OUT LOUD, BUILDING CONFIDENCE**—I've mentioned this before: we have started a new ministry for our kids and teens: Learning to Read OUT LOUD. This is an experiment based on my many years of early childhood development research and in working with under-resourced communities. This once a month Friday event is designed so our kids from the neighborhood can learn to read out loud, learn to read to someone younger, learn to use a microphone, and, as well, to experience reading Scripture out loud. One of the goals is for our children to develop confidence—they are the Hill's future *and* our future CPC in The Hill leaders! We've doubled each time we've held this event.

CPC in The Hill Year in Review video: <https://tinyurl.com/y72bo6xl>

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>—ANNUAL BACK YARD BBQ @ THE ANDERSON’S**—Last year we started an annual fundraising event to support our signature church ministry: *the “In His Midst” summer Park BBQ*. For eight (8) Wednesday evenings during the summer Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill rolls a grill into Trowbridge Square Park, a Hill park in New Haven, CT. We invite friends and family to join us at the BBQ or help through the GoFundMe campaign (just click the picture or type <https://www.gofundme.com/2018-cpc-in-the-hill-bbq-ministry>) to support this ministry. *Please consider giving to this very important and needed ministry.*



**Thank you to those who have been supporting us and for those who pledged!** For Sept 1, 2017–Aug 31, 2018 we need to raise \$40,000 to cover expenses. As of 2/28 we are at 66% pledged or given, leaving **\$13,680** to be pledged or donated. Let me emphasize, pledges are very important in that pledges (for annual, quarterly, or monthly support) helps us to budget and allocate funds to our growing activities and ministries.

**OUR MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS**—We are at 66% given or pledged to meet our financial responsibilities for our Hill church plant and ministry. Per month we need to have **\$3,333** of outside support to cover ministry expenses; the gifts and pledges, thus far, has enabled us to see **\$2,193** for monthly outside giving, leaving a need for **\$1,140** additional monthly support. The grid to the right helps to put what monthly pledging can accomplish. *See where you can fit—where you can help!*

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	p/mo & yr Totals	
\$30	\$360	9	\$240	\$2,880
\$50	\$600	3	\$150	\$1,800
\$100	\$1,200	3	\$300	\$3,600
\$150	\$1,800	1	\$150	\$1,800
\$300	\$3,600	1	\$300	\$3,600
Additional support needed > > >			<b>\$1,140</b>	<b>\$13,680</b>
p/month to reach our goal				

## OUR MINISTRY IN THE HILL PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Pray God connects us to potential new families and helps us to reach out to new families who would join us and help our church grow.
- 2) The volume of kids who come regularly to our services and who show up at most of our activities indicate our need for a youth worker/minister/volunteer; pray God raises up someone (and provides the funds, which also means increased fundraising!).
- 3) **Our next move**—it’s time to begin the process of selling/renting our home in Bridgeport and making a move to a new home in the Hill. So, pray we have wisdom to know what to do with our Bridgeport home and that God makes a place for us in the Hill.
- 4) Pray we reach 100% of our fundraising goal (\$40,000) soon —we need \$13,680 more to meet our goal. Pray God moves some hearts to give and pray we connect with some churches that will support us.

## ➤ Ways to donate—monthly payments or as one annual sum

- By check to “CPC New Haven”; memo “Hill/CA”; send: CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Online at [CPCintheHill.org](http://CPCintheHill.org) > Donate > Donation Applied > “Hill Church Planter–Rev. Chip Anderson”



Brother Charles sharing his testimony on what he learned while staying in the US and being a part of CPC in The Hill. Charles has left to return to his family in Zambia.



CPC in The Hill men helping Building IT Together on Saturday's—a breakfast at noon on a nearby sidewalk to anyone who needs something to eat.

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Each February, CPC in The Hill partners with Freegrance.com to facilitate a small fundraiser that benefits our church and Thai ladies vulnerable to trafficking. Using our promo code CPCHILL20 after making purchases gives us 20% of the purchases.