

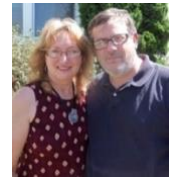


## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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### NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

**SOMETIMES GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER IS A MAN NAMED BUSTER**—You have heard or read my prayers that God would send us men for CPC in The Hill. Who would have thought that Buster would be one of the answers? Last June, at the Soccer Camp celebration BBQ, who steps out of a car? Buster. I hadn't seen him in nearly two years. Buster was one of our CPC in The Hill regulars when I first arrived, but had disappeared. Yet, here he was. His first words: "Pastor Chip, you're still here!" I was glad he showed up—and he was glad I was still the pastor! Buster is basically deaf, needing a hearing aid just to hear a little. Having a conversation with him, you can tell he had learned to talk as someone who cannot hear. He wouldn't mind me telling you, he also had a drug problem and a pretty messed up life. *Yet, here he was and he said he was staying.* We certainly don't have a dress-code at CPC in The Hill, but Buster, with the little he has, bought a new suit—not to impress—but to make a statement: *I'm serious about church.* His exact words. Buster and I meet together a lot. He is the one constant man at our McDonald's Men's Breakfast time. He shows up at almost every event to help. And, he has a bad leg that makes it hard to walk. Buster is most definitely an answer to my prayer for more men at CPC in The Hill. Pray for Buster, that he grows in grace and knowledge of Christ.



### **CPC IN THE HILL KIDS TAKE US AROUND MOUNT SINAI**

Sharon and Nigeria (aka, Binky) have been working with our children, teaching them Bible, about Jesus, and about walking by faith. Sometimes our kids are the Sunday morning children's message (rather than me giving them a message). One recent Sunday, the kids dressed up as Israelites and paraded around the sanctuary, depicting Israel's desert wandering while one of their moms read from the Book of Exodus. Then the kids all sat down before Moses (one of the kids), who had the two tablets—the ten commandments—while he read off each one. What a big blessing. You



have heard this before: half of these kids are in church without their parents: these kids want to be here. Even kids from the nearby shelter, wake, dress, and get to CPC in The Hill, all without their parents. This is amazing to me; but, I am convinced that these kids like CPC in The Hill because they are affirmed and get to play a part in both our worship and church activities. May God seal His word in them. May God send us someone to work with these kids as they turn into teenagers, where the wandering years of that dangerous desert is often not safely crossed. We are grateful for our kids.

**THE 2018 HARVEST PARTY**—Our annual Harvest Party gave our Hill kids a safe space to enjoy Halloween. This is a well-attended event (40+). And, this year was no different. Because our Party was, this year, on Halloween, kids came in costumes. But, it was how they treated each other that caught my attention. The older kids took turns watching the younger ones, helping them with the pumpkins, and, even, carrying the babies around. They did this on their own. We have amazing kids!



Your prayers and financial support makes all this possible. Thank-you!

**Update on Monthly Financial Resources**—As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are at 47% (or \$20,396) pledged or given toward our FY19 responsibility (\$43,463) for the necessary resources for our Hill church plant and ministry. Our goal is to see a monthly fundraising income of \$3,620 of which we are currently at \$1,700. This means we need \$1,920 of additional monthly support. This can be pledged/given—monthly, quarterly, or even annually with a one-time gift. The chart below portrays how monthly giving (or an annual gift) in FY19 works at various giving levels. *See where you can help. And, please help us for FY 19!*

Monthly	Annual	Supporters	Totals	
\$30	\$360	9	\$270	\$3,240
\$50	\$600	6	\$300	\$3,600
\$100	\$1,200	3	\$300	\$3,600
\$150	\$1,800	3	\$450	\$5,400
\$300	\$3,600	2	\$600	\$7,200
Additionally needed >>			Monthly <b>\$1,920</b>	FY 19 <b>\$23,040</b>



Maxine greets the Mayor of New Haven at a Peace Rally, where CPC in The Hill had a table. Maxine was also greeted by some older ladies that knew her when she was young and a bit “wild” as they put it—and were amazed and grateful to see the change. Maxine shared that it was Christ who had changed her.

*Thank you and keep the support and pledges coming!*

### OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Update on worship site:** We get to stay—at least for now. The new landlords would like us to stay and, maybe, for the next year. But this does not mean we are settled: we will still, eventually, need our own place. To that end, please pray God opens something up for us (soon, at least within the year) right here in the Hill.
- Lisa and I now have two tenants at the house in Bridgeport (one already here now; the other in January). This means we can rent an apartment in the Hill. Pray God helps us find the right one—soon, really by January 1, 2019.
- Pray God moves some of the people whom I have been befriending and working with over the past two years into our fellowship, many who would call me their pastor—pray God opens their hearts to the importance of church.
- Pray that God will connect us to new potential supporters who will partner with us financially so that we will have all the resources needed for our Hill ministry

**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 <http://www.cpcinthehill.org/> > Donate > Donation Applied > “Hill Church Planter—Rev. Chip Anderson”



The ladies honored Lisa, my wife, as their First Lady and thanked her for organizing a partnership with our friends at Trinity Baptist Church (Fairfield, CT) who had invited them on a church retreat this past October.



The amazing Varrone family graced us with their talents as they led the music during a recent CPC in The Hill worship service. Rick and Sharon Varrone are part of our fellowship. Kris, their son, led the group and led us; his wife, Tina, sang and read scripture (powerfully); and their boys played in the band.



I asked: *Who can do face painting for the Harvest Party?* Without hesitation, the young lady you see here said, “I can do it.” *You’ve face painted before?* “No. But I will do it.” This is one of our neighborhood young people. I was impressed. Stepping up. God, draw this leader to Christ—and get her a CPC in The Hill youth pastor soon!