



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Starting our 27th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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**Isaiah 58:6-7: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:** to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

Verse 12: **“You will be called Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”**

**The call of the Lord and the call of water here in Minnesota with more then 10,000 lakes, (some 14,000 according to the DNR).**

**Luke 5:4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, *“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”* Verse 10 Then Jesus said to Simon, *“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”*

Never in my decades of ministry would I have thought that I would be going through what we have witnessed in the 26 months. The pandemic and the terrible wickedness and lawlessness that we have witnessed in the Twin Cities and South Minneapolis in particular. We are watching an assault on the rights and dignity of people.

It is prophesized in the book of 2nd Timothy 3:1-3 *“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,”*

The solution for this is Gods will for men and women to come to faith in Jesus Christ. That is why we maintain our focus on serving Jesus in the city for the work of evangelism and discipleship. That is the mission of Jesus In The City Fellowship. (See next page of the testimony from Pastor Jerry).

This summer we are hosting our 12th- annual Pastors Urban and Suburban Fishing Tournament. This year it will be held on Lake Minnetonka coming out of The Depot on Wayzata Bay (see back page). You can sponsor a boat for \$300.00 or one of 5 trophies to be given away to the winners (Bass, Walleye, Northern, Panfish and Muskie). You can sponsor a trophy from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Without your continued support, both spiritually and financially, we could not minister to the folks in South Minneapolis. We are watching God change lives every week and your partnership is a part of this ministerial endeavor of The Great Commission. Please consider supporting us financially if you have not yet done so. Thank you so much.

Most sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

## A testimony of God at work from Pastor Jerry McCleskey



As a Pastor, sometimes, I pray asking God the questions, "Father! Am I making a difference in peoples lives?" Am I, bringing your message to others in such a way that it touches their hearts? Are they beginning to seek and listen to your Holy Spirit?

Are they experiencing a changed life?!

I do a bi-weekly livestream on Facebook for JICF in which I have been teaching a series using a biblical version of the 12 Steps of AA as a guide to what I have entitled "Steps to Freedom from Addiction and Sin." Praise God! Yesterday, I received a phone call from a friend of mine that I was recently reunited with after three years. She has been through a lot of trials and tribulations in those years. She explained to me that she had gone to JICF's Facebook page and watched each of my teachings on this series. And because of watching the series she became convicted of the sin in her life. She then confessed to me that she had begun drinking and had lied to me about it. While she was watching she had realized her need for God and she was tired of running from God and was ready to allow God to help her get her life back together. And she is willing to do whatever it takes to get right with God and have the freedom I spoke of in the teachings.

Please pray for my friend Nicole she has a long road ahead but yesterday she took the hand of Jesus.

God answers prayers!

Jerry McCleskey, Associate Pastor

**Friends, I am going to develop a weekly podcast video series in a talk format that will be dealing with the issues of the day in relationship to building up God's kingdom.**

**To launch this out of the gate it is going to cost us \$500.00 a month. I am looking for a sponsor for this for a one-year commitment.**

**We have to get our message of the city out in this media format and we have to control our own distribution of it, i.e., the platform.**

**We need to upgrade the sound system in our church building, which will cost \$8,000.00.**

**Can you please partner with us in this endeavor, in addition to our monthly operating budget?**

## **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US THIS YEAR !!**

Also, please pray for the peace of the city as instructed in Jeremiah chapter 29:7, **"for if it prospers so will you."** We are committed to ministering Gods love and salvation through Jesus Christ in the city of Minneapolis in spite of whatever opposition comes our way.

**We are being used by the Lord to change lives in the present and for eternity.**

**One soul at a time...one family at a time. And bit by bit we get to witness many miracles in the lives that are being restored.**

**All this is done through one-on-one involvement in men's and women's lives.**

**It is a demanding ministry and it takes time, devotion and love.**

Thanks for your support and prayers.  
May the Lord Bless you richly in 2022!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michael A. Pilla, DTh  
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**Here are several of the Pastors Tourney trophy winners from previous years.**



**Pastor Michael interviewing Pastor Curtis Farrar who pastors at a church Worldwide Outreach for Christ located on Chicago and 38th Street where George Floyd was murdered.**



**Desiree Buol winning bass from a few years ago.**



**Angie and her children who are miracles of God worshipping at JCIF on Sunday morning.**



**You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2022 Fishing For Life**  
**12TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN**  
**PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**on Wayzata Bay, Lake Minnetonka at The Depot 402 Lake St. East**  
**Tuesday, August 9th 7:30am – 2pm**  
**Come and make new friends and partners! • Fishing is Free!**  
**Sponsor a boat for \$300. • Each boat will have a fishing guide.**  
**Walleye shore lunch included with great fellowship.**



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commission in urban ministry and evangelism.

**Jesus In The City** ministers to hundreds of people every month.  
We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. **Thank you so much!**

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You can donate online at the Jesus In The City website.

<http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org>

We are streaming our Sunday message live on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. and  
special classes and Bible studies on Monday and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page  
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