



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Our 28th 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.”**

History certainly has a way of repeating itself, as I am flying back from Phoenix as I am writing this, I read the news about the increased violence in the cities that seems to have no end in sight. The politicians make the same decisions over and over expecting different results.

Without our faith in Christ we could go into a deep tail spin emotionally.

I am reminded of the scriptures in the bible that are prophesized as to what we see happening throughout the many large cities in our country. We read in *2nd Timothy 3:1* and in *2 Peter 3:3* “*First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.*”

I have to write this to myself first and remind myself what we have done in the past with this ministry and has not been for naught. We have sown and planted Gods Word into many thousands of men and women’s hearts and lives that have brought real change.

I am listing some of the many positive God reports of what we at JCIF have accomplished over the past 28 years. (One could say that all God reports are positive except when He brings down His judgements at the end of days).

Hundreds upon hundreds of men and women’s lives have been changed and hence their families as well.

We have held ***Christmas in the City*** for the past 24 years...the first Christmas In The City took place in 2000 with 3 families adopted and quickly grew to adopting as many as 50 families every December.

We have raised up numerous men and women by training them up for Christian leadership as pastors and teachers.

JCIF organized dozens of large outreach’s over decades of brining large churches together touching the lives of thousands of people.

Our ministry here at JCIF continues to grow and evolve, and as we change some of our tactics and messaging of the Gospel, the main thing is still that main thing, ***“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8.***

We are reaching many different cultures and a diverse group of people with

complicated and painful lives from their pasts, and yet we know that God will meet them right where they are at with the reality of Jesus Christ and His unrelenting love and desire to heal and restore lives and families for life here, now and for eternity. as the Lord taught us to pray.

I am teaching on Sundays and on Wednesdays, Pastor Jeff Boyer is teaching on Monday evenings on the Book of Isaiah and Pastor Norton Lawellin and Pastor Jerry McCleskey are alternating teaching on Friday evenings. (Sometimes Pastor Norton is handling Sundays as well). The JICF team is also helping out with worship in other urban churches through-out the Metro area. As we follow the Lord's leading in how we move forward in bringing Jesus to the Cities near and far. We at JICF are committed to serving Christ and changing lives near and far in the Twin Cities urban communities as well as training up new leaders.

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

*Thank you so much for all of your support!*

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTH*

Friends, I am developing 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.**

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

## **THE MANY UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2023**

- **SUNDAY MORNINGS FACEBOOK LIVE FEED STARTS AT 9:00AM.**
- **AUGUST 8TH TUESDAY, 13TH ANNUAL PASTORS URBAN AND SUBURBAN FISHING TOURNAMENT**
- **SEPTEMBER 14TH-17TH FISHING FOR LIFE RETREAT ON LAKE CARLOS**
- **BIBLE STUDIES FOR MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP.**
- **LIVE STREAMS AT 7PM BOTH MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS.**
- **NOVEMBER / DECEMBER OF 2023 CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY OUR 24TH ANNUAL!**

We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God's love through Jesus Christ to the city. I thank you in advance for your continued support, and pray that you have a blessed and safe summer!

*In another response to the corona-virus, Pastor Norton is writing a daily text devotional to provide joy, comfort and encouragement. Please sign up to receive this beautiful reminder of the Lord's presence during this difficult time on your phone by calling or texting Krissie at (612) 227-1946.*



***This is taken at Pastor Michael's back patio with Pastor Jerry McClesky and Pastor Jeff Boyer on our "Pastors Patio Talk" a show that we are developing. You can find it on our Jesus In The City Fellowship facebook page.***



***JICF worship team playing at a chapel at the men's drug recovery center Metro Hope Ministries.***



***Pastoral leadership team of Fishing For Life and Jesus In The City at last years Pastor's Fishing Tournament.***



***This Muskie was caught last year at the Pastors Tournament within 10 minutes after the beginning of the tournament on Lake Minnetonka.***



***Pastor Michael Pilla attended the International Ministerial Fellowships leadership conference in Phoenix this past June. The picture is of Military Chaplin's being ordained.***



*You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2023 Fishing For Life*

## **13TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT**

*at Lord Fletchers on beautiful Lake Minnetonka*

*Tuesday, August 8th 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.*



A fund raiser to help with fulfilling the great  
commission in urban ministry and evangelism.

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### **DONATE ONLINE**

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 Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

**Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page** to join our live streams or to see videos of past services and presentations.

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