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Information and News Update

## Our 29th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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**ISAIAH 58:11** *The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*

Greetings friends, I hope that you are doing well on this pre-spring February. As I write this note I am well aware of the spring mantra in baseball that Hope Springs Eternal, as those of you baseball fans know that you want your team to do well and that everything is new going into spring training. Well in Christ all things are new as it states in 2nd

Corinthians 5:17... "in Christ all things are new". I am also reminded that it was Feb. 25th 1996 that we officially launched Jesus In The City out of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis. The Lord had spoken to me previously about the vision for the city on Nov. 8th 1995, out of Isaiah 58. It was a very exciting time to be in ministry and everything seemed new. I look back and note all the thousands of lives that we have touched and brought real hope through Jesus Christ.

Well fast forward and here we are with things getting more and more crazy with the politics and debates about genders and what is a family and marriage. I wonder how much more can society handle. I look at my ministry team of JICF and I am reminded of the testimonies of Pastor Van and Pastor Jerry, (and the rest of the team), and how Christ has radically changed their lives and they are now touching hundreds of other men and women for the kingdom.

Friends God has not changed and neither has His Word. I get countless text messages and emails every time that I live stream or when the other Pastors on our team speak and tell me about how much they are lifted up from the messages and that keeps me going as well.

I know that as we enter our 29th year of ministry that we need to be creative and resourceful in how we reach out to the hurting and lost. We are building our media ministry more and more. We are ministering at several urban churches in helping to build God's Kingdom. We are doing many different chapels thru out the Urban Metro each week touching many men and women's lives. The Bible says that God's Word does not return void and we move in that promise, purpose and hope.

As a mission ministry and church, we rely on your support to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the city, near and far. Training up the next generation of leaders.

**Thank you so much for your financial and spiritual support.**

**You have a blessed day and week.**

**Most sincerely yours 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.

Friends 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?**

**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 God's 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 2024!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Pastor Michael A. Pilla, DTh*

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**YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS ENABLE US TO REACH MANY PEOPLE FOR CHRIST, FOR THE BUILDING UP OF GOD'S KINGDOM. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

***We at JICF thank you for the great participation and sponsorship of CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 2023***

**The Many Upcoming Ministry EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2024**

- **SUNDAY MORNING, THE FACEBOOK LIVE FEED STARTS AT 9:15 AM.**
- **"SUPPER AND SCRIPTURES" ON WEDNESDAY EVENING LIVE FEED ON FACEBOOK LIVE 7:00PM**
- **BIBLE STUDIES FOR MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP.**
- **CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 2024**

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 Easter season!

## **PASTOR NORTON LAWELLIN'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

Mark 13:29 NLT, Jesus speaking: "When you see all these things taking place, these signs, you can know that the Son of Man's return is very near, right at the door."

Jesus is speaking about the end times. He says that preceding his return to us, there will be signs, warning us that the day is imminent. And believers need to be ready for the trip of a lifetime!

The signs are wars and rumors of wars, extreme weather, earthquakes, and famine. Close friends may abandon you. Believers will be persecuted. We will no longer see the light of the sun, moon and stars.

Jesus himself claimed to not know the exact day. Angels in heaven do not know. Only the Father knows. So we need to be ready every day. That's why each day is a good day to repent. Square things up with your neighbor before nightfall. And don't fall for any false Messiahs!

Jesus says, "We must watch. Anyone who watches is not caught by surprise. People are not ready because they fail to watch." So stay alert! Be ready to join Jesus, whenever that day arrives!

Jesus promises, "The one who endures to the end will be saved!" (Mark 13:13)

***Norton Lawellin ~ Jesus In the City Fellowship***





***Pastor Michael Pilla ministering at Freedom Works Ministry in North Mpls., with Pastor Jerry McCleskey, who is introducing Pastor Michael. Pastor Jerry is also working at Freedom Works as well as JICF.***



***Pastor Michael Pilla picking up gifts from the OffiCenters Staff. OffiCenters is a key partner with Christmas In The City.***



***Thank you so much to them and all of the partners who helped make this outreach possible.***



***Minister Krissie, Pastor Jerry, Michael, Ruth and Melody.***



***The devoted staff of Jesus In The City Fellowship packing and loading up the gifts to go out for Christmas In The City 2023.***



***JICF is ministering at Freedom Works in North Minneapolis, Pastor Michael Pilla talking about the Woman at the Well in John chapter 4.***



***Some of the staff at Freedom Works from January 2024***

***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!***

**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 9:00 a.m. and special classes and Bible studies on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

BE SURE to tune in on Mondays for my in-depth exploration of the book of Revelations!

***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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