



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Beginning our 25th 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."**

Greetings friends. So, at my last writing I was discussing the Corona Virus and how it spread across the planet and the need to be seeking the Lord in these difficult times. Well, about the time we got the newsletter in the mail the havoc broke out in South Minneapolis on May 26th

at 8pm on Chicago and 38th Street. A man named George Floyd was murdered by a police officer named Derek Chauvin. By the next day, peaceful protests at the site soon attracted a different crowd that turned to rioting at the 3rd precinct police station. The rest is history. Over the course of several days, hundreds of businesses were destroyed in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We are now witnessing, what I believe, is a spiritual battle that many in our country never imagined. There is now a great division in our country that some would say cannot be mended. The issue of racism and its core problem is causing great strife. My contention is that this great divide is not from God but from Satan. A house divided cannot stand against itself. **Ephesians 6:12 says "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."** Angels and demons are waging war. What we see playing out in the natural is happening in the spirit realm.

Our role is to pray fervently with passion. Walk in love and be always making disciples. A person's heart has to come to Jesus Christ before the sin of racism and hatred can be dealt with. **Jesus In The City Fellowship** is located just 3 blocks off of Lake Street (4 blocks from the police station that was burned to the ground).

We are at ground zero and God has placed us here for this time. Thankfully, our building was not damaged, but our congregation is not as mobile as they live in the midst of the destruction that took place. Friends, we need your financial and spiritual partnership in this great endeavor in South Minneapolis. Remember that Jesus dealt with the sin of racism at the cross, Galatians states **"So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians--you are one in Christ Jesus."** **Galatians 3:26-28, NLT.**

Also, pray for the peace of the city as instructed in Jeremiah chapter 29:7, "for if it prospers so will you." As I stated 2 newsletters ago, 2020 will be a special year of ministry, little did I know of events to come. But this I can assure you of, God is in control and we here at Jesus In The City are not leaving. In fact, we are more dug in than ever before. Thanks for your support and prayers.

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh*

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**"Be still and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."**



**This is Lake Street during the week of the riots, 3 blocks from our church, Jesus In The City Fellowship. This is why we need Jesus in the City. Only He can bring real peace and change in the human heart.**

## **JOIN US FOR OUR 10TH ANNUAL PASTORS URBAN AND SUBURBAN FISHING TOURNAMENT**

*Friends, our 10th Annual Pastors Fishing Tournament is set for Tuesday, August 11th, on beautiful Lake Minnetonka on Wayzata Bay.*

*(See page 4)*

*We expect that the Lord will heal this COVID-19 virus and that you can join us as we celebrate 25 years of ministry in the city. Boat sponsorships are available at \$300.00 per boat as well as trophy sponsorships. I will be contacting you with more information. Last year we had over 60 ministers and pastors participate with 25 fishing guides. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us this year in this most important and exciting event.*



**THE LORD  
is my shepherd  
nothing shall I want  
He leads me +  
by safe paths  
nothing shall I fear**

*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. (612) 227-1946 - Krissie Hirt*





**Pastor Van Dickerson is speaking at our first Sunday Service on June 14 reopening.**



**This picture was taken the week of the riots, our Deacon Lonnie Vanmeeteren was cleaning up a gas station on Lake Street with the National Guard there to help keep the peace. Thank God for their service.**



**Pastor Michael Pilla with four National Guard Chaplains and Mike Yarusso at an outreach on Lake Street during the week of the riots in South Minneapolis.**



**Rev. Dale Witherington, Mike Yarusso, Deacon Wendy Locke with Rev. Jeff Boyer and Pastor Mike Smith from Redeeming Love at a Pastors Prayer gathering and outreach in South Minneapolis during the week after the rioting.**



**Wendy Locke and Jeff Boyer and a man named Kevin that we were praying for on Lake Street the week of the riots in South Minneapolis.**



**This is Pastor Walt McFadden at a Pastor's Prayer gathering in South Minneapolis seeking the Lord to heal our city.**



*You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2020 Fishing For Life*  
**10TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN  
PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT**

*on Wayzata Bay, Lake Minnetonka at The Depot 402 Lake St. East  
Tuesday, August 11th 7:30am – 2pm*

*Come and make new friends! • Fishing is Free!*

*Sponsor a boat for \$300. • Each boat will have a fishing guide.*

*Tom Stebbing Memorial Walleye shore lunch included with great fellowship.*



A fund raiser to help with fulfilling the great  
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 live on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and then again on  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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