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Information and News Update

Our 28th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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."

Psalm 118:29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Trusting in the Lord when our circumstances are difficult can be hard at times. Knowing that the goodness of God is working through that circumstance can be one of the more challenging areas of this faith walk journey.

In this season of Thanksgiving and anticipation of the coming Advent season of the celebration of the Christ child you might not be feeling too joyful for one reason or another.

Remember that the Lord knows our circumstances and the issues that we may be battling in our hearts and in our lives. Keep in close contact with Him in your day to day busyness of life.

Remember what Paul said when he was in Athens as recorded in Acts 17:28, *"In Him we live and work and have our being"*. Bring the Lord into the details of your life and watch what happens.

1st Thessalonians 5:16-19 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire;"

At JICF we are in full outreach ministry mode as we are moving into our 24th annual Christmas In The City with Jesus In The City.

We want to reach those that do not know who the real Jesus Christ is so they may receive His saving grace and love.

I want to thank you for your continued support of this important ministry as we move forward to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Keep the faith my friend **Most sincerely yours in Christ,** *Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla*, DTH



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If you are on Facebook, you can go to the Jesus In The City Fellowship Facebook page and listen in on the messages.

As our ministry here at JICF 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. *Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done* 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 throughout 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

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!

THE MANY UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2023

- SUNDAY MORNINGS FACEBOOK LIVE FEED STARTS AT 9:00AM.
- BIBLE STUDIES FOR MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP.
- LIVE STREAMS AT 7PM ON 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 autumn!

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!!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT: "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

Happy Thanksgiving! In the US, we have designated today as a special day on which to show gratitude. But we shouldn't save up our gratitude for this one day. We should be thanking the Lord every day. We have a saying – "God is good – all the time!" So we should give thanks – all the time!

Paul counsels the Philippians like this: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Of course the thing for which we should be eternally grateful is that Jesus took the sins of the world to the place of the dead, making it possible for believers to know heaven. Thank you Father God for your benevolent plan for us. Thank you Jesus for putting it in motion. Thank you Holy Spirit for keeping us on track!

Psalm 50:23, God speaking: "Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

Pastor Norton Lawellin Jesus in the City Fellowship



JICF team Ministering at Metro Hope ministry.



The JICF team ministering at Morning Star church in North Minneapolis.

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

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