



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Beginning our 26th 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."**

### "It ain't pretty but it's real"

Greetings friends as I write this issue of our newsletter it is -10 degrees outside and I am reflecting on the power of the Lord and the presence of the Lord and how God can suddenly show up to our meeting or agenda and soften a hardened heart and bring redemption and change.

It was November 8th, 1995 when the Lord spoke to me out of Isaiah chapter 58 and over the weeks ahead revealed to me His plans for Jesus In The City. It was a very exciting time as the weeks and months went by, God brought a team around me and we slowly launched our ministry into South Minneapolis. Our official start date of the prayer meetings was February 21, 1996 and that following summer we started holding services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on 19th and Portland in South Minneapolis.

Over the next few years we were intensely passionate on reaching souls for Christ as we rooted the ministry based on the principles of God's love and His Word and His desire to bring all men and women to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were touching many individuals and families and we continue to do so today. Looking back over the past 26 years I am sure it is in the thousands upon thousands of lives that have been touched. God has been faithful in His promises to us as a ministry and to the individuals who have chosen to walk with Him.

Now we are facing more challenges than we have ever imagined between battling the issues of Covid and the terrible social unrest that we have witnessed in Minneapolis and throughout our great USA.

It is as if God has allowed the lawlessness to reveal where people's hearts are at. "Are you for the Lord or not" is what I have boiled it down to? God is in control though we often wonder at times.

At JICF we are more challenged than I ever anticipated and can only rely on Him. As the writer the Apostle Paul says "pressed down". Our ministry is in a trial of seeking and waiting for the next move of His Holy Spirit as we are needing to re-equip. Please prayerfully consider joining up with us by visiting us and becoming a part of

the calling to Urban Ministry in South Minneapolis and or supporting us financially.

One thing that I have noticed in the last 10 years and more so in the last 5 is that there are less Spirit filled churches doing the work of the Lord in Minneapolis.

I want to say thank you to all of you who participated and partnered with us with Christmas In The City 2021. A special thanks to Westwood Church and the staff for all that you did with us for the families. The Lord say's "Way To Go folks!!" and I say thank you so much!

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

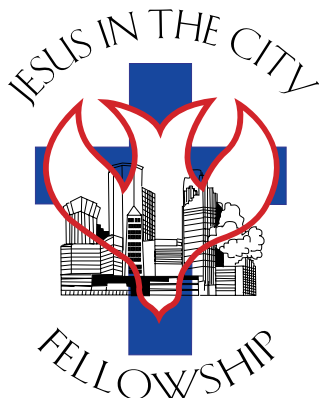
**Friends, I am going to develop a weekly podcast video series in a talk format that will be dealing with the issues of the day in relationship to building up God's kingdom.**

**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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## **The Many Upcoming Ministry Events and Happenings at JICF in 2022**

- Sunday morning worship at JICF at 10:30am, the Facebook live feed starts at 11:00am.
- Bible studies for mentoring and discipleship.
- Live streams at 7pm both Monday and Friday evenings.
- March 6th Sunday Christmas in The City follow up at JCIF.

**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 teaching out of the book of Luke on the birth of Jesus.**



**Pastor Michael Pilla teaching out of the Gospel of Luke on Zechariah being told about a new son to be born.**



**Chaplin Shar Burgess teaching about faith and prayer.**



**Pastor Van Dickerson shown here discussing the matters of tithing and talents.**



**A special Christmas family worshipping at a Sunday Morning Christmas service.**



**The staff at OffiCenters blessed a special family for Christmas. Thank you so much!**



## It ain't pretty but it's real

Rev. Jeffery Boyer

There's a church on the south side of town.  
You wouldn't know if you haven't traveled that ground.  
It's hidden away in the neighborhood.  
You should check it out, you really should.  
Give it a shot, come for a meal.

**It ain't pretty but it's real.**

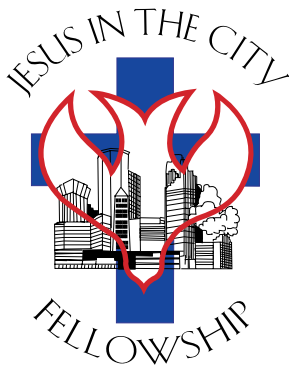
You'll park on the street, I'm afraid.  
Change the Sunday plans that you've made.  
The building is old and quaint.  
A suburban dream church we ain't.  
Warm and welcome is how you'll feel.

**It ain't pretty but it's real.**

The carpet is worn, it's often too cold.  
But the gospel is preached strong and bold.  
Are we Christians so pampered, avoiding all danger?  
The Spirit is strong here, so don't be a stranger.  
The presence of God brings great appeal.

**It ain't pretty but it's real.**

**Come and join us.**



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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 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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