



# JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

## Our 26th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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**Isaiah 9:6-7** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

### And the fulfillment of His coming

**Luke 1:30-37** "But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the

Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God...**For nothing is impossible with God.**"

**Jesus In The City** is now in the midst of our **22nd annual Christmas In The City** outreach to our local community by adopting families for Christmas. I would like to invite you to participate with us this year. We have many families this year that we have adopted. Many of these families are either new to understanding who Christ is or they have no knowledge of the Christ child. **God with us;** "unto us a child is born", "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14.**

You may have heard this message many times in your life. You may know of the hundreds of prophecies that Jesus Christ fulfilled in His coming. Knowing that God is in the details of our life helps us in our own personal faith walk. In this knowing of who God is and His love it helps us to walk in faith. **Christmas in the City** is an opportunity to demonstrate Gods love in the details of the recipients lives to whom we are ministering to. This is an opportunity for all of us to be the hands and feet of Christ. There is still plenty of time to partner with us as we close out this year 2022.

**Jesus In The City** is ministering 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! We are delivering to the families on **December 15th**, (Wednesday evening out of (Dan's Southside Marine in Bloomington). I would like to encourage you to consider being a part of this exciting outreach opportunity this year. You can partner with us financially or in prayer or by helping with the delivery to the families. As a

mission church we rely on your support to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the city.

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

**You have a blessed December and a Merry Christmas!**

**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. 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 2021!

**Sincerely yours in Christ,**  
**Pastor Michael A. Pilla, DTh**  
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## **THE MANY UPCOMING MINISTRY**

### **EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2021**

- Sunday morning worship at JICF at 10:30am, the Facebook live feed starts at 11:00am.
- "Supper and Scriptures" on Wednesday evening live feed on Facebook live 7:00pm
- Bible studies for mentoring and discipleship.
- Christmas In The City 2021

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 Christmas season!**

*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 from our August Pastors Urban and Suburban Fishing Tournament. Men of God talking smack as they get ready to go out on the water.***



***Rev. Shar Burgess is teaching about prayer. Shar is also a chaplain at the Mayo Clinic.***



***An evening chapel at the fall retreat with Fishing For Life and JICF. The men of JICF warming up, with Dave Boeltl leading on the left, Ralph Cork on drums with Joe Johnson on bass and Rev. Jeff Boyer on Sax.***



***Pastor Norton Lawellin praying before he teaches out of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday Morning.***



***Pastor Van Dickerson is preaching about the issues of the sin of racism and prejudices out of the Book of Acts.***



***Rev. Jeff Boyer praying with a man who is new to JICF, and a changed life.***



***Here is Pastor Van praying with Carol Blair for the City of Minneapolis.***

## Jesus In The City Fellowship

Presents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Christmas In The City 2021

Join us in making Christmas special for a less fortunate family.  
Your generosity can provide hope to a family in need.



**Christmas In The City is an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus to impoverished families living in Minneapolis by making their Christmas wishes a reality. Each family will receive cases of groceries, a turkey, gifts for each member, and an opportunity for encouragement and prayer with those bringing the delivery. We ask that your business, church, family or neighborhood prayerfully consider sponsoring a family in whatever way you are able.**

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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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