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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."**

Greeting friends, it is already the end of September as I am writing this newsletter and we are getting a much-needed rain. This past summer we had numerous indoor and outdoor events, from chapels and Sunday worship services to baptisms at lakes and of course our 13th annual Pastors Fishing Tournament and the **Fishing For**

Life Retreat that took place in mid-September at Mount Carmel on beautiful Lake Carlos.

The Pastors Tournament was tremendous success in bringing 56 Pastors together with 25 fishing guides on August 8th on Lake Minnetonka. There were approximately 25 new participates, (pastors and several new fishing guides). Other than the fact there were no walleye caught, we saw some large bass, northern and pan fish brought in. The bite on Lake Minnetonka was excellent this year.

New friendships and ministry partnerships were formed from this event and we did ok in the fundraising department as well. We know this to be true that this event is bridging and helping to build new relationships between pastors and churches throughout the Twin Cities area. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IN THIS EVENT.**

Luke 5:10-11 "His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll **be fishing for people!**" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus." NLT

At the fall retreat there were about 54 men attending the Thursday through Sunday event. We ran 6 chapels with Pastor Michael Pilla speaking at two of them, Dan Pilla preached at one and as did Tom Goodrich. Pastor Vaughn Blackburn and Pastor Wes Wheatly also spoke in the morning Chapels.

The theme of the weekend for the ministry was from **Joshua1:6** "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

The main word focus was the word **courage**...and the challenges that we encounter in our lives in this culture that we are in this day, and to bring Christ to the world, the country and your local.

As I, (Pastor Michael) was ministering in the Spirit after preaching at each evening service, men were being healed from physical infirmities, Vets who are battling PTSD and battles with addictions and suicide were freed up. The presence of the Lord was

intense and it was humbling to be a part of this.

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 Parables of Jesus 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 through-out 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 !!

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!!

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 BOTH 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!



8:00 am send off at Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka.

PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT



One of the many beautiful fishing boats, docked here at Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka.



Fishing Guide Kay Hawley.



Pastor Mark Dorn and friends from Vertical Life Church in Brooklyn Park.



The gathering of Pastors for opening prayer.



Pastor Michael Pilla and Tom Goodrich praying for the opening.



Captain Champion Fishing Guide & Largest Fish winner.

FISHING FOR LIFE DEEP C'S FALL RETREAT



Dan Pilla teaching about courage.



Tom Goodrich preaching about courage and fulfilling The Great Commission.



Some of the Fishing For Life ministry team.



Pastor Michael Pilla preaching out of Joshua 1.7



Pastor Vaughn Blackburn ministering a word of prayer.



A look at the chapel in Mount Carmel.

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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.

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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