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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.”**

It absolutely amazes me how much has changed in the last 10 weeks since our last newsletter. We are witnessing an event of Biblical proportions. This corona-virus began as a trickle in December and January in Wuhan, China, slowly seeped into Europe and now has emerged into our great United States. On March 15th we suspended meeting in our building in South Minneapolis and pivoted quickly to stream on Facebook Live from my home office. I am broadcasting four times a week; Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

The JICF ministry team is plugged into all of the attendees of our various services, chapels, and Bible studies that we have held over the past year. The ministers are calling and praying with people on a daily basis.

I have a few thoughts about this process and this season of change. God is at work in these difficult days. On a personal level, I have not seen my mother in five weeks, as she is on lockdown in an assisted living facility. There are others with more challenging issues including folks who have gotten sick or passed away. I believe and know that God is in control and working out His plan in the infinite details. And as men and women of God we need to stay focused on Him and listen carefully. We also need to be prudent and wise. We are living in a spiritually rich time. God is going to use this pandemic to further His kingdom and His plan. It is very easy to start up a conversation about the Lord these days. People who do not know God and live without a personal relationship with Christ are scared. This is completely uncharted territory for all of us, but I want to encourage you. The Lord has not abandoned us, and He is still in control.

Below is the paragraph that I wrote for the last newsletter. I said it was going to be a special year of growth for ministries.

*The answer is in the question, the Lord will have His way; **but will we participate in His kingdom building?** The year 2020 is going to be a special year of growth for those ministries and businesses who step out in faith and share Christ to the world. Come and join us if you are willing. You will most certainly be blessed as you bless others in the process.*



This is the JICF kids Sunday School being led by Desiree Buhl and Jane Boyer this past February.



Here we are ministering at the Union Gospel Mission last February 2020, this is the People of Hope Team lead by Krissie Hirt.



Pastor Michael Pilla shown here preaching from last January 2020 on Sunday before the quarantine shutdown.



Pastor Van Dickerson shown here preaching this past January.

We are now doing live feed on Facebook live Sunday mornings at 11:00am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00pm. Please join us if you can.

Isaiah 43:18-23, NIV Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

The Lord is doing a new thing and I believe God is going to reveal Himself to many people who otherwise would not have sought Him for whatever reason. Meanwhile, at Jesus In The City, we keep moving forward, and we continue to rely on your financial support for this ministry. I know that some of you have been thrown into precarious situations financially. KEEP THE FAITH. Let me know how I can pray for you. Thank you again for your financial and spiritual support.

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."



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

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 the brochure on the back of this page). 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.

We ask you to join us in responding to **prayer requests** from these Brothers and Sisters in our fellowship. Thank you for your participation in this very important part of our ministry! Please pray for:

- Carlos Gonzalez**, *needing protection from the virus in Mexico.*
- Alvin Jamison Lee**, *healing from complications from his accident.*
- Caroline Feather**, *healing after surgery.*
- The family of Jeff Big Crow**, *who have been exposed to the virus, and for Jeff, as he brings the Gospel to them.*
- Anna LaFontaine**, *going through cancer treatment.*
- Leona, Mom and Grandma of Delores Cross's family**, *as she continues her recovery.*
- Annie Mills and family**, *in the death of Lincoln Mills from the virus.*
- Mrs. Beaver**, *as she continues her ministry.*
- Mandy's Aunt Kaki**, *struggling with recurring cancer, and Willie, also with advanced cancer.*



**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!**

DONATE ONLINE

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.

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page.

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