



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

Completing our Sixteenth Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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Christmas in the City

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Faith Hope and Charity and the Real Reason For Christmas

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6 "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".

The Announcement

Luke 1:34-35 "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.

The Birth

Luke 2:11-14 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

The prophecy of the birth of Jesus was made about 700 years before the event. The historical evidence is there to prove that this event took place. At Jesus in the City we minister in an area of the Twin Cities where knowing what Christmas really means is a matter of debate for some people. That is one of the main reasons that we do what we do, at Jesus in the City, bringing the reality of who Jesus is into the lives of families.

Christmas In The City with Jesus In The City

As I write this newsletter our Christmas outreach is in full swing this season. Currently we have adopted 24 families this season. Though many of the needs are being met we still are short on funds for the food portions of this program. All the families will be receiving their deliveries.

In this exciting outreach to families in poverty living in South and North Minneapolis, we are able to show people the love of God in a real and authentic way.

If you would care to participate or donate to this, please contact us. Thanks for all of your past support and I want to wish you a blessed Christmas.

Yours in Christ in,
Rev Michael A Pilla





Jim Dokken



Michael Pilla preaching at Mn Teen Challenge in South Minneapolis, sharing his story of growing up on the Lower East Side of St. Paul, and how God called him to inner city ministry, out of Isaiah 58.



Rev Daisy Rader praying as she gets ready to preach and share her story. Daisy grew up in the Bronx, NYC. Daisy shared the heartache of growing up in the Bronx. Her in-laws Dale and Roberta Rader are part of the JICF ministry team.



Nathaniel Harris and Krisy Hirt, teaming up with us for worship in November. Nathaniel Harris is a very gifted man who came out of a life of addictions and is ministering now at New Hope Center and JICF.



Roberta Rader is leading worship at JICF



Testimony from Chris Bykowski, *mother of Tim Bykowski, pictured top left.*

September, 2010

I am so thankful I decided to go with Tim to Minneapolis this past weekend! I am glad I got to share in your worship and testimony service! It was so neat to see that nothing else matters - it doesn't matter where we come from - where we live (which football team we like) --- how we grew up, what we have or don't have --- God is awesome! And He uses people to encourage us and point us to the truth. He has done this so many times! I will add your church to my prayer list - I will pray that God continues to use you and the pastors at Jesus in the City to minister his grace, love and peace to our hurting world.

Our God is incredible, amazing and awesome - that HE thinks of us! Caught in our own little life struggles, our decisions that we make daily that really - in the bigger picture - aren't that spectacular. But He cares anyways. As if we were laying by the side of the road, broken and beat down, with absolutely nothing to give Him. Because the truth is that spiritually - that's where all of us are. We all have nothing spiritually to bring to Him - He is the one who fills us with every good and perfect gift and fruit of the spirit. We are just like the used prostitute - the drug addict, the robber and the gang-banger. Maybe that's why Jesus hung out with them. He hung with the lowest of the low - to show all of us that we are ALL low without Him. We cannot take pride in our accomplishments, because everything good that we have comes from Him. And we don't deserve it.

When we got home Tim shared with his Dad everything that had happened this weekend. He talked about the testimonies and how God is working in people's lives and Tim said, "Wow - it's like I am finally learning how to see the world from someone else's shoes." And he said, "I don't think God is done using me!" And both his Dad and I agree that God is not finished!

I am so so so thankful for you and your ministry team!

Sincerely,

Chris Bykowski



Testimony from Jim Dokken

Sept 28th marked the 1 year anniversary of Jim's sobriety at 44 years old. He was using alcohol as a way to escape his painful life since age 12. Jim was drunk for some 30 years.

In The past 14 months God has done a deep work of healing in Jim. One of his favorite bible verses; Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Jim is now currently working at US BANK, and being a light for God in the world. Jim is very passionate for the Lord and the renewing power of Gods Holy Spirit is ever present in Jim's life.



Last years delivery team for our Christmas In The City outreach in December

Did you know?

By the way did you know that in the first century when the church fathers wrote the scriptures they spelled Christ in the Greek with a simple "X", which meant Christos in Greek? When you see people using X instead of Christ when writing Christmas, use that as an opportunity to talk about how the Bible has survived the test of time.

This coming year:

We are looking to deepen our men's mentoring program starting this January, We will be looking for mentors going into 2011.

Moving forward with our 2011 budget, we continue to rely 100% on your financial support as we now do not have any suburban partner churches. We pray for you and hope that you can continue to support Jesus in the City Fellowship and be a part of Gods miracle of changing lives and bringing new hope into peoples lives. Thanks so much and God Bless you this Christmas Season.

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www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org. Thanks so much again for all your support.

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LOCATION We are now holding services at Trinity Lutheran Church on
11th Ave So. and 19th Street in South Minneapolis at 11am. Go to our website for directions.

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Thank you so much for your support! Pastor Michael Pilla <><