



## JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

### Our 20th year of Ministry in South Minneapolis • Who Is Your Neighbor Minnesota?

**Isaiah 58: 11-12** *“You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will rise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”*

**Jonah 1: 1-4** *“The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.”*

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I remember when I got called to urban ministry in the late summer of 1992 at the height of my jewelry career. I said “No, Lord, that sounds great but I think I will wait until I am 40.” (I was 35 years old at the time.) God then made that following 18 months very difficult for me until I surrendered to Him and entered Bible College and Seminary (much like Jonah). In those early days He taught me what the financial faith walk was about. Those were very interesting times and very rich for me spiritually as I was being equipped for this journey that I share with you called Urban Ministry. I say share with you because you are a partner with us here at JICF. We could not do this without you.

At JICF we are touching hundreds of lives every month in many different corners of the city. We impact many lives through our Bible studies, men's recovery groups, and the new women's group run by Pastor Retha, and of course, through our Sunday morning worship. We also do many chapels throughout each given month, with preaching and our dynamic worship team. I am standing in constant amazement every week watching God move and change lives.



We are most certainly growing but we have several challenges ahead of us. We need to find a new venue to conduct our various ministries, as the current building has been sold, and we need to expand our budget to do so. **Can you please help us?** We need to deepen our funding base. And we need your prayers for us to find a new building. We have to get out of the building that we are in at the present time. We want to raise salaries for Pastor Van Dickerson and Pastor Retha Dowells. Is your church wanting to partner with others in reaching the city with the love of Christ? It would be an honor for me to meet with you and your friends or pastor over coffee or lunch and share the ministry of JICF and ways we can partner together to make disciples.

We are also looking for individuals who want to be part of our development committee that is chaired by Krissie Hirt. Please pray about these matters as we are called to broaden and deepen our commitment and impact of building Gods kingdom in Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla



Pastor Van Dickerson preaching on sowing seed out of Mark ch. 4.



Steve Crukshank of Fishing For Life discussing the fall retreats that JICF is a part of.



Pastor Michael Pilla preaching on Valentines Day out of Romans ch. 1, on how just a small amount of faith is needed to walk with God.



Tom Goodrich from Fishing For Life introducing Dan Pilla who will be sharing the message of the Biblical Roots of our Country.



Pastor Retha shown here preaching the Word of God regarding the blessings of tithing on Sunday morning.



Our condolences to Kristen Hirt and her family as her dear husband of 50 years passed away last month. Chuck served the Lord in many capacities including being on the Board of Directors for New Hope Center / Metro Hope Ministries.

Please keep this in your prayers.  
Thanks so much,  
Pastor Michael



The JICF Worship Team and the People of Hope Praise Team at the Chuck Hirt memorial service.

**“Go make disciples of all nations”... Matthew 28:19**  
It is not a suggestion but a command.



Dan Pilla preaching at JICF on the Biblical model of family on Sanctity Of Life Day Jan 17.



Pastor Retha giving Pastor Norton a special birthday blessing on his special day.



**God has assembled an amazing ministry team at JICF in South Minneapolis to do the work of evangelism and discipleship.**



**Jesus In The City Ministry relies on your financial and spiritual support to help us to minister in South Minneapolis.**

We are behind in our budget and we need your help. Could you please pray about a one time gift or becoming a monthly supporter of JICF.

We can also receive monthly contributions electronically.  
Please contact me at (612) 730-3390.

Thank you so much!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michael Pilla



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*God Bless you!*

*Pastor Michael Pilla <><*

### LOCATION

We are holding services at Oliver Ministry Center at  
**2647 Bloomington Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55407**

Come and join us for great music in South Minneapolis at 10:00 am.

Go to our website for directions.

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