

# PASTOR'S WORD LOOKING BACK OVER 2022

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The first Sunday of year 2022 was January 2nd and began with my state of the church address in which I revealed our theme for the year of "RISE UP" – It was a God-birthed theme that spoke to my heart personally of the magnificent moment that happens every morning with the rising sun. Like the sun rising every morning I was believing by faith of the NEW POSSIBILITIES that 2022 would bring.

**Isaiah the prophet pens:** *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you."* Isaiah 61:1-2

For me - the sun rising every morning is a sign in the heavens of God's faithfulness and fresh starts of all kinds; new blessings coming, new opportunities opening, new favour poured out – even new life as seen in Lazarus – rising up out of the grave, and then again in the early dawn of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

2022 has been an incredible testimony of God's amazing grace. Rising up out of the ashes of 2020 and 2021 I can truly say that 2022 was a bounce back year! The pinnacle being in September of 2022 our church body celebrating our 25th anniversary of ministering in the community. From the grave and grief of the pandemic years to the glory and grandeur of God's goodness being revealed.

2022 saw our body coming together making it the most "abundant" year in the history of our church in giving. Everyone contributing, along with some special gifts, made it our highest ever year in finances. Out of that allowed us to break our own giving record in supporting missions. Outdoors under the tent services continued to occur which again proved to be a blessing as we celebrated and worshipped the Lord in spirit and truth. Many new families and friends joined us in "**Rise Up**" 2022. In addition to this, we welcomed back a number of loved ones who we had not seen in years.

For me particularly, our "Letting Go!" June summer series on forgiveness was a special moment as I felt set free myself from some of the hurts and pains of the pandemic years.

**Nicky Gumbel**, the man who started the world renowned Alpha Ministry said: "You are part of Christ's church, a rising giant, a vast army of spirit-filled, chosen people of God, full of power and unified in purpose".

I believe that statement reflected the Body of Maplevue Community Church in our **RISE UP** year of 2022 and now I'm ready for the "**WIND AND FIRE**" of the Holy Spirit to move us into our divine destiny as a church body in 2023.

# THE YEARLY ONE WORD PASTORAL SUMMATION

The following pages reveal the yearly themes over the past 25 years and the one word summation I have chosen at the end of the year to give my subjective perspective of what that year reflected. Read it through and don't forget to read the last year 2022 summation.

- 1996** – **“Agalliao”** – Greek for “rejoice greatly” (the Word in Pastor Jay and Jody’s year of transition).
- 1997** – Theme: **Catch the Spirit**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “L’ Chayim” – Hebrew for “to life.”
- 1998** – Theme: **Tsunami of Souls**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Ado” – Greek for “sing praise.”
- 1999** – Theme: **Show me Your Glory**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Doxa” – Greek for “glory.”
- 2000** – Theme: **Living in the Land of Galatia**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Shigga’own” – Hebrew for “furiously.”
- 2001** – Theme: **In Pursuit of W.O.W. (Winning our World)**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Hamah” – Hebrew for “uproar.”
- 2002** – Theme: **In Pursuit of W.O.W. Pt.2 (Winning our World)**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Zakar” – Hebrew for “remember.”
- 2003** – Theme: **In Pursuit of the Spirit Formed Life**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Pale” – Greek for “wrestle.”
- 2004** – Theme: **Year of Unreasonable Intentions**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Braduploeo” – Greek for “sail slowly.”
- 2005** – Theme: **In Pursuit of Vital Living**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Zoë” – Greek for “vital spiritual life.”
- 2006** – Theme: **Time to Shine**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “Öerets” – Hebrew for “soil.”
- 2007** – Theme: **The Kindness Revolution**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “pol·em·os “ – Greek for “battle.”
- 2008** – Theme: **Beauty for Ashes**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “hoop·om·en·o” – Greek for “perseverance.”
- 2009** – Theme: **Exceeding Joy**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “ap·ok·al·oop·to” – Greek for “reveal.”
- 2010** – Theme: **Patterns for Living**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “prok·op·ay” – Greek for “advance.”
- 2011** – Theme: **Kingdom of God**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “kat·ab·ol·ay” – Greek for “new foundation.”
- 2012** – Theme: **Faith Expedition**  
– Biblical Word Summation: “yaw·lak” meaning “walk.”

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**2013** – Theme: **The Door**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“Chadash” pronounced  
“khaw-dash”, meaning “renew.”

**2014** – Theme: **With All My Heart**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“Mišpāhâ” pronounced  
“mish·paw·khaw,” Hebrew for  
“family.”

**2015** – Theme: **The Return**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“περισσός” pronounced  
“per-iss-ós,” Greek for  
“abundantly” (Over and above,  
more than enough).

**2016** – Theme: **The Great Invitation**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“καθεύδεις” pronounced  
“kath-yoo’-do,” Greek for “asleep”  
(I sleep, am sleeping).

**2017** – Theme: **The Great Awakening**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“רוּחַ רִי רֵיחַ” pronounced  
“roo’-ah,” Hebrew for “breath,  
wind, spirit.”

**2018** – Theme: **Let There Be Light**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
(“ἐπιμένω”) “epimenó”  
pronounced “ep-ee-men’-o,”  
Greek for “to remain, to persist in,  
to tarry.”

**2019** – Theme: **Refresh**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“Aliyah” pronounced “al-ee-yaw,”  
Hebrew.

**2020** – Theme: **Now Eternal**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
Universal word – “COVID-19”  
(“παιδίον τοῦ”) “apollumi”  
pronounced “ap-ol’-loo-mee,”  
Greek for “to destroy, destroy  
utterly.”

**2021** – Theme: **The Body, The Bride,  
The Church**  
– Biblical Word Summation:  
“ἄγαπη” pronounced “dō·w·dī,”  
meaning “Beloved” from the Song  
of Solomon 2:16a – “My beloved is  
mine and I am his.”

**2022** – Theme: **RISE UP!**

The One Word Greek summation of 2022:  
“περισσεύω” (“perisseuó”) pronounced  
(“per-is-syoo’-o”), meaning “exceed the  
ordinary (the necessary), abound,  
overflow” from 2 Corinthians 9:8 – “*And  
God is able to make all grace abound  
toward you, so that in all things at all  
times, having all that you need, you will  
abound in every good work.*”

The year 2022 was truly a bounce back  
year for the church body. Things were  
returning to a pre-pandemic normal but  
with a new sense of urgency, and a  
growing excitement. I still miss a lot of our  
old friends and partners in the gospel who  
have chosen not to return or have moved  
on, but I have been genuinely excited to  
meet so many new friends and partners  
in the gospel. The best is yet to come!

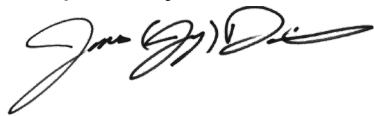
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## I ALWAYS CLOSE WITH MY FAMILY:

What a difference a year can make. From the challenges and traumas of 2020 and 2021 to the new incredible joys of 2022. I am so proud of my family and all they endured going through the ups and downs of my decisions in keeping the Mapleview Church Campus open and functioning during the pandemic. Each of them holds a special place in making pastoring at Mapleview these past 25 years worthwhile. I also have three grandchildren to add to my end of year summary. "**Nova James Godmere**" (Sept. 10th, 2021) the daughter of Chase and Brooke had a little brother "**Mayer Knox**" (Mar. 31st, 2023) added to our ranks. "**Haven Gray Ferguson**" (Oct. 3rd, 2021), daughter of Will and Taylor Ferguson is also expecting an addition to her family in July of 2023. Cassidy met and will be marrying the incredible Ben Daniels in June of 2023... and of course, the icing on the cake every day of my life – my wife Jody. A special shout-out to Kona and LuLu, the two boxer dogs that keep me from resting on Sunday afternoons. All in all, the Davis house is flourishing and I'm so grateful to God for my incredible family.

Baruch Ha Shem Adonai... "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Respectfully Submitted,



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