

ANNUAL REPORT
Pastor's Word looking back over the year 2023
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“WIND AND FIRE”

January 1st 2023 was my 13th annual state of the church address when I revealed our theme for the year of **“WIND AND FIRE.”** The WIND AND FIRE theme was a bold request for the Holy Spirit of God to breath new life into weary souls, and to fan into flame the very nature of God already living in us. In the natural realm **WIND AND FIRE** are transforming forces of nature, generating astronomical amounts of energy. **WIND AND FIRE** are powerful agents that supply potent seasons of refreshing, purification and cleansing vital to renewal of dried out and decaying land.

WIND serves as a picture of the Holy Spirit breathing new life into your decaying old nature. **FIRE** is synonymous with the presence of God.

Together the **WIND AND FIRE** theme was about focusing on allowing the person of the Holy Spirit to direct our steps and fill us afresh with a fresh determination to not only accomplish God given tasks assigned to our body but to become the God-centered people we are meant to be.

Wind and Fire are both visible metaphors and manifestations of how the Holy Spirit cannot ever be limited in your life. You cannot tame the wind, but you can catch the wind in your sails, and if you willingly open your soul, (your mind, your will and your emotions) to the new breezes blowing for breakthroughs to occur. The 2023 theme was about wind in your sails and fire in your bones fanning the flame toward new horizons.

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Jn.3:8

For me –that wind and fire began with a 3-month sabbatical were both Jody and I could spend some time resting and refreshing in the Lord for the next season of ministry. This was long overdue but having Pastor Lori-Lynn Head at the helm for the three months of being away was very assuring. She is an amazing partner in the gospel and a very capable leader and led the staff and the church with compassion and skill while Jody and I were away. (Thank you L.L.)

2023 also began the ministry of Mr. Tim Preston. Tim and his family have been an incredible addition to our team in ways too many to mention here. Rising up out of the ashes of the pandemic in 2022 was the Wind and Fire of 2023.

2023 saw our body once again excelling in generosity in giving with a highlight on the generosity toward both our Mission Canada workers and our global partners. The more I interact with the men and women who are going into all the world the more that I am convinced of Mapleview's important role in supporting these partners.

Outdoor 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. There was certainly a new wind blowing as many families and friends have joined us in this past year.

Some of our teaching series included the Burning Heart Series, the Fire Orchard Series, Healing Wind Series, Simply Jesus Series just to name a few.

Some changes of staff included the resignation of Rev. Scott Burton in June our Young Adult pastor who took on the role as the Senior Pastor of Stouffville Pentecostal Church. Brooke Godmere our children's pastor went on maternity leave in March. Replacing her was the very capable Joanna Ratz who has served admirably and has continued on. Ms. Leanne Moyer our faithful and kind-hearted administrative assistant felt a tug to move on in September as well. All of these partners in the gospel are missed dearly but continue to a blessing in their serving of the Lord. So much more could be said about what the Lord has done in 2023 but it would fill to many pages – suffice to say “Hallelujah the Lord reigned in 2023 at Mapleview Community Church.

From 2023 and a year celebrating the “**WIND AND FRIE**” of the Holy Spirit moving us into our divine destiny to the “**MIRACLES**” theme of 2024 I quote the motto from the book *The Three Musketeers*, by Alexander Dumas. “**All for one and one for all.**”

I also want to give special mention to Israel and all of Gods people ministering there. The incredible horrendous attack on October 7th by the terrorist group Hamas stunned the world and revealed how evil and sin are still at work around the globe. Mapleview will always support Israel and all living in the Holy Land. Our church body will continually be “*Praying for the peace of Jerusalem*” now and until Jesus comes again!

What follows now is my yearly review of themes over the past 26 years along with the one-word summation chosen for the year giving my perspective of what 2023 year reflected. Read it through and remind yourself of our journey through the years and that if Jesus has brought us safe this far we can trust Him that the best is still in front of us.

The Yearly One Word Pastoral 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 one Word summation “ap·ok·al·oop·to” - Greek for “Reveal”
- 2010** – Theme: **Patterns for Living**
– Biblical one Word summation - prok·op·ay Greek for “Advance”
- 2011** – Theme: **Kingdom of God**
– Biblical one Word summation – “kat·ab·ol·ay” Greek for New foundation
- 2012** – Theme: **Faith Expedition**
– Biblical one Word summation - “yaw·lak “ meaning - Walk.
- 2013** – Theme: **The Door**
– Biblical one Word summation – Chadash pronounced “khaw-dash”
meaning – Renew
- 2014** – Theme: **With All My Heart**
– Biblical one Word summation – Heb. Mišpāhâ pronounced
“mish·paw·khaw” meaning – Family
- 2015** –Theme: **The Return**
– Biblical one Word summation. Gk. **περισσός** pronounced per-iss-ós
Meaning: Abundantly (Over and above, more than enough)
- 2016** – Theme: **The Great Invitation**
– Biblical one Word summation Gk. **καθούδεις** pronounced kath-yoo'-do
Meaning Asleep (I sleep, am sleeping)
- 2017** – Theme: **The Great Awakening**
– Biblical One Word year end summation Heb. רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים pronounced
“roo'-ah” Meaning: breath, wind, spirit.
- 2018** – Theme **Let there be light**
– Biblical One Word year end summation **Gk.** (ἐπιμένω) epimenó pronounced
ep-ee-men'-o. The definition is to remain, to persist in, to tarry
- 2019** – Theme **“Refresh”**
– Biblical One Word year end summation **Heb .** “Aliyah” Pronounced al-ee-
yaw'
- 2020** – Theme **“NOW ETERNAL”**
– Biblical One Word year end summation. **Universal word** - “COVID-19
Gk. (παιδίον τοῦ) apollumi: Pronounced (ap-ol'-loo-mee) Meaning: to
destroy, destroy utterly
- 2021** – Theme **“The Body, The Bride, The Church”**
– Biblical One Word summation of 2021: **Heb** דְּוָדִי 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!**”

– Biblical One Word year end summation of 2022: **Gk** περισσεύω pronounced (per-is-syoo'-o) meaning “exceed the ordinary , abound, overflow” **2 Co 9:8**

2023 – Theme “**WIND AND FIRE**”

– Biblical One Word year end summation of 2023: **Heb.** אָנָהּ pronounced (‘an·naḡ) Meaning: **Delight** Soft: To be delicate and pleasurable.
From Ps.37:4 *Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

I always close by reflecting on my family the heart and soul of why I do what I do: 2023 was an amazing year of “**WIND AND FIRE**” for the Davis Family personally. Starting with the sabbatical time off and spending time with Jody seeking rest and refreshing from the Lord. Followed by the absolutely amazing “**WIND AND FIRE**” wedding celebration of **Cassidy** and **Benjamin** Daniels. Then there was the “**WIND AND FIRE**” births of “**Mayer Knox Godmere**” (Mar.31st) and **Ryatt Nix Ferguson** (Jul.1st). I also have to include two new Boxer dogs in the family. Maui and Chester now join Kona and LuLu in wreaking havoc in the house. But in all sincerity, I am so proud of my family which include my three wonderfully talented daughter's and three inspiring sons-in-law along with four beautiful grandchildren.

To conclude as always, the best part of my day is – my gorgeous wife Jody. Starting around 6 am most mornings with a coffee followed by a walk and ending around 10pm in the evening when lights go out. I can't wait until the sun comes up in the morning to do it all over again. The days seem so short and every minute I get to spend with you Jo is a gift from the Lord. You are by far my most highly possessed treasure. Once again in the year 2023 of **WIND AND FIRE** 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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