

ANNUAL REPORT
Pastor's Word Looking Back Over the Year 2024
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“Miracles”

On January 7th, 2024, I made my 14th annual State of the Church address and introduced our 2024 theme as the Year of Miracles. Over the past 27 years of being the pastor at Maplevue Community Church, I wanted to go deeper, wider, and further in believing God than we've ever gone before. I know that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. With so many people facing battles—battles with health and sickness, battles of habits and addictions, battles with loneliness and heartbreak, depression and despair, finances and debt, facing shame, guilt, and suffering of all other kinds of situations—we once again needed the power of the Holy Spirit to be at work in all of our hearts. My prayer was that there would arrive a moment of divine intervention beyond human logic, at times defying any possibility, that which could only be called a miracle.

My heart's desire was that our congregation would wake up each morning remembering our theme of “Miracles”, and that when problems seemed too big to solve, we could lift our eyes to the mountains and find help in God with scriptures like; Jeremiah 32:27, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too difficult for me?" And Job 5:9, "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."

Throughout the year, many stories began to pour in of the incredible acts of God done in the lives of so many people. Many of the stories are personal, and though they are powerful, I must respect the privacy of those who have shared them with me.

I can tell you of Marilyn being healed of Stage IV cancer or our new friends, Santiago and Lorena, who found our church online and came because of the miracle theme, and how Santiago experienced a touch in body by God.

No year is seamless or easy, and there were some challenges. One of the big ones was the passing of one of our friends and founding members, Henry Koopman, who went to be with his Lord on May 10th. In addition to that, Pastor Craig Head, after more than 10 years of being a dedicated and very

much-loved pastor, resigned from our staff to pursue a long-time desire to go into counseling ministry. With mixed emotions, we said goodbye, excited for his new adventure, but sad to see him go.

2024 saw the Mapleview community of believers continue in their generosity and kindness toward global workers around the world. Both at home and abroad, our church body continues to impact thousands of people with the life-changing message of the gospel. Both on our knees and with our pocketbooks, and with a number of teams venturing out from our church body, the work has been exciting.

We also had some exciting moments in restarting our outdoor services. In May, our large tent blew down in a windstorm. We went back to using our smaller tent, but once again felt as if the Lord was blessing us. That was the fifth year of being outside. I must give a great big shout-out to our tech team and our music team for making the last five years an incredible experience. Most people have no idea what is involved in preparing for our outdoor services which includes; setting up for the live stream, setting up instruments that work, worshiping and singing, tearing down afterward, getting everything back in order, and pivoting when bad weather doesn't allow us to be outside. Your work has been incredible, and your commitment and devotion to your church community are outstanding. Thank you, for all of the hard effort and energy.

Some of our "Miracles 2024" teaching series included: Miracles of Messiah, Miracles Over Nature, Miracles of Supply, Miracles of the Apostles, The End of the Line Civilization, Miracles of Remembrance, and the Christmas Miracle series, to name a few.

God has continued to add to our number weekly, with many new guests coming through our doors from all around the world, as well as many new people committing their lives to Jesus. I hesitate to give numbers because only the Lord really knows, and I do not want to make this about numbers.

There were also a number of additions to our staff, beginning with our new Youth Pastor, (T.S.L.) Ashley Cummins, taking over from Pastor Will in July (*currently Will has transitioned to lead the new Mapleview Southeast Satellite Campus beginning this Easter*). This was followed by Pastor Paul Carroll joining the team after being the senior Pastor in Orangeville for the past 18 years. He started in August, filling the role of Pastoral Care left open by Pastor Craig.

Last, but certainly not least, Reverend Tim Cummins joined our team from Montreal as the new Young Adults Pastor (T.Y.L.), filling the role left vacant in 2023 by Pastor Scott.

Brooke Godmere, our Children's Pastor, also resigned after her maternity leave ended in March, with Pastor Joanna Ratz continuing on. Not to be forgotten is the addition of Saralyn Preston in October taking over as the custodial engineer of the building from Jamie Keene. So much more could be said about what the Lord has done in 2024, but it would fill too many pages. Suffice it to say, God is faithful and good all the time! IT WAS GENUINELY A MIRACULOUS YEAR IN 2024 AT MAPLEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH.

From 2024 and a year celebrating the miraculous, we now enter our 2025 theme: Holy Pursuit.

What follows is my yearly review of themes over the past 27 years—one-word summations chosen for each year giving my perspective on what the 2024 year reflected. As you read through each one, be reminded of the Mapleview journey through the years. Jesus has brought us safely this far, and we can trust Him that the best is still to come.

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 "Õerets – 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 רִי** 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. Meaning *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.** (παλίδιον τοῡ) 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** יְיָ אֵימִן pronounced “dō·w·dî. 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** ΠΕΡΙΣΣΕΪΩ 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.** אֲנַחֵם 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.*

2024 Theme **Miracles**

Biblical one word Summation year-end of 2024: **Heb.** פִּלְאָה pronounced peh'-leh. Meaning "Wonder, Marvel, Extraordinary" From Psalm 77:14 "*You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.*"

As I close my 2024 report, I am filled with gratitude for the miracles that have marked this year, but I must give thanks to God for the greatest miracle in my life—my family.

Jody, you are my heart, my partner, and my most treasured gift from the Lord. Every morning that I get to sit with you, drinking coffee, followed by our early morning walk, and every night that ends with you being next to me is more than I could have ever imagined.

To my three incredible daughters, my three wonderful sons-in-law, and my six beautiful grandchildren (soon to be seven)—you are living reminders of God's miraculous favor in my life. Our family continues to grow, and with it, so does the love and laughter. (Sometimes the dogs make me want to cry—but they, too, are part of the adventure.) I cherish it all, knowing that these are the miracles that truly matter.

As we step into the future, I hold onto this truth: The same God who has brought us this far will continue to lead us forward.

Baruch Ha Shem Adonai...

"Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
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