

## Welcome

Welcome!!!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so thrilled you could join us. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and welcome you to meet and speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team after the service.

- Trust your children to the care of our dedicated staff. Our children's programme provides quality care and teaching for all children during the service (after praise and worship):
  - Lively Learners → 3-5 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
  - Bright Believers → 6-9 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
  - Faith Fighters → 10-12 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
- ◆ A crèche room is available for parents with babies and toddlers aged 0-2 years old to use during the service/meetings when required/needed.
- Light refreshments are provided after the service.



#### **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

Prayer Meeting on 'ooVoo' each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

**WEDNESDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building **7pm-8pm** Midweek Service.

**SATURDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building Praise & Worship Team Practice (times TBC).

SUNDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

10am Set up for Service / All Workers Corporate Prayer Time

11am-1pm Celebration Service

(first Sunday of the month is a Family/Communion/Thanksgiving Service)

**1:15pm-2pm** First Steps Bible Studies Class (for new/recent believers)

**CELL GROUP** (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>, telephone 020 8355 6776 or speak to any of the leaders after the service. Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

# >>>>> Upcoming Events

# Wednesdays this month

We are continuing with the teaching on the Ascension Gifts – The Five-Fold Ministry Gifts. Come and be equipped!!

## MOMs Moving Over Mountains

Sunday 2nd July 2017 at Rehoboth Building

(a prayer group for ladies to pray for all their children, both born and unborn and see mountains moved and testimonies obtained)





SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2017

A FREE Youth Event Featuring:

Place: Rehoboth Building, 72a Mayeswood Road, Grove Park SE12 9RP

**Time**: 12noon - 5pm

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# **Exhortation**

## THE THREE TYPES OF DEATH

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, the whole nation and the world at large woke up to the news of a tower block of public housing flats in North West London, on fire. This unfortunately finally resulted in a high number of casualties and fatalities. Not to mention the building itself.

As questions were being asked, possible reasons for the fire being discussed and analysed, radio and TV stations brought in experts to give analysis. Some politicians tried to score points, people were angry left and right, and accusing fingers pointed.

The streets of London were suddenly filled with sympathisers bringing in donations, food, clothes, toiletries, you name it. At some point many bringing in their donations were turned back due to the sheer volume of what was being received, and not enough space to store them...

Sadness overwhelmed me. I could not bear to look at the charred building or get myself to speak about the dead or causalities. Questions began to flood through my mind about what happened. How could this have happened, why did God not reveal this to us? I remember praying that it should rain. If only it rained it could help the fire fighters put out the fire – no, it did not rain. This was London experiencing a third disaster in the space of three months.

People began to ask questions, how could this have happened? Why did a good God allow such a thing to happen? Anger, frustration, sadness and pain filled London, and the United Kingdom. During that time this scripture in Luke 13:1-5 (AMPLIFIED VERSION) flashed through my mind:

"Just at that time some people came who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate [the governor] had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus replied to them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans because they have suffered in this way? I tell you, no; but unless you repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways and live changed lives], you will all likewise perish. Or do you assume that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed were worse sinners than all the others who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways and live changed lives], you will all likewise perish."

What happened to those at Grenfell Tower could have happened to anyone whether saved or unsaved. The Jews in the story we have just read were expecting a reaction from Jesus, at least sympathy or a condemnation of the action by Pilate. Jesus rather than condemn or be moved by their emotions, asked them to look at their own lives and revaluate.

The throwing of stones, demonstrating on the streets, insulting the Prime Minister, castigation of politicians by politicians, or casting of blames would never bring back the dead or restore the losses. We will all die someday but in the meantime, where will we spend eternity is the big question?

#### The Bible talks about three types of death, let's examine them:

The first is the <u>spiritual death</u> caused by sin. Scripture tells us that the wages of sin is death. It was never God's intention that anyone dies, but the fall of Adam and Eve in

the Garden of Eden brought about death, both spiritually and physically. Their sin separated us from God. Romans 5:12-14

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come."

Jesus came to rescue us from this death, spiritual death and reconciled us to God. Are you reconciled to God by being born again, or are you spiritually dead, completely disconnected to, and without relationship a living with God?

The second death is the <u>natural/physical death</u> which occurs when this mortal body loses the breath of God, the spirit that gives it life. From the moment we are born, we begin to die. Cells are dying throughout our lifetime on this earth. A process that ultimately leads to the physical death of an individual. The good news is that those who are righteous will be resurrected to everlasting life, and the bad news is that those who are wicked will be resurrected for the judgment and the "Second Death".

Every one of us will die physically one day. Every single one of us without exception. Where will we go? Where will we spend eternity, in heaven or in hell?

The third and final type of death is the **second death**. This is the final death spoken by John the beloved in the book of Revelation. This is the death that everyone who has not been regenerated by accepting Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour will go through.

This is very interesting because John the beloved speaks of this death 4 times. He gives a clear indication of what the second death entails, and those who will experience this death.

- 1. The second death has no power over the resurrected Revelation 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."
- 2. Overcomers shall not be hurt by the second death. Revelation 2:11
- "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.""
- 3. Anyone not found written in the Book of Life. Revelation 20:14 "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."
- 4. The cowardly, the murderers, the sexually immoral- Revelation 21:7-8 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

As much as the church is gradually departing from this type of teaching, we have a duty to remind ourselves of eternity. Jesus' focus even in the midst of that disaster related to Him, was the spiritual state of the people.

Where will you spend eternity? If you don't have a relationship with God today, come to Him and surrender your life completely to your maker through His Son Jesus Christ. If you are believer in Christ, re-evaluate your walk with God and get your life in order.

The other question is where would your family, neighbour, friend, colleague, spend eternity? Do all within your means to point them to Christ if you are a believer.

# >>>>> Youth Arena

Each month we look at questions you as a young person, or your friends might ask.

## Question:

Why does religion cause so many wars?

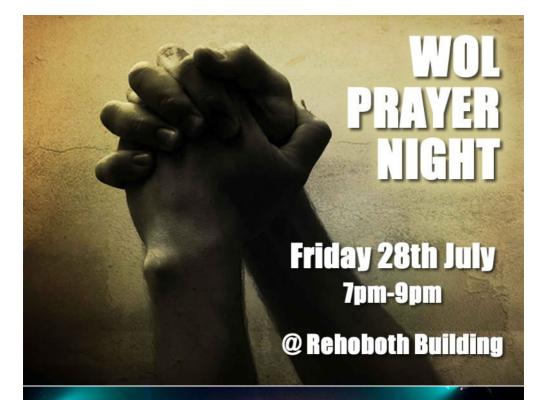
#### Answer:

It does seem that religion has caused many wars and sometimes it has. But there are lots of things that cause war. Usually the things that cause war have selfishness as the root cause. So people want power, want money, want land, want success, want more, want to be the winner, or because of great fear or just plain hate for others. But it's also important to see that sometimes war happens because of doing what's right or justice. So when Hitler invaded Europe, ultimately Britain stood up against the Nazis because it was the right thing. Or when knights of Europe saw Jerusalem being invaded (as they saw it) by Muslims, they took up arms against them, believing they were fighting in the name of God. But when Christians do wrong or even kill, it is contrary to the nature of Jesus and not what he put in our hearts or what he wants or what the Bible says.

It's easy to look back and judge people, but maybe we would have done the same if we'd lived then in that culture! Today, we see a lot of religious divides causing problems, but it's fair to say that it is very rarely (if ever) real Christians causing war, terrorism or violence. It's usually Christians who are being attacked (by extreme people of other faiths and by those with no faith). People often cause violence because they want their way and this isn't just a religious problem. This happens with all kinds of people - those who are animal rights extremists, drug cartels, street gangs in cities etc. But the Bible tells us that we don't fight against people ('flesh and blood'). Instead, the battles the Christian undertakes are in prayer because Christians believe there is an enemy who opposes God's work and people. Physical violence isn't part of God's plan. Instead, Jesus called us to pray, to love, to serve and to do things differently to the way the world does!

Interestingly, two historians researched the causes of over 1700 wars. They found that only around 6.9% were caused by religion - with over half of those caused by Islam and the other just under half caused by all other religions. The findings were that most wars were caused by territory and power disputes.

\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites - Big questions



# NewDay Youth Camp 31 July - 5th August in Norfolk

For details please email youth@wordoflife-lcc.org
You can visit Newday site on https://newdaygeneration.org/festival

# **Church News**

- ◆ Congratulations to our precious Senior Pastor, Pastor Rowland Henshaw who turns 60 this month. We thank God for His life and the great blessing he is to us at Word of Life and the body of Christ at large. We pray that his strength will be renewed like the eagles, and that the Lord will grant him many more years of good health and joy, living for and serving Jesus, in Jesus name. Amen.
- ◆ Congratulations to Ima Henshaw who got baptised on the 25th of June at KT. We thank God for this step of obedience following her surrendering her life to Jesus last year.

If you have given your life to Jesus, accepted Him as Lord and Saviour and will like to be baptised, we will like to help facilitate that. Please speak with your cell leader or any of the WOL leadership team.



#### ◆ New to WOL:

Are you new to WOL? We invite and encourage you to join one of our small connect groups, called Cell groups.

The Cell groups in WOL are at the "heart" of our Church Life. Our goal, and Jesus' command is to "make disciples". An important way we do this at WOL is through small groups, which we call cell groups. Led by a mature believer, each group consists of anything between two and twelve people who meet in homes, on the job, or wherever they choose.

The cell meetings constitute a time of praise and worship, prayer, and teachings where the Word of God is shared in a simple and practical way. A Bible study lesson is shared with real life applications, putting the story of the Bible into OUR world. The cell also serves an evangelistic mission that new people are being invited to and won to Christ. The ultimate goal of each group is to disciple its members and prepare them to go and disciple others.

Generally speaking, the cell enables a person to grow in his or her relationship with God and in relationship with others in an intimate setting. The cell is where everything that happens in a church service happens in a miniature form, but with the added bonus of close friendships and relationships being built. Our Cell groups meet on a weekly basis. Cell members walk away from the meetings feeling encouraged, renewed and refreshed in their spirits.

#### ♦ Volunteer Workers:

We are currently looking for volunteer workers to serve in many aspects of ministry within the church. Our Lord Jesus came to serve and not to be served. He calls us all also to make ourselves available to serve Him, His kingdom and His people. using whatever gifts, He has given us. If you are a believer in Christ and will like to give your time and commitment to serving and being a blessing to others, please do speak to any of the WOL leadership team. We really look forward to hearing from you. For the different ministry areas within the church, please visit the website or email us at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>.

# Scriptures Of The Month

## James 1: 13 - 15

"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

## Romans 6: 23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## John 10: 10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of July and congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries this month!

#### **TESTIMONIES**

Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly. Please speak to one of the leaders before the services if you have a testimony or complete a testimony form, write it out, or email us if you will like to share your testimony.

#### WATER BAPTISMS

If you have not been baptised in water since you gave your life to Jesus Christ we want to encourage you to do so. The next opportunity to be baptised is on Sunday 30th July at the 2.30pm service in Kensington Temple. Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you will like to be baptised on that day.

#### **DEDICATIONS**

If you will like to dedicate your baby or child to the Lord, we are able to do this on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and where applicable 5th Sundays of the month. Dedication forms are available from the Church Administrator.

## SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES

CDs of the Sunday preaching / teaching messages are available for sale each Sunday after the service at a price of £2.00 per copy.

#### **PARENTS**

We ask parents to please kindly avoid giving / letting their children use mobile phones, consoles, IPads etc in the church services. We will also appreciate your help in making sure they do not play on the platform, altar area nor run around the church building. We want them as much as possible to participate fully in the service – through prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God.

If you are a church worker, please do come early at 10am and your young children will be looked after before the service, while you help prepare for the service and participate in the pre-service prayer time.

# More Dates For The Diary

- \* WOL Leaders Meeting Sunday 9th July 2017 after the service.
- \* Married Couples Fellowship (MCF) Sunday 16th July, 3pm to 5pm.
- \* Single Young Adults Fellowship (SYA) No SYA meeting this month due to the Youth Event on 22nd July.
- \* SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:
  - >1st July Men's open cell at Grove Park led by Sis Pastor Bayo Oyeniyi
  - >8th July Youth Ministry led by Joseph Oronsaye and Ibukun Henshaw
  - >15th July Ladies open cell at Grove Park (Mondays) led by Sis Lisa Martin
  - >22nd July NO CELL SOS EVANGELISM DUE TO WOL YOUTH EVENT
  - >29th July Men's open cell at Blackheath / Kidbrooke led by Bro Peter Unachukwu

#### **BUILDING/ENVIRONMENT MAINTENANCE**

We continue to ask for your support and co-operation with the following:

- > Your help in keeping the building tidy and clean. If you use any of the rooms or facilities, please do clear up after you and leave it in an excellent state.
  - Not bringing Food or Drinks into the main hall (only water is allowed if required).
  - Ensuring the longevity of the church's equipment by refraining from using / handling any of the technical equipment and worship instruments after services (except where necessary).
  - Maintaining a good rapport with our neighbours and keeping our Christian witness by the way you park around Rehoboth building. Please continue to park properly in the right places stated and avoid blocking entry paths to homes. Please refer to the map on the notice board in the foyer and kindly avoid parking in the areas marked red. Thank you.
  - Keeping noise levels down outside when arriving at, or departing from the building.
- > <u>Parents, keeping an eye on children</u> at all times, making sure they do not run around within and outside the building. Thank you.
  - > <u>Avoiding unnecessary movement</u> once the service has started. This helps minimise distractions especially when the Word of God is being preached.

Together we can continue to create a good environment that is welcoming for all and is conducive to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Thank you.

#### WORD OF LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

## "London and the world for Christ!"

#### A church with purpose ...

To be a God-centred church, developing people to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for their ministry in the church, and life mission in the world.





#### ... and vision

To impact Lewisham with the gospel of Christ in word and action, and to touch London and the nations of the world.

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do all that I have commanded you.



Matthew 28:19-20

#### WOL TEAM

## Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

Rowland Henshaw

#### Pastors / Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw Denis Oyibo Bayo Oyeniyi

#### Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Lisa Martin - Consolidation

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

#### **Church Administrator**

Audrey Oyibo

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Hilary Carnihan

**WOL Board: Member Representatives** 

Rotimi Adejumo

Barbara Agbudeloye



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