

Word of Life Church

bulletin

NOVEMBER 2017

*Being Conformed
to the Image of Christ*

Romans 8:29-30
Romans 12:1-2

2017
OUR YEAR OF FRUITFULNESS
Chosen to Bear Fruit 

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)
 - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 onwards (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.

Weekly Events

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting via video conferencing 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 info@wordoflife-lcc.org, 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

MOMs **Moving Over Mountains**

Sunday 5th November
after the service here at Rehoboth Building

*Ladies coming together to pray for children
both born and unborn.*



MPact Men's Breakfast Event

Saturday 11th November from 10am to 1pm
at Rehoboth Building



— *Word of Life* —

INTERNATIONAL **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Sunday 19th November

from 11am @ Rehoboth Building

Let's come and celebrate together as a family of nations, thanking God for all He has done for us this year (please bring a dish and drinks along to share)



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BEING CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

In the book of Genesis 1: 26-28 scripture says

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Man was created in the image and likeness of God, so we can relate, respond and have fellowship with Him. Man was created in the image of God so that man can reflect God's attributes here on earth. Reflect His love, glory and holiness.

In creation, man possessed the moral likeness to God, obedience, and intimate communion with Him. When Adam and Eve sinned, man lost the moral likeness of God, but took on the image contrary to the likeness of God. God however did not stop at the fall of man but gave His only begotten son Jesus Christ to come in the form of man and redeem man. That is, to gain or regain possession of God's original plan for man in exchange for payment with His blood. So that through Jesus we all may return to God's original plan for us.

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The word conform is, to become like, to be fashioned like and to be in union by association to the image of God's dear son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To conform to His image has always been in God's plan from the beginning. We were created in His image, "*in the image of God created He, male and female*".

As I read this scripture, I began to realise that Paul was telling the Church that God's perfect will for the Church was to bring the Church back to God's number one plan when He created man in His image.

Romans 8:30

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

The word predestined means to mark out beforehand, to mark out one's

boundary or ones limits beforehand.

What you will notice in this verse is that every verb is in past tense. This is because every believer who has been called has been justified, glorified, all for eternity to be made like the image of His son. Whatever state you are in now, if you are a believer, you are being prepared for eternity, to be conformed to HIS IMAGE.

1 John 3:2 puts it this way, *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

The plan is to be like Him.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Hence in the book of Romans 12:2, Paul urges the Roman believers not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. This way they will know God's perfect will for us. The perfect will that they be like Christ.

The Lord Jesus, the Son of God is so clearly different from every man that has ever lived or will ever live. To mention a few things:

The people of the world think highly of themselves, they boast of their achievements but Jesus was the exact opposite of this, He epitomised humility.

Jesus did not retaliate, but He blessed those who came to arrest Him, there was no rude word found in Him.

Jesus knew what it meant to suffer and still pray for those who persecuted Him.

Jesus loved us and died for us while we were yet sinners

So, the sole purpose of the renewed mind is because of God's bigger plan for us His church, for us to be conformed to the image of His dear son Jesus.

This is why daily every believer must be transformed by the renewing of our mind, because God is bringing us His church to a place of conformity with His son

Praise the Lord we believers have been called, justified and glorified to be conformed into the image of God's dear Son.

This is a great privilege.



Youth Arena

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

QUESTION:

Why do we have to pay for the sin of Adam & Eve?



ANSWER:

Once Adam and Eve sinned, then sin entered the whole human race. You can say that humanity's DNA was infected with a disease called sin. We also gave the power that God gave us to use to satan who was the one who tricked Adam & Eve into sinning.

Only one solution - one medicine could be effective - Jesus. Adam was the 'first adam' who allowed sin into the human 'DNA'. Jesus came as a human (as an 'adam' which means man) and cancelled out the debt of sin and made a way for the human 'DNA' (so to speak) to be restored.

So, you don't have to pay for your sin or the sin of Adam and Eve. Jesus has paid the price for you. All he calls you to do is to surrender your life to Him totally. Acknowledge that you have sinned, ask Him for forgiveness, put your faith in Him, and confess Him as your Saviour and Lord.

**Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

SINGLE AND STAYING PURE

Just a few thoughts for you as a single person from the Bible. Please take time to read the scriptures.

1. Jesus was clear that purity begins in the heart (Matthew 5: 27–28) so please guard your heart. Take care of your heart.
2. Temptation is real, there is no doubt about it. You can't escape it. Even the Lord Jesus was tempted. Flee every appearance of evil like Joseph did with Potiphar's wife. The good news is that God is faithful and He will always make a way out for you (1 Corinthians 10: 12–13).
3. Your eyes are the gateway into your soul so be careful what you gaze upon. Be careful with your phone, on the internet, with your television, on the street. Be careful with what you look at with your eyes. Remember David in the Bible, His eyes feasting on Bathsheba landed him in big trouble (Matthew 18: 9).
4. Surrender your "dark secret areas" to the Lord. He knows about them anyway. Confess them and give them over to Him. His light, His truth and His power will destroy them (Luke 11: 36).
5. Finally, Keep your thoughts pure. Think and ponder on things that are pure, holy and righteous before God. That will come as you pray and get into the Word of God, time and time and time again (Philippians 4: 8).



◆ Chosen Generation Youth Hub:



Chosen Generation

The youth hub is now open every fortnight Friday to young people aged 11–21 years, in the lower hall. Please do remember to pray into this work.

◆ Rehoboth Building Refurbishment:

Glory to God, the refurbishment of the lower floor of Rehoboth Building has now been largely completed. The company will return to do some minor tidy up work at a date to be confirmed. Thank you and God bless you for all your support in seeing this work completed.

The lower hall is now available to be used for private use. If interested in using, please email admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or info@wordoflife-lcc.org for full details including available times, and a form to complete.



Following the completion of the work in the lower hall we require a number of furniture items:

1. 3 Smart TVs – 2 for the main hall (65 inches each) and one smaller in the Chill and Chat room
2. Portable Projector
3. Bistro Sets x 2 for the Youth Chill and Chat room
4. Blue tooth Speaker to play music in the Chill and Chat room
5. CCTV camera
6. Cupboards for the Children's Ministry to be situated in the crèche
7. The connecting concertina doors for the main hall

We invite you to prayerfully consider whether the Lord wants you to sow and be a blessing to the church with any of these items. For more details please contact us on info@wordoflife-lcc.org or speak with any of the Pastors.

Please do also pray as we look in the near future to do the second phase of the building works. This will be the refurbishment of the main floor of the building.

◆ Lewisham Foodbank Voucher Distributor:



We are pleased to announce that we have been appointed as a registered foodbank voucher distributor. We now hold vouchers which we can give an individual or family in crisis. On receipt of the voucher the recipient will take it to one of the distribution centres. They will then exchange the voucher for a supply of food items (enough for 3 days) valued at £28. **This is to provide short term, emergency food to an individual or family in crisis.** This is available for members of the church, CAP clients and people in the community that might need it. For more details or to request a voucher, please contact Pastor Bayo Oyeniyi or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

◆ Volunteering:

If anyone is interested in doing volunteer work to gain skills in Administration and also help with the Church's administrative work, we are offering the opportunity for a limited time to work with the Church Administrator. This will be here in the church office at certain set / specific times during the week. If you are interested, please contact Sis Audrey by emailing a.oyibo@wordoflife-lcc.org

◆ Fresh Women's Ministry (FWM):



Sister Phoenicia Oyeniyi has been appointed to head the women's ministry (Fresh Women's Ministry) following a time of prayer and seeking the Lord. She will work in conjunction with Pastor Folake Henshaw in this role. Please pray for her as she takes on this role.

◆ Christmas Hampers Project 2017:

Yet for another year running, we as WOL want to continue to spread the practical love of Jesus Christ in our community. For a number of years now we have reached out in the spirit of goodwill to the people in the Lewisham borough, and others in our midst who could do with a little help. We have donated meal hampers to vulnerable and low income individuals and families, and others who find Christmas a difficult period financially.



Financial hardship and difficulty, and even poverty are a reality for some in Great Britain. Our Christianity calls us to share, and help others who might be less fortunate than we are.

Each hamper we give out contains everything that an average family of 4 requires for a lovely Christmas meal. The items include a good sized **turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, carrots, sprouts, cranberry sauce, peanuts, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, and a bottle of sparkling non-alcoholic wine (12 items).**

This initiative has so far been made possible over the years by your generous donations. We are very thankful for that. Last year we donated 100 hampers to individuals and families in the Lewisham Borough. This year we want to do the same again and give 100 hampers away.

This year our target is £2,500. This will help cover the cost of 100 Christmas hampers which will help feed over 400 individuals at Christmas and also put the gospel message in their hands. A donation of £25 will help purchase a Christmas Hamper for a family of 4 plus a DVD Containing the gospel message.

So, we are calling on you WOL family to be a part of this and help meet the target in the following ways:

1. We ask that each one who will be having a Christmas gift list put it on their list, and see it as them giving a present to a family in need.
2. Each person that can, to sponsor the purchase of at least one hamper by donating £25 or more.
3. Encourage your family, friends, colleagues, work place, to donate towards this project. They can donate online via the Church's website (go to "Donations" then "Christmas Hampers")
4. Please pray that we will meet the target of £2,500.

To donate, please fully complete an offering envelope stating clearly on it Christmas Hampers Project so your funds can be allocated accordingly. If issuing cheques, please make them payable to "Word of Life". You can also donate online via the website or with your Smartphone (text CK453HAMPERS TO 64647).

May the Lord bless you bountifully as you sow generously.

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Romans 8: 29 - 30

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Romans 12: 1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

KTLC South REFUEL PRAYER NIGHT for all

Friday 24th November
at 8pm

@ KTLCC South Hub,
38 - 40 Kennington Park Road,
London SE11 4 RS



WOL MEMBERS DAY

Saturday 25th November

2pm to 5pm

@ Rehoboth Building

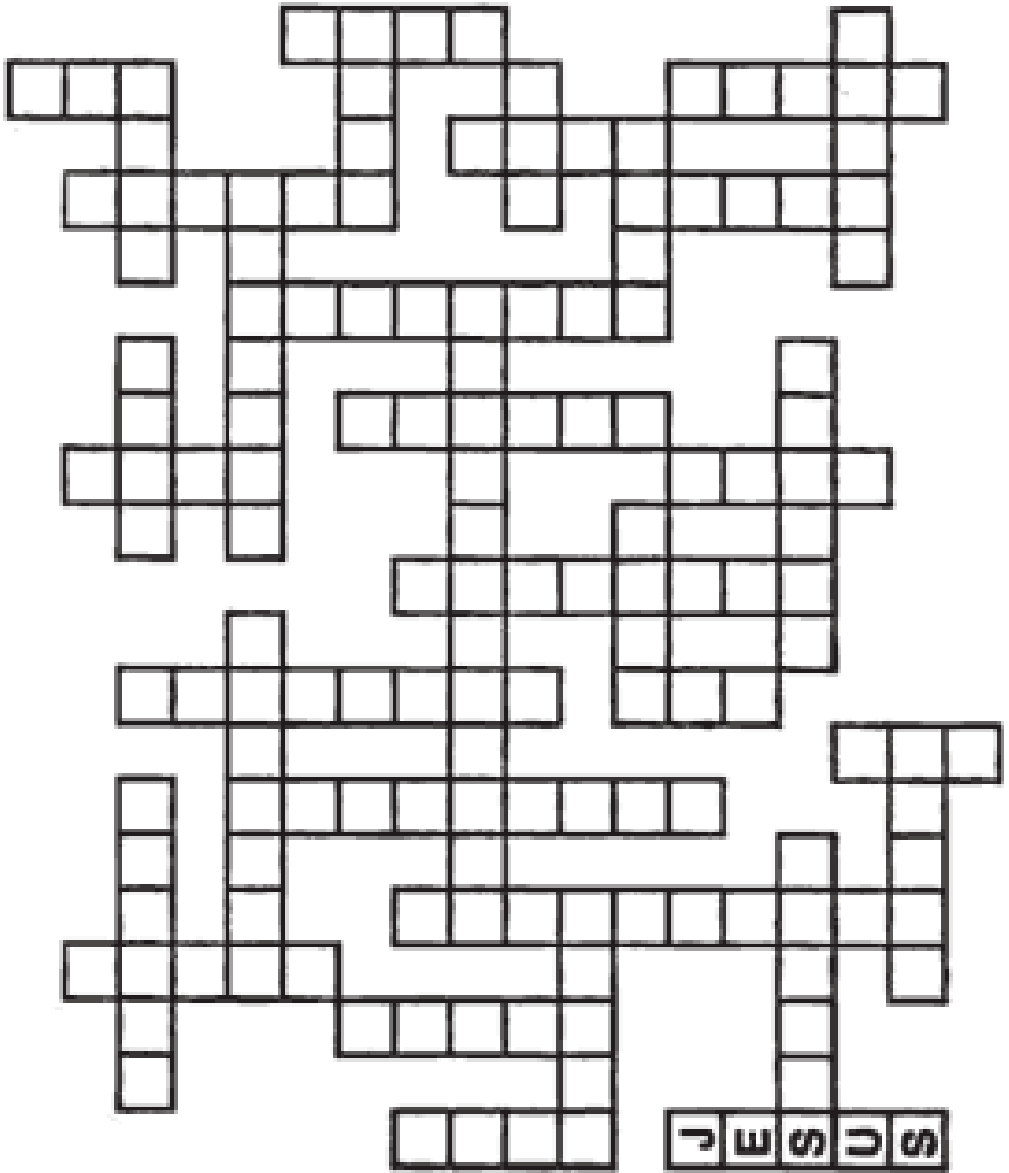
This is for all members

And His Name Shall Be Called...



Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle (Hint: start with the longest names).

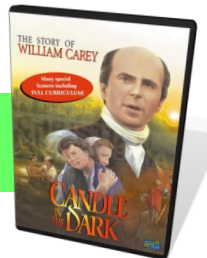
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WAY	RABBI	MESSIAH
ONE	BREAD	TEACHER
ROOT	LIGHT	REDEEMER
WORD	TRUTH	IMMANUEL
LAMB	ALPHA	SHEPHERD
GATE	OMEGA	COUNSELOR
LORD	STONE	BRIDEGROOM
KING	FATHER	RESURRECTION
VINE	PRINCE	
LIFE	BRANCH	



For children aged 6 and over: Complete, cut out and give to your cell leader for your chance to win a DVD!

NAME:

2017, Our Year of Fruitfulness – Chosen to Bear Fruit



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of November 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 26th November 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.

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- * **WOL Leaders Meeting** – Sunday 12th November after the service.
- * **No Married Couples Fellowship (MCF)** on Sunday 19th November due to the Family / Love Feast.
- * **No Single Young Adults Fellowship (SYA)** on Saturday 25th November due to the WOL Members Day.
- * **SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:**
 - 4th November – Ladies open cell at Bellingham
 - 11th November – Ladies leadership cell at Grove Park (Sundays) led by Sis Phoenicia Oyeniyi
 - 18th November - Men's leadership cell at Thamesmead led by Pastor Rowland
 - 25th November – **NO CELL SOS EVANGELISM DUE TO WOL 2017 MEMBERS DAY**

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.
- Parents, keeping an eye on children at all times, making sure they do not run around within and outside the building. Thank you.
- Avoiding unnecessary movement 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 Oyeniya

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniya - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

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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