## Word of Life Church

2017

SEPTEMBER

#### **Titus 2: 11** 2 Corinthians 12: 8-10

OUR YEAR OF FRUITFULNESS

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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 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 <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>, 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.



WOL WORKERS



#### Saturday 16th September

12pm-4pm at Rehoboth Building

This is open to all members of WOL

#### MPACT MEN'S FOOTBALL AND LUNCH (MEN vs BDYS)

Saturday 23rd September

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see Peter Una or Chris Martin for more information

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#### Leading Your Child to Receive Jesus

#### as Saviour and Lord

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (John 3:5-7)

How do we lead our children into a lasting and true relationship with Jesus Christ?

Pray that God will prepare their hearts. Spiritual rebirth is God's work, not ours (John 6:44). We merely cooperate with God's process, for we are colabourers with God.

Lay foundation. Include Jesus in your conversations. Let your children hear you talk to Him. Pray with them. Talk about how He helps you each day. Make comments like, "Jesus understands. He is sad when you are sad. Let's ask Jesus what He wants us to do."

Wait for God's timing. While you watch for signs of openness, be ready for an opportune moment. Perhaps it will come at a time of special need for comfort and strength or when a child shows you by his questions that he genuinely wants to know and follow God.

Explain the basic saving truths. Lead your child through the following steps, and then ask if he wants to pray to receive Jesus. If he/she says no, tell them they can pray that prayer anytime on their own with the same wonderful results. If your child wants to pray alone, suggest that they come and tell you afterward. Don't forget the date. Keep it as a most special birthday. Here are some key points to share with your child:

- God loves you. He wants you to be part of His special family. He wants you to live with Him in His wonderful heavenly kingdom. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).
- By yourself, you can't come to God. God is holy and perfect and can't let any sin into His kingdom. Sin separates us from Him (Isaiah 59:2). *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)*. Think about the different kinds of sin like selfishness, envy, lying, wanting your own way. Can you be completely free from them? No, you can't, despite how hard you try.

- Jesus made a way for you. He said, "I am the way.... no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He died on the Cross, taking the punishment for your sins. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).
- You must invite Jesus to come and live in you. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). With His perfect life inside, you may live and walk with God forever. Tell your child that his prayer must include confession (understanding and admitting he or she is a sinner), repentance (turn from the direction one is heading, and follow Jesus), faith (trust that Jesus Christ died and rose again to give man eternal life in Him), and the invitation.

Pray something like this: "Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I have sinned against You. I don't deserve to be Your child. But I believe You died for me to pay for my sins, and you have forgiven me. Please come into my heart. I want you to be Lord and Saviour of my life. Thank you."

> Excerpt from: "10 Vital Things Parents Can Do to Help Children Keep Their Faith", by Berit Kjos.



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

#### **Question**:

Isn't the Old Testament God a mass murderer like Richard Dawkins says?

#### Answer:

No. It is hard when we read through the Old Testament as sometimes God tells the people of Israel to go into a city of place and ask them to kill everyone or everything in that city. We may look on in great horror (despite the fact that many countries have done similar things over the centuries). But people question how God who is loving could order people he created to be killed. Isn't he just an angry God who takes it out on people who won't obey him? No. It's actually the opposite, but it does show us the power of God is nothing to be taken lightly. In fact, people like Richard Dawkins like to say things against Christianity - much of their life is dedicated to opposing Christianity (not a very constructive thing!) But everyone is entitled to their opinion. So what about God? Well, actually God's heart is that no-one should be lost. But time after time mankind has rejected God and his ways these ways are offered to us as the best way. But each time mankind rejects God's ways, there are consequences. Each time through the Bible and today, God's voice calls out to people to turn back to him. He gives people opportunity after opportunity, time after time, to turn back to him. God shows great kindness, great patience and great love for us. But most of the time people don't think about God.

In the Old Testament times as today, God's purpose was to give people the opportunity to be delivered from evil and to turn back to him. In the Old Testament, God had to use judgement. He had to show people there were consequences and he had to protect humanity, the created world and keep a people who would be loyal to him. Why? Otherwise humanity would destroy itself and the world, and because he loves us so much and longs that no-one be destroyed. So when there was really serious evil in the Old Testament, God had to cut out the evil (as we'd cut out a cancer from a human body). God realised that humanity has fallen away from his goodness and that the only thing that can help us is a death and resurrection (coming

back to life). So he sent Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus then rose from the dead. Now if we accept Jesus, our 'old self' (the sinful bit of us) dies and God renews us inside (in our spirits, to be right with him). Just as in the Old Testament, the only answer is to put the evil to death and bring new life. That is what Jesus did and that is the role of the Holy Spirit who lives inside of every person who believes in Jesus.

\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions





#### Titus 2: 11-14

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

#### 2 Corinthians 12: 8-10

"Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."



### Names from The Old Testament

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For children aged 6 and over: Complete the word search, cut out and give to your cell leader for your chance to win an Action Bible!

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NAME: .....

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#### • Refurbishment:

The refurbishment of the lower floor of Rehoboth Building starts this month. This means it will be out of use during the period work is being carried out there. We will appreciate your understanding and co-operation during this period. Parents, please also kindly communicate this to your young children for their safety and well-being.

#### • Congratulations:

Hearty Congratulations to Atilola Adejumo on her successful GCSE results!!! May the Lord be with you and bless you in your new season and next phase of education.

#### ◆ Testimony:

This is an excerpt from a testimony of a Befriender from WOL after a recent CAP visit:

"We met .... in very difficult circumstances. He was not in a good place and explained the steps he had taken to end the pain. It was a really sad story.

I strongly believe that God led us to him at this time and for a purpose as well as to help him out of debt. I sensed it so strongly and I could hardly hold myself from sharing the gospel as we entered!

The meeting then took a turn and led to us sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was not planned but came from a comment that ..... made. I was so touched when I saw how attentive both he and his friend were. How open they were considering he had told us about his own beliefs which were far from the Gospel. I sensed a strong presence of God in that room and I was bowled over by that and knew then that God had brought us. They listened and were receptive. No arguments, no blockages... all I sensed was freedom and the presence of God. Then we prayed for them and again I could not believe how strong the presence of God was and the peace was so tangible!! I looked up and saw both of them engaged in prayer and I knew it was for this that we came there is such a deep hunger in the man and his friend. ..... agreed to pray to God and to ask for the truth to be revealed to him. He said he would like to do what we do! We invited them to church and they said they will definitely visit one day. ..... said he felt a lot better since we came and how much peace he felt. We spent time and encouraged him about some things he shared with us and he was lifted".



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of September 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 24th September 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.



- \* WOL Board Meeting Sunday 3rd September after the service.
- \* WOL Leaders Meeting Sunday 10th September after the service.
- \* **Married Couples Fellowship** (MCF) Sunday 17th September from 3pm to 5pm. Venue TBA.
- \* **Single Young Adults Fellowship** (SYA) Dinner event on Saturday 23rd September at 7pm. Venue TBC.
- \* SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:
  - >2nd September Men's leadership cell at Thamesmead led by Pastor Rowland Henshaw
  - >9th September Ladies open cell at Grove Park (Sundays) led by Sis Phoenicia Oyeniyi
  - >16th September NO CELL SOS EVANGELISM DUE TO WOL ALL WORKERS TRAINING DAY
  - >23rd September Men's open cell at Grove Park led by Pastor Bayo Oyeniyi
  - >30th September Youth Ministry Team / Youth Cell

#### **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. <u>Please continue to</u> <u>park properly in the right places stated</u> 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 Ovibo Bayo Oyeniyi Ministry Leaders Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth Peter Unachukwu - Men 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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