

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

FEBRUARY 2018



# DIGGING DEEPER

*& Launching Out Into The Deep*

Matthew 13:44–46, Luke 5:4

# 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/Fortnightly 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.

**FRIDAY** at WOL Church lower ground hall, Rehoboth building  
7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub

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

**SUNDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building  
10.15am Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Disciples Class)  
10.45am 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](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org), telephone 0208 857 7406 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 - - - - -

## M'PACT MEN Envisioning & Impartation Evening

Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> February  
@ Rehoboth Building  
from 7pm to 10pm

Contact Peter Una or Chris Martin

for more information, or email [mpact@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:mpact@wordoflife-lcc.org)

A close-up photograph of a young woman with short blonde hair and a young man with short dark hair, both smiling warmly at the camera. The woman is on the left, leaning her head against the man on the right.

## Life! For Singles

Discovering your identity, destiny  
and doing friendships well

Saturday 17th February 2018  
9.30am to 6pm @ LCC South Hub

**Cost £15**  
including  
lunch

Email [sya@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:sya@wordoflife-lcc.org) with your name, email & telephone number to register.

## DRAW A LINE IN THE SAND

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

Digging deep and launching into the deep is going beyond the status quo. It is going away from the way you have always done things. We see in the bible that Jesus always went beyond the status quo of His time. Why don't you go beyond the expectations of people? They expect you to fail – be a success in what you do.

They expect you to remain dependent on them, you go ahead and be a blessing. They do not expect anything good to come from you, go ahead and be blessing anyway.

One of Jesus' disciples said this of Him - John 1:45-46

*“Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”*

*“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”*

Jesus was from Nazareth and nothing good was expected to come out of Nazareth, today the whole world talks about Jesus; the product of Nazareth. Why don't you be who God says you are? The deeper you dig, the more you will discover who God created you to be.

What is a Status Quo?

Status quo is a Latin term meaning the existing state of affairs.

There are many people, who will prefer for things to remain the same because they are comfortable with things the way they are. No one ruffling their feathers, no one challenging their actions. There are many who will rather remain in slavery than go through the wilderness experience to a place that flows with milk and honey.

Ex 14:10-12,

*“As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”*

The children of Israel would rather die in slavery than discover their potential, they would rather die in slavery than conquer their fear. Do not allow your fears stop you from digging deeper and launching into the deep.

### CHANGE

Going beyond the Status Quo means you have to change. Without a meaningful change there can be no fruit, there can be no growth, only stagnation. Stagnation breeds frustration, it breeds depression, it breeds all kinds of negative emotions.

When there is no desire to change, when there is no desire to succeed you will always remain in that place of status quo. When there is no desire to come up higher

you will always remain where the enemy wants you to be a slave to failure. A slave to sickness, A slave to Poverty, A slave to insufficiency.

### **WHERE YOU ARE IS NOT WHERE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE.**

Where you are currently, is not where you are meant to be. But you have become so scared to move forward, you are too scared to dig, scared to launch deeper.

You have become too accustomed to your circumstance and paralysed by it. You are too scared to confront that situation because it is an issue that has bothered you for year and you have given up.

John 5:5-7,

*One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me."*

Jesus wants you to heal you, but some like this man. For 38 years had sat at this pool and become indifferent to the situation. The pool of Bethesda meaning the place of kindness, the place of grace, but for 38 years this man sat there on his mat waiting for someone to put him in the pool when the angel of the lord stirred the pool. When Jesus saw him, and knew he had been paralysed for a long time Jesus approached him and asked him if he wants to be made well.

All this man needed to say to Jesus was "YES" instead the many years of pains and bitterness steps in..

"Nobody likes me"

"Everybody looks down on me, because I am different".

"My parents left me when I was young"

"Life is so unfair..."

"There is no one to carry me and put me in the pool....."

"Someone else gets there before me...."

Stop giving excuses.

Jesus wants to heal you – Just answer yes and stop giving excuses, Jesus wants to meet you at the point of your needs. Just say yes. That is not where you are meant to be... You have been there too long it is time to get up and run... It is time to be a blessing rather than always waiting for someone else to bless you...

### **YOU HAVE TO LET GO and LET GOD**

There comes a time in our lives when we have to let go of what we have held on to for so long as a norm, things that have hindered our progress.

Things like fear, self-doubts, mistrust, prejudice, pride and limiting oneself.

### **DIGGING DEEP IS TO LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITATION.**

Those who dare to dig deep and launch into the deep, will live a life without limitation. The bible says in Mark 9:23

*"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth".*

Also, in Matthew 17:20 says

*"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove*

*hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."*

It is only when we believe what God says, that we can escape from the human realm to the spiritual realm. Peter would never have experienced such a massive catch, if he only stopped at *"We have toiled all night"*.

He had to go beyond *"We have toiled all night"* to *"nevertheless at your word"*. Many believers stop at the "toiled all night" syndrome but Jesus wants you to go deeper.

When our faith in whatever God says come alive, we will go past the state of status quo. We cannot touch the spiritual realm and change our situation and circumstance, if we do not go beyond the way things have been done before. Some of us still operate in the natural realm it is time to come up higher.

This year 2018 draw a line in the sand and say I will launch into the deep at the word of Jesus, I will launch into the deep.

## Scriptures Of The Month - - -

### Luke 6: 46-49

*"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."*

### Luke 5: 4-7

*"When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink."*



**WOL  
PRAYER  
NIGHT**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
7pm-10pm

for all @ Rehoboth Building

# Church News - - - - -

## ◆ New Appointments:



Sis Shelly-Ann Sydial has been appointed the new WOL Church Administrator. This appointment takes effect from 5th February 2018.



Pastor Bayo Oyeniyi is the new WOL Church Safeguarding Officer.



Sis Harriet Kattiti is the new WOL Church Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

## ◆ Bye-bye:

This month we say bye-bye to Sis Hilary Carnihan. She will be moving to Broadstairs, Kent to be closer to her family after so many years of being a member and leader in WOL. Aunty Hilary was a real pillar in WOL. We are so thankful for all her love for God, for people, service, support and generosity over the years. We pray for God's strength, good health, His favour and His guidance for her in the days to come.

## ◆ Volunteers Needed:

The Children's Ministry is looking for **volunteers to help with a manned crèche for children aged 0 – 3 on Sundays**. This will be on a rota basis. If interested please speak with Sis Lisa Martin or email [kids@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:kids@wordoflife-lcc.org) or [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org).

The Children's Ministry is also looking for **children workers to help with the planned new Children's Church to be held on Sundays**. If interested please speak with any Sis Lisa Martin or email [kids@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:kids@wordoflife-lcc.org) or [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org).

The Youth Ministry continues to need volunteers to help with the Chosen Generation Youth Hub on alternate Fridays. If able to help, please speak with any of the youth ministry team or email at [youth@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-lcc.org).

# Family Corner - - - - -

*This month we are looking at a question you as a Young Person or Young Single Adult might ask.*



## Question:

Relationships: Do I have to go out or marry a Christian?

## Answer:

2 Corinthians 6.14-18 - *“Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God’s temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: “I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord. Don’t touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*

In 2 Corinthians 6, Paul (the writer) isn't telling us to become monks and nuns! Instead he is saying separate yourself from what is evil. Don't be evil. Yes, we live in an evil world but we are called to be lights shining in the face of evil and not try to fit in with the evil. Someone has said that if you don't meet the devil face to face, you're running in the same direction as him! What this means is that the devil is opposed to the ways of God and will fight you. If you have a fight in an area of your life, it's often because there is a battle going on. But we know that God in us is stronger than the devil (1 John 4.4), even when it doesn't feel that way. When it comes to relationships, our hormones go crazy and I know it can be hard. But God will get you through bit by bit, step by step and day by day.

The thing about living for Jesus is that his message will always force you to make a choice. You'll always be faced with decisions about what to do in a situation and the best decision is always to do what the Bible says or to follow Bible principles. So we may not always be given exact guidance on everything but we can be wise, using the Bible and God in us to help us make right decisions in every area of life.

You will find examples of people who 'flirt to convert' - so they may start go-



ing out with someone but doing so because they want that person to become a Christian. Sometimes this does happen. But it is the exception. Most relationships with a Christian and someone who isn't a Christian end, or the Christian gradually falls away from God into a life that isn't God's best for them.

Jesus tells us that those who are not with God are against God. In Matthew 12:30 he said, "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me."

So even if it seems right, God says that anyone who is not for God is actually against God. So if you want to go out with someone who's not a Christian, in many ways they are actually against God. If you're someone who's really on fire for God, they may actually see that as getting in the way of your relationship. So you'll have a choice - do I stay on fire for God or do I try to please that person, meaning that I'd be a little less on fire for God. In a Christian relationship, you're stronger because you are two people united in God and with God's help. If you go out with a Christian, God is still for you and for that person but it will never be the same as when you are going out with a Christian. This is true of anything that takes first place from God. He hasn't got a big ego and isn't someone who 'needs' to be in first place in your life, but if you really love God then you will want to make decisions that put God first, even when it's tough!

The final thought is that marriage, according to Bible standards (one man and one woman for life) has been shown to be the place of the greatest health (physically and mentally), greatest security, greatest comfort, increased finance and by far the greatest happiness. This is according to many reports (such as the one done by CARE in 2000). Couples that just shack up and don't marry are 6 times more likely to break up. Yes, there are always exceptions and yes there are some unhappy marriages (mostly because of people and unwise decisions). But marriage itself is good and can always be restored and improved!

The final point to know is that 2 Corinthians 6 also helps us when we think about our friendships and even business partnerships. We just need to be careful who we work with and hang out with - making sure that we're being a good influence on them and not them being a bad influence on us. If you feel someone's being a bad influence either talk to them or find some other friends. If you ever think of being in business with someone who doesn't believe in God, just think carefully about your shared values, morals and ways of doing things before committing to something.

*\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*greetings to all those born in the month of February 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. **Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you will like to be baptised.**

## 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 - - -

- \* **Kingdom Worship Movement Workshop** (for Praise & Worship Team)  
- 2nd and 3rd February.
- \* **Children's Ministry Training** - Saturday 10th February at Rehoboth Building (time TBC).
- \* **Cell Leaders Meeting** - Sunday 11th February after the service.
- \* **Single Young Adults Fellowship** - Saturday 24th February (time & venue TBC).
- \* **SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:**
  - 3rd February – Men's Open Cell Group at Blackheath/Kidbrooke
  - 10th February – For Church Members currently not in a cell group
  - 17th February – Ladies Open Cell Group at Bellingham
  - 24th February – Ladies Leadership Cell Group at Thamesmead

## 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

Bayo Oyeniyi

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniyi - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

Church Administrator

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Bayo Oyeniyi

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Rotimi Adejumo

Barbara Agbudeloye



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