

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

**FEBRUARY
2019**



**LOVE
- THE GREATEST
OF THEM ALL**

Matthew 22: 35 – 39

1 Corinthians 13

2019, Our Year of "Taking A Stance"

Key Scripture - Philippians 1: 27

..... 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 team. During the Sunday Services, our Children's Team & Youth Team provide quality care & teaching for your children in the lower floor. Your children are invited to join our Children's Church Service & Cell groups for children aged 3–12 & Youth Cell group for young people from the age of 13, as follows: (**except 1st Sunday of the month**):
 - Lively Learners → 3–5 years
 - Bright Believers & Faith Fighters → 6–9 years & 10–12 years
 - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 years onwards
- 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, downstairs in the lower floor.

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)

10.40am 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 GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at 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.....

**WOL
Leaders
Envisioning
Day 2019**

with Pastor Shola Ajani
of Revive Connections
in South Woodford



Saturday, 9th February
@ Rehoboth Building
from 10am to 4pm

WOL

Friday
22nd February

*Prayer
Night*

7 - 10pm

at WOL Church Main Hall
Rehoboth building

WOL
MISSIONS
SUNDAY

24th February 2019

11am - 1pm

at WOL Church, Rehoboth building



Married for Life

2 days Leadership Training Weekend Course

22nd and 23rd February 2019

(Friday and Saturday)

9.00am – 7pm (Day 1)

9.00am – 5pm (Day 2)

at

**Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building,
72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park London SE12 9RP**

LEADERS

Rowland and Folake Henshaw

(2=1 East London Directors)

Sam and Jenny Jayakrishna

(2=1 South West London Directors)

Married for Life is a 12 week teaching course which gives married couples the tools to apply Biblical principles for marriage to their own situation. This course changes lives and marriages beyond recognition when couples are willing to obey God and let Him take control of their circumstances.

This 2 day training course covers the Married for Life course material and how to teach it. We are inviting married couples who will like to enhance their marriages and train to minister to other marriages to attend the weekend. The course fee of £60 per couple includes a paper manual. Details of subsidised rates is stated below.

For registration and more information, please go to <http://new.2equal1.com/uk/uk-new-leaders/> Please complete a 'training' form to just attend weekend or a 'register' form if you will like to train up to teach others the course. Please kindly quote “MFL LTW February” in the comments box.

You can also contact Rowland and Folake Henshaw on 0794 1145765 or by emailing r.henshaw@wordoflife-lcc.org or f.henshaw@wordoflife-lcc.org for more details.

All those who want to subsequently teach course, will require a recommendation from their pastor / senior leadership, and by 2 =1 leadership before they can be released to teach the course if they want to.

- There is an optional supplement cost of £25 per couple to cover both Friday and Saturday lunches.
- There is a subsidised rate of £30 for couples in full time Christian ministry, full time students, those receiving benefits, or those who are retired.

Diary Dates

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **WOL Leaders Meeting** after the service on Sunday 10th February 2019.
- * **Married Couples Fellowship (MCF)** on Sunday 17th February 2019 at 3pm for all married couples. Hosted by Pastors Rowland and Folake. Address details available on request.
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
 - 2nd February 2019 – Men's Open Cell Group at Grove Park
 - 16th February 2019 – Ladies Open Cell Group at Grove Park

.....CHURCH NEWS.....



◆ **Bye-bye**

This month we sadly say bye-bye to The Oyeniyi family (Pastor Bayo, Phoenicia, Amara and Micah). We are very grateful and thankful for their lives and their many years of service to the Lord and to WOL Church. We will surely miss them but pray that the Lord will bless them in this new season and lead them further into His will and purpose for their lives in Jesus name. Amen.

◆ **Welcome**

This month we warmly welcome Brother George and Sister Yvonne Zammit to WOL and to the WOL leadership team. We pray that they will find WOL to be a home where they are loved and accepted. We also pray that they will be blessed to be a blessing in Jesus name Amen.

◆ **Congratulations**

Congratulations to every one of you who got baptised last month Amber, Esther Grace, Bimbola, Rachel and Stephanie, we are so proud of you for taking this step of obedience to Christ . We pray that you will receive God's richest blessings and continue to love and obey Him in Jesus name. Amen.

.. CHURCH NEWS continued ..

◆ New Roles & Appointments



- Sis Barbara Agbudeloye has been appointed as the new WOL Safeguarding Co-ordinator. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues, please feel free to speak with her.



- Bro Taiwo Adeniran will now lead the Men's Cell group in Grove Park on Mondays. If you are not part of a men's cell yet . Please speak with him or contact him on t.adeniran@wordoflife-lcc.org.

- Bro George Zammit has been appointed to head the Evangelism Ministry and Sister Yvonne Zammit will head the Welcome and Consolidation Ministry.

We pray for God's abundant grace, joy and anointing to rest on them in these new roles in Jesus name. Amen. We also ask that you please pray for them and support them in the work they will be doing for the Kingdom. Thanks.

◆ Ministry Team

A new ministry team has been set up to help the Pastors in the work of ministry. Their role as ministers will be amongst others, to help with leading and ministering in services, teaching /preaching, praying for people, counselling, visitation etc.

◆ Welcome & Consolidation Room

The room to your right when entering the building through the main doors, is now designated and to be used as a welcome room for new visitors, and consolidation for those who give their lives to the Lord in our services and / or at events.

◆ Communications Team

We are looking to set up a communications team and are looking for WOL members who can help with content for the church's bulletin, website, and social media platforms. The team will be involved in putting together articles, features and stories and introducing new and creative content. They will also act as "roving reporters" doing interviews, reporting events and much more. If you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity, we will love to hear from you, please email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org

◆ Volunteer Workers Needed

We are looking for workers who will serve in many areas of ministry such as the Praise and Worship Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Stewarding Ministry etc. To join the Church's volunteer workforce, please speak with any of the heads of ministries or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

.....ALIVE TO TESTIFY.....

By Stephanie Dunn

"I would like to share a testimony you can pass on to pastor please.

The first one is about my employment and being made redundant from my job and since attending church and giving my life to God how this has changed around for me after I have prayed about this and reached out to god in the past month. I have now got a new job after struggling for months.



Secondly is about my daughter's ill health and not knowing which way to turn in the past months but since attending church and having God to turn to things have now started to turn around in this area. Amber went 3 weeks without being sick and is now getting a treatment plan in place next week after being told previously that she could not have allergy testing until January. But God has provided a way and Ambers allergies have been diagnosed yesterday when an unexpected situation arose.

I just felt the need to share this and thank the church for their prayers for Amber. I am learning how powerful prayer is and thank God so much.

We give God all the glory for this wonderful testimony!!!

...THOUGHT OF THE MONTH...



**The safest
place to be is in
the will of God**

.....PRAYER FOCUS.....



**1. Pray that you will truly love God
with all your heart, mind and soul**

**2. Pray that you will love others
with an unconditional love**



SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

Matthew 22: 35 - 39

“Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Corinthians 13

““Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

..... EXHORTATION

HOW DO WE DESCRIBE LOVE?

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

1 Corinthians 13

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The word "LOVE" in the English Language limits our understanding of the full meaning of that word.

So daily the word "LOVE" is used in a generalised way by many people without a true meaning of what that word "LOVE" really means.

Through the Word of God we receive insight into what Love really is.

1 Corinthians 13 is a letter written to the church by Paul sandwiched between a chapter on spiritual gifts, and another chapter on prophecy and speaking in tongues.

Paul ends 1 Corinthians 12 with these words, **"31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way."** Paul was telling the Church that there was a gift far better than speaking in tongues, a gift far better than interpreting tongues, a gift that makes a whole lot of difference to the human race. So, we should with sincere and intense conviction seriously desire that gift.

This gift is the gift of the Love of God which we are told in **Romans 5:5 because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

In essence the Love of God has been poured out into the hearts of every believer in Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul now introduces the Church to this Love and what it really is.

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

I want to submit to you from scriptural point of view that it does not really matter how eloquent, how gifted in speaking in tongues, nor how generous you are, your spiritual gifts and generosity without love is fruitless.

Let's take a moment to look into 4 Greek words used in the New Testament that are translated into English as "LOVE". This will help us have an understanding of Biblical Love.

EXHORTATION continued.

EROS

is the Greek word for sensual or romantic love. This word depicts sexual desire, physical attraction, physical love, and lust. Eros was dependent on the object of your affection. When the object of your attraction ceases the relationship struggles. Eros is a dependent love.

STORGE

This word though not commonly used, describes family love and the affectionate bond that develops naturally between parents and children, and brothers and sisters. In the Bible we find examples among Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus. In Romans 12:10 believers are commanded to "be devoted" to one another with brotherly affection

10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

PHILIA OR PHILEO

This Greek word describes the powerful emotional bond seen in deep friendships. Philia is the most common love displayed in scripture among believers. This word encompasses love for fellow humans, care, respect, and compassion for people in need. This type of love is unique to Christianity. Jesus said to His disciples in John 13:35 "***35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another***". Jesus was saying by how you Philia each other people would know you are my disciples.

Finally, we have the word Agape

AGAPE

This word Agape defines God's immeasurable, incomparable love for mankind. It is the divine love that comes from God. Agape love is perfect, unconditional, sacrificial, and pure. Agape Love is the love God wants us to have for one another and for others. In John 13:34 Jesus says this to us, ***34 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another.*** Jesus Christ demonstrated this kind of divine love to and to all humanity when he died and rose again. In John 15 Jesus said this to his disciples

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Believers are called to love unconditionally just as we have been loved by Jesus who laid down His life for us, whilst we were still sinners. He did not wait for us to change before laying His life down for us.

Hence when Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 13, he was introducing us to a gift of the highest level and that is Agape Love.

Agape Love from 1 Corinthians 13

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

Paul tells us that AGAPE love never fails, every other gift will come to an end but AGAPE love will never end.

It is only Agape love that enables us to preach the Gospel with conviction.

When Jesus met with His disciples after His resurrection, He asked Peter **“Do you love (agape) me more than this”**. Three times Peter replied that he loved the Lord, but the word he used was Philia or brotherly love.

Why was Peter responding with Philia? He did because he had not received the gift of the Holy Spirit. When Peter received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; Peter was so full of God's love that he spoke from his heart and 3,000 people were converted. Romans 5:5 **because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

It is amazing how many of us profess to love the Lord but we treat our fellow humans with contempt. Many of us speak in tongues more than Paul but we lack Agape love. Today God is calling us to allow His love to be expressed through us. Paul goes on to say **1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**



.....GOD LOVES YOU!.....

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16). The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of God, within you, and you will become a child of God. If you want to make that step, please see below. These will explain to you more about it. Don't put it off, God has been waiting for you... Today is the day! God bless you.

GOD LOVES YOU!!!

step¹

GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal.

*"we have peace with GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST."
(Romans 5:1)*



*"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)*

*"I have come that they may have life in abundance."
(John 10:10)*

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

step²

The Problem: Our Separation God created us in his own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

*"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD."
(Romans 3:23)*

*"for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS, our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)*

Our attempts to reach GOD People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God....



*"there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death."
(Proverbs 14:12)*

*"but your iniquities have separated you from your GOD; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."
(Isaiah 59:2)*

No bridge reaches GOD... except one...

step 3

GOD's Bridge: The Cross Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

*"for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to GOD."
(1 Peter 3:18)*

*"for there is one GOD and one mediator between GOD and men, that man JESUS CHRIST."
(1 Timothy 2:5)*

*"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us."
(Romans 5:8)*



**GOD has provided the only way.
Each person must make a choice!**

step 4

Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

*"yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD."
(John 1:12)*

*"here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."
(Revelation 3:20)*

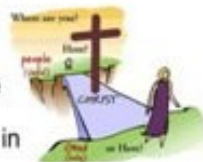
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

Where are you?

Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).



GOD LOVES YOU !

NOTICES

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 email info@wordoflife-icc.org if you would like to share your testimony.

WATER BAPTISM

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 would like to be baptised.**



DEDICATIONS

If you would 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: £2 per copy. Messages are also available to listen to on the church's website.

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.

MEMBERS

Please do come early at 10:15am to participate in the **Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures** session and in the Pre-service prayer time.



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.
- **Utilities:** Please can we all join together in taking responsibility for turning off lights, closing taps etc so we don't have high utility bills. Thank you for your help.
- **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.
 - Co-operating with the Stewards and following their instructions

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.



WOL TEAM

Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

Rowland Henshaw

Pastor

Folake Henshaw

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Chris Martin - Men

Folake Henshaw - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

George Zammit-Evangelism

Yvonne Zammit-Welcome & Consolidation

Church Administrator

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Coordinator

Barbara Agbudeloye

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Peter Mungai

Barbara Agbudeloye



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CHURCH

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