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2022, The Year of Keeping the Fire Burning Key Scripture - Leviticus 6: 12 - 13



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I believe that the Lord wants the Church to keep His fire burning. The fire must not go out of the altar. The fire of God is what makes the difference in transforming the lives of the people, it burns the dross, cleanses and prepares the people for ministry.

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to lose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The fire of God brings change. On the day of Pentecost the fire of God descended on the Apostles and brought about change. When the Holy Spirit was poured out, the fire of God ignited the hearts of the Apostles and they preached Christ with a new found love and passion.

The fire of God brings purity to all.

In the book of Malachi verse 3:1-3

Malachi wrote and the question is asked, who can endure the day of the Lord's coming?

The day of the Lord coming is likened to a refiners fire. Just as fire refines and purifies. The Lord will refine and purify His Church for glory and our offering of praise and worship will bring glory and honour

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.

There will be the desire to continue the race without giving up

Jeremiah was becoming tired and weary, he felt all the messages he had preached was

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not sinking in, the people kept misbehaving, serving idols, living a rebellious life. He wanted to give up but the fire kept burning.

Jeremiah said this in Jeremiah 20:7 - 9 7 O Lord, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. 8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. 9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

The fire of God brings revival.

In the book of Luke the disciples were speaking to Jesus but did not realise, it was Jesus but when they realised it was Jesus they also realised that as He opened the scriptures to them, the scriptures was like fire in their heart and they said

Luke 24:32

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

In the year 2022, we are believing that God's fire will reignite the hearts of all believers and bring revival in the nations and in particular, our nation, city, borough, this community and in Word of Life church.

May our hearts burn with excitement and passion for Him and His word. In Jesus name.



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WELCOME Welcome!!! We are so thrilled you could engage with us. We hope you enjoy your interactions with us and welcome you to stay in touch with us via our website, email or phone. If you need to get in touch with us, ask a question, if you have a prayer request or if you need to speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team at any time, please feel free to contact us: Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thu, 10am to 2pm). Please also check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org to stay up-to-date with our activities and useful information.

 Our Children's & Youth Programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. Children meet in the lower hall after the time of corporate praise and worship, with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is our Family Sunday. The Youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the main service from 12.45pm to 1.30pm. For details of how children & youth can join in please email <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>. Thank you.

Weekly / Fortnightly Events

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom. Mondays to Saturdays 6am to 7am. **WEDNESDAY**

7pm-8pm Midweek Service - at Rehoboth building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

FRIDAY

7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub at Rehoboth Building (Lower Hall)

7pm-8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer - via Zoom

SATURDAY

5pm-6pm (weekly) Dig Deep Search the Scriptures - via Zoom

SUNDAY

11:00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

12:45pm Youth Church / Cell Group (boys & girls aged 13 onwards)- contact <u>youth@wordoflife-lcc.org</u> for details

After Praise & Worship - Children's Church / Cell Group (3-12 yrs) - contact kids@wordoflife-lcc.org

CELL GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held via Zoom during the week. For more details email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thur, 10am to 2pm).Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

.... TESTIMONY HIGHLIGHT TESTIMONY FROM BRO JAMES MYNOTT

Two months ago, my supervisor left and I was the one everyone in the office was expected to get the role. I was clearly the hardest working in the team, the most qualified and experienced. It shock most of us when the laziest person in the office, who wasn't qualified at all got given the job.



I started applying for every NHS admin job above me. I was not overly hopeful as if I didn't even get the job in my office with the managers knowing how diligent I am, what hope do I have when the managers don't know me at all. I prayed a few times and left it in God's hands.

A month later I was offered 8 interviews, one was an interview for an amazing job, Business Support Manager in NHS England's Headquarters. This was way higher than my current pay and the pay of the supervisor role I had missed out on.

The interview went well, I was told they were looking for 20 key points and at interview I got 19 out of 20. Unfortunately, there was someone who interviewed slightly better than myself and I didn't get the role. However they were so impressed they created a position and they offered me a fixed term contact till the 31st of March instead of the permanent position. I turned this down as I did not want to trade a decent permanent job for an amazing job which would only last a few months.

My wife kept praying, I would continually hear her praying early in the morning.

The next interview was for a permanent position as the Theatre Administrator in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. I was more or less offered the role there and then, this was Wednesday just gone. They said it would take a few days for the employment contract to be drawn up. This was a decent job, managing and organising all theatre operations within the hospital.

Today I was contacted by NHS England, they said they have decided against there previous decision to offer me the Business Support Manager role as only a fixed term contact and they would like me to work in NHS England's Headquarters in the more senior permanent position. I accepted and told my current manager and the manager of the job I was due to start that I would be leaving and they both expressed disappointment as they wanted me in their departments.

I say this not to glorify myself but it is all God. 14 years ago when I accepted Christ i was uneducated, unskilled, untrained, without any work experience, lazy, kinda homeless, living a life fully of sin and would not be appealing to any employer.

The fact that I can now say I'm married, employed, degree educated, family centred, financially stable, saved, passionate about Christ and ministry.... Is all a reflection of what He has done within me and a reaction to a decision to be faithful to tithes/ offerings and His calling.

TO GOD BE ALL THE PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOUR!!!!!

<u>..... UPCOMING EVENTS</u>





Let's join together as we enter a 40-day journey / season of "Building the Spiritual House"

ELIM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7 JANUARY 2022

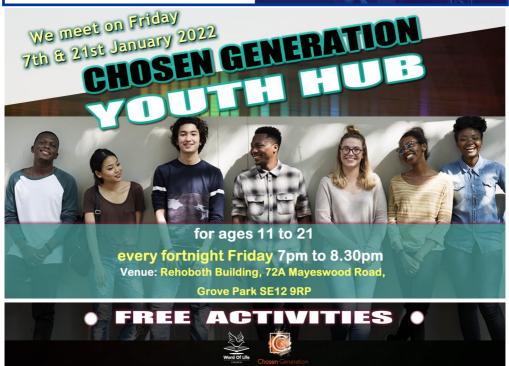
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DOORS OPEN 7PM LIVE STREAM 7.30PM-9.30PM

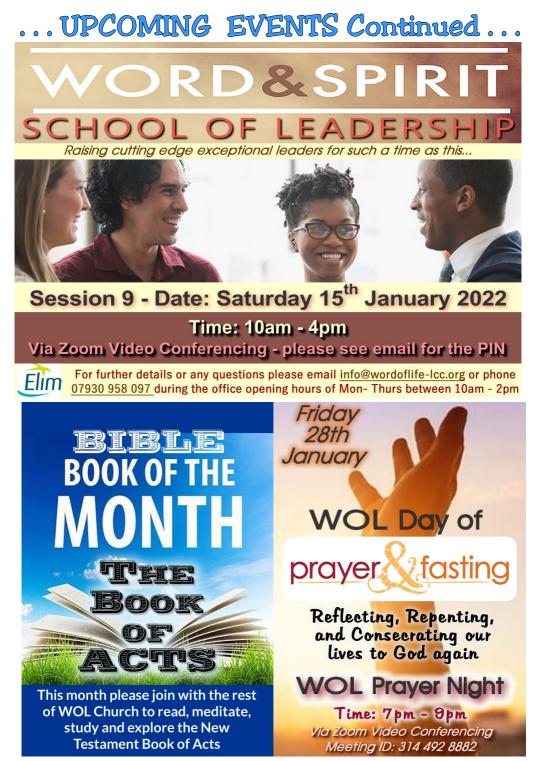
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The evening live event will be hosted by Sarah Whittleston (Elim Prayer) and Mark Ryan (Kensington Temple), along with guests including Chris Cartwright (Elim's National Leader), KT Worship and Elim Sound.

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..... REGULAR EVENTS



BODY AND SOUL FITNESS



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Online via Zoom Video Conferencing Monday - Saturday from 6am - 7am Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882



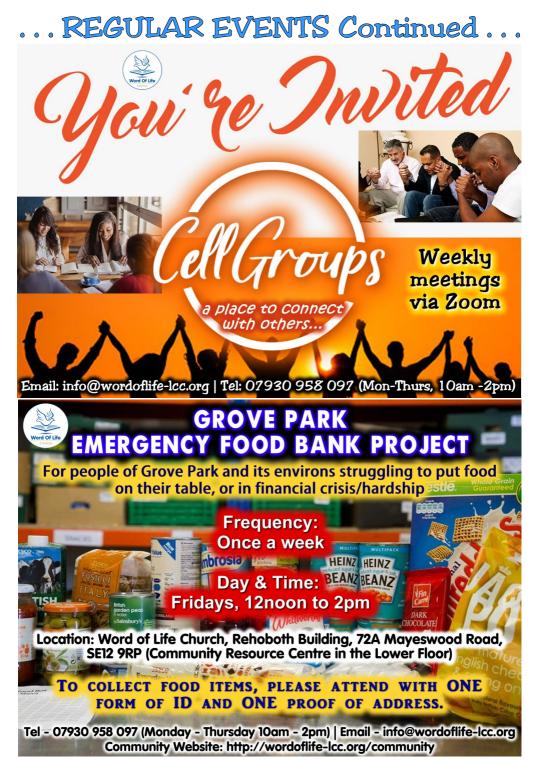
Every Saturday

10:30am - 11:00am Prayer @Rehoboth building

11:15am - 12:15pm Evangelism Outreach in the local community

Open to anyone who would like to join

Amplified Bible - Isaiah 52: 7 How beautiful and delightful on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace, Who brings good news of good (things), Who announces salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"



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DIG DEEP SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Every Saturday 5 - 6pm

Online via Zoom Video Conferencing Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org

TESTIMONIES

Please send in your 'testimonies' of what the Lord has done in your lives or your families, by sending it in writing to <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>, or sending in a recorded video or audio, or sharing it with one of the leadership team.



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♦ WORSHIP AT WORD OF LIFE CHURCH, REHOBOTH BUILDING

Rehoboth Building continues to be open to the whole WOL family, the community & the general public. The building is OPEN for our regular Sunday & Wednesday services, the Foodbank, the Youth Hub, our Children & Youth programmes & much more.

Please see below:

(1) Actions the CHURCH LEADERSHIP is taking to continue to ensure your safety in line with government and Elim guidance, and

(2) Actions we encourage YOU to take to ensure the collective safety of everyone

What We Are Doing

- (1)Facilitating the registration (via the church website) of attendees to the church services.
- (2)Check-in upon arrival, to aid contact tracing
- (3)Cleaning of shared areas and surfaces
- (4)Opening windows and main doors for ventilation purpose
- (5)Adjusted seating to enable some physical distancing.
- (6)Slightly reduced length of singing time. Separate designated microphones provided per each user (Singers and Speakers during each service)
- (7)Provision of individual packaged communion emblems for all
- (8)Hand Sanitiser stations placed at the Entry Point and Exit points.
- (9)Still not able to join us in person due to having to self-isolate, sickness, old age or other reasons? Online services continue to hold.

What We Ask You To Do

- (1) To please continue to register yourself & members of your family to attend inperson services & check-in with the stewards /ushers upon arrival. You can register via the church website <u>www.wordoflife-lcc.org</u> for each service you wish to attend
- (2) To please come with, and wear a mask during your time in Rehoboth Building except exempt
- (3) To please use the hand sanitisers provided
- (4) The stewards are there to help. Please follow their instructions
- (5) Family members are encouraged to please sit together (except during the time that the children and youth go to the lower hall for the Children's church and Youth connect group)
- (6) We encourage that you proceed with caution in handshaking and hugging
- (7) Please use the main front doors for entry and for exit. The stewards will be on hand to help and guide you

We appreciate your co-operation.

.... CHURCH NEWS Continued

YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / BENEVOLENCE (CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER)

If you have any further concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is very important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader or any of the leadership team know so we can offer prayer and support. In addition, if you are in in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

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..... EXHORTATION

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On the 23rd of November 2021, at about 2:48am, I was woken up by

the smoke alarm in my house. As I opened the door to go into the kitchen I called out to my wife and asked if she was still cooking at this time of the night. To which she replied "NO". There was no smoke or fire in the kitchen, so I decided to go down the stairs and check the garage to see what was going on and as I opened the door, there I saw a flame from the back of the tumble dryer. I shut the door I called out to my wife and asked her to get our youngest daughter down and asked my son to call the fire fighters. This was not a fire you want to burn continually; you definitely want this fire out.

Over the weeks, as I have meditated or tried to recollect what happened, I realised that weeks before the fire, I had been asking the Lord for the theme for the year 2022 and I believe the Lord had laid on my heart. **"Keeping the fire burning".**

Our God is a speaking God, the Bible supports this statement in many ways, that our God is a speaking God. Today we live in a world where we give little attention to our speaking God, yet God is still speaking.

Just like God reminded the priest to keep the fire on the altar burning continuously, I believe God is also speaking to the Church to keep the fire on the altar burning continuously. The fire that morning, for me was a reminder that God wants us to rekindle the lost fire in the church.

Why is it so important that we keep this fire burning?

Fire is an important aspect of a believer's life, the word picture for the Holy Spirit is "FIRE".

Hebrews 1:7

7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

The saints of God are flames of fire.

Believers in Christ must keep that fire burning in their lives, we cannot afford to allow that fire to go out. For us to remain relevant in the sight of the Lord and man, and be overcomers on this earth, we cannot afford to let the fire go out.



Leviticus 9:24.

The fire was so important because it was started directly by God: "Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown"

The fire on the altar, therefore, served as a constant reminder of God's power. On the day Pentecost we are told that the Holy Spirit came on the apostles like tongues of fire.

Acts 2:2-4

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The fire also represented God's presence; it represented the glory of the Lord. We are also told that the children of Israel were led by a cloud of fire by night in their journey through the wilderness.

Exodus 24:17 And the eight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the n

And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop in the eyes of the Israelites.

The fire was a perpetual reminder of God's presence

The continuous fire symbolised daily worship

It symbolised the continual need for atonement

Paul tells us in the book of Romans 12:1

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.

The continual burning of the fire also signifies God's desire to accept what is offered to Him. God desires to accept us, and He accepts us by burning away every dross in our lives. The more the Lord burns, the more acceptable we are to Him. Sacrifices are always placed on an altar.

What is an altar?

An altar represents a place of consecration, a place of sacrifice, a place upon which an offering is made and also represents a person's desire to consecrate their lives fully to God.

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The instructions to the priest were - *And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning*. This was meant to be every morning stoking of the fire; the fire was to burn 365 days a year.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Pauls exhorts the Thessalonians not to quench the Spirit, but before that statement. He uses the words **always – which means continuously and at all times**

He also says without ceasing - this also means continuously

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Paul gives us an idea of how to keep the fire on the altar burning continually, by telling us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything.

These are very key elements in the life of a believer to keep the fire burning continuously, especially in today's world when anything goes.

Many believers are losing their fire, faith and passion. If anything, this pandemic has shown us how fickle, how easy it is for believers to lose the faith, fire and passion for the things of God.

God's message to its Church today is to keep the fire burning. The fire must not go out, keep the fire burning, keep the flame glowing.#

The world must see us burn for Him.

The fire must always be burning on the altar. It must never go out. Levíticus 6:1

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.....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).

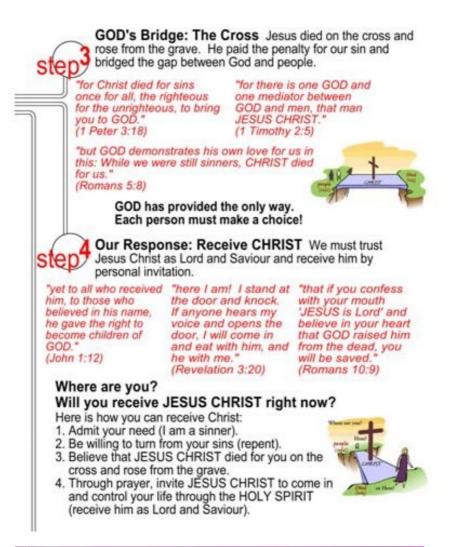
The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of 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.

OD LOVES YOU GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal. "we have peace with "for GOD so loved the GOD through our Lord world that he gave his JESUS CHRIST." only begotten SON, that (Romans 5:1) whoever believes in him should not perish but "I have come that they may have everlasting life." have life in abundance." (John 3:16) (John 10:10) Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have? 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 "for the wages of sin is death, but the short of the glory of GOD." (Romans 3:23) 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...





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Happy Birthday Greetings to all those born in the month of JANUARY and Congratulations to all celebrating Anniversaries this month!



TESTIMONIES



Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

WATER BAPTISM

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at admin@wordoflifelcc.org.



DEDICATIONS

If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing <u>admin@wordoflife-lcc.org</u> or ringing 07930 958 097.



SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf</u> Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/wollcc</u> Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) <u>https://open.spotify.com/</u> show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534

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

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