

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

July 2019

Exploring & Understanding
Suffering



Romans 8: 18

Acts 14: 22

2 Corinthians 4: 8-9

Philippians 3: 10

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.....



Greenwich Park
A ROYAL PARK SE10 8QY



Saturday 20th July

WOL Church

SUMMER GUYING

Everyone please bring your own picnic along. Time & Meeting point TBC

WOL New Members

Welcome!

& Induction Session

Sunday 21st July

Time: 1:15pm

Venue: Lower Hall Community Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

*Friday
26th July*

WOL Day of

prayer & fasting

**Reflecting, Repenting,
and Consecrating our
lives to God again**

PRAYER NIGHT

7 - 10pm

at WOL Church Main Hall, Rehoboth building

SYA Breakfast

for single young adults



Saturday 27th July

**9:30am to 12:30pm
in Thamesmead**

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

Romans 8: 18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Acts 14: 22 (NKJV)

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

2 Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

Philippians 3: 10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

GALLERY ... Big Lunch 2019





Save the Date

FWM Ladies Conference / Retreat

Friday 11th October -
Sunday 13th October

Theme: One Thing Needed
Luke 10: 38 - 42

Venue:
Devere Hotel, Theobalds Estate, Lieutenant
Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN7 5HW

**Cost :- Single Occupancy £195,
Double Occupancy £135**

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Diary Dates

- * **MPact Men's Prayer & Impartation Night** – Friday 19th July at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building from 7pm
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:**
 - 13th July – Men's Leadership Cell Group led by Pastor Rowland Henshaw
 - 27th July – Ladies Leadership Cell Group led by Pastor Folake Henshaw

..... CHURCH NEWS

◆ Remembering With Love

This month we remember our beloved Brother Rotimi Adejumo who graduated to glory and went to be with the Lord on 1st July 2018. We remember Him with great love, affection, and with gratitude to God for His time here on earth. We are greatly comforted that though Bro Rotimi is physically absent in the body, according to the Word of God He is present with the Lord.

We offer up much thanksgiving to God for His precious wife and children, Remi, Atilola and Boluwatife and the grace that has been given them and walked in during this last year. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to strengthen, comfort, keep and bless them, and the wider family in Jesus name Amen.



Rotimi
ADEJUMO

... CHURCH NEWS continued ...

◆ Rehoboth Building Phase 2 Refurbishment

In 2017 we carried out major works in the lower floor as part of phase 1 of the refurbishment of the whole building. We are now looking to move into phase 2 of the refurbishment works. We intend to start off with the toilets on the main floor and are currently obtaining quotes for these. A new boiler is also being purchased for the main floor.

We invite you to support these endeavours by giving financially. If you will like to donate towards any of these, please clearly indicate when giving online or when using offering envelopes during our services. Thank you.

◆ Mission to Uganda

By God's grace, Pastor Rowland and Pastor Folake will be travelling on a Mission Trip to Busubo, Busia Uganda in August. Together with Pastors Bunmi and Bisi Omidiran of The Father's House, they will be partnering with the Elim Gospel Centre Church in

Village: Busubo

Parish: Bulwenge

Sub-county: Buhehe

District: Busia

Region: Eastern Uganda



They will be conducting seminars, teachings and ministering in the area of discipleship, leadership, marriages and children's ministry in mornings. There will be evangelistic outreaches to the area in the afternoon, and gospel crusades in the evening.

We are asking the whole church to really support and coming alongside them in continuous prayer.

The Church in Busubo is asking for help with the provision of 200 Bibles as the lack of Bibles is a big issue over there. The need is for Bibles in English, Luganda and Swahili. The plan is that the Bibles will be purchased through the Bible Society of Uganda (or an affiliate organisation), to get translated copies and to cut down on cost of purchasing and air-freighting from here.

Your financial support and donations is needed to make this happen, as well as for Pastors Rowland and Folake's accommodation and transportation in Uganda during this mission.

Please clearly indicate when giving online, or when using offering envelopes during our services if you are giving towards these. Thank you in advance for your donations and support for this mission.

FIRST WORD

COUNT IT ALL JOY

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Modern teachings in Christianity has tried to teach that Christians are immune from suffering. I am baffled and perplexed by this sort of teaching, as it totally contradicts scriptures and the teaching of Jesus Christ.

The Bible is actually full of scriptures and events which shows suffering and persecution will be part and parcel of the Christian believer's life here on earth

Jesus in John 16:33 said this to his disciples.

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus was saying that as long as we are in this world, we are not immune to affliction, agony, anguish, distress, excruciation, hurt, misery, pain, rack, strait(s), torment, torture, travail, woe etc. However, He also went on to say that He has overcome the world, and as a result, we have become overcomers. I will say it again, because Jesus has overcome the world, we have automatically become overcomers.

God in His infinite wisdom allows us to go through suffering s even as His children, but never for our destruction.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed"

We can be rest assured that the suffering God allows is never to do us harm for we are promised in Romans 8: 28:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Suffering has many faces. The Bible doesn't ignore or fail to inform us of the different experiences of suffering. The Bible recognizes the multifaceted ways that suffering can come upon us and teaches us about these. Let's look at some of them:

1. The suffering that produces patience and endurance in us – James 1:2-4 and Romans 5: 3
2. The suffering that purifies and produces genuine faith – 1 Peter 1:7-10
3. The suffering that prepares us to share in Jesus' glory – Romans 8:17-18
4. The suffering that prepares us for more glory – 2 Corinthians 4: 17 - 18
5. The suffering that attracts God's comfort so we can minister to others – 2 Corinthians 1: 4

.....First Word continued.....

6. The suffering that comes in the form of discipline as part of God's love for us - Hebrews 12:1-11
7. The suffering that comes due to persecution for living godly – 2 Timothy 3: 12
8. The suffering that comes because we are followers of Jesus Christ – John 15: 18 – 20, 1 Peter 4: 12 - 14
9. The suffering that can be as a consequence of sin – Galatians 6:7-8
10. The suffering that comes from the devil – Job 1: 1 – 22 and 1 Peter 5: 8 - 9
11. The suffering can also be as a consequence of our choices – Proverbs 14:12

God does not want us to be ignorant of sufferings or to be afraid of them. He wants us to be confident that even in our sufferings He is with us and there is a greater purpose to them than we can comprehend – Him being glorified.

His desire is that we have Him and eternity in mind during times of suffering. The biggest challenge is that most of us live for self and for now, but when we think of Him and of eternity, we will handle suffering with a different attitude. It will also cause us to respond differently. We will walk in deep faith in those times, knowing who we have believed in and knowing that He is able to keep us till the end.

Hebrews 11:13-16 tells us about the men and women of faith who died in faith. They all had their share of sufferings but they trusted God till the end.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off [e]were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

People of God, let us trust the Lord like these heroes of faith in the Bible till the end, no matter what comes our way.

Finally, the great news is that God has provided more than enough grace to carry us through during the times of suffering, and bring us to a place of overcoming, without us going under. His grace is absolutely sufficient, will you tap into it today and count it all joy

Grace to you.

COUNT IT ALL JOY



GALLERY...Events in June



KTLC South Men's Breakfast



.....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!!!

step 1

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)*

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



*"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)*

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

step 2

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...

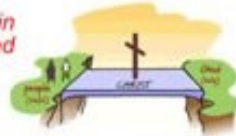
step 3

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)*

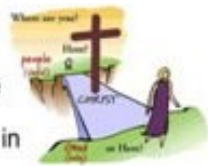
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

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 **JULY** 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

Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw

Peter Unachukwu

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

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Peter Mungai

Barbara Agbudeloye



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