

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

MARCH 2018

**THE RENEWED**

*Mind*

Romans 12: 2

# 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 - - - - -

*Fresh Women's Ministry*

## *Heart to Heart Ladies Night*

Friday, 9th  
March 2018

at Rehoboth  
Building

*Time: 7 - 9pm*

### **M'PACT MENS FELLOWSHIP**

**Word of Life Church, Grove Park, London**

Invites all men to our

## **STRONGMEN'S CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE AND WEEKEND RETREAT**

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL @6PM  
TO  
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL @2PM



Cost: £151.00  
(deposit of £20 is  
required to secure  
your place)  
Contact  
Peter Unachukwu  
[p.una@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:p.una@wordoflife-lcc.org)

Venue:  
King's Park Conference Centre,  
Kings Park Road,  
Northampton, NN3 6LL



# Exhortation - - - - -

## THE RENEWED MIND

*Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

A person with a renewed mind has a choice as to what he/she wants to do or be in life.

Paul in this scripture calls believers to a transformed life, a life that is not conformed to that of the world. I strongly believe that no one can live a transformed life without a renewed mind.

Transformation starts from the mind. The only way you and I can recognise the perfect will of God for our lives is to have a renewed mind.

The reason why many people still remain in the same state of defeat even after becoming believers is because they do not have a renewed mindset. They still live in their past, they set aside the grace and love of God for their lives. Transformed believers instead will embrace and cherish the will of God as the best way and the highest form of life for them. However, without a renewed mind you will remain in the same state of defeat, uncertainty, failure and fear.

Acts 3:2-5

*2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

Peter and John one afternoon met with a man who for over forty years sat at a place called the beautiful gate, yet for him nothing was beautiful. He was crippled from birth and had to be carried everyday to beg for alms. This man was known by everyone who came to the temple. He was crippled, hopeless and in a state of defeat and probably despair.

On this faithful day when he met with Peter and John something happened in this man's life that changed his life forever

The Bible says the man was expectant. What was he expecting? He probably was expecting money from Peter and John but there was an expectation of something good.

Peter and John were not going to give him what everyone else had always given to him. They were going to give him something completely different something that would bring a transformation to his life forever.

Yet it required a mind that would be renewed. You can never receive what God has for you if you do not have a renewed mind.

Unlike everyone else Peter and John did not give him money but they gave him four words that transformed his life but he had to receive those words. "RISE UP AND WALK"

*6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

To arise is a word from the Lord for us this year.

The word ARISE means to

Get up or stand up, rise, get to one's feet, jump up, leap up, spring up · become erect, straighten up.

Many who met with Jesus were commanded to arise and do something that they probably could not do before.

How expectant are you today? Are you at that point in your life where you have lost all hope, where there is no more expectation? You have come to a cross road and you are wondering what is it all about, this Christianity thing.

To arise requires a renewed mind, a decision and determination to arise from what ever situation or circumstance you have found yourself in. It is a determination to change your position or see your position changed.

Many have remained in the same position for years without hope, many have allowed their position of affliction to define their lives.

I am here to challenge you today to have a renewed mind and arise and get up from your position of hopelessness.

Arise from your position of affliction.

Arise from the position of fear.

Transformation starts from your mind. You then go on to believe God for the impossible, obey His command to arise which leads to you walking in His perfect will for your life.

The lame man began to leap and praise God and people were amazed for they had known him to be the man who sat at the beautiful gate begging alms for over 40 years. He could have closed his mind to the words of Peter and John when they said to him, *“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”* Instead he opened his mind, heard their word and responded to it. When we have a renewed mind, we will live a transformed life in Christ. We will be able to test and prove and affirm the good will of God for our lives.





## Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 11th March

Time: 11am

Venue: Rehoboth Building



# Scriptures Of The Month - - -

## Romans 12: 1 - 2

*"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. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

## Philippians 4: 8

*"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."*

## Colossians 3: 1 - 4

*"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."*

## 2 Corinthians 10: 4 - 6

*"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."*

# Church News - - - - -

## ◆ Church Office

The Church office is now based here at Rehoboth Building. Church office opening times are Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm. Telephone number 0208 857 7406. Visits if required during this period is by appointment only

## ◆ Prayer Room

The Prayer room in the lower hall is now available to be used strictly for prayer only. Access to the Prayer room is by request to the Church Administrator or leaders.

Prayer request forms for your prayer needs are also available from the stewards. You are welcome to complete and drop them in the offering basket. A prayer box will be made available in due course.

## ◆ Community Resource Centre (Lower floor)

The Resource Centre in the lower hall is now available for hire. It is made up of a multi-function hall, as well as a small kitchen/chill out room and a large entrance/hallway. These can be used for seminars, workshops, training days, product launches, baby showers, private dinners, extra tuition classes, small events etc...

The multi-function hall is suitable for a maximum of approximately 80 people with a cabaret style seating arrangement, 100 people with theatre style seating arrangement or 120 people standing.

Please visit the Community Resource Centre page on the website by going to <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community> and clicking on community resource centre, for details. You can also email the church administrator at [admin@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org) for more information and to find out about hall availability.

## ◆ 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).

# Youth Corner - - - - -

*This month we are looking at a question you as a Young Person or any of your friends might ask.*



## **Question:**

Has Science disproved the Bible or God? Do Science and the Bible go together?

## **Answer:**

The Bible and true science are not against each other. There is much science that directly supports the Bible. Nor has science disproved the Bible or disproved that there is a God! Some people say this or think this. But this is not true at all. Science cannot prove there is no God. Amazingly there is one area of physics (quantum physics) which actually proves many things the Bible says. But we won't talk about that here!!

It's also important to remember that most science isn't against the Bible or about the Bible. Most scientists are working hard to search for evidence, truth and to do their jobs with excellence. Most of science is doing a great job. But this is about science that wants to try to disprove God or the Bible.

First of all, be aware that much of science and other professions don't have the Bible as their start point. Some scientists have even said that they will never accept that there is a God or that the Bible is true and will do anything to say that it is not true!! In other words, some people are so opposed to the Bible that they will never accept it is true and won't even be scientific about it.

Normally science takes evidence and then decides what conclusions come from the evidence. But when it comes to science and the Bible, things are often different.

You see, people decide what to believe because of their start point. So if I believe that there is no God, then I will look at evidence and make my decisions from what I believe, often to support what I believe. But if I do believe in God then I what I believe will be seen with this kind of perspective. So you may have two people with the same evidence but they will say opposite things... Not because the evidence is not there or because it's different. Instead it's because they have different ideas and different beliefs. Many times when people say the Bible opposes science, they say this because their belief is already that there is no God. And in many nations, if you stand up as a scientist and say you believe the Bible, you will lose funding, lose support and often lose your job. We also live in a world of many so-called experts.

Just because they are called experts doesn't mean they are and doesn't mean what they believe is right! And when it comes to the creation of the earth, some scientists try to use 'historical' science (that means science we can't evidence because it's in the past) rather than science that has proper evidence.

If people looked at the Bible without bias, they would find that time after time the Bible is completely accurate. Science cannot answer every question - it can only answer science questions. Science is also wrong at times because of people's beliefs, their agendas, their desire for funding etc. Science also often disagrees with itself - the same evidence producing different conclusions. People claim that sci-



ence is always based on evidence and the search for truth and that the Bible is not. But this is completely untrue. Discovery after discovery have proved the Bible's claims - in archaeology, in documents discovered and even in science. The Bible and science are not opposed to each other. They are different at times but it is amazing how often people look at science or at the creation or the universe and say it was a chance. But for our world to exist as it does so perfectly and in such a balance, the chances of that happening are so impossible that it is beyond science's own definition of what is impossible.

The Bible tells us that the devil has blocked people's minds against God and that there are people who want to take away your belief in God. If you don't believe this, then ask yourself when you last saw programmes that say the Bible is true or that tell you about the tens of thousands of discoveries that confirm the Bible. Instead, you see people who doubt the Bible making programmes that doubt the evidence mostly. So, we can understand why people around, science and scientists sometimes seem to be against the Bible. But there are hundreds of thousands of Christian scientists all around the world who believe in God, believe in the Bible and are brilliant at their jobs!

So next time someone tells you something that is supposed to prove there is no God or that the Bible isn't true, ask yourself some questions... First, where is this person coming from in terms of what they believe? Second, what is the starting point of how they interpret the evidence? Thirdly, are you being given the complete picture? Fourth, are they applying real science to what they say? Fifth and most important - what does God say? He is the one who created the world and the only one who was there at the beginning of the earth and universe! God created the materials that made the world - something that science cannot do. God and the Bible are completely true and perfect. Science never will be.

We also have to be careful of people who argue against what they say the Bible



# Youth Encounter Retreat

## 6th to 8th April 2018

**Venue: Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Suffolk NR35 2DZ**  
**Price: £118 per person**  
**Contact: [youth@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-lcc.org)**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*greetings to all those born in the month of March and congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries this month!*



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## 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, hand write it ahead of time, or email [info@wordoflife-icc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-icc.org) if you would 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 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 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.

## WORKERS

Please do come early at 10:15am to participate in the Disciples Class and in the Pre-service prayer time.

# More Dates For The Diary - - -

- \* **Heads of Ministries Meeting** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 after the service
- \* **Married Couples Fellowship** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Time and place TBC)
- \* **KTLLC South Men's Breakfast Event** planned for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is **CANCELLED**.
- \* **SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 – Men's Open Cell Group at Grove Park
  - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Ladies Open Cell Group at Grove Park (Sundays)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Youth Cell Group
  - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Church Members currently not in a Cell Group

## 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.
  - 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.*

*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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CHURCH

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