

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

MARCH 2019

LOVE
- THE GREATEST
OF THEM ALL

Part 2

Mark 12: 28 - 34

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.....

Fresh
Women's Ministry

Heart to Heart Ladies Night

Fresh
Women's Ministry

Friday,
8th March
2019

7:30 -
9:30pm



RehobothBuilding
Lower Hall
Word of Life Church
72A Mayeswood Rd,
London, SE12 9RP

An intimate ladies evening - An evening of fun and games, fellowship, praise and worship, testimony / true story, refreshments and more...

Friday 29th
March



WOL Day of
prayer & fasting

Reflecting, Repenting,
and Consecrating our
lives to God again

WOL

Friday
29th March

Prayer
Night

7 - 10pm

at WOL Church Main Hall
Rehoboth building

UPCOMING EVENTS continued



KTLC South

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 30th March

Time & Venue TBC

Sunday 31st March

WOL

Mothering Sunday

Service & Celebration

Time: 11am

Venue: Rehoboth Building



Diary Dates

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **WOL Board Meeting** after the service on Sunday 10th March 2019.
- * **Single Young Adults Fellowship (SYA) Breakfast event** on Saturday 23rd March at 9.30am for all single young adults. Hosted by Pastors Rowland and Folake. Address details available on request
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
 - 9th March 2019 – Ladies Open Cell Group at Bellingham led by Sis Shelly-Ann Sydial
 - 23rd March 2019 – Ladies Open Cell Group led by Sis Yvonne Zammit

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



◆ Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a term used to denote measures to protect the health, well being and human rights of individuals which allow people, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. No single person can have a full picture of the needs or circumstances of a child, young person or vulnerable adult. And it is our biblical mandate to 'Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.' Proverbs 31:8

To this end, we have an appointed Safeguarding Coordinator and a Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator who are the first port of call and are responsible for ensuring the coordination of any concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult, or the behaviour of an adult working with vulnerable groups. The Safeguarding Coordinators are expected to work closely and confidentially with the church and to follow the church safeguarding policies to advice, inform, report and discuss any concerns that an individual may have about a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The Safeguarding Coordinators will liaise with the relevant statutory authorities if and when necessary.

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Please speak to our safeguarding coordinators if you have any concerns/disclosures or if you require advice on a safeguarding matter involving a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The Safeguarding Coordinators in Word Of Life Church are:



Barbara Agbudeloye
Safeguarding Coordinator



Harriet Kattiti
Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator

◆ Clocks

The clocks go forward this month on Sunday 31st March 2019. This means you will lose one hour's sleep.

◆ 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.

◆ Missions and Project Fund

Thank you for your giving towards missions at the first Mission Sunday of the year. A total of £100.50 was donated.

Thanks also goes to all those who continue to give to the project fund for the full refurbishment of the building.

◆ Offering Envelopes & Gift Aid Declaration

Please take note that when filling out an offering envelope and/or gift aid declaration, you should write your "legal" name on the envelopes and forms. This is a legal requirement for HMRC, and for when WOL is being audited. Please do not write the SHORTENED FORM of your name or an ALIAS name. Thank you.

◆ 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

...GALLERY... "Youth Sunday"...



... THOUGHT OF THE MONTH ...



SCRIPTURAL PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Our Father, today, we praise You with our whole heart. We will tell of all Your marvellous works. We will be glad and rejoice in You; we will sing praises to Your Name. We cry out with a loud voice, "Thanks be to our God." As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Your mercy toward those who fear You; as far as the east is from the west, You have removed our transgressions from us. Thank You for being our Father and calling us Your children. Thank You for loving us unconditionally. Thank You for creating us for Your good pleasure.

Father, You have asked us to continue to love one another, for love comes from You. Anyone who loves is Your child and knows You. Those who do not love do not know You, for You are love. You have shown how much You loved us by sending Your one and only Son, Jesus, into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love – not that we loved You, but You loved us and sent Your Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life for ours. We were not worthy, yet, You made us worthy to love and know You. Thank You! Today, we confess that we will love You with all of our hearts, souls, strength and minds, and we will love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Holy Spirit, because God loves us so much, help us to love our neighbour. We have never seen God, but if we love each other, we know that God will live in us and His love will be brought to full expression in us. Holy Spirit, we do not want to grieve You by the way we live. You are the One who has identified us as Your own, guaranteeing that we will be saved on the day of redemption. In this season, help us to let go of any bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behaviour. Instead, help us to be kind to all people, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven us. Break any bondage(s) that is keeping us from loving and caring for people. Help us as a Church Family to draw closer to God, our Father, and Jesus, our Lord, through loving each other. Holy Spirit, heal broken relationships.

Lord, forgive us for not loving and caring for all people. Forgive us for not loving You with our whole hearts. Forgive us for holding grudges and remembering old debts. Forgive us for judging others before getting to know them. Forgive us for being proud, impatient, stubborn, rebellious, or jealous. Please forgive us for not forgiving other people. Remind us to forgive others; and we shall be quick to forgive.

Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. In Jesus' Name, Amen



..... EXHORTATION

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT—TO LOVE—PART 1

By Folake Henshaw

Matthew 22: 36 - 40

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 neighbour as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Mark 12: 28 – 34

28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, [a]perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the [b]first commandment of all?”

29 Jesus answered him, “The [c]first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ [d]This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

32 So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. 33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, [e]with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbour as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” But after that no one dared question Him.

God is love and love is from God.

God first loved us and continues to love us. In response He calls us in return to love too like He loves. To love Him first with all our hearts, soul and mind, and then to love our neighbours, other human beings as ourselves.

The First

The first of the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. This is about loving God with our whole Spirit, Soul and Body. Let’s examine these four areas:

Our heart:

- Our heart is the centre of our lives as people. It consists of both the Spirit and the Soul. God wants us to love Him with our spirit. When we become born again believers, he puts His love in our hearts (our spirit) by the Holy Spirit. God wants us to continue to love Him and grow in that love Him for Him, by allowing the Holy Spirit that in us when we become born again, to rule and reign supreme. He wants us to love him through allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us, lead us, and guide us and cause the spirit man in us to have the upper hand and dominate the soul and the body.

Our Soul:

- Our soul consists of the mind, emotions and will. God calls us to love Him with our mind, in our thought life. He wants us to love Him with our feelings and

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affections. He wants our feelings for Him to be that of unconditional love. He wants us to set our affection on Him. He wants us to love Him with our wills by choosing to make the right decisions that will please Him and glorify His name.

Our mind:

- Our mind consists of our thinking and intellectual process. God calls us to love Him through the thoughts we think about Him. He wants us to have the right mindset and thoughts about Him

Our Strength:

- Our strength refers to our physical strength. God wants us to love by using our bodies to glorify Him. By using our physical energy, skills, abilities, giftings to do His work and build His Kingdom

So, this commandment is about loving God wholeheartedly, with everything that we have and that we are. It is about putting God first and foremost in our lives. Making Him the centre of our lives and beings. This love is treasuring, admiring, delighting in, being crazy about God above all things, as the greatest treasure of our lives. The nature of this love is that which says like the Apostle Paul: **“I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ my Lord”** – Philipians 3: 8

How do we express or live out this love for God?

1. By obeying His commandments

John 14: 15

15 **“If you love Me, [d]keep My commandments.**

John 14: 21

21 **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”**

1 John 5: 2 – 3

2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.**

2. By keeping His Word

1 John 2: 5

5 **But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God [a]is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.**

3. By worshipping Him

John 4: 21 - 24

21 **Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

4. By being in His presence and sitting at His feet

Luke 10: 38 - 42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at [k]Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And [j]Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

5. By loving Him more than our natural family – Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Wife, Brother and Sister

Matthew 10: 37

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Luke 14: 26

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

6. By not loving the world or the things in the world

1 John 2: 15 – 17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

7. With our deeds and not just our words

1 John 3: 18

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth.

Mark 14: 3 – 9

And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly [b]oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. 4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? 5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. 6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. 7 For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. 8 She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. 9 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

In our strength we are not able to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The Holy Spirit is there wanting to help us love God with our all. He is our helper. Let's turn to Him for grace to help us love the Lord the way he wants us to



.....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)*

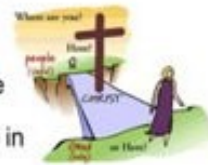
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

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).



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NOTICES

Happy Birthday Greetings
to all those born in the
month of **MARCH** 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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