

**WORD OF LIFE CHURCH**

bulletin

**MAY 2019**

*Understanding*  
**SPIRITUAL  
WARFARE**



**2 Corinthians 10: 3 - 5**

**Ephesians 6: 10 - 18**

**1 Peter 5: 8 - 9**

*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](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.....

## CELEBRATION SERVICE

with  
**Pastor James Egodibie**  
from Solid Rock Church in Derby

on  
**Sunday 12th May 2019**



**Time: 11.00am**

**WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building**

*Friday  
31st May*

## 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**



## WOL Evangelism Training

# REVIVAL & REFORMATION ACADEMY

**WITH EVANGELIST KRISTIAN LYTHE**

**Saturday 25th May 2019**

**Time: TBC**

**Venue: WOL Church, Main Hall Rehoboth building**

# UPCOMING EVENTS continued

EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
Let's have a **Big Lunch!**  
Street Party

**FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN FOR ALL**



**Sunday 2nd June 2019**  
**1pm - 4pm**

**Mayeswood Road / Leafy Oak Road**

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD OR ENJOY A FREE LUNCH!**



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# MISSIONS SUNDAY

26th May 2019

11am - 1pm

at WOL Church, Main Hall, Rehoboth building

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Diary Dates

- \* **WOL Heads of Ministries / Ministry Leaders Meeting** after the Sunday service on Sunday 12th May 2019
- \* **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
  - 11th May 2019 – Men's Open Cell Group led by Bro Taiwo Adeniran - meet at 12noon at Rehoboth building
  - 18th May 2019 – Ladies Open Cell Group led by Sis Lisa Martin

# ..... CHURCH NEWS .....

## ◆ **WOL Senior Leadership Appointment**

This is to announce that Bro Peter Unachukwu has been appointed to join the WOL Senior Leadership. This Senior Leadership is the church eldership. We welcome him to this new role and pray that the Lord will grant him great wisdom, knowledge, understanding, grace and anointing to fulfil this new role

## ◆ **Welcome & Consolidation Room**

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

## ◆ **Communicating with You**

We want to make sure we are reaching you as part of WOL with the news of what is going on. For this reason, we use various methods to communicate including social media apps like WhatsApp. This enables us to get news to you quickly.

There is a general church WhatsApp for everyone, as well as a separate one for the Men and Women respectively to communicate issues relevant and of benefit to them. If you do not receive communications from us this way, it will mean you are not added on to the WhatsApp groups. Please kindly contact us so we can add you on, if you will like this. Thank you.

## ◆ **Easy Fundraising - DONATE FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING!**

You can now help WOL Church raise funds **for free** when you shop online... at [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk). **Easy fundraising** is a brilliant way to raise money for **Word of Life**. Shop online from **over 2,700 retailers** and they'll give a donation every time you buy something, at no extra cost to you. **YES, it is true!** So, this month we are highlighting this as a fantastic way to give in a way that it actually costs you nothing!

## Here's how it works



### 1. Start at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com), you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first – or you can use the easy fundraising toolbar.



## 2. Make a purchase

You click from the easyfundraising website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly.



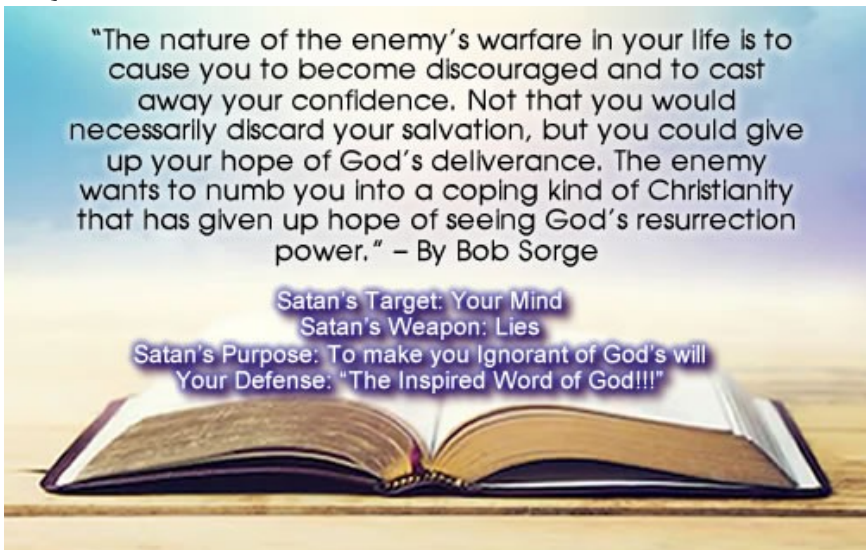
## 3. Get a donation

After you have bought your shoes, John Lewis will make a donation to our cause as a thank you for shopping with them. easyfundraising collect these donations for us, & it costs nothing!

For more details and to do this please visit the relevant page on the church website on this link: <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/easy-fundraising>.

If you have any questions about this or need any help to access it, please email us at [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org).

# ... QUOTES OF THE MONTH ...



# SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

## 2 Corinthians 10: 3 - 5

*3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 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,*

## Ephesians 6: 10 - 18

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—*

## 1 Peter 5: 8 -9

*<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

## ...GALLERY... Mothers Day...





## **UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

*By Reverend Rowland Henshaw*

2 Corinthians 10: 3 - 5

Ephesians 6: 10 - 18

1Peter 5: 8 - 9

Many Christians today do not have an understanding of what spiritual warfare is. Many have focussed more on getting angry with people, seeing fellow humans as their enemies and concentrated their fight and battle with them.

Paul in two of our key scriptures alludes to the fact that our weapons of warfare are not made of flesh. – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

In another scripture he makes it clear that our battles are not with flesh and blood but against powers and principalities in the heavenlies. Ephesians 6:10-18

Peter now tells us who our enemy is. – 1Peter 5:8-9

***8 Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.]***

It is therefore of uttermost importance to pause and rethink our battles.

There are times when some situations are beyond our control or limit, and you wonder where did you go wrong. Some of these situations or problems can result to a life of struggles and frustration. To overcome these difficult situations in our lives, we need to know or ask the question, why am I going through these situations? What or where is the source?

When you and I became born again we became a target for the devil. Why? Because we have crossed from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, which is the Kingdom of God. Satan is not happy that we no longer serve him. The best he can do is frustrate us, and do everything possible to make us return to his dominion.

The other side of spiritual warfare is that as born-again believers, we have been commissioned by Jesus to win souls and make disciples of all nations. In order to win souls and make disciples, we have to walk in the authority that Christ gave us when He rose from the grave and win our brothers, our sisters, our children, our neighbours and our community to Christ. This calls for warfare, because the god of this world has blinded their minds not to hear or receive the good news – 2 Corinthians 4:3-4.

### **HOW DO WE WIN FIGHT THESE BATTLES?**

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

***3 For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh and using the weapons of man. 4 The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.***

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

God has given us specific weapons to battle the enemy. Using the wrong weapons will result in our defeat. Many of us sometimes resort to earthly weapons: anger, malice, cursing, legal actions, etc.

Paul now tells us in the book of Ephesians 6:10-12 what to do.

His first statement is for us to be strong in the Lord, he tells us to draw our strength and inspiration from the Lord based on our relationship with Him.

You will never understand how to fight your spiritual battle if you do not know who you are in Christ Jesus.

***10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.***

He now encourages us to put on the whole armour of God, not partial armour but the whole armour of God. You cannot fight this battle with your own wisdom, you cannot fight this battle in isolation. Some believers when they are in serious battles, they think that is when they should stay away from God and their brothers and sisters in Christ. No you don't stay away you draw near to God, and other believers, and you put on the whole armour of God.

***11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil.***

Paul now makes it clear why he wants us to put on the whole armour of God, because we are not fighting people. Your colleague is not your enemy, your spouse is not your enemy, your child is not your enemy, people in your household are not your enemy.

***12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.***

**TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY AND STAY VICTORIOUS YOU HAVE TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR.**

Paul continues in this letter to the Church by showing the Church the required armour for the battle. He advises the Church to stand firm by putting on the following armour.

1. The belt of truth
2. The breastplate of righteousness
3. Strapped on your feet the gospel of peace
4. Shield of faith
5. The helmet of salvation
6. The sword of the Spirit
7. Praying in the Spirit

***14 So stand firm and hold your ground, having tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart), 15 and having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed***

***stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. 16 Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the laming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.***

We do not put on and put off this armour like we do with our clothing. We consciously and intentionally wear these, sleep and wake up wearing them.

People of God we should never be ignorant of the schemes or the devices of the enemy, his sole aim is to derail you, accuse you, and cause you to be bitter and angry.

In this battle apart from the armour, we also have weapons of attack. The armour protects us but with our weapons we advance in the battle.

1. The name of Jesus – Philippians 2:9-10
2. The word of God - Hebrews 4:12
3. The power of the Spirit – Acts 10:38
4. The blood of Jesus – Revelation 12:11

We must know that by living with an understanding of who we are and what Christ has done for us we are always on the winning side.

My brothers and my sisters stand firm in the knowledge of the victory of Calvary. Fight like victors and not as victims.

## ...GALLERY... UnlImited Praise...



# .....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)*

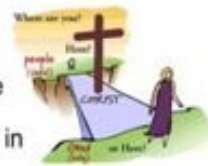
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."  
(Romans 10:9)*

**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 **MAY** 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](mailto: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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