# Word of Life Church

**NOVEMBER 2018** 

## The God of All



2 Corinthians 1: 3

## 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.

**FRID AY** at WOL Church lower ground hall, Rehoboth building **7pm-8.30pm** (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub

**SATURD AY** 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 6 RO UP** (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>, 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**





#### THE GOD WHO COMFORTS

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

As Christians, we will go through many situations that will sometime cause us to question the existence of God, situations that will create doubt or liturgy in us. Many times, we are faced or bombarded with circumstances that challenges our faith.

I am yet to see a Christian who is immune from the challenges of life. It could be health related, it could be challenges with children, it could be challenges with work, it could be with waiting for the right partner, it could be with the fruit of the womb and many more.

Yet the word of God says in Psalm 34:18-20

18 The LORD is near to the broken-hearted; He saves the contrite in spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all. 20 He protects all his bones; not one of them will be broken....

The Lord has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, His Grace which is His strength is what keeps us going.

Paul in 2 Corinthians 12, tells us about his trials and how he had called to the Lord and the Lord's response was 9 .... "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Jesus says to His disciples in Joh 16:33 **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."

Scriptures says in the book of proverbs 16:16 For though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin.

When Paul began his letter to the Corinthian Church in 2 Corinthians 1 with these words 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Paul was introducing the Church to the Father of mercies and comfort who

is able to comfort in every situation and circumstances we may find ourselves in.

God also expects us to be a source of comfort to others who maybe going through similar situation, with the same comfort that we have been comforted.

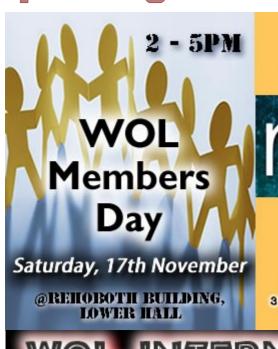
What ever you are going through today, someone had gone through it before and you are going through it because God has faith in you and has promised never to leave you nor forsake you. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Jesus said to Peter in Luke 22, 31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

Just like Peter was prayed for Jesus even though Peter messed up, but Jesus knew Peter would return but he returns he was to strengthened to others, we have been comforted so that we may bring comfort to others. In us we have no strength but our testimonies, testifies of God goodness and brings comfort and strength to others.



## **Upcoming Events**



KT LCC South

## refuel Night

Time: 7 - 10pm

VENUE: LCC SOUTH HUB 38 KENNINGTON PARK ROAD LONDON SE11 4RS



## **Youth Arena**

This is our corner for young people. This month we begin to look at FAITH and what it really means.

#### Hebrews 11: 1

"Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]."

#### 1. Faith is NOT about believing God one minute and not the next

James 1.5-8 says that if we ask God for wisdom we should not doubt what God tells us. (Sometimes it's hard to know what God has said I know, but this is another matter! We can check it by lining it up with the Word of God, asking other Christians etc.) We must try hard not to be indecisive - this messes with our head. Sometimes we just have to make a choice, go with it and stick with it.

In Exodus 14, the Israelites had escaped from Egypt through God's power. Eventually they came to the Red Sea and were seemingly trapped. They looked in the distance and saw a furious Pharaoh heading their way with a bunch of top soldiers. What did the people do? They slagged off Moses and disrespected him. '. Why did you bring us out here? Are you trying to get us killed? We should have stayed in Egypt..' Moses responded in faith. The sea parted and we know the rest. Our attitude should be like Moses not like the people!

What about the example of Mary and Zechariah in Luke 1? Though both had doubts about the practical arrangements of God's promises, Mary believed and this set her apart.

## 2. Faith is NOT about believing only when things are OK or when we 'understand'

In the 5 games of the 2005 cricket 'Ashes' series between England and Australia, the games swung one way and then the other - Australia on top, England on top. It was like a see-saw until England ran out winners. Faith means keeping the faith, even when there are ups and downs.

## **Youth Arena**

In 1 Kings 17.17-24, Elijah raised a boy from the dead by faith. Even when this boy had died in the same house where Elijah was staying and his mother was understandably stressed out at Elijah, he responded in faith and the boy was raised from the dead.

What was the point of this story? Well, verse 24 explains it - "And the woman said to Elijah, By this I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth." So the purpose was to bring glory to God and to prove that the Word of God is faithful, true, living and powerful. Our life of faith is a pointer to the Lord God.

#### TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites - Talks\*

## Scripture Of The Month - - -



#### 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any [a] trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our [b] consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation"

## **Church News**

#### ♦ WOL Board

This month at the members day, the church will have the opportunity to select a new male member representative on to the church board. This will be a member of the congregation who sits on the church board to represent church members and participate in making decisions with regards church finance, employment, property etc. So, we encourage everyone to please attend the yearly members day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### ♦ Church Survey

The feedback, comments, and suggestions is currently being looked at a team of members from the church. Once this exercise is completed by the team, it will be submitted to the senior leadership for prayerful consideration, and as the Lord leads implementation will start from the new year.

#### **♦ Children's Church Service**

Over the last few months we have piloted the children's church. Following a review this will now run in a slightly different way from the 2nd Sunday in November.

From Sunday 10th November 2018 the children's ministry workers and the children will all participate in the praise and worship in the main service from 11am to 11.35am before leaving for the children's church downstairs. The children's church will continue to take place every Sunday apart from the 1st Sunday of each month. The children's church will include a time of prayers, the Word of God, an opportunity to give in their service, and afterwards the children being placed in age related small groups. Finally, there will be some fun time and light refreshments.

Parents if you want to drop off your child at the children's church yourself please kindly use the side entrance to the lower hall downstairs to drop them off. A steward will also be on hand to help.

We ask for everyone's continued prayers and support for this going forward. If you have any questions please speak with Sis Lisa Martin or contact her by emailing at L.Martin@wordoflife-lcc.org. Thank you.

### Notices

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of November 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 email info@wordoflife-lcc.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.

## More Dates For The Diary - - -

- Chosen Generation Hub
  - > Friday 9th November 7pm
  - > Friday 23rd November 7pm
- \* SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach
  - > 3rd November 2018 Ladies Leadership cell group in Thamesmead
  - > 10th November 2018 Men's Leadership cell group in Thamesmead
- \* Married Couples Fellowship (MCF) Sun, 18 November at 3pm.Venue TBC.

#### "Watch out for these in December"

- WOL Corporate Church Prayer and Fasting from 1st of December 2018
- \* WOL Christmas Party for Children 8th December 2018
- FWM Ladies Christmas Dinner on 14th December 2018
- \* WOL Christmas Party for Youth 21st December 2018
- \* Christmas Hampers Project Packing and distribution on 22nd Dec 2018

#### 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. <u>Please continue to park properly in</u> <u>the right places stated</u> 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.
- > <u>Keeping noise levels down</u> 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

Barbara Agbudeloye



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