

God Inhabits Our Praises!



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 \rightarrow 3–5 years
 - > Bright Believers & Faith Fighters → 6–9 years & 10–12 years
 - > Chosen Generation Youth \rightarrow 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 <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>, telephone 0208 857 7406 or speak to any of the leaders after the service.

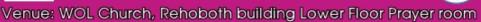
Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

.....UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETING TO PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

(Mark 11:22-24)

Date: Sunday 3rd November Time: 1:15 - 2.00pm



WOL International Thanksgiving Day Service & Celebration

From 11am @ Rehoboth Bulding

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SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Fellowship Meal afterwards in the Lower Hal

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

WOL Day of Prayer & Fasting Friday 29th November 2019

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WOL Corporate Church Prayer & Fasting 1st - 14th December 2019



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You are invited to a Special Service . .



Sunday, 8th December 2019 @ 11am

Praise & Worship by the And Much Chosen Generation Youth (CGY) Choir More

Venue: Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building, 72a Mayeswood Road, London, SE12 9RP

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When last have you shared your testimony with someone? Why not share your salvation experience or something that God has done for you with someone this month?

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- * Chosen Generation Youth Hub
 - Friday 8th November 7pm
 - Friday 22rd November 7pm
- * WOL Heads of Ministry Meeting 10th November CANCELLED
- * WOL Leaders Meeting (Preparation for 2020 / Training) Sat,16th Nov- 2 5pm
- * SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach
 - 2nd November Men's Leadership Cell Group led by Pastor Rowland
 - 16th November Ladies Leadership Cell Group led by Pastor Folake



WOL Christmas Party for Children - Sunday 15th December

FWM Ladies Christmas Dinner - Friday 13th December

MPact Men's Christmas Dinner - Saturday 14th December

Chosen Generation Youth Christmas Party - Friday 20th December

Christmas Hampers Project Packing & Distribution - Sat, 21st December

..... CHURCH NEWS

• Thank You!

A massive thank you to everyone who participated in last month's "clean up" of Rehoboth building. Thank you for the attention and time you gave to the house of the Lord. You all did a fantastic job! May the Lord take care of your home as you made yourself available to look after His house. Thank you also goes to Sis Ninie Unachukwu for organising and co-ordinating. God bless you all richly.

♦ I am ANDREW

Who is Andrew?

Andrew was one of the first disciples Jesus called during His earthly ministry. The first chapter of John's gospel recounts how Andrew learnt who Jesus was – and then immediately found his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to meet the Son of God. Today, you can do the same by praying for family members, friends, neighbours, and co-workers who don't know Jesus and then bring them to hear the gospel.

We are partnering with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) next year to spread the gospel and win souls for the Lord. To this effect we are introducing "I am ANDREW" in which we ask you to introduce a friend to Christ.

Next year we will be hosting "I am ANDREW" Sundays and ask you to prepare to do four things:

- 1. Pray write down the name of at least one person who needs Jesus and pray each day for them
- 2. Bring Bring them to the evangelistic event that will be taking place at the O2 arena next year 4th October 2020
- 3. Share Spend time with them to deepen friendship
- 4. Follow up Invite them to WOL church with you

We will be a host for the Borough of Lewisham for the BGEA Christian Life and Witness course in April / May 2020 . Here you, and others will learn how to share your faith effectively and verbally present the gospel - Topics include *The Effective Christian Life, The Christian Witness, and How to Follow-up and Disciple New Believers.*

More information and details will be communicated on an ongoing basis. Please look out for this.

Church Services & Meetings

This is an encouragement to all you WOL members about regular attendance. The Bible in the book of Hebrews encourages us to not forsake the coming together, or the gathering together of Christian believers as we see the day of the Lord (His return) approach.

We want to admonish you to please give utmost priority to your attendance at church services, church meetings, cell group meetings etc. Let's come together for teaching,

... CHURCH NEWS continued ...

fellowship, exhortation, admonition, discipleship and much more. Let's be faithful to do this in the local church God has planted us and let us also encourage each other too as well. Let's honour the Lord by consistently being regular, punctual and on time too! The Lord will honour us as we honour Him. This is for our benefit and blessing, and also part of the way we seek God's Kingdom first.

Christmas Hampers

Christmas is around the corner and as a church we are looking again to be a blessing to our community / borough by giving out Christmas hampers to the needy and poor, not forgetting those in our midst that might need that help.

Each hamper will have everything that an average family of 4 requires for a lovely Christmas meal. The items include a good sized turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, carrots, sprouts, cranberry sauce, peanuts, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, and a bottle of sparkling non-alcoholic wine (12 items).

This year our target is £2,500. This will help cover the cost of 100 Christmas hampers which will help feed over 400 individuals at Christmas and also put the gospel message in their hands. A donation of £25 will help purchase a Christmas Hamper for

a family of 4 plus material containing the gospel message. To do this we need your support in giving towards this initiative. We encourage you to give generously. A donation of $\pounds 25$ will provide a hamper for a family of 4 to 5.



♦ Hall for Hire

Rehoboth building is available for use at various times throughout the week and open to the community for multiple purposes. The Resource Centre (lower floor) is made up of a multi-function hall, as well as a kitchen/chill out room, a medium sized 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.

The main hall in Rehoboth Building is also open for use to members of the community. It has a capacity of approximately 180 seats. However, its use is reserved exclusively for church services, including weddings, funerals or child dedication services. Flyers are available on the information table or you can also find details by going to the church's website and clicking on "Venue Hire" or visiting https://www.hallshire.com/halls/view/5516/rehoboth-building. Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for more information if required and to find out about hall availability. Please help spread the word and tell others that might need it.

• Easy Fundraising

DONATE FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING! You can now help WOL Church raise funds <u>for free</u> when you shop online... at 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, <u>at no</u> <u>extra cost to you</u>. YES, it is true! So, as we prepare to enter the Christmas season and you do your shopping, 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

Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com, you go to 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, and it costs nothing!

For more details & to donate please go to this link: <u>http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/</u> index.php/donations/easy-fundraising. If you have any questions or need any help to access it, please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

.... GALLERY OF PHOTOS



... PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH ...

- Praise God for His holiness, mercy and justice (2 Chronicles 20:21, Psalm 99:3-4).
- 2. Praise God for His grace (Ephesians 1:6).
- 3. Praise Him for His goodness (Psalm 135:3).
- 4. Praise God for His kindness (Psalm 117).
- 5. Praise God for His salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)

.... QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Until God opens the next door, praise Him in the hallway – *Author unknown*

"If a man just stops to think what he has to praise God for, he will find there is enough to keep him singing praises for a week – *Dwight L Moody*

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" – Thomas Ken



THE POWER OF PRAISE IN YOUR MOUTH

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Key Scripture:

1 Peter 2:9

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Our mouth is a special gift from God that He has given to us. It is a powerful gift and a multi faceted gift. We use it to eat, to speak, to pray, to confess, to declare, to decree, to cry, to proclaim, to preach, to teach, to bless, to praise, to worship, to communicate etc.

One very important reason God gave us our mouths is to praise Him

To praise the Lord is a command that God gives us His people. We are commanded to praise God. It is a command that He expects us to obey. It has been said that there are approximately 250 commands and declarative statements about praising God in the Bible

What is Praise?

The dictionary meaning of this word praise:

Praise - (verb):

- 1. To express approval and commendation of; applaud, eulogize.
- 2. To express adoration of; glorify (God, etc).

Praise - (noun):

- 1. Commendation expressed, as of a person for his virtues, or concerning meritorious actions; utterance of approval; honor given; also, applause.
- 2. Thanksgiving for blessings conferred; laudation to God; worship expressed in song.
- 3. The object, ground, reason, or subject of praise.

In the context of the Bible:

One Hebrew word for "praise" is *yadah*, meaning "praise, give thanks, or confess." A second word often translated "praise" in the Old Testament is *zamar*, "sing praise." A third word translated "praise" is *halal* (the root of *hallelujah*), meaning "to praise, honor, or commend." All three terms contain the idea of giving thanks and honor to one who is worthy of praise.

In just one Psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150 uses the term praise thirteen times in six verses. The first verse provides the "where" of praise—everywhere! "Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. The next verse teaches "why" to praise the Lord: "Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness."

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Verses 3–6 note "how" to praise the Lord—with a variety of instruments, dance, and everything that has breath. Every means we have to make sound is to be used to praise the Lord!

In summary

"Praising God is not a feeling. Praising God is a conscious activity. We praise God by thoughtfully extolling His goodness, His greatness, His majesty, His love, His grace, His mighty deeds on our behalf, etc. We praise Him by saying praise worthy things about Him"

Praise is part of our worship of Almighty God. We express our approval, thankfulness, and respect for Almighty God by offering praises to Him. This kind of thankfulness then becomes part of our worship of our Great God.

One of the reasons God gave us our mouths is to praise him with our words, our singing, our shouting etc

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Why should we praise him?

- He commands us to
- He is our creator •
- He is our heavenly father •
- He loves us •
- He laid down His life for us •
- He has forgiven us .
- He has given us His Holy Spirit .
- He has given us His Word ٠
- He is a good God ٠
- He is Holy •
- He is all powerful •
- He is with us and will never leave • us
 - He has a purpose for your life

When we look at God's attributes we have more reasons to praise Him:

- He is great
- He is excellent •
- He is wisdom .
- He is Holy .
- He is patient •
- He is changeless •
- He is merciful •
- He is almightv •
- He is glorious •
- He is righteous •
- He is just •
- He is grace •
- He is majestic •
- He is all knowing •
- He is true •
- He is pure •
- He is faithful •
- He is magnificent •
- He is worthy •
- He is the lifter of your head

Where should we praise God?

Everywhere Psalm 149: 5, Psalm 150: 1, Psalm 95: 2, Psalm 35: 18

- He is your savior •
 - He is your hope
- He is your sufficiency •
- He is your comforter •
- He is Lord of Lords •
- He is King of Kings
- He is your restorer •
- He is your resting place •
- He is your strong tower •
 - He is your deliverer
- He is your refuge from the storm ٠
 - He is your peace
- He is your healer •
- He is your shade from the heat ٠
- He is your mighty counselor •
- He is your hiding place •
- He is your shield ٠
- He is your sustainer •
- He is your Lord •

When should we praise God?

At all times

Hebrews 13: 15

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name".

Psalm 113:3

"From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord's name *is* to be praised".

How can we respond to the command to praise Him?

- Do it with your mouth, not just your mind Psalm 51:15, 63:5,66:8, 66:17, 71:8, 15, 24, 105:2, 109:30, 119:171-172, 145:21
- Thank God continuously Psalm 71:6, 8, 14-15, 75:9, 79:13, 92:1-2, 115:18, 145:2
- Tell people about God's wondrous works Psalm 26:7, 96:3
- Thank and praise God in front of your brothers and sisters in the congregation, among many people- Psalm 22:22, 25, 26:12, 35:18,68:26, 111:1, 116:19
- Among the unsaved of all nations, thank and praise God Psalm 18:49, 57:9, 96:10, 108:3
- Praise God to the next and all generations Psalm 79:13, 102:18, 145:4
- Sing praises to God, sing with understanding, and make it glorious Psalm

7:17, 47:7, 66:2, 66:4, 9:2, 27:6, 28:7, 57:9, 61:8,63:7, 68:4, 32, 69:30, 71:22-23, 92:1, 96:2, 101:1, 104:33, 105:2,135:3, 146:2

Even sing for joy in your bed - Psalm 149:5

- Do it with all your heart Psalm 9:1, 86:12, 111:1, 138:1
- Be glad and rejoice in God Psalm 9:2
- Shout for joy, rejoice Psalm 33:3
- Be creative in your praise (write or sing God a NEW song, not always the same old one) Psalm 33:3, 149:1
- Remember and praise God's names Psalm 44:8, 45:17, 54:6
- Encourage others to praise and thank God Psalm 67:3-5

What happens when we Praise God?

It paves the way for Gods power to be displayed and demonstrated. In the atmosphere of praise:

- Souls are added to the Kingdom of God Acts 2:46-47
- Miracles happen Paul and Silas Acts 16:25- 26
- The transformation of the soul takes place
- God inhabits our praises. He dwells in our praises Psalm 22:3

- God's presence is released and there is fullness of Joy. Our spirits become renewed and refreshed – Psalm 16:11
- Things change situations change, minds change, attitudes changes, lives change, you are changed.
- The joy of the Lord is released which produces strength in us
- You experience God's victory 2 Chronicles 20:22,
- It opens the door of God's blessings Psalm 100: 4
- You overcome satan and his cohorts Psalm 149
- Your eyes are taken off self and your situation and focused on God.
- Faith in God is released and we please God Hebrews 11:6

Praise is a vehicle of faith which brings us into the presence and power of God. Praise is a "gate-pass" which allows us to enter the sacredness His glory.

Acknowledgements:

Book: "The Prayer That Changes Everything – The Hidden Power of Praising God by Stormie Omartian

Articles:

- 1. Praise the Lord by Bob Wilkin
- 2. The power of Praise and Worship by Dr Dale Robbins
- 3. Christian Net

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

Acts 2: 46 - 47 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Psalm 22: 3 (NKJV) But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

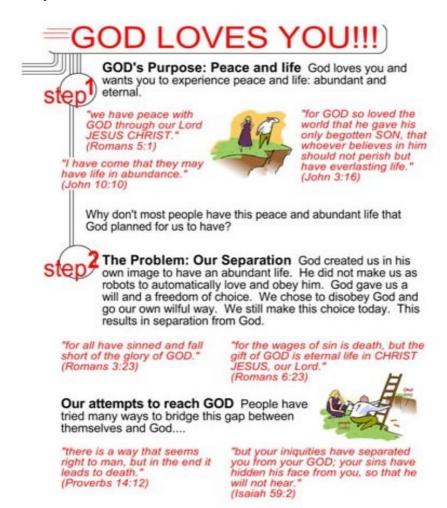
Psalm 22: 22 - 31 (NKJV) ²² I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.²⁵ My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, ³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

.....GOD LOVES YOU

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

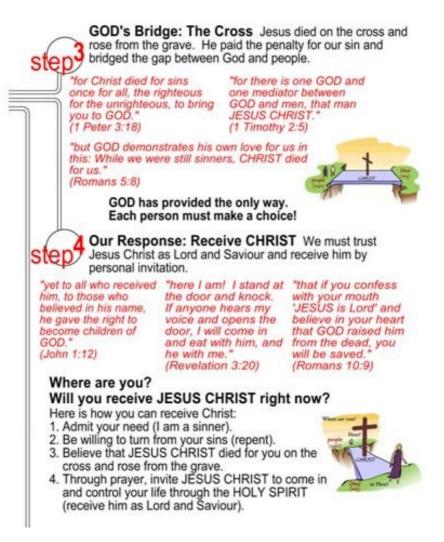
The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

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.



No bridge reaches GOD ... except one ...

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Happy Birthday Greetings to all those born in the month of NOVEMBER 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@wordoflifelcc.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.





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.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES

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



a, 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.
- <u>Utilities</u>: 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. <u>Please continue to park</u> <u>properly in 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.
- 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

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