

Word of Life Church

bulletin

SEPTEMBER 2018

Go Forward in God

Exodus 14: 15

Philippians 3: 13 - 14

2018, Our Year of Digging Deeper, And Launching Out Into The Deep
Key Scriptures - Matthew 13:44 – 46, Luke 5:4

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.

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, 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 - - - - -

We Welcome...
**Reverend
Gareth Lewis**



*to Word of Life Church, as
he ministers at our Family
Celebration Service on*

*Sunday, 2nd
September 2018*



Women's Ministry

**Heart to Heart
Ladies Night**

**Friday,
7th September**

7:30 - 9:30pm



**Rehoboth
Building
(Lower Hall)**

KTLC South
REFUEL Night

Friday, 28th September

FROM 7PM

**VENUE:
LCC SOUTH HUB
KENNINGTON PARK ROAD
LONDON SE11**

**WOL All Workers
Strategy Meeting**

Saturday 15th September

10am - 3pm

Rehoboth Building - Lower floor



Exhortation - - - - -

GO FOWARD IN GOD

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

For 430 years the children of Israel were in Egypt, and for part of the 430 years they were slaves in the hands of a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. *Exodus 1:8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.* This Pharaoh made the lives of the children of Israel unbearable, they were used and abused. The children of Israel had no voice and no deliverer, but the children of Israel continued to cry out to God for deliverance. For years it felt as though their God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had abandoned His people.

Then God raised a young man, an Israelite in the palace of Pharaoh as a deliverer for the children of Israel.

The word of the Lord was clear: I have heard the cry of the children of Israel and I have come down to set them free.

Exodus 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

There are times when as believers we have prayed and fasted and done everything we know how to do and like the children of Israel we have not seen any change, we feel stuck in the mire and there is no way out. Everything around you is saying you will never come out of this, but I am here to tell you and encourage you that it does not really matter how long it takes God will show up for you. Scripture says in *Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.* The key statement here is not lose heart.

God through mighty signs and wonders rescued the children of Israel from the hand of Pharaoh, only for them to find themselves stuck between the red sea and the army of Pharaoh.

I have come to realise that when someone has been in a situation for years they can become used to their situation and every attempt to rescue them can meet with resistance. The children of Israel had become so accustomed to slavery so much so that when they were confronted with this situation it was easier for them to want to return to Egypt.

Exodus 14: 10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

Sometimes as believers we get stuck in life. A bit like being stuck in traffic, stuck in the mud, stuck in a job we don't like, stuck in sin, stuck in a spiritual rut. We may be stuck in a bad situation, stuck with sickness, stuck in different situations, but God wants to help us go forward.

God does not want His children to be stuck, He wants us to go forward. He wants us to

cooperate with Him. He wants us to have the confidence to call on Him when we are stuck.

Moses cried to God, but God's response was for Moses and the children of Israel to go forward.

Exodus 14:15 And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward."

God asked the children of Israel to **"Go Forward."** God does not waste His words, when He says go forward He has everything in hand.

People of God, God does not want us to focus on our situation, He wants our eyes to be on Him. The red sea might still be visible, the Egyptian Army might still be visibly behind you but God is saying **"Go FORWARD"**

"I will never leave you nor forsake you. I am here to protect, guide and lead you to your destiny."

Paul the Apostle despite all the opposition he met when he became a Christian was resolved not to allow the opposition to stop his progress, he said in *Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Our goal as believers is to move on to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. We do not have any excuse to remain at the same place forever. We must take our focus of our circumstance and put our eyes on Jesus. That way we will be able to fulfil God call for our lives.

The Hebrew writer wrote to the Hebrews encouraging them to progress in their Christian walk and not remain at the same spot. God wants us to progress and mature as believers.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

We have been delivered and set free to go forward in God. Do not remain in the same place. Grow in your spiritual walk with God. Mature, discern between what is good and evil and do exploit.

Hebrews 5:12-14

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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Upcoming Events



Fresh, Fruitful & Flourishing

Ladies Conference 2018

Saturday, 20th October

9am - 5pm

Marriott Hotel, 1 Broadway
Bexleyheath, DA6 7JZ

Early Bird Price
£40.00 until 5th October 2018

Standard Price
£45.00 per person from 6th October 2018

Includes: A full lunch, drinks, and a variety of light refreshments all day.

For further details, please contact Phoenicia Oyeniji at fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org

Register here:

<http://wordoflife-lcc.org/fresh/register>

Theme:
"Beautifully Adorned - Inside, Out"

1 Peter 3: 3 - 4
Proverbs 31: 22, 25 & 30

Speakers on the day...



Pastor Shola Oladipo



Pastor Amanda Dye



Pastor Toyin Awoyera

CHOSEN GENERATION YOUTH HUB



for ages 11 to 21

every fortnight Friday 7pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road,

Grove Park SE12 9RP

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WOL Community Initiatives - -

HALL FOR HIRE



Rehoboth building's Community Resource Centre is located in Grove Park, London.

It is available for use at various times throughout the week & weekends & is open to the community for multiple purposes.

Contact us for more information & booking details:

Email: admin@wordoflife-lcc.org

Telephone: 0208 857 7406

Word of Life Church
Rehoboth Building
72A Mayeswood Road
Grove Park, SE12 9RP

- * Multi-function hall
- * Kitchen available if required
- * Large Entrance /Hallway
- * Capacity for 80 - 100 people
- * A Main Hall is also available for church services, weddings, funerals, child dedication services. Capacity for 140 sitting
- * In-house Catering Services available on request



Church News - - - - -

◆ Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Esther-Grace Unachukwu and Hannah-Faye Agbudeloye for their amazing success in the recent GCSE examinations. Well done, we are so proud of you! We pray that the Lord will guide you into His planned future for your lives, and grant you more success in the years to come.



◆ Prayers

Please remember to pray for all our children who are returning to school this September. Please pray for those going to the next class or starting a new school or college.

◆ Voluntary Work

If you will like to gain some valuable work experience doing some voluntary administrative office work, you have an opportunity now to do this with the Church office. If you are interested in doing this, please speak with Sis Shelly-Ann Sydial or email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

◆ Children's Church Service

Parents please kindly use the side entrance to the lower hall downstairs to drop off your children for the Children's Service each Sunday—apart from the 1st Sunday of the month. Please aim to drop them from 10.55am. The children's service includes a time of praise and worship, prayers, the Word of God and an opportunity to give to the Lord like we adults do. So, parents please prepare their offerings and give to them before dropping them off. We ask for your continued prayers and support for this going forward. If you have any questions please contact Sis Lisa Martin by emailing are at L.Martin@wordoflife-lcc.org. Thanks.

◆ "Missions to all the World"

Trip to Ghana & Togo 2018! - by Harriet Katiti

I went away to Ghana and Togo in May 2018 for 10days with a charity called compassion with a group of 20 people. Compassion is a UK Christian charity that is Christ centred, child focused and church based and works to overcome poverty for children in different parts of the world through sponsorship. On this trip I was able to see the work that compassion does in Ghana (Accra) and Togo (Lomé).

During the trip we spent time with some of the church and project leaders and also visited the different compassion projects as well as compassion offices in both Ghana and Togo.

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At the children's projects we were involved in the vocational lessons that the children were doing, the children made us bracelets and printed t-shirts. In both Accra and Lomé, we had a family fun day full of activities where children came with their families and social workers and met with their sponsors. The activities included swimming, football, parachute games & skipping. During the project visits we could see how much time the volunteers and leaders were putting in and how passionate they were about the work they were doing.

We also went on home visits in both Accra and Lomé and during these visits we spoke with families and prayed for them. Some of the families we visited were Muslim and the child attended a compassion project and through the project the family were able to learn about God and go to church. From one family a grandmother gave her life to Christ.

One evening we spent time and had dinner with three young people that had graduated from compassion programme and listened to their testimonies. Through their testimonies you could see how God had used each one of them with the help of compassion to fulfil their dreams. One went on to become a seamstress and is now able to teach younger people in the project, another one is one of the worship leaders at her church and another has a passion to see people come to know God and he is ministering and sharing God's word.

Throughout this trip it was evident how God was using the leaders and volunteers in the projects to make sure that the children and their families no matter what their religion was, were supported with home life as well their spiritual walk with God.



Scriptures Of The Month - - -

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Philippians 3: 13 – 14

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Notices - - - - -

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of September 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.

More Dates For The Diary - - -

- * **WOL Cell & Senior Leadership Meeting** on Sunday 9th September 2018 after the service in the Lower Hall
- * **Married Couples Fellowship (MCF)** on 16th September 2018 at the residence of Pastor Bayo and Sister Phoenicia Oyeniyi from 3pm. Address details available on request.
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
 - 8th September 2018 – Ladies open cell group (Mondays in Grove Park
 - 22th September 2018 – Ladies open cell group (Sundays) in Grove Park



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 Oyeniya

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniya - 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 Oyeniya

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Barbara Agbudeloye



Word Of Life

CHURCH

A network church of
Kensington Temple
London City Church
(KTLCC)



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