## WORD OF LIFE CHURCH bulletin

# September 2019



John 4: 34 - 37 Matthew 9: 36 - 38

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.

**WED NESD AY** 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)

10.40am 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 6 R0 UPS** (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.



## Heart to Heart Ladies Night



Friday, 6th September



Time: 8pm

An intimate ladies evening - An evening of testimony, true stories, fellowship, worship, fun, refreshments and more...

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



## Married for Life (MFL) Course

A 12 week marriage course for married couples starting

Sunday 8th September 2019

in Thamesmead and Online

#### Cost:

£65 per couple including course manual (paper) £50 per couple including course manual (online)

For more details about this course, please visit at the following link: http://new.2equal1.com/MFL/

To register, please visit the following link: http://new.2equal1.com/uk/registration-form/

## WOL All Workers Training Day

Saturday 14th September

10am - 4pm

Rehoboth Building - Lower Hall

Theme – "Excellence in Service and Ministry"



## **UPCOMING EVENTS continued**



# FWM Ladies Conference / Retreat

Friday 11th October -Sunday 13th October

Theme: One Thing Needed Luke 10: 38 - 42

A Time Out to Sit at Jesus' Feet

## Venue:

Devere Hotel, Theobalds Estate, Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN7 5HW

Cost: - Single Occupancy £135, Double Occupancy £195

Where required Instalment payments can be arranged . Please contact us at fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org for details

Please register at: http://wordoflife-lcc.org/fresh/register



22nd September 2019

11am - 1pm

at WOL Church, Main Hall, Rehoboth building

KTLCC South

REFUEL Night

Friday, 28th September

FROM 7PM

VENUE:
LCC SOUTH HUB
KENNINGTON PARK ROAD
LONDON SE11 4RS
(ABOVE TESCO EXPRESS)

## . QUOTES OF THE MONTH..

THE GREAT COMMISSION
IS NOT AN OPTION TO BE CONSIDERED;
IT IS A COMMAND TO BE OBEYED.

TO BE A SOUL WINNER IS THE HAPPIEST THING IN THE WORLD. AND WITH EVERY SOUL YOU BRING TO JESUS CHRIST, YOU SEEM TO GET A NEW HEAVEN HERE UPON EARTH.

- CHARLES SPURGEON -

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- WOL Board Meeting Sunday 8th September after the service
- \* WOL Single Young Adults Fellowship (SYA) Breakfast Saturday 28th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm for all single young adults. Venue is in Thamesmead
- \* SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:
  - 7th September 2019 Men's Cell Group led by Bro Taiwo Adeniran
  - 21st September 2019 Ladies' Cell Group led by Sis Lisa Martin

## . CHURCH NEWS ...

### ♦ Job Vacancy

A vacancy for the Debt Centre Manager for the Lewisham CAP Debt Centre which we host has now arisen.

Please visit the following link for full details: https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/partner-with-cap/cap-debt-help/partnership-process/cap-debt-centre-manager

If you are interested in this role please send your CV and a cover letter to admin@wordoflife-lcc.org by 10th September 2019. For further information and details, please email also admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.

Important dates to note in regards this role: Selection Day (CAP's interview process) - 10th October 2019 in London (exact venue to be confirmed)

## ◆ CAP Debt Centre update!

The Church's Lewisham Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Centre has been temporarily closed for the next few months. This decision has been made by CAP head office in relation to training requirements by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and an overview of the work of the centre since it opened.

Bro. Malach Airo is no longer continuing in the role of Debt Centre Manager and has been moved to the role of Building and Venue Manager (on a fixed term contract).

We hope to see the centre re-opened next year after a new debt centre manager is appointed by CAP Head office and the necessary training is completed. We will keep you informed when this happens.

#### Children's Church

The children's church resumes this month after the summer break. If you would like to serve as part of the Children's Ministry team, please speak to Sis Lisa Martin or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

#### ♦ New Academic Year

September brings the start of a new academic year for our children and youth, and even adults who are studying. We pray that as you return, or even start off afresh at a new school, college or university, the Lord will go with you and grant you all the grace you need in all your academic pursuits. May you know His favour and have good success in Jesus name Amen.

#### ◆ Benevolence

The word benevolence means "a desire to do good to others; goodwill; charitableness: to be filled with benevolence toward one's fellow creatures".

The popular saying goes that charity begins at home. In the early church as reported in the book of Acts of the Apostles, they took on the responsibility to ensure that not one among them had a need. This was so important that it is reported that 7 men of very high spiritual standing such as Stephen, were appointed to this great task of ensuring the basic needs of the congregation was taken care off. In the same book of Acts, it is written that they had everything in common and no one was left out.

How do we relate to that as Christians now that we already pay our tithes and offerings? Is that not enough we might ask? We do well to pay our tithes and offerings to meet the running of the church and the work of the ministry. That however is not enough to help out a brother or sister who may need transport to come to church or bread to eat. We may never know what individuals go through, but be rest assured that Jesus understood this when he showed compassion to the multitude and told His disciples to feed them. They were overwhelmed by that instruction, for where were they supposed to get provision for all those people?

At WOL our Benevolent Fund is for what you can spare. Like the five loaves of bread and two fish meant for one boy, but when blessed and shared can fill a nation. It is about bringing in your spare shopping to put into the box of blessing, to bless someone else.

Whether it is non-perishable goods or household hygiene products, it's all acceptable. If God lays on your heart to give a financial gift then you can give it in the offering and mark it for "Benevolent Fund".

Your generous gift will meet the need of a brother or sister for that moment and theirs may meet your needs in return. Let us love in deed and not in word only.

Let us also be benevolent in our prayer. Ask God to reveal to you what needs the person seating next to you has and pray for them. Don't be blinded by appearances. We all have needs - spiritual, emotional, financial and physical. Let us love deeply and God will add to our number many that are being saved. Shalom.

If you have any questions or more information about the Benevolent Fund, please speak with Sis Ninie Unachukwu or email <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>.

## ... CHURCH NEWS continued ...

### ◆ 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.

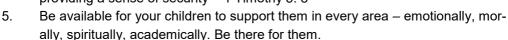
Flyers are available on the information table or you can also find details by going to the church's website and clicking on "venue Hire" or visiting https://www.hallshire.com/halls/view/5516/rehoboth-building

Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for more information if required and to find out about hall availability.

## .PARENTS' CORNER ...

## **Biblical Principles of Parenting**

- Teach your children to know, love and obey God – Deuteronomy 6: 7
- Show your children the way of the Lord by your exemplary godly life – Matthew 5: 16
- 3. Love your children unconditionally 1Corinthians 13
- Provide for your children their essential needs, as well as providing a sense of security 1 Timothy 5: 8



- 6. Guard and guide your children. Guard them from every evil influence and guide them through basic biblical instructions Proverbs 22: 6
- 7. Discipline your children. Discipline them in love Proverbs 22: 15
- 8. Pray for your children at all times 1 Thessalonians 5: 17



## **SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH**

John 4: 34—37 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! <sup>36</sup> And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For in this the saying is true:' One sows and another reaps.'

## Matthew 9: 36—38 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were [a]weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

## GALLERY...Mission to Uganda 2019



## .FIRST WORD.

### **OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE**

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Whilst laying on my bed, I saw in my mind's eye, how many of us were walking past the numerous harvest field without any care in the world.

I saw myself in the midst of this harvest field but I was oblivious of it. Many of us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century do not even have a clue as to what a harvest field is.

When we look around us, on the bus, on the train, in our work places, in classrooms, at restaurants, everywhere we go, we see lost and broken people. We see a harvest field but unfortunately, we have become too preoccupied with everything else but the harvest field.

Jesus said to His disciples in John 4:35

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, <u>lift up your eyes and look at the fields</u>, for they are already white for harvest!

When Jesus said to His disciples lift up your eyes and see it was in response to the question asked Him about food. The disciples wanted know if any one had brought Him food. In Jesus response in John 4:34.

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

In essence Jesus was saying there is more to life than food. Jesus was taking His disciples attention away from self-gratification to what was more important and on the heart of the father - THE HARVEST FIELD.

We live in a broken world that is looking for solutions to so many issues of life. Our society today is more confused than ever before. Many people profess to have solutions to the challenges a lot of people are facing, but they leave them with more problems than ever before.

Jesus' primary pursuit and mission while on earth was for the Salvation of the lost. It was for the lost that Jesus lived and died. Jesus' mandate to all believers is to go out and win lost souls presenting them with the Good News of the Gospel.

It is however surprising today how many who have professed Christ as their Lord and Saviour have closed our eyes to the lost and focussed more on giftings, ministry, anointing and more.

We have lost focus of the lost souls in our families, our neighbours, our communities. What is more important to Jesus as become less important to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Hence Jesus said to the servants, "lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

It is time we the church opened our eyes and look around the harvest field because it is ripe and ready for harvest.

In Luke 19:10 said these words to Zacchaeus

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus wants us as His disciples to take off the blindfold and see the lost just as He sees them, like sheep without shepherd scattered and confused.

We as true Christians must put on Jesus' glasses and see the lost with compassion.

Mathew 9:35-38

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

The cry of Jesus' heart was for soul winners, with a compassionate heart, labourers with the same heart of compassion for the lost. He said pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest field.

We are His labourers, we don't have to look any further, we just need to lift up our eyes and see the harvest field that it is ripe and ready for harvesting.

Jesus' love for the world was full of compassion and it was sacrificial. He did not have to die but because of His immeasurable love for us, He did. He has also called us to show love to the lost. He has set us an example as His followers to have compassion for the lost.

1 John 2:6 Whoever claims to abide in Him must walk as Jesus walked.

1Peter 2:21-22 **21F**or to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps: 22"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth."

Christlike love and compassion for sinners, backsliders and the destitute in life will help win them over to God. We are called to the same Christlike love for the lost.

Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman, the woman caught in adultery and many more that encountered Jesus, were open to the gospel because of His love and compassion.

Lift up your eyes and see that the harvest is ripe and ready. Jesus has done the greater part of the work, ours is now to bring the harvest in. It is God's desire that all men be saved.

1 Timothy 2:1-5 1Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus

God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, please grant us a Christ like compassion for the lost in our community, to love them and pray for them and be able to share the gospel with them. Holy Spirit, please help us to speak that which is on the heart of the father in Jesus name. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

Let us open our eyes, see the harvest and go after the harvest.

## ......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!!!)

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?

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

"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....

results in separation from 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...

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 GOD and men, that man you to GOD." (1 Peter 3:18)

"for there is one GOD and one mediator between JESUS CHRIST." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died (Romans 5:8)

GOD has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice!



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 from the dead, you 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 will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

### Where are you? Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need (I am a sinner).

Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.

Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).





## **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-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.



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### 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.
- ➤ <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 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.



### **WOL TEAM**

### Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

**Rowland Henshaw** 

Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw

Peter Unachukwu

#### Ministry Leaders

Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Yemi Adeniran-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 / Building & Venue Manager

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Coordinator

Barbara Agbudeloye

**WOL Board Member Representatives** 

Peter Mungai

Barbara Agbudeloye



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