

# Welcome

*we're glad you're here*



New Life Bulletin  
9<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Please consider this a place to call Home - With people, you can call Family.  
You are always welcome! God truly loves you, and we do too.

## CHRISTIANS and Patriotism

In a few days we will be celebrating the 68 Anniversary of our country's Independence from British rule. One of the feelings that are evoked at a time like this is Patriotism. I remember reading about a patriot in America, Nathan Hale who wrote after the American war of Independence, *I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country*"

What is it to be patriotic for a Christian? Evangelist Billy Sunday said, "*Christianity and Patriotism are synonymous terms, and hell and traitors are synonymous.*" Therefore, it is not just a *civic* duty to love and support India; it is also a Christian duty. Paul's teaching on the Christian's relationship to civil government is found in Romans 13. "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities," Paul writes, "for there is no authority except that which God has established" (v.1). Any rebellion or dissent against the government is "rebellious against what God has instituted" (v.2). The relationship between rulers and citizens seems clear in Romans. The ruler is "God's servant for your good" (v.4). Thus, to be unpatriotic is to oppose God.

It is also appropriate—and Christian—to want the best for your country, to want to see it prosper. When the prophet Jeremiah was writing, the Israelites had been forcibly removed from Jerusalem and taken as hostages to Babylon by enemy soldiers. Nevertheless, God encouraged the people to make themselves at home. "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters... Increase in number there; do not decrease" (Jer. 29:5-6). Not only should they improve themselves, but they should also "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jer. 29:7). In other words, it is the duty of the people of God to seek stability, peace, and prosperity wherever they go. This includes supporting the nation in which we live.

All of this, though, is balanced by the awareness that we are aliens and strangers in this land (James 1:1; 1 Pet. 2:11). We are commanded to honor and support our civil rulers, and we are called to seek the prosperity of the city, state, and nation in which we dwell. But we must always remember that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20). Sometimes this will result in conflict with the governing authorities. Many first-century Roman civic festivals and celebrations were dedicated to Roman deities. Some even worshiped the emperor as a god. But Christians refused to venerate the emperor as divine. The first Christians refused to participate in these celebrations.

Polycarp, a disciple of John, is the best-known martyr of 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. Because he was an elderly and saintly man, the soldiers who arrested him wanted to give him a way out of his death penalty. So they told him all he had to do to escape death was declare, "Caesar is lord." But Polycarp refused: "Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" In other words, Polycarp knew that the New Testament commands that we submit to rulers, whether or not they protect our right to worship as we choose.

But we must be Christian in our engagement with and conversation about our leaders. We need not agree with them. But it is clearly unchristian to slander them, even if we do so—perhaps especially if we do so—in the name of patriotism. We must honor them in our language, and we must commit to pray for them (1 Tim. 2:1-2). We pray for wisdom, insight, and courage as they guide the nation "for our good." And we pray that India, under their leadership, will prosper, "because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Will you commit today to be a Christian patriot? Ask yourself what is one thing you could do to see the prosperity and well being of your nation. Turn all your complaints about your country to praying for them.

***Let us recollect the famous words of J.F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."***





# Wedding Banns

A Wedding has been arranged between

*Mr. Joshua Samuel Lakshmallla*

Son of (Late) Mr. Samuel Paul Lakshmallla  
& Mrs. Mary Samuel Lakshmallla  
Resident of RTC Cross Roads, Hyderabad

And

*Miss Sarah Swetha Madamsetty*

Daughter of Rev. Dr. Prabhu Charan Madamsetty  
& Mrs. Viola Prabhu Charan Madamsetty  
Resident of Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad

The Wedding will be solemnized, LORD willing,

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 4:30 pm

At the Baptist Church, Narayanguda,  
Hyderabad, Telangana.

*"And both Jesus was called, And His disciples, to the Marriage." John 2:2*



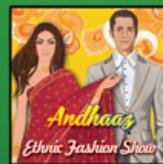
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SATURDAY  
AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM - 5 PM

YOUTH ALIVE PRESENTS  
**1DAY MATARAM**  
*Freedom is here*

Millennium Gardens, Opp: Tivoli Theatre, Main Club Rd. Sec'bad

An Inter-collegiate Fest, an Infusion of  
Culturals, Talent Contests & Rock Concert



SPECIAL TALENTHOUSE - SHOWCASE WHAT'S IN YOU FOR SURPRISE GIFTS..

ITS NOT JUST PERFORMANCES THAT'LL EARN YOU POINTS, BUT CROWD SUPPORT TOO! MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT HERE ALONE.

**FREE ENTRY**  
CONCERT AT 6 PM

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# PRAY FOR KHAMMAM DISTRICT

## KHAMMAM DISTRICT

- Khammam district has a lot of historical importance in Telangana.
  - Khammam city is located on the banks of a river called Munneru which is a tributary of the Krishna River.
  - As of 2011 census, the city had a population of 2.797 million.
  - Khammam represents a mosaic culture.
- Among the tribes, the Koyas and the Lambadas constitute a sizable population.



## PRAY FOR:

1. For a Revival in the churches of various denominations in the State.
2. For the advancement of missionary work among Tribal People in the State done by Missionary Organizations.
3. For the Believers to sincerely pray for a Revival in their State.
4. For a unity among the believers of all Churches in the State.
5. For the believers to have a burden for the souls.

SERIAL NUMBER	DISTRICTS OF TELANGANA	NEW LIFE AG CARECELL ZONE
1	Adilabad	Alwal
2	Hyderabad	Mettuguda
3	Karimnagar	Maredpally
4	Khammam	Bowenpally
5	Mahbubnagar	Habsiguda

SERIAL NUMBER	DISTRICTS OF TELANGANA	NEW LIFE AG CARECELL ZONE
6	Medak	Karkhana & Trimulgherry
7	Nalgonda	Kondapur & Banjara Hills
8	Nizamabad	Kukatpally
9	Rangareddy	Sainikpuri & Yaprall
10	Warangal	Begumpet

Water Baptism Classes will be conducted on, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
at 10:15 am at the Administrative Office.

Water Baptismal Service will be held on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
at 1:30 pm at the Church.


# Baptism


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### Sunday Worship Services:

1<sup>st</sup> Service, 7:30 am | 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, 9:30 am | 3<sup>rd</sup> Service, 11:30 am

