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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

On August 23rd, there was another committee meeting regarding the preparations for the 82nd convention. The convention will be spiritual edifying and will take place at Second Slavic Baptist Church on October 17-19. The Association's committee finalized the theme of the convention: "Power of the Gospel and the Modern Challenges" based on Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation". There will be many seminars on this theme led by not only the invited speakers but also by the heads of the Association's ministries who are trying to embody this commandment of the Lord into their lives.

The schedule of the convention and speaker information will be published on the Association's website in September. There will also be an option to register for the convention.

### PASTORS' MEETING

On August 24th, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte hosted a semi-annual shepherds' meeting. There was an abundance of content taught by V. Stupin, G. Gavelovskiy, and I. Mileyev consisting of a book called "Dangerous calling. Challenges of Pastoral Ministry" written by Paul David Tripp. There was also a lot of time dedicated to discussing the updates of the Association's bylaws in relation to the sex education issue in California. In addition, there was an update on the preparations for the 82nd convention, and much more. More information can be accessed on the [Association's website – click here.](#)



*G. B. Gavelovskiy presents the Dangerous Calling book*

## **CHURCH SUMMER CAMP**

Some of our churches began to go camping with their entire church. One such church is Grace Family Church who have had these camps for quite some time. This year the camp took place in a beautiful and comfortable setting making this camp even better than the previous years. Three hundred twenty five people over the course of two-and-a-half days enjoyed fellowship, nature, and benefited from various activities. V. Zavorotniy who is the associate pastor of the church shares the details of this event in his interview – [click here to either read or listen to it \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*During the service*

## **UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE**

In May's newsletter, there was a request from New Hope church about the prayer support for their evangelism efforts. Their projects were very unusual: 1) selling of fireworks while treating the customers to hot dogs and sharing the gospel as well as inviting them to church, and 2) being participants in the parade taking place in Rancho Cordova. For more information about these projects— [visit the Association's website—click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

## **SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS – WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO?**

Families that have small children are very concerned about what is being taught to their children. Some are leaving California in a hurry in an attempt to at least temporarily shield their children from the defilement of their conscience. There are some who would like to leave somewhere but are unable to do so, and are not sure what to do.

The Association's president I.V. Mileyev gives advice to parents how to act [in a radio interview](#) and [in the letter](#), letter that has been sent to churches. Both are in Russian only

## VISITING A CHURCH IN SEATTLE

I. V. Mileyev, along with his wife, visited one of our oldest churches located in Seattle. He shares about his visit which may be found in an article uploaded to the Association's website – [click here to access it \(in Russian only.\)](#).



*Fellowship of the Brethren*

### ATTENTION!

Pacific Thrift store needs a driver-transporter. Ability to speak English is not required. For questions, visit the store or call: 916-514-0154.  
Address: 6101 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660.

## VBS AT SECOND SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH

From August 5 through 9, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento hosted a summer day-camp for children (Vacation Bible School called ROAR).

This was a special time for children and youth who were teaching the lessons during this unusual school. During the lessons, there were a lot of wonderful worship songs, as well as engaging themes such as:

"If life is unfair, God is good!";

"If life changes, God is good!";

"If life is sad, God is good!", etc.

Let us pray that the messages heard during this school may leave an impact in the future of our children and their ministry to God! Read an [article by L. Bizenskiy about this school](#) – [click here](#).



*VBS Participants*

## **BAPTISM AT THE LIVING STONES CHURCH**

On August 3rd, the Living Stones Church had their Baptism ordinance at the American River. The entire church gathered to celebrate the decision of a young man to follow Jesus. This baptism was a wonderful testimony of how the Lord was working in the hearts of people and drawn them to Himself. "I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:7. [See more pictures on the Association's website - click here](#).



*Baptism in the American River*

## **PRAYING FOR THE SINGLES, FOR FAMILIES, AND MARRIAGES**

Choose Life Church and the head pastor Yuriy Senchenko via [their Facebook page](#) are inviting everyone to attend their church service during which they pray about the singles, for families, and marriages. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray, especially now that the world as well as the church has many lonely people, orphans and widows. Statistically every other marriage leads to divorce.

How wonderful would it be for the other churches in the U.S. and around the world to follow in their example of prayer.

## **NEWS OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY**

On June 27, there was a teaching session in the Master's program in Montebello taught by Gennady Gavelovskiy. The students continued the "Shepherding" course and will be studying the Greek grammar in August and September.

On August 16 and 17, Bryte Church hosted another teaching session in the Master's program in partnership with the Moscow Theological Seminary. Aleksandr Pronin taught the course of Greek Grammar. The next session will take place on September 13 and 14 and will be taught by the Gennady Sergiyenko.



On August 16, the Slavic Theological Collegiate had their meeting during which they discussed the topic "To what Degree is a Person Master over His Own Body". In the scope of this topic, they were discussing the issues of organ donation, surrogate

motherhood, artificial insemination. The main researcher was Sergey Borushko. The next meeting is planned for September 20th.

Please pray for our students and for the entire education system in the Blagovest Institute of Ministry.



### **MISSIONS PRAYER RETREAT**

The Association's missionary department organized and hosted the first prayer retreat for the missionaries serving in Europe. I. Sheremet, one of the pastors of Grace Family Church who was a member of the Association's committee, was overseeing this retreat and was the main speaker of this retreat. Twelve missionaries from Spain, France, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States gathered for prayer, studying the Scriptures, and fellowship. During these three days, the missionaries had a wonderful opportunity to study the key qualities of an effective ministry of the Gospel through the example of Apostle Paul. [Read more here.](#)

### **VISIT TO RUSSIA**

The head of the association's women's ministry N. Yurkov shares her impressions of her visit to Russia. [Read her article here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

### **TO WHAT DEGREE IS A PERSON MASTER OVER HIS OWN BODY?**

That was the theme of a discussion of the Slavic Theological Collegiate that took place on August 16th. The topic had three sub-categories: "Organ Donation and Transplantation", "Surrogate Motherhood", and "Artificial Insemination". Every section had its own speaker after whose report there was a discussion of the issue. If you find this topic interesting, [read an article by V. Komlev on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY WEBSITE AT BRYTE CHURCH**

Women's ministry of Bryte Church now has their own website called "Women of Grace". The leaders of this ministry are planning to make this website a useful resource for women of all ages. There will be useful articles, discussions of various issues covering the issues that women face, as well as the updates of the current events. Having said that, we advise the women readers of this newsletter to visit this website. You will be able to leave your comments and suggestions for the future improvements of the website as well as the ministry as a whole.

Website address – <http://brytechurch-wog.com>.



## WELCOME TO THE WOMEN OF GRACE WEBSITE

*Website's Home Page*

### **ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month**

During the past month, the following programs were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- [Prison Ministry. V. Butayev](#)
- [Internal Mission. V. Khripunov](#)
- [News](#)
- Light in the East Mission. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)  
A. Bondarenko
- "Moms in Prayer" Ministry. Visit to Tajikistan. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#).  
O. Drovorub and F. Avramenko
- [Internal Mission V. Khripunov](#)
- [How to Live in Light of the New Education Laws? I. Mileyev](#)

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### **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

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#### **PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA**

The Russian Union of ECB published a letter about the intensification of persecutions in various regions of Russia. The content of the letter [can be accessed on the website of the Union of ECB – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

The Russian Christians are calling all believers to fast and pray for the protection of the persecuted Christians, especially for pastors who are intentionally targeted and excessively fined.

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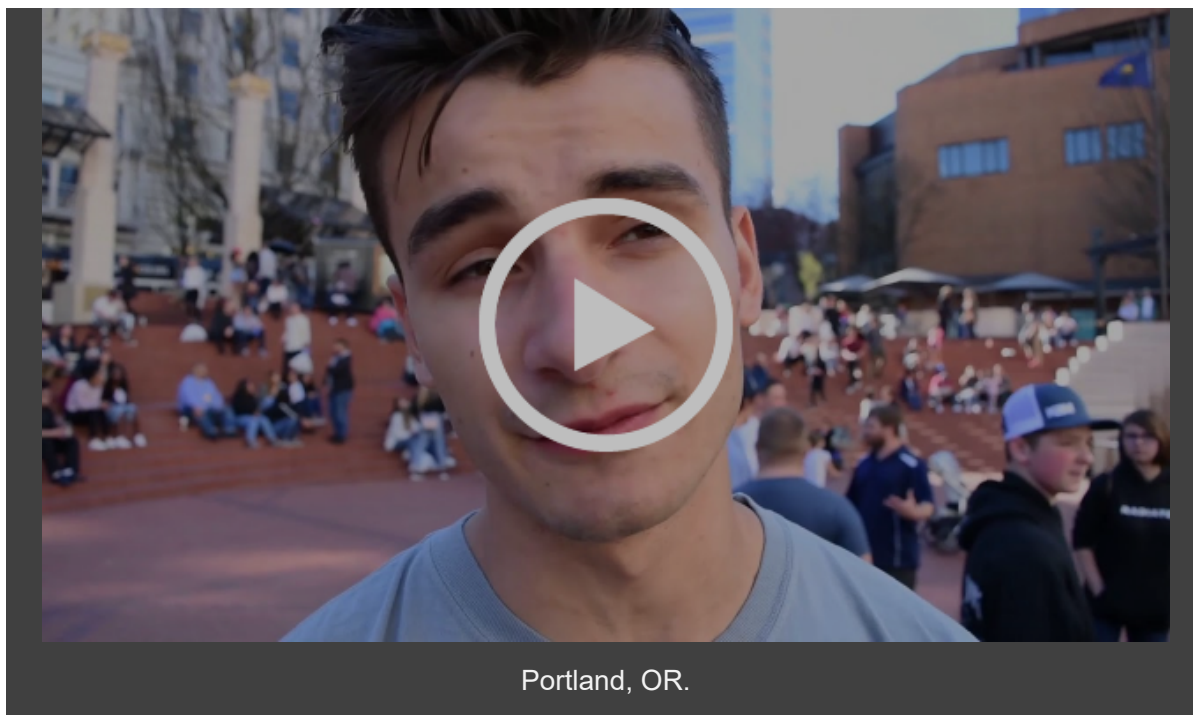
### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

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#### **PORTLAND – GOOD DEEDS OF THE YOUTH**

Recently the youth of Christian churches in Portland, OR, had a very unusual but very useful ministry. Young people went into the city to clean the streets after which they gathered together to praise God and testify of God's love for them and the salvation that they could have through Jesus Christ.

In the following video, you can see more about this event and maybe you will also want to follow this wonderful example of Christian love demonstrated in action.



## TRAINING KIDS IN A CULTURE THAT AFFIRMS TRANSGENDERISM

A Christian [website Crossway published an article](#) called "Training our Kids in a Culture that Affirms Transgenderism" by Denny Burk, a professor at Boyce College. He warns Christians about some consequences of rejecting these new implementations and offers two solutions to the issue: 1) to speak the truth, and 2) to teach women. In his article, he brings facts that all parents should know about. [The article can be found here.](#)

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## EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION!** *IF you would like to have events' announcements to be included in our newsletters, please email that information to [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com) no later than the 23rd of the current month.*

- **September 20-22**, Sierra Pines Camp will host a women's retreat organized by the Women's Ministry of Bryte Church for their women. The theme of the retreat is "Treasures of the Women's Heart". Speaker: [Mariya Vipna](#). For more about the retreat -- read [on the Women's Ministry website of Bryte Church – click here.](#)

Although the retreat is aimed at the women of Bryte Church, people from other churches are also encouraged to register, as the space will allow. For more information please contact Inna Bondar who is the main camp coordinator: 415-279-3130.



Women of Grace

Женский Ретрит

СОКРОВИЩНИЦА  
ЖЕНСКОГО СЕРДЦА

Спикер: Мария Випна

Сентябрь 20-22 Sierra Pines Camp

СТОИМОСТЬ \$115, ДЕТИ 10-12 ЛЕТ \$60

BRYTE CHURCH

- **September 28**, First Slavic Baptist Church will have a seminar for moms and their teenage daughters. The speaker of the conference will be Molly Sanborn who is well known for her ministry to the youth in encouraging them to live a life of dedication to God. For more about her, visit her website <https://craigandmolly.com>.

Church address: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Conference time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration fee: for teens – \$5.00, for adults – \$10.00. Registration – by phone (916) 209-0558 – Dina.

Lunch will be provided.

# Made *for* More

For Teen Girls and Their Moms

Don't miss this opportunity to laugh and learn together as you grow closer with each other and God.



**First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of Sacramento  
7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10am- 4pm**

**Free Lunch Included!**

**Registration fee: Teen \$5, Adult \$10 Contact Dina at (916) 209-0558**



[cheeseballchick.com](http://cheeseballchick.com)

National speaker, Molly Sanborn, aka The Cheese Ball Chick, loves to laugh and makes it her mission to help others find joy. Her creative ideas and infectious personality have been featured on several TV shows including Sacramento Live and Wipeout. She has encouraged thousands of young people across the country to live their lives with passion and purpose by making God their number one priority.

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