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## MAY NEWSLETTER - 2024

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On June 16, The Living Stones Church celebrated their 25-year anniversary with a special church service, during which the church praised the Lord for all the blessings they have experienced as a church since it was planted in June 1999. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



### INTERVIEW WITH THE HERO OF THE DAY

Over the last seven years, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev has been the President of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association. The association's video department made a three-part video interview with him for his 65th birthday celebration. [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\).](#)



## **TRIP TO WASHINGTON STATE**

I. Mileyev shares about his trip to Washington to visit The Spring of Life Church in Mukilteo, and Slavic Baptist Church in Seattle, as well as his participation in the family camp of The Pilgrim Slavic Baptist Church of Spokane. [Visit the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Choir and Symphonic Orchestra at The Spring of Life Church*

## **DEACONS ORDINATION AT THE SECOND SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH**

During the Day of the Trinity on May 19, Second Slavic Church ordained three new deacons, and affirmed two others who were ordained in other churches and joined their church: Aleksandr Zdanevich, Oleg Kovalenko, Daniel Syrovoy, Aleksandr Gunko, and Boris Lavrinenko. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## GRADUATION AT THE BLAGOVEST INSTITUTE

On June 9, the Blagovest Institute of Ministry had a graduation ceremony for students who earned an AA degree. The graduation ceremony was held at Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento. Twenty-four students successfully completed the program and twenty of them have already enrolled into the Bachelor program. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## CALL IF THERE ARE ANY TO ANSWER

On May 10, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento had a special evening for widows and those who are lonely, with the idea of providing emotional support and strengthening the faith of the participants. About sixty people attended this event. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## LIKE ABIGAIL

On June 8, The House of Prayer Church (with Aleksey Delchman as the head pastor) hosted a women's ministry meeting and focused on: "The Priorities of Biblical Women through the example of Abigail." The main speaker was Yelena Mileyev, who oversees the Association's women's ministry. More than 20 women visited this event. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



## MOMS AND DAUGHTERS

On May 18, The Good News Church hosted a “Moms and Daughters” event in Tacoma, WA. The main speaker was Lorry Johnson from Missions Revival in Kansas. The theme was: “Teachers of Good Deeds.” Over one hundred women attended this event. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



### **MEETING OF MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY'S LEADERS**

On June 4, Moms in Prayer Ministry had their leaders' meeting. The Lord gave them a wonderful opportunity to meet together for a cup of tea to recall how the Lord has already blessed their ministry, as well as to make plans for the Fall, and to pray for future ministry. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



*Ministry Leaders*

## **FELLOWSHIP OF FATHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Over the last 10 years, the department of ministry to children with special needs has hosted various events for fellowship, meetings, camps, and other activities for families and children with special needs. However, there has never been a time when the fathers could get together. On June 15, this type of meeting took place for the first time. Twelve men from various churches and denominations were able to gather for this event. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



## **BAPTISM AT SECOND SLAVIC CHURCH**

On June 2, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento had a grand celebration where 25 people were baptized. This was a time of great joy for the local church. For more about this celebration, [visit the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



## **STRENGTHENING AND DEFENDING THE FAITH**

On June 6-9 the youth from Grace Avenue Bible Church, Living Stones Church, First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento, and The House of the Gospel of Fresno had a youth camp. The tent camp took place in the scenic outdoor setting of Rollins Lake and over a hundred people were there. [More details...](#)





## **WOMEN'S MEETING IN SEATTLE**

In the middle of May, Slavic Baptist Church of Seattle had a women's ministry meeting. Right after the church service (since they are renting the church building), they began their women's fellowship. Many shared their life's experiences, and what they are going through at the moment. During the meeting, the women encouraged one another, prayed together, and thanked God for all His blessings! [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\).](#)



## VBS FOR CHILDREN AT THE GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

On June 10-14, Grace Family Church in Sacramento, CA had a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children. They began their preparations for this event in November of last year. One Hundred and seventy-two volunteers and almost the entire church was involved in serving at this school. [More details...](#)



## BAPTISM AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

On Sunday, June 2, Grace Avenue Bible Church in Sacramento gathered two hours earlier for their baptism celebration, supporting this event through their presence, singing, and prayers. The service was held on the lawn outside the church. Ten people were baptized. [More details...](#)



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## MISSIONARY NEWS

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### HEART TO HEART MINISTRY IN UKRAINE

The ministry begun in 2016 by the Kopchuk family and directed by Oksana Kopchuk to help the widows and orphans of Ukraine has now developed into a team effort involving a lot of people. This summer, just like in previous years, a team from various churches in America partnered up with Connect International mission and held their annual camp for widows and orphans in Ukraine. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



## REPORT OF THE MISSIONS TRIP TO AFRICA

Recently, a PCSBA missionary team of 22 people had the privilege to go to Uganda and South Sudan for a mission trip. This trip was transformative, filled with moments of deep learning, service, and spiritual growth. [More details...](#)



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

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## DIGITAL FASTING

A fasting is the discipline of abstaining from food or certain activities over a designated period of time. As a spiritual discipline, fasting is done to focus on spiritual growth. There are various ways of fasting. Over the years, a new kind of fast is becoming more and more popular, and that is the digital fast. Do you know what it is and how to participate in it? [Read more about it at the website of the Barnabas Fund at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



## **MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE OR DANGER OF FAITH PLUS SOMETHING ELSE**

Lately, some of our Baptist churches have had a more and more tolerant attitude toward speakers from other denominations, especially from Pentecostal and Charismatic churches (especially those that hide their true identity behind the name of “non-denominational church”). Not everyone realizes the harm that this may bring. That is why we are sharing a testimony of J. Pinkevich, who left a Baptist church in search of special spiritual experiences, moved to a Charismatic church, and went through all their six spiritual steps. In the end, by the grace of God, he was able to realize how dangerous and heretical this teaching was. [Read an interview at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



## THEY SAY: WE ARE CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS

Is it right to send Christians with certain spiritual issues to psychologists, even to those who call themselves “Christian Psychologists”? What is their approach to solving problems? As a Christian who studied psychology first in Russia, and then received a Master’s Degree in Psychology in South Korea, John Pinkevich shares about why he does not practice what he was trained to do, and recommends that others do the same. Watch his interview at this link: [They tell us: We are Christian psychologists \(in Russian only\).](#)

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### SBC CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

Every year, the Southern Baptist Convention happens in various states. This year it took place on June 10-12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The delegates and guests came from all over the United States and over 17,000 were in attendance. Usually, only the largest building in a state is able to support this many people, and that is the

Convention Center. [More details...](#) The article text is in Russian, but it has links inside to English recordings of the Convention.



## **PRAY FOR THEM!**

There are a lot of complaints about the Russian and Belarus Christians, some of whom openly support the war of Russia and Ukraine, while some are just quiet. However, there are those who were bold enough to call out evil for what it is and openly opposed it, and are now paying for it: with severe torture, prison sentences, and other afflictions. While in difficult circumstances they are often discouraged and think that they are forgotten, and that no one cares for them. [Read more at this link](#), and pray for them, for God to strengthen those who are suffering today.




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## EVENTS

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### ANNUAL YARMARKA

New Hope Church is inviting everyone to their 5th annual Yarmarka, which will take place on June 29 at 6:00 p.m. at: 10720 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, 95670. This is a FREE EVENT! There will be live music, free food, games for children, and a beautiful fireworks display! Come with your whole family!

Also, please support the youth of the church by purchasing fireworks at the address above. The sales will be happening from June 28 through July 4, every day from 9:00am to 10:00pm! Thank you!





## WOMEN’S GALA DINNER

The Pacific Coast Association is inviting women to an annual festive dinner which will take place at Bryte Church on **August 10**. All women from various churches and ministries in Sacramento are invited, as well as those who would like to find their place in ministry.

Theme: “Servant Leadership”

Registration: \$35.00 per person

Registration deadline: **August 7**

Contact number for questions: (916) 239-5282

[REGISTRATION – click this link.](#)



## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

For those who live in Mukilteo, WA, Spring of Life Church is opening a new school – Christian Academy.

[Registration is available at this link.](#)

## WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A MISSIONARY PROJECT!

Illustrators or people who can create illustrations with AI programs are invited to participate in creating illustrations for

children's gift booklets in Russian and one of the Central Asian languages. It is short-term volunteering project.

If you wish to participate in this project, please contact [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com) or call (916) 716-2950.

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Previous editions of the newsletters can be found on the Association's website: [for the last year](#) | [for all the years..](#)

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com).

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