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JUNE NEWSLETTER - 2026

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT

- **May 24:** I delivered an opening address at the 63rd convention of the Eastern Ukrainian Baptist Association. Bryte Church graciously offered its facilities to host this event. All of the Ukrainian churches in Sacramento came, as well as from other places, and had a special closing session as a unified body.



- **May 26:** I participated in the “Soft Opening” of the Pacific Thrift Store’s second location. Pastors of the local churches and leaders of the Slavic diaspora were invited for the prayer of dedication. Many of them shared words of encouragement and congratulations, followed by a time of prayer asking for God’s blessing on the new store.



- On **May 31**, Bryte Church held a baptism service where 35 new people were added to the church. Praise God for all the brothers and sisters who decided to dedicate their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior!



- The SOL church had a special pastors' prayer breakfast before the Communion Sunday. On the morning of **June 6**, pastors from Sacramento came together to pray for our city. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, and Larry Osborne, an evangelist and Christian author, shared a message of encouragement. There was also a time of questions and answers.



- On **June 12-13** the Blagovest Institute of Ministry had their teaching sessions. I taught a course on "**Cults and World Religions.**" First Slavic Baptist Church hosted the sessions. This was the final session for the AA Degree program. Students were offered the opportunity to enroll in the Bachelor's program, and the majority of the students decided to enroll.



- I serve on the Pacific Thrift Store board of directors. On **June 18**, another meeting was held to discuss various issues related to the development of the

store's branch, as well as matters concerning its cooperation with the PCSBA Mission Department.

- On **June 19**, we had a regular meeting for the PCSBA ministry leaders. These meetings typically take place at the Association's office. Those who live outside Sacramento joined via Zoom. During these meetings, we share both the blessings and the challenges within our ministries.



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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH IN HONOLULU

May was a busy and encouraging month for this young church. Almost every Sunday the church welcomes visitors from other states and even from overseas. Children and youth were especially busy this month because they were preparing to celebrate Mothers' Day on May 10, as well as celebrating the end of the school year for their Russian School and their Sunday School. [Read more...](#)



ON MAY 16–17, THE WORD OF TRUTH CHURCH CELEBRATED THEIR FIFTEEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

These special days of celebration became a special time of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness, mercy, and blessings that have accompanied the church through all their years. Fifteen years is more than just a milestone, it's a time that marks years of God's faithfulness. During this time, the Lord has led the church through various circumstances. Some of the church members have been there from the very beginning of the church, while others joined them later, and some became part of the local church body not that long ago. However, they are all united by God's grace, and a calling to be a part of the local church. [Read more...](#)



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, BAPTISM, AND CHURCH CAFÉ AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER CHURCH

House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento is a small church, but just like any other living organism, they are a part of the body of Christ. The church is vibrant and continues to grow through God's work, and God continues to do His work in their midst. Read more in an article by Nina Albertov about what's been happening in May and early June – [click this link](#).



“SOUL, SPIRIT, BODY”: WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

On May 23, Grace Avenue Bible Church had a women’s prayer breakfast with the theme of: “Soul, Spirit, Body.” Many women of various ages came together for a time of warm fellowship, to gain useful insights and experience spiritual and personal growth.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss various aspects of the life of a modern woman: spiritual, emotional, physical, and hormonal health, as well as some issues of beauty and self-care. [Read more...](#)



FINE CLASSICAL MUSIC AND SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

On May 30 and 31, Rockland Baptist Church had a special cultural event for the Russian-speaking audience in Sacramento. They had an opportunity to host a concert with Diana Skavronskiy, an international opera singer. For many listeners, these services were a celebration of outstanding music as they experienced unforgettable emotions, inspiration, and an opportunity to come close to the best performers of classical music. [More details...](#)



MINISTRY IN MONTEREY

On May 31, Christians from various churches came together in Monterey for a time of worship, fellowship, and spiritual edification. This service was a great opportunity for Christians of various churches to come together in Christ. Special thanks to Peter and Nina Panasenکو, who invested a lot of effort into organizing this event. [Read more...](#)



BAPTISM AT BRYTE CHURCH

On May 31, during their English church service, Bryte Church had a special baptism service. Thirty-five young people took an important step of faith through baptism. Peter Kondrashov, Anatoliy Russ, and Aleksandr Pronin participated in this church service. They congratulated the new members for their important spiritual decision, and wished for them to grow strong in the faith, remain faithful to God, and be a light to those around them. [Read more...](#)



“WONDER JUNCTION” - VBS 2026 AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

During the two weeks of June 6 to 10 and 13 to 17, Grace Family Church transformed their church corridors into caves, walkways into railroad tracks, their sanctuary into a city of the Wild West full of wooden benches and stores, the cafeteria into a parking lot for wagons, and the entrance into a station for welcoming train locomotives! VBS for this year was focused on the “Wonder Junction,” and was a time of an incredible Gospel adventure for 303 children. For more about this wonderful event, [read in an article by A. Kornilov, which can be located on the Association’s website and can be found at this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



A STEP OF FAITH THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

On June 7, Grace Avenue Bible Church had a special and long-awaited water baptism service for 14 young men and women who publicly declared their commitment to follow Christ. Seven young ladies and seven young men took this step of faith as they publicly testified of their commitment to follow Jesus Christ. [More details...](#)



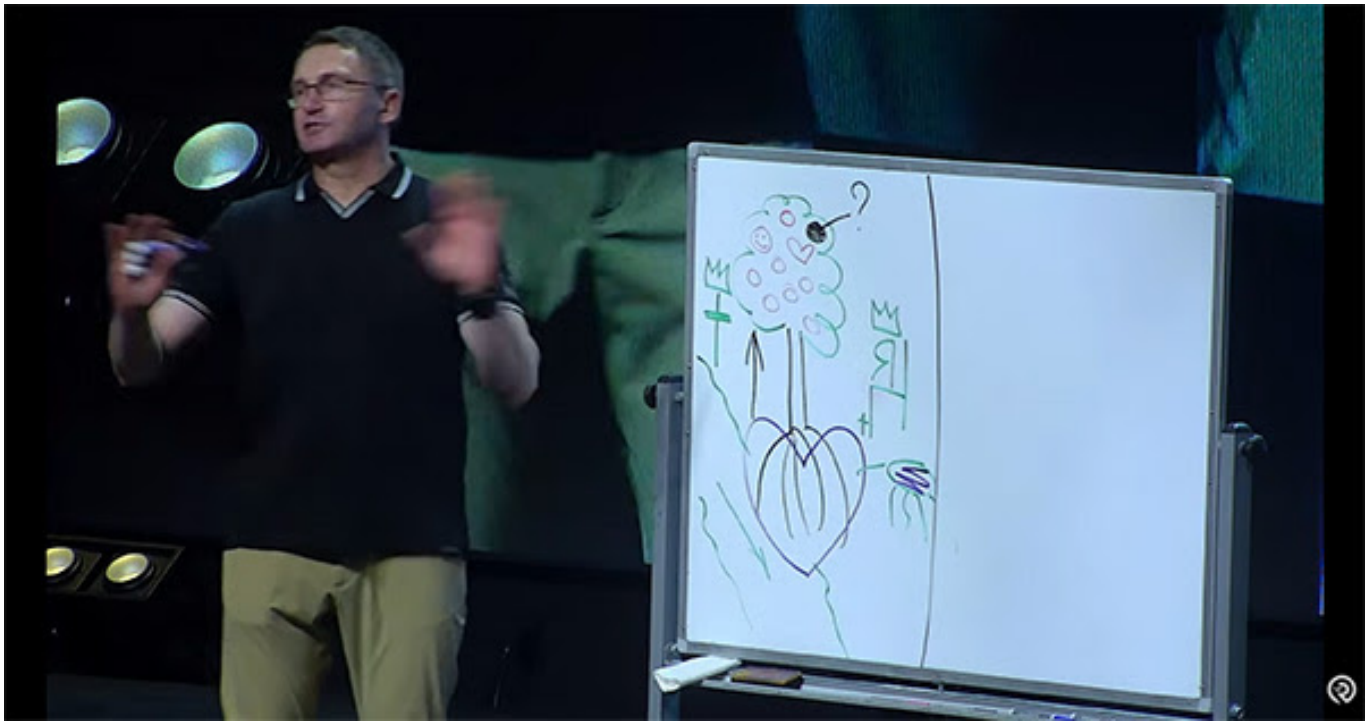
SAINTS OF SAC YOUTH SERVICE

A monthly youth fellowship, *Saints of Sac*, took place on May 24 in an open courtyard of Grace Avenue Bible Church. Many of the youth from various churches in Sacramento came to an evening of worship, fellowship, and teaching from God's Word. For more details, [read an article by S. Iotko at this link.](#)



IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS AT THE REVIVAL BAPTIST CHURCH

On June 18-21, the Revival Baptist Church in Vancouver, WA hosted special church services with the involvement of pastor Vladimir Omelchuk from the Grace Church of Irpin, Ukraine. On the basis of the Bible, he covered various important topics such as: [“What does it mean: ‘He who has, to him more will be given?’”](#), “The blueprint of a growing church”, [“Huge heart – huge wallet and small ears”](#), and during the Father’s Day celebration – “Discipline, and tragedy when it is lacking.” Recordings of two seminars are available on the church’s YouTube channel, in Russian only. Click the links of the titles to view them.



MISSIONARY NEWS

MINISTERING AT THE MISSIONARY CENTER IN RENO

A little over 18 years ago, pastors from the Rockland Church began Slavic ministry in Reno, well known for its casinos. Over the years, the leaders and many of those who were serving there were replaced by others, but there were always those who came from Sacramento to preach the Gospel there. For more about early beginnings and what is happening there now, read an article on the Association's website: [article about the beginning of the ministry](#) and [current state of the ministry](#).



FIVE-YEAR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AT THE LIGHT OF LIFE CHURCH IN TORREVIEJA, SPAIN

On May 23, the Light of Life Church in Torrevieja, Spain, celebrated their five-year anniversary. “The celebration was a true family celebration, and we expressed our gratitude to God for these years,” said Viktor Kovba, who is the current church pastor. “There was the message, a lot of great food, warm fellowship, games, and a wonderful worship time accompanied by guitar. The Lord has been helping us until this point!” More photos of the life of the church [can be found at this link](#).



NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

NEW ENROLLMENT AT THE CORAM DEO INSTITUTE

The fourth Sacramento class is now accepting applications. The International Institute of biblical counseling “Coram Deo” is inviting everyone. Requirements: rec[Continue](#)ommendation from a pastor, and being a church member for at least three years. The classes will begin on October 5. Registration can be found [at this link](#). More details about the program and what to expect can be found in the [CORAM DEO brochure](#).



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JUNE VIDEO RESOURCES AT THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BIBLE APOLOGETICS ASSOCIATION

New apologetics videos of IBAA can be located [at the Association's web page, click here.](#)



BMI -- CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to various other programs, Bible Mission International (BMI) has a Child Sponsorship program. This program provides aid to children in need. Thanks to the participation of Christians from various regions, at the present time, 664 children are receiving necessary help, care, and hope. The main thing is that these children can learn about God, and can experience the love of God.

Although 664 may seem like a large number, what is this number compared to the number of children who live in poverty, and have no knowledge of God?! Read more

about this program, and how you can become a part of it, [in the BMI bulletin at this link \(in Russian only\)](#).

EURASIA MINISTRY – AN URGENT CALL TO ACTION

This ministry is well known in many countries of Eurasia and Israel. During the summer months, they are trying to help in organizing and hosting children's Bible camps for the regions where they are the most needed. For example, in Ukraine. They are able to make this happen only through the support and involvement of Christian from other countries.

For more about this project, and about how you can be a part of it, [read their bulletin at this link](#). To get more information about the ministry and to subscribe to their newsletter, [click this link](#).



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

This year's annual Southern Baptist Convention took place from June 7 to 10 in Orlando. Pastors I.V. Mileyev and B. Kipko were able to attend this event and share about their experience there. To access their articles, click the following links:

- [Trip to Orlando for an annual SBC-2026. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Annual Convention and Pastors' Conference of Southern Baptist Convention 2026. V. Kipko.](#)



TWO PERSPECTIVES ON THE 16TH SUMMIT-FORUM OF EVANGELICALS IN EUROPE

As we previously announced, on April 15 to 18 the 16th Evangelical Summit Forum was held in Warsaw. More than 130 pastors from 23 countries attended this forum. In an article located at the website of the Network of Russian Speaking Churches in the European Baptist Federation (NRS-EBF), Andreas Pats and Gennadiy Gavrilov share their impressions and draw some conclusions about the 16 years of ministry of NRS-EBF. What was accomplished during these years? How are the goals set at the beginning of NRS-EBF being met? [To access the article, click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



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