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#### 80TH CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The preparation of this year's convention, which will take place on October 19-20 at *Russian Baptist Church of Bryte*, has begun. The convention will be spiritually-edifying with a theme of "Reformation—Return to the Gospel".

Speakers from various seminaries will share about the historical background of the reformation, its blessing, the roots of baptism in the context of the Reformation, and about the initiator of the Reformation—Martin Luther. One of the seminars will also be focused on: Is there a continuation of the Reformation today?

As always, there will be a lot of music and performances of well-known singers at the convention. The plans include the involvement of as many musical youth groups and choirs as possible.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

June 4th was a special day in the life of *Second Slavic Baptist Church*. There was a celebration of baptism, the day of Pentecost, and communion all in one service. The solemn assembly accompanied by the choir was over three hours, but the time passed by with ease.

I. V. Mileyev shares his impression of the service in his [article, located on the Association's website](#) (In Russian only).



## ORDINATION AT SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH "BETHEL"

On June 4th, during the evening service, *Slavic Baptist Church "Bethel"* had a deacon ordination ceremony for Vitaliy Pfaferot. Before the prayer and the laying of the hands, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev gave Biblical instructions to Vitaliy and his wife. He spoke of the Biblical requirements of this ministry, the importance of the deacon's ministry in the local church body, as well as the need for family support in this ministry.

Read more on the Association's website- [click here](#) (In Russian only).



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## PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for God's blessing on all the ministries that are done by the Association's churches as a whole and especially about the summer missionary projects
- Continue praying about our brothers and sisters in South Sudan, so that their physical and spiritual needs will be met, for peace in the country, and blessing upon Pastor Edward Dima
- Pray for the government of our country and for the state government, as well as for peace and well-being of our cities
- Pray for the well-being of Israel

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## Helpful Reading

### PUT THE GLASS DOWN!

How heavy does something have to be, to be too heavy? Consider the following story.

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight



## REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT

The Association's president I. V. Mileyev decided to publish his monthly reports at the Association's website. This decision was motivated by a desire to be transparent in his ministry and to give any member of the Association an opportunity to know what he is doing. I.V. Mileyev's reports can be found in the website's section [News –Reports of the President of PCSBA](#) (In Russian only).

In the section [About Us—Executive Committee —Association's President](#), you can find out about the pre-election program of the President, and then follow up on its fulfillment in reading his reports.

## GOD'S FAMILY WITH A PRECISE STRUCTURE

That is exactly how its head pastor Oleg Petrovich Kostyuk characterizes the "Cornerstone" church.

A small church, which is located on southeast of Sacramento, recently entered into the Association and has already become well known. Although there are only a hundred members in the church, there are over ten different ministries. In contrast to many other churches, this church has its own website, broadcasts its Sunday services, and has an online radio ministry. For more information of what is special about this church and why it is characterized in such a unique way, [read in an article on the Associations website](#) and [listen to the radio interview the church pastor here](#) (In Russian only).

## DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

A conference with this theme took place on June 1-3 in Sacramento. The theme, which is important to all regardless of their age, attracted about 400 people. The speakers of the conference were well-known ministers and pastors from Ukraine.

"It's been a long time since I had such rich spiritual nourishment"—said one of the conference coordinators. "I was preparing this conference for the youth, but since the beginning of the conference, God kept addressing my heart."

This was truly a wonderful conference. [For more information read on the Association's](#)

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She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued:

"The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed – incapable of doing anything."

It's important to remember to let go of your stresses. As early ... as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Remember to put the glass down!

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29, ESV).

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### **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES**

How to pray in order to be heard by God, so that our prayers would be acceptable by Him? This was the theme “Boldness in Prayer” of the women’s conference that took place on May 27th in a church of Montebello in Los Angeles. There were 60 people from the local churches, as well as a number of sisters from Sacramento, Fresno, and Castro Valley.

For details about the content of this conference, [read an article by Nina Yurkova](#) (In Russian only), who is the head of the Association’s women’s ministry.





## TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO

*Train up a child in the way he should go...* We hear this phrase often in sermons, at conferences, and seminars. But what does it really mean? In what way are we supposed to train up the youth and teach the biblical truth to our children? How adequate are we and how prepared are we to share the biblical truths with the next generation?

This is not a small matter. This question is relevant to us, to ministers, to pastors, and to preachers. That is precisely what was discussed at a conference for children's ministry, with the main speaker being Cheslav Bassara from Poland.

Read about the conference [in an article by the head of the children's ministry Tim Malanchuk](#) (in Russian only).



## REGULAR STUDY SESSIONS OF THE "BLAGOVEST" INSTITUTE

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A church in Montebello had their first session in the "Master of Church Ministry" on June 17. Nine people enrolled into this program, and the first session of "Historical Theology I" was taught by S. V. Sannikov. We wish our students well in beginning this difficult but rewarding journey.

For an article with pictures [visit the Association's website](#) (in Russian only).

### **CONCORD CHURCH "HAVEN" CELEBRATE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Over ten years ago some members of the born-again Christian evangelical Baptist families from the local cities, with the initiation of ECB of Castro Valley, were united in Concord for a unified prayer and Bible study. Prayer meetings and Bible Studies were done house to house. Many friends and guests who genuinely wanted to support the new group attended the first meeting. Soon afterwards they made a decision to start a local church. This month they are celebrating their ten year anniversary.

Read [an article by Aleksandr Skrenchuk on the Association's website \(In Russian only\)](#).



### **THE 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.

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- [Invitation to the retreat for “Moms in Prayer” ministry. G. Bugriyeva and S. Dosova](#)
- [Story of a Congress in North-West Association of Churches. I. Mileyev. Part 1 | Part 2](#)
- [Visit to Cuba. Story of D. Panasenko and A. Rybikov](#)
- [Story of the conference “Don’t Waste Your Life” by N. Bugriyev](#)
- [Youth on the conference “Don’t Waste Your Life” by A. Gluhoy](#)
- About a summit in defense of the persecuted Christians. S. Dosova. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#)

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## NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

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### OUR MISSIONARY IN MILAN SHARES ABOUT HIS MINISTRY

Mihail Medyanik along with his family is a missionary in Milan, Italy. In his letter, he shares about the blessings of ministry, as well as difficulties that they are facing in preaching the Gospel to people of a different nationality. He is also asking to pray for specific people with whom he is in contact. Read his letter in the section [News – Missions News – Reports and news from missionaries \(In Russian only\)](#).

### SUMMIT IN DEFENSE OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

On May 10-13, there was an international Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington D.C. The summit organizer was Franklin Graham who is a leader of the “The Samaritan’s Bag” missionary group and a son of a well-known preacher—Billy Graham. More than 600 Christian leaders from 130 countries were invited to the summit with a goal of discussing the state of the persecuted Christians around the world.

Those who attended the summit were shocked by the personal testimonies of the relatives of Christians who were martyred by the ISIS, as well as testimonies of those who were tortured for their faith, had lost their loved ones, were raped, and were beaten.

For more information about the summit and what was discussed there, please read [a summary article on the Association’s website](#) or listen in [testimony of S. Dosova](#) (in Russian only), who was a summit participant and a speaker of a passed retreat of “Moms in Prayer” ministry.





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## EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- In agreement with the established educational programs, the Institute of Ministry “Blagovest” rectorate accepts enrollment into the following program: **FACULTY OF CHURCH MINISTRY. Level C.** Program of study “B.A. of church ministry”; time of study—3.5 years. Brothers and sisters who are members of the evangelical churches are welcome. The sessions will take place twice a month, 12 academic hours (second week of the month: Friday night (4:00pm), and Saturday (8:00am)). For more information, [visit the Association's website](#) (in Russian only).
  - Institute of Ministry “Blagovest” in partnership with an American seminary “Corner stone” announces open enrollment for faculty in training ministers who will be engaged in a variety of ministries in English. The program is called “Church Ministry and Evangelism” and is designed for those who wish to minister in the English-speaking context. For more information, visit the [Association's website](#).
  - On August 4-6, 2017, there will be a women’s Christian camp “Salon of Unfading Beauty”. The theme will be “Faith acting in love” Gal 5:6, and will be taught by Maria Gusenkova. The camp will be at Zephyr Point Conference Center on the shore of Lake Tahoe. The registration will be open from June 11 until July 23, and the cost will be - \$130.00. Beginning on July 24, the registration price will be \$140.00 (if places are still available). [For more information, visit the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)
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