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## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER - 2026**

### **NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT**

Among the many responsibilities of the Association's leader's ministry, some tasks are of the highest priority. One of these is getting personally acquainted with the Association's churches and pastors and participating in important events. Over the previous month, the Association's President visited the following churches.

- **Second Slavic Baptist Church**

On January 18, the church hosted a graduation and award ceremony for the Blagovest Institute of Ministry. Aleksandr Borisovich prayed a benediction prayer, and gave some words of instruction and encouragement.

- **Bethany Church in Los Angeles**

On January 25, our President and his wife, Irina, visited Bethany Church in Los Angeles. During the Bible hour time before the church service, the church's pastor, Vasiliy Rogozyan, invited him to share about the Association's ministry. He was then invited to preach a sermon.



- **Slavic Baptist Church in Yuba City**

On February 15, along with a group of brothers and sisters from Bryte Church, he visited the church in Yuba City, where pastor Andrey Parchomenko gave him an opportunity to preach the main sermon.



- **Sunday School Teachers' Conference**

On February 7, Grace Avenue Bible Church hosted a conference for Sunday School teachers. A. Pronin was invited to do an introductory preaching for the conference.



After the initial 100 days of the Association's President's ministry, the Video Department of the Association had an interview with A. Pronin. You can watch these recordings at the following links: [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) (in Russian only).

Please pray for the Association's President's ministry, for wisdom, and for him to be led by the Holy Spirit in making decisions, developing plans, and leading the ministries.

### **FIRST MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT LEADERS THIS YEAR**

The leaders of the Association's departments meet at least once every two to three months at the main office to share the progress of the work that has been done, and to pray together. Friday, February 20, was the first meeting of this year. A.B. Pronin taught a short seminar on the "Character of a Leader as a Foundation of Influence". After that, those ministry leaders who came to the meeting shared about the blessings, challenges, and upcoming plans for their ministries.



### **REMINDER ABOUT THE RADIO MINISTRY OF OUR ASSOCIATION**

Unfortunately, few people in our Association know that since 2004, the Radio Ministry Department has been broadcasting on city radio twice a week, proclaiming the Good News, airing sermons, and sharing about the ministry of the Association. And not only on the radio—the broadcasts are also actively streamed online.

For more about this ministry, access [the ministry page at this link](#). We would be grateful to you if you could share this information, and support this ministry both in prayer as well as financially.



*Igor Voronov, head of the Radio Ministry in action*

## **DIFFICULT BUT NECESSARY MINISTRY**

Not many people understand the need for the Prison Ministry and how difficult it is to find dedicated and sacrificial people who are willing to serve in this capacity. However, in the previous year, this ministry experienced significant improvements. The team was able to grow and have some people who speak English join their ranks. This made things significantly easier and improved the quality of ministry. [Read more details here.](#)



*Representatives of the ministry team and their assistants*

## **ENTRUSTING THE MINISTRY TO THE NEW PASTOR OF REVIVAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

On March 1, the head pastor of Revival Church, Mikhail Cherenkov, will officially pass on the ministry responsibility to Anatoliy Popov, the new pastor who was chosen by the church on November 16, 2025. For more about this new pastor, [read an article by M. Cherenkov at this link](#). On behalf of the entire church, the current pastor is asking everyone to pray for Revival Church, that they would continue to grow and welcome new people and ordain new pastors for the glory of God.



*Symbolic handshake over the pastor's chair*

## **GRACE FAMILY CHURCH'S MEN'S RETREAT**

At the end of January, more than 200 men and their sons of various ages from various churches were able to attend the men's retreat at Camp Paradise. The theme of the retreat was: "The Man Who Hears". The speaker was pastor Vitaliy Rozhko. The retreat included insightful discussions, men fellowshiping with one another, quality time for fathers and sons, various activities and training, including teaching children as well as adults how to weld, and of course, tasty food that made the camp unforgettable. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Here's how many of them came!*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

On February 7, the Association's Sunday School Ministry organized a wonderful conference. Over 50 people attended the conference. Andrey Tribunalov was able to help the attendees to evaluate themselves, set priorities, and learn to formulate clear goals and understand how to reach them. Yuliya Buts shared about her teaching methods, how to create lesson plans for Sunday School and make them engaging and interesting, how to keep the children's attention, and how to involve them in the learning process. For more about the conference, [access the Association's website](#).



*How wonderful it is to have these servants at our churches!*

## CORNERSTONE CHURCH'S BIBLE SEMINAR

On February 11, Cornerstone Church had an interesting seminar: "[The Mystery of the Trinity](#)". The conference speaker was Aleksandr Gyrbu, who is a pastor and a professor at the Theological University of Moldova. In his presentation, he used simple concepts and defined theological terms as he presented a highly complex theological topic – the doctrine of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He tried to describe what is virtually indescribable or impossible to define – the God who is always above every one of our analogies or comparisons. To listen to the seminar's recording, click this link: [The Mystery of the Trinity \(in Russian only\)](#).



*During one of the lectures*

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH IN MINNESOTA**

At the end of January, the leader of the Association's Women's Ministry, Yelena Mileyeva, visited Transfiguration Church in Minnetonka, Minnesota, where she led the women's ministry meeting. Usually, the women of this church meet every Friday to pray, worship God, and study His Word. However, due to the intense frost, all schools were cancelled. Despite the unfavorable weather conditions, some women still came together for fellowship. For more about this gathering, [read a small article by Y. Mileyev \(in Russian only\).](#)



## **FELLOWSHIP OF WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, AND THE LONESOME**

On February 7, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento had another fellowship meeting for widows, widowers, and the lonesome. During these meetings, brothers and sisters sympathize with each other, and appreciate the time together as they find themselves in a trusting atmosphere, and can share about God's mercy, care, and His provision for them. [More details...](#)



*Capturing the memories...*

## **FIRST BAPTISM OF THE YEAR**

On January 25, Bryte Church had their first water baptism of 2026. On this day, 22 people were baptized, the majority of them young men and women aged 15 years and older. Over the last six months, the candidates went through baptism preparation by attending weekly teaching sessions, met with pastors and church leaders, learned about the foundations of faith, learned about the teaching of the church, and developed spiritual disciplines. [More details...](#)



## MISSION BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH'S WINTER RETREAT— A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

At the beginning of February, Mission Boulevard Baptist Church in Hayward had their annual winter retreat where they had a time of rest, fellowship, and spiritual growth. This was a special time of unity, prayer, and deep study of the Word of God. [For more about the retreat, read an article by S. Iotko.](#)



## CATCH THE WAVE

During the 87th Convention of the PCSBA, Svetlana lotko, who is a correspondent of the Association's Information Ministry, interviewed Pavel Belev, pastor of Spring of Life Church in Washington and the newly elected vice president of the PCSBA. [To access the interview, click this link.](#)



## MISSIONARY NEWS

### NEWS FROM VALENCIA, SPAIN

At the end of January, Alik Shipuk, who serves as the Association's missionary, shared in a newsletter about the conference that they had in Valencia and their recent teaching sessions, and asked us to pray for their need for a bigger building. [You can access his letter at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Conference for married couples*

## **MINISTRY AT TORREVIEJA, SPAIN**

The church at Torrevieja, Spain had a wonderful evangelistic church service. Many kids and adults were able to get some Christmas presents, but most importantly, Bibles. [For more details, read a letter by](#) Tatyana and Viktor Kovba, who are responsible for this fast-growing young church.



*Parasolka!*

## EMBRACE A STREET CHILD MINISTRY

Even though they have a small team, they are doing amazing work. The children who have spent many years on the street are going through adaptation, and then are reunited with their families, or are able to find a new family. The most important thing is that these children with a broken past are able to learn about a loving God, about Jesus Christ who suffered on the cross for them. They know that they are wanted, and that someone loves them very much. For more, read the [November – December newsletter](#) of the Embrace a Street Child ministry.



*Thanksgiving Day Celebration*

## MINISTRY IN POLAND

The Sheremet family celebrated their three-year anniversary of serving in Poland. Despite the many challenges and problems, the ministry in Warsaw continues to grow. God is constantly adding those who are saved to the church. For more details, read an update [in a January newsletter by Joseph Sheremet \(in Russian only\)](#).



*Ordination for Ministry*

## **WE NEED PRAYER WARRIORS!**

How would you react if, on your next visit to teach classes to Gypsy children, you heard one of them say, "My thirteen-year-old sister ran away from home and married a boy who is also thirteen years old!" What would you do in that situation? What would you say at that moment? After all, these are still children, whose physical and intellectual development is far from complete! That's when you'd cry out to God to help in responding appropriately! [Read more...](#)



**NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**



## NEW VIDEO RESOURCES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE APOLOGETICS ASSOCIATION

The International Bible Apologetics Association (IBAA), under the leadership of Dr. Egal German, provides video recordings of their new resources that could be useful not just to church pastors, but also church members who would like to grow in their spiritual knowledge: "[The Harmony of God's Law and Grace](#)", "[Apostle John – Destroyer of Darkness](#)", "[Did Israel reject the Messiah?](#)", "[Two reactions of modern Christians towards Israel, and the examples of Orpah towards Ruth and Naomi](#)". [Find links and the recordings' short descriptions at this article \(in Russian only\).](#)

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### NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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#### **“YOUTH PASTOR DISCOVERS THE SHOCKING TRUTH: WHY 73% OF CHURCH-ATTENDING CHILDREN ARE REJECTING THE FAITH (AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT)”**

Churches and parents are trying everything to share the Gospel with their children in order to bring them to believe in God. They go to extreme sacrifices, and spare no cost! However, the shocking statistic is that 73% of children will deny their faith. What are they doing wrong? And what is the solution to this

problem? [Read the copy of the article on the Association's website.](#)

To read more about the [concluding thoughts to this article by Irina Tselikov](#), who is an experienced Sunday School teacher at Spring of Life Church in Mukilteo, WA, and [an article with links to useful resources](#), click the links in the body of this paragraph.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SEMINAR “THE ROLE OF JOY IN SELF-DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY, AND FAMILY”

Dear ladies! Healthy Christian Woman Ministry at Second Slavic Baptist Church is inviting you and your daughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and friends (ages 13-99+) to another women’s seminar that will take place on Friday, **March 13 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**. The theme will be: “The role of joy in self-development, ministry, and family.”

Speakers:

- Ion Keptene (San Diego, Master & Degree CKD, missionary pastor)
- Yelena Rotkin (Certified nutritionist, B.S. in nutrition and food from California State University, Sacramento)
- Yelena Agafonov (B.S. in Church Ministry, certified cosmetologist, coach of Totalfit Defense)

A full meal featuring Mediterranean cuisine, menus, and recipes will be provided at the table (to take home), prayer support, hymns, table conversations, games, and gifts.

Speaker  
**Ион Кептене**  
San Diego  
Master & Degree CKD  
MISSIONARY PASTOR  
[www.totalfit.me](http://www.totalfit.me)

• Certified **NUTRITIONIST**  
B.S. in Nutrition and Food  
of California State University, Sacramento  
Speaker, **Елена Роткин**

• Certified **COSMETOLOGIST**  
Sacramento City College, CA  
• **COACH** of Totalfit Defense, USA  
• Bachelor of Church Ministry  
Speaker, **Елена Агафонова**

6:00 вечера  
SSBChurch

13-99+

Вопросы-ответы

СЕМИНАР  
для сестер ВСЕХ возрастов  
“Роль радости в саморазвитии,  
в служении и в семье”  
1 Фес. 5:16-18  
**13 МАРТА 2026**

## MUSIC CONFERENCE

Dear church pastors! On **March 14 at 8:30am**, Bryte Church will host a music conference. The speakers will be Mikhail Cherenkov, Ivan Mileyev (instructor of the choir ministry), and Joseph Nikita (choir song composer).



**МУЗЫКАЛЬНАЯ  
КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ**

● 14-го Марта, 2026 года  
в 8:30 утра



Ivan Mileev  
Преподаватель по  
хоровой практике



Iosif Nichita  
Композитор  
христианских песен  
для хорового  
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BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRYTE  
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Everyone without exclusion is welcome: conductors, choir singers, musicians, and everyone who has the desire to come.

Church address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605

For questions: (916) 595-3480 – Sergey Yanovskiy

## **MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Dear sisters, mothers, daughters, and grandmothers of the PCSBA! The Moms in Prayer Ministry is inviting you

all to a prayer breakfast which will take place at Bryte Church on **March 28 at 9:30am** at: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. The theme will be: "The Lord is our Redeemer". Speaker: Tatyana Senin.

Free admission, but please register at the link below for better accommodation of guests: <https://forms.gle/VRvVNz9tCfjttLgc8>. For questions: (916) 270-7545.

You don't have to live your life alone! Come to pray together with other women for the children that are precious to you, and renew your life, and their life. Please invite your friends and relatives!



**Step into a consistent prayer journey for the children on your heart that will renew your life and theirs.**

**Be refreshed in your spirit!**

***God is our Redeemer***

Women's ministry "Moms in Prayer"

**Prayer Breakfast  
March 28 at 9:30am  
Bryte Church**

1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

## **BRYTE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S REGISTRATION FOR 2026–2027 IS NOW OPEN!**

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year is now open at **Bryte Christian Academy!** We invite you to give your child a strong academic foundation rooted in Christian values, in a safe and caring environment that promotes both academic excellence and character development. With small class sizes and dedicated teachers, Bryte Christian Academy is committed to helping each student grow spiritually and academically.

Spots are limited, so we encourage families to apply early. Learn more and complete your registration today at <https://www.bryteca.org>.



## **PLEASE SUBSCRIBE AND INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN OUR NEWS CHANNEL ON TELEGRAM!**

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