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## APRIL NEWSLETTER - 2026

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

#### MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT

As previously stated, in addition to taking care of the regular concerns, the Association's President, A. Pronin, is also actively visiting churches of the Association in order to personally get to know the churches' leadership. Here are the churches that he was able to visit from mid-March to early April.

- **March 18.** He visited Second Slavic Baptist Church with Pastor Sergey Solonenko as the church pastor.



- **March 21.** He joined the Haven Church's elders' meeting in Concord. Igor Rudometkin is their head pastor.

- **March 29.** He visited Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento where Igor Verstak is the head pastor. The church had a special deacon ordination service.



- **On Easter Sunday, April 5,** he and his wife visited a church in Montebello where Valeriy Konopelkin is the head pastor.



- **On April 5,** he also visited Slavic Bible Church in Irvine, where Nikolay Larshin is the head pastor. They were celebrating their 5-year church anniversary.



There were other visits, including an opportunity to visit a prison in Galt on **April 11**.

### **APRIL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MINISTRY LEADERS**

The Association's department leaders have a meeting every two months. During these meetings, the leaders share about the work that their departments are doing, and about their plans for the future. During the April meeting, A. Pronin offered a short seminar about the qualifications of a leader, and there was also a time of listening to ministry reports, followed by a discussion about involving other churches in the Association's ministry and the future of the Association's newsletters. [More details can be found at this link.](#)



*Some of the leaders attended the meeting through Zoom.*

## **SHORT SEMINARS FOR LEADERS**

At every meeting of the Association's department leaders, the Association President offers the leaders short seminars designed to equip them for ministry. You can find outlines of the seminars by A. Pronin below (in Russian only). These were offered during the first quarter of 2026. We are confident that this information will be valuable for church leaders as well.

- [Qualifications of a Leader](#)
- [Integrity of a Leader](#)



## **THE REVIVAL CHURCH HAS A NEW HEAD PASTOR**

Beginning on March 1, the Revival Church in Vancouver, WA has a new head pastor, Anatoliy Nikolayevich Popov. To find out more about him in his biography, [click this link](#). His contact information is available [on the church page](#) that can be found on the Association's website.

**VERY IMPORTANT!**  
**PLEASE HELP!**

*The manager of the Pacific Thrift Store, Pavel Tsvivinko has a special request:*

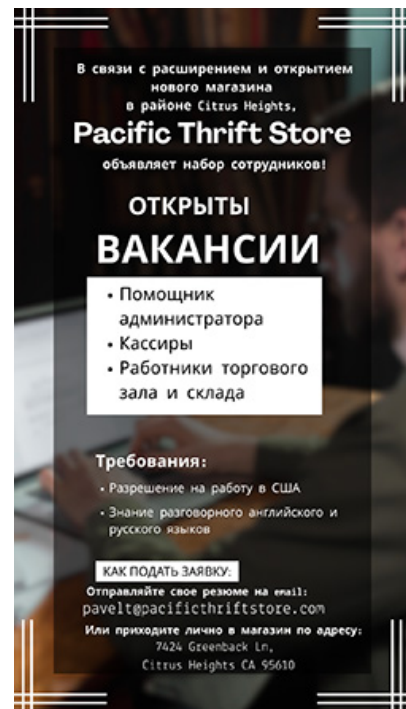
Dear friends! I am coming to you with a great need. At the moment we are in the process of opening another location of the Pacific Thrift Store. God gave us this opportunity and a wonderful building in a good location. However, we have a lot of work to do. If you have an opportunity, please come join us for at least a few hours to minister for the glory of God. Your help is welcome any day 9am - 4 pm at: 7424 Greenback Ln, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

We also want to invite people for a stable job – see the image on the right.

*Also, here's a request from the Association's President, A. Pronin:*

Dear pastors, peace be unto you! I would like to present you with a great need. Please announce this need in your churches. We really need a lot of help in opening up this second thrift store location. Perhaps some of your church members will have time to volunteer their time for the glory of the Lord! Perhaps one or two days a week, or even half a day. Any volunteer help is much appreciated. May God bless you!

This is what volunteers can do: sort clothes, organize shelves, put up decorations. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!



## **PACIFIC THRIFT STORE – DISCOUNTS AND SALES. WHEN WILL THE SECOND STORE OPEN?**

Our Pacific Thrift Store has been operating for over 10 years and gained solid popularity. Plans are underway to open a second location. Manager Pavel Tsvivinko answers questions from Olga Avetisova, head of the Association's Information Department, about both the first and second stores. [Read his responses and additional information about the stores at this link](#). You can also listen to an audio version of [his answers at this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



## **YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH**

On Saturday, April 11, over 20 young people came together at Grace Avenue Bible Church for the youth prayer breakfast. Many of them came extra early to prepare a light breakfast for everyone. After the breakfast, the youth had a time of worship, prayer, and fellowship. They heard a word of exhortation from their youth leader, Yevgeniy Belous. [Read more...](#)



## FIRST OF MANY PRAYER AND WORSHIP EVENINGS AT THE CAPITOL

On March 22, United the Movement had their first worship night of this year at the steps of the California Capitol in Sacramento. This was a special time when members of local churches and many bystanders joined together for this special service.

An event featuring worship music and youth fellowship took place outdoors in the evening. According to participants, the atmosphere was inspiring, filled with voices lifted up in praise to the Lord. Fellowship continued long after the official program had ended. [Read more...](#)

## MOBILE BIBLE EXHIBIT

On March 25-29 the Mobile Bible Exhibit, which is a project of the Bible Mission International, served the residents in Monterey on the beach near the aquarium. Over 500 people were able to come to an understanding of the history of the Scriptures. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## ANOTHER MEETING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

On March 7, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento had another fellowship of families with special needs children. These meetings usually take place in two classrooms: one for the children, and another for the mothers. The children have a Bible lesson similar to Sunday School, and mothers have discussions on various topics related to getting encouragement and support for one another. This time, the mothers were remembering the women of the Bible who were mentioned in the

genealogy of Jesus Christ as it was recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)

## MIRACULOUS GRACE OF GOD

On Sunday, March 15, Grace Avenue Bible Church had a very special and emotional church service dedicated to the healing of Pastor Pavel Shura, who has been healed

from cancer. It was a testimony of faith, persistence in prayer, and the grace of God. After being diagnosed with Stage IV lymphoma, and undergoing over nine months of chemotherapy, Pastor Pavel came before the church to share what he calls a life-altering experience. [Read more...](#)



*During one of the chemotherapy sessions*

## **SPRING OF LIFE CHURCH'S EASTER ART EXHIBIT**

During the Easter season, the Spring of Life Church in Mukilteo, WA, had a special art exhibit dedicated to the “Apostles of Jesus Christ.” This exhibit had a huge impact because it shared about people who fully dedicated themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, serving God, and the Church. As a result of this art of biblical history, the visitors had a chance to see the spiritual sacrifice of the apostles and reflect on their faithfulness to Christ. [Read more details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## JOIN THE CHURCH IN PRAYER!

The Haven Church in Concord continues to grow as they come together around the study of the Word of God and Christian fellowship. The church places a special emphasis on spiritual growth and investment into the next generation. The church also cares about sharing the Gospel with the world that is around them, and are confirmed to have the Bible Truck in May. They are asking us to join them in prayer for the preparations and for blessings upon this ministry. [Read more...\(in Russian only\).](#)



## MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

On March 28, over 50 women attended the prayer breakfast at Bryte Church. They came together to pray for their children and to meditate on the attributes of Christ as a Redeemer: "What did Christ Redeem Us from, and for What Purpose?" [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## EASTER PICNIC AT YUBA CITY

On April 18, the church in Yuba City had a special picnic for two churches who came together for some time of fellowship. By the grace of God and with the support of brothers and sisters, this event was a great time of celebration in a beautiful Spring season. The weather was accommodating, and those who came had an opportunity to experience the presence of the Lord. [Read more....](#)



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## MISSIONARY NEWS

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### **DON'T ABANDON US AND OUR CHILDREN!**

It has been a month since the [last update of ministry among the gypsy-mugate population](#). This month was very eventful, and had some unpleasant things as well.

On Saturday, March 28, while Pastor Shukhrat and his team had Bible lessons with the children in the village, one of the neighbors and the local mullah called the local authorities. When they came, they took some photographs, talked with Shukhrat, Vera, with the owners of the house, and got the information from Shukhrat's and Vera's passports. They also said that Shukhrat must come on Monday to the Department of Internal Affairs for further investigation. [Read more...](#)



*Pastor Shukhrat with Atabek and Aziza*

## **MINISTRY NEWS FROM SPAIN**

From March 27 to 29, 2026, we held a retreat-training for church leaders. It was a blessed and very meaningful time for all participants. Over the course of three days, we prayed together, studied the Word of God, and got to know one another's character more deeply. Then, on April 5, we celebrated Easter together as a church family in a warm, family-like atmosphere. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



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## **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

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## NEWS FROM THE BIBLE MISSION INTERNATIONAL

One of the active projects of the Bible Mission International (BMI), is assisting in the building of churches for small congregations. In another one of their newsletters, BMI shares more about one of their projects, and are inviting others to join them in their ministry. [Read their letter at this link... \(in Russian only\)](#).



*Строительство церкви в Армении*

*Construction of a Church in Armenia*



## NEW VIDEO RESOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE APOLOGETICS ASSOCIATION

On [the Association's website at this link](#), you can find information about new apologetics resources by the IBAA in Russian and in English.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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## 16TH SUMMIT-FORUM OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS IN EUROPE



The 16th NRC-EBF SUMMIT in Warsaw, Poland has come to an end. The summit was attended by representatives from 26 countries. The theme of the Summit was based on 1 Thessalonians 2:4: “Preaching the Gospel and pleasing God!”

[Video recording of this summit can be found here \(in Russian only\)...](#)

The [website of NRC EBF](#) provides addresses of over 450 Baptist churches in various countries.

## **CAN A WOMAN BE A PASTOR? CONFUSION AROUND THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR AS A THREAT TO THE FUTURE OF SBC — ALBERT MOHLER**

The President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Albert Mohler, shares that an ongoing indecisiveness regarding the pastoral office is a serious threat to the future of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The main issue of the debate is centered around an understanding of who can be in the office of a pastor. According to the statement of faith, the “Baptist Faith and Message 2000,” this role is reserved for men. However, some churches have different views, which was the reason for discussion at the level of the entire convention. Read more on The [Christian Post](#) website.



*Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE “WHEN GOD IS LEADING YOU FURTHER” CONFERENCE**

On **May 8-9**, Second Slavic Baptist Church will have a conference: “When God Is Leading You Further.” The conference is geared toward young adults 25 years and older who are seeking answers to important life questions, and who are seeking to strengthen their faith and receive biblical guidance. [For more about the theme and the speakers, click this link.](#)

Registration is required! See the QR code or the registration form: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260907749596172>.

Location of the conference:

Second Slavic Baptist Church

6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660

Date and times:

May 8: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

May 9: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration cost: \$40.00.

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