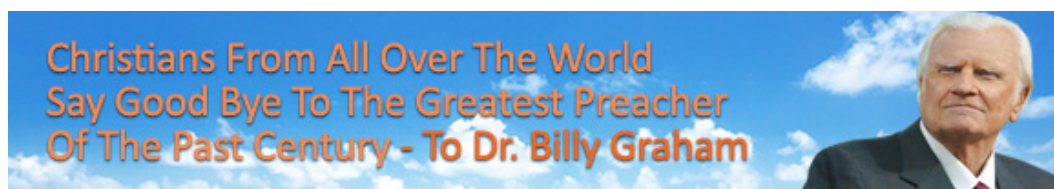


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### NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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#### THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENT LEADERS MEETING

On Friday, February 16, there was a meeting of leaders of the Association which took place at the Association headquarters. Brothers and sisters shared information about ministry accomplished during the months of December and January and discussed plans for the upcoming months.

In the second part of the meeting, the Association's President I. V. Mileyev conducted a small test during which each leader could identify which attributes should a leader possess, and check themselves if they possess these attributes.



### **ASSOCIATION'S MINISTERS' MEETING**

An semiannual pastors conference took place on February 24th. The main speaker was I. V. Mileyev who presented the following seminars: "What to change and why?" and "Signs of growth of the local church in light of the PCSBA's renewed vision". The main concepts from the seminars were:

- The renewal of the Association's vision ([click here](#)),
- What needs to be done at the Association's level as a whole in order to accomplish the vision,
- Motivate the youth to stay in Slavic churches, and lastly,
- To disciple those who will continue carrying the Gospel proclamation further--to new places and a new generation.

There will be video recordings uploaded [to the Association's YouTube channel](#) later. However, the content of the presentation can already be found [on the Association's website - click here](#) (In Russian only.)

### **FAMILY CONFERENCE AT MONTEBELLO CHURCH**

On February 10th, there was a family conference at the local church in Montebello and was attended by representatives from different churches. The speaker was Aleksey Melnichuk who came from Sacramento specifically for the conference.

[Read the story of P. Surgay on the Association's website - click here](#) (In Russian only.)

### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

The Institute "Blagovest" continues its sessions in the "B.A of Church Ministry" in various churches of the Association (Bryte, Castro Valley). At the *Cornerstone Church*, there are lessons in the AA program. In addition, there are classes offered in English under the AA program and it is attended by 17 people.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS RETREAT**

On February 2-4th, the children department held an annual retreat for church Sunday Schools directors of the Association at Sierra Pines Camp. For more information, read [the report of the children department leader - click here](#) (In Russian only.)

### **MARCH 5TH – ANNUAL WOMENS DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER**

The women and all others are invited to spend Monday, March 5th in prayer and fasting for our spiritual condition and the readiness to meet our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information read [the letter from the women's department of the Association - click here](#) (In Russian only.)

### **FIRST MEETING OF THE SLAVIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGIATE**

On February 16th, with the support of the Association's Education Department and Institute "Blagovest", there was the first meeting of Slavic Theological Collegiate. The meeting was open to all the brothers who have a theological education and who have the willingness not only to have theological discussions, but who are also able to search and find answers to contemporary challenges and find approaches in practical lives of our immigrated churches. The first meeting was attended by about 15 brothers from different churches of the Association and other church unions. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 16th. These meetings will take place at the Association's headquarters once a month.

[For details about the first meeting - read here.](#)



### THE "CORAM DEO" COUNSELING TRAINING PROGRAM

Over the course of almost a week, more than sixty people from 13 churches in Sacramento and other cities met daily at the Slavic Baptist Church in West Sacramento for a study in Biblical counseling. The material was well-taught by the President of the International Institute of Counseling - Aleksey Tolochyants.

For details, read [on the Association's website - click here](#). (In Russian) [on the Association's website - click here](#). [The interview with the director of the institute can be found here](#) (In Russian only.)



### ATTENTION!

**March 11-** Day of special attention to, and visiting of, widows within local churches.

Please encourage and support the widows of your church by visiting and fellowshiping with them. Show them that they are not forgotten, are loved, and honored by both the pastors of the church, as well as others within the church.

Do it for the glory of God.



### MISSIONARY TRIP TO INDIA

From December 28 to January 13, a missionary team of volunteers from “Grace Avenue” church visited Chilakaloo, India which is a small village about 200 km north of Haydarabada. For more about the visit [read the Association's website - click here](#). For a brief [video about the trip - click here](#)

### 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.

- [Pastoral edification before the Communion V. Troshin](#)
- Why Study Biblical Counseling? [Part 1](#). [Part 2](#).  
Why Study Biblical Counseling? Part 1. The President of the International Institute of Counseling (Coram Deo” A. Tolochyants  
[Full interview in one file](#)
- [Counseling training of the “Coram Deo” Program](#)
- [Special announcement about the order of things in the rehab center “Redemption House” I. Mileyev](#)

- [Story about the "Grace Avenue Church", previously Third Slavic Church. V. Troshin](#)
- [News: about the Bible Track at the "New Hope Church" and more](#)
- [News: about women's ministries and meetings. T. Senina](#)

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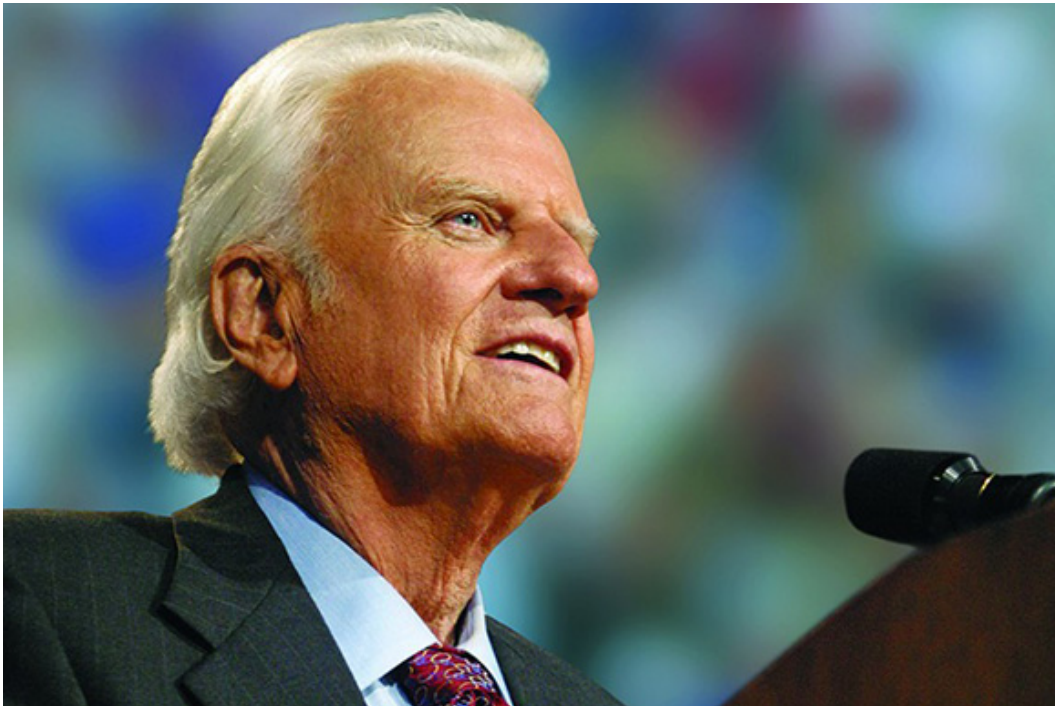
## NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

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### **DR. BILLY GRAHAM WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD**

Dr. Billy Graham, a legendary evangelist and preacher went to be with the Lord. The earthly life of a person who dedicated his entire life to preaching the Gospel has ended. 215 million people attended his crusades. He preached both to the simple people and to kings and presidents. Praise God that this light was burning for 99 years. May the Lord send us more of the same kind of ministers!

The White House and the U.S. President Mr. D. Trump made a special announcement marking the achievement of this servant of God ([read here](#)). For more information about the ministry of Billy Graham read on the following website - <https://billygraham.org/> (анг.). . Memorial website [can be found here](#). A few articles about him in Russian [can be found here](#).



### **N. A. BUGRIYEV'S VISIT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Vice President of the Association N. A. Bugriyev, along with three other brothers from Sacramento, attended the annual intra-American presidential prayer breakfast which took place in Washington.

Slavic Christians have varying attitude towards such breakfasts, and there are different rumors about them. A lot of the rumors are unfounded and are nothing but presumptions. Nikolay Alekseyevich Bugriyev attended these breakfasts twice. He shared about the way these breakfasts take place in a special broadcast where he discusses who can attend them and how much it costs to take part in such an event.

Listen to [an interview of N. A. Bugriyev in a recording](#) (In Russian only), uploaded on the Association's website.

### **YOUTH CONFERENCE IN RUSSIA AND THE PARTICIPATION OF B. KIPKO**

"Generation for Christ" was the name of the youth conference of the Russian Union of ECB at the beginning of February. The conference's speaker was the pastor of "Forward" Church - Bogdan Kipko. Inspired by the zeal of the Christian youth to preach Christ, he calls all who have an opportunity to attend this annual conference and find out how the youth serves the Lord in a different country.

Read [summary of B. Kipko here](#); recording of his radio-interview [can be found here](#) (In Russian only.)



### **SUMMIT - FORUM OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF EUROPE 2018**

Millions of people of the post-Soviet times left their homes and went in search of jobs in Europe. The Slavic diaspora spread to many countries such as Italy, Spain, Greece, France, England, and others. Soon they were faced with the real need of organizing churches in these countries for missionary ministry. The Summit of Russian-speaking Churches of Europe was formed for a more productive ministry and coordinating the work of Christian partnerships and associations.

The Summit of organizations working in Europe took place on February 20 to 23 in Urmala, Latvia. The motto of the summit were the words of prophet Isaiah: "How lovely

on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news” (Is. 52:7a). Summary of the summit by Y. K. Sipko can be found [on the Association's website - click here](#). The Summit's website: <https://www.spasenie.eu>.



#### EVANGELISM - AS A LIFESTYLE. IDEAS OF THE MISSIONS

Born-again Christian cannot live without sharing the Gospel and good news of salvation with people. Fire in the heart of the believer which is ignited by the Lord will not give him rest unless he willingly quenches the voice of the Holy Spirit within himself. But sometimes people are at a loss of where, to whom, and how to evangelize; how to find those who need the Gospel; how to approach a person, and what to start with. There is a great website: <http://www.vergenetwork.org>, where after the initial registration, there is access to many very valuable materials in evangelism and discipleship. All materials are in English.

#### EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On **March 2-3, 2018**, women ministry department will host a counseling seminar for leaders of women's groups on the topic of: "How to be an instrument of grace in the hands of the Redeemer". The seminar's theme will be: How to purify your heart, learn to love people who we will be counseling, and minister to them so that the Lord could accomplish His work through us. The seminar will take place at the *Slavic Baptist Church* located at 1716 Willow Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691-3299, March 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and March 3 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 (cost of the book and food is included). For more information contact Galina Bugriyev (916) 256-7363 or Nina Yurkova (510) 209-3298.
- Grace Family Church will host a seminar: "Growing in the Likeness of Christ" on **March 15-18**. The speakers are: Aleksandr Kalinskiy and Yaroslav Tersa from Ukraine. These are well-known preachers and pastors, powerful in word and deed. Free admission. Church address is 7031 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660.
- "Bible Track" or "Bible Museum on Wheels" from **March 19 to April 2** will be located on the territory of Grace Family Church at the following address: 7031 Watt



Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660. Tours at the museum are free of charge. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum, but especially children and unbelievers.

- **On March 24th** from 10:00am to 2:00 p.m. at Montebello Church in Los Angeles (Pastor Valeriy Konopelkin), there will be a women's conference on the topic of "How to be a Woman According to God's Heart". The Conference's speaker is Tatyana Nikora. Women of all ages are welcome. For information contact Nina Yurkova (510) 209-3298.

- **Events calendar of the Association for March, 2018**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events of the Association</b>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Counseling seminar for leaders of women's groups of the Association's churches</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Moms in Prayer - conference at Rockland Baptist Church</li> <li>◦ Prayer group for mothers and Bible lessons for children with special needs (1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691)</li> <li>◦ Department of Education - teaching session in Florida</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Day of fasting and prayer for the Association's churches</li> </ul>
<b>9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Department of Education- teaching session at Bryte</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Day of special attention and visiting of widows of the local churches</li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Department of Education- teaching session in Castro Valley and Italy</li> </ul>
<b>24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Missionary Department- Meeting of the Committee "Power in Truth"</li> <li>◦ Department of Women's Ministry- conference in Los Angeles</li> </ul>
<b>31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Department of Education - teaching session in Montebello</li> </ul>

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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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