

# Good Shepherd Community

Greetings  
to you dear  
brothers and sisters,  
friends and  
acquaintances!

During a long time, we wanted to initiate the send out of newsletter (so far we are using the available addresses) of our church, to build up the Kingdom of God through a prayer, support and development of mutual relations. But, only now the time has come when we do it for the first time.

**So, we will share with you just some news, which are relevant recently.**



## Our pastor Taras Nikolaevich...

...Feels much better. After pneumonia, was followed the inflammation of the leg (it is already chronic since 1983), and already on the last Sunday he continued his sermons on Genesis and its characters – Abraham.



## The Committee of the worship service...

...Continues the development of public ministries of the church. It has already been initiated a meetings of preachers and leaders. During this time they are discussing the effectiveness of public events, conduct and sermons.

Friday meetings become more prayerful. At least more often we speak about a prayer, and urge to it the church. And doing this, in fact, suppose to serve not so much the circumstances as a state of heart, knowing God of the Bible.



## Group of worship...

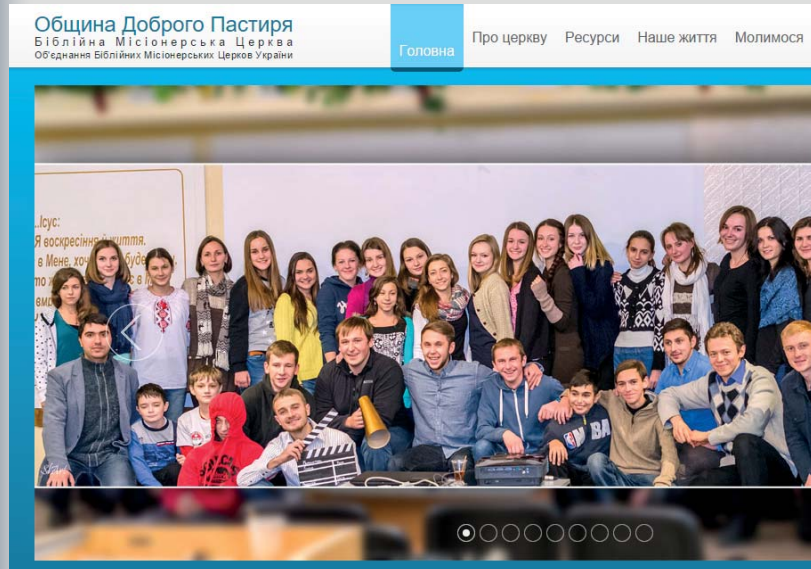
...Is developing also in the context of the Committee. And the group has its joys and its sorrows. In general, going the process and not only of professional growth, but also a dedication to this service of each partaker more fully. There are emerging a new singers and we are looking for or trying to cultivate those who could play instruments. For example, our drummer because of the circumstances in the East, decided to move closer to his kin in Ternopil city. Therefore, there is a free “vacancy” on the drums. There is no stable bass player and so on. And, of course, it is not the point. The best compliment that had been heard within year and a half in address a worship group its leader: “The Church sings” And this is very inspiring. Trying to revive / restore chorus.



## Information service...

...Is already functioning more than a year. This includes the work of the church site «rivne-odp.org» + activities in social networks + we begin to write such a news bulletins.

It is interesting to observe the activity of visiting of the site by internet visitors, especially from many other countries. Thus, the global network exercises some “missionary function”, although, of course, we can not call it a full missionary service.



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## Flourball...

...became a new church ministry. Vitaly Bakunets is the leader, actively trains and conducts training with essential biblical lessons. And also the ministry team spends enough time with a students in informal setting, on a picnics, in the hikes and other trips. Some of the young floor-ball players are already attending the church.



## “Comfort for immigrants...”

...Lets say so, as always continues to exist. What is it? Currently, there are 6 families, members of the church and one lonely brother. Another unbelieving man who was combating for some time in ATO, regularly attends worship. Due to assistance of the mission “Hope to people” brothers and sisters (and not only them) receive a variety of support needed for life. Someone found a job, someone has shelter, someone got clothes or food.



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## Soccer service...

...That formed 11 years ago on the basis of the mission “Hope to people”, also continues to bear its fruits. Seven brothers during this time have joined to the “Community of the Good Shepherd,” and some already have actively, consistently serve in the church or mission. Andrey Kazmiruk became a driver. Eugene Palchevskiy – cook and also a singer. Ivan Pavlov serves as the coach of the team “Hope”, Andrei Dzura and Dmitry Sosnowski also help as coaches. And Ivan Huranets has a good makings of deacon that he applies in the service here and there.



## Missionary service...

...Continues after the conference. Some of the church members are practicing in short-term trips to the peninsula. There was a trip to the Far East. It's planning an arrival of the guests from there for a future cooperation and friendship. We dream and prepare to send our missionaries.



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## Campaigns in oncology departments...

...Do not stop to occur. Sisters constantly communicate with patients and their families, and studying God's Word. Sometimes the last ones come to church to worship.



## The project of prayer chapel...

...Came to an end. Many church members have been able to take part at least once in distribution of prayer books and in living communication with people on the street.



## Women's meetings...

...Are taking place once a month. Nadia Leonidivna is a wife of pastor, leads them in reading the book of Martha Peace "Beautiful wife" and discussing it in a group.



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## Youth services...

...For the time being at “pause” up to September. Thanks to God for this first season of the youth services, which took place from October 2014 to June 2015. Videos and photos of these ministries you can find on the church’s website.



## Sunday School...

...Is also “on vacation”, so that the teachers could be present at the meeting, as well as parents could teach their children to be present in the sanctuary, but not run around at the church territory.

## Summer Camps...

...Began and still are ahead, if the Lord let us. Every Wednesday a youth group + friends from a local churches around, organize playgrounds by the mission and the church. Every Thursday, another group of young people is studying English with the children on the basis of biblical books. Young people have participated in the day camp by a comprehensive school in Rivne. Soon will take place a church camp. In August – family and youth evangelistic English camps.



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## Baptism...

...Is scheduled for an early September, probably on 6th. Please, get involved, come and share this joy with us.

Brothers and sisters, we are very grateful for your prayerful support and friendly relations. We hope that we will be able to get a piece of news from one another more often. And also, to see each other in visitations during the year. We invite you to our camps in advance, and on the New Year's youth conference "Reloading of the heart" (topic is not yet known, who will organize and where, but...) and for the next 21st missionary conference, which takes place the last week of January.



## Blessings!



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