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NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The PCSBA's president I.V. Milejev wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving Day. In speaking about this holiday he specifically said: "During these days of celebration, may our hearts be filled with the special thanksgiving to God for everything: His spiritual blessings, brotherhood, material well-being, and for every day of our lives! There is no other alternative: there is either worship of God, or worship of "modern idols" that many people today worship. People who are ungrateful to God easily become idolaters. They exchange the place of God with different things, ideas, or people. *"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened...they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator."*

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FAITHFUL. PERSISTENT. BLESSED.

Grace Avenue Bible Church had a 10th annual meeting of the association's missionaries on October 28. This year's theme was "Faithful. Persistent., Blessed." This meeting was well attended by the representatives of the missionary departments from Seattle, Fresno, Los Angeles, Kansas, Sacramento, and Ukraine.

For a recap about this meeting, read an article by Irina Karhut on the Association's website: [Summary Version](#) | [Full Version](#) (in Russian only). You can also view photos captured by Yevgeniy Kiselev.



SIGNING OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IUU ECB

While working on the missionary fields of Europe, the Association felt a real need for a ministry agreement and the joint ministry with Intra-Ukrainian Union of Churches of Evangelical Christian Baptists. This union is one of a few that is working in the same field in Europe, just like the PCSBA.

During the annual missionary meeting on October 28, a partnership agreement between the PCSBA and IUU ECB was signed – [read the details in an article by I. Milejev on the Association's website.](#)






FAMILY CONFERENCE IN THE RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRYTE

The organizers of a family conference did all that they could in order to make it interesting. Not only was the main speaker a well-known American Astronaut Jeffrey Williams - which is in itself attractive to many people, but there were also great singers, musical ensembles, and even Ukrainian bandura players.

Of course, without Jeffrey Williams, everything would have been pleasant but ordinary. Jeffrey took the audience beyond the limits of our mother planet and showed the greatness of God's creation through the photographs taken in space. His presentations led to a variety of questions which he patiently answered during the course of the entire conference.

For more information about the conference, [read an article published on the Association's website](#). In order to view the conference's recording, [check out the YouTube channel-click here](#) . All this information on Russian only.





ABOUT "GOD ON TRIAL" CONFERENCE

The name of the conference itself sparked many debates on the Association's Facebook page. Someone thought that such a title necessary to intrigue and attract the youth, and some considered it to be blasphemous.

But regardless of the name of the conference, its content was insightful. For more about the conference, read [an article by Nikolay Terekhin \(Tacoma\) on the Association's website](#).




ANOTHER SESSION IN ITALY

"Blagovest" Institute of Ministry held training sessions for the past 10 years. The scope of the Institute's ministry extends beyond California and the United States. On November 3-5, there was a training session in Napoli, Italy. Currently there are 17 people in the group representing three churches. The class of "Homiletics" was taught by Aleksandr Pronin. Next session of "Survey of the Old Testament" will be taught by Andrey Romanov. The session is scheduled for January, 2018. Please pray for the ministry of the Department of Education. To view [pictures from the session, click here](#).

INTERVIEW WITH THE ARK MISSIONARY GROUP

In celebrating their 45 year ministry, a well-known evangelistic vocal-instrumental group "Ark" recently visited Sacramento and had a concert in the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte. The head of the Association's Information Department interviewed the group

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PLEASE HELP IN EVANGELISM!

ATTENTION! If you have Russian literature that is helpful for unbelievers, and you can donate it, please let us know.

We have a small church in Hawaii which comes in contact with many tourists who speak in Russian. The members of the church who preach the Gospel to them, try to give them something that will help them to get to know God, but are unable to.

If you have the New Testaments, Gospel tracts, or any other Christian literature that you can donate, please contact the church in Hawaii: (Address: 511 Main Street, Honolulu, HI 96818, phone: (808) 294-5156), or with us through email: pcsbaca@gmail.com.

Watch an interview of the church pastors here: <https://youtu.be/RS7x2jhiRxs> (in Russian only). 

THE ASSOCIATION’S RADIO – broadcasts of the past mont

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 admonition before the Communion. B. Gavelovskiy](#)
- [About Biblical Institute at Grace Family Church. I. Sheremet](#)
- [News. Y. Sheyko and N. Kostyuk](#)

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- ["Bitterness". Answer to the Listener's question. Y. Sipko](#)
- [Interview with P. Marchenko and L. Bak, church pastors in Hawaii](#)
- [Learning Spanish for Gospel preaching. P. Garcia](#)
- [Thanksgiving greeting of president I. Mileyev, and Brutskiy-Stempkovskiy](#)
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- [Pastoral admonition before the Communion. N. Bugriyev](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

CONVENTION OF THE MIDDLE-EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF SLAVIC CHURCHES OF ECB

M. U. Avramenko participated in the convention of our brothers of the Middle-Eastern Association of Slavic Churches of ECB. This convention was unique in that the churches of the Middle-Eastern Association gathered for the first time after a seven year interval. "The Lord's Humility" was the theme of this meeting. For more about the convention and the content, read an article by M. U. Avramenko published on [the Association's website – click here](#).





SINGING AND PHONOGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

"Word for Russia" Mission offers **completely free** broadcasts and downloads of songs and phonograms for children and youth of our internet-radio. This is a great resource for children's and teens' choirs, for kindergarteners, small groups, missionaries, and for children's education in their homes. Thanks to your support of our ministry, we are able to offer these resources to those accessing the site www.detskoeradio.org.

On the main page, you will see: "All Rights Belong to Jesus Christ". Send the website address to all your friends and ministers in all the countries. Let the grace of God for children and the youth spread throughout the world. For questions and comments contact us by email word2russia@gmail.com or by phone: (916) 372-4610. With love to you, leadership of "Word for Russia" Ministry.

EVANGELISING MUSLIMS TRAINING

Everyone who wishes to receive proper evangelism training for ministering to Muslims, visit the website of Intra-Ukrainian Union Churches of Evangelical Christian-Baptists located at the <http://student.missiya.in.ua> (in Russian only). The course is relatively small, but it covers a lot of relevant topics such as "Questions about the Bible", "Questions about the Quran", "Mistakes of Preaching the Gospel to Muslims", and many more. For more about the sections of the course, read an article [on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only\)](#).

This article also has the instructions on registering for the course. The courses are online, free, and very useful.

NEW PERSECUTION OF BAPTISTS IN RUSSIA

After passing a new law known as the "Yarovoy's Law" which limited missionary and other Christian activities in Russia, everyone waited in anticipation of what that would mean in different places. The results were soon to follow. The limitations began to be implemented everywhere, and especially in the inland of Russia.

"The government singled out the Baptists. Russia begins the confiscation of churches" – was the title of a published article on the Russian [website: "Religion and Rights"](#). The article describes the attempt by the local authorities to confiscate the church in Tula, where the believers have gathered for 26 years. The church building is filed under the name of two sisters. They are currently accused of using the building and the land contrary to the intent. The church belongs to the brotherhood of ISC ECB.

The following is stated in a defense letter of ISC ECB: "Our land does not grow harmful herbs; the church does not sell drugs, and does not do anything that is forbidden on legal grounds. This makes us to question: what is the infraction, and which lawyer dared to consider joint prayers of the saints such an infraction of the use of the land, that it can be confiscated without a hearing? In the years of atheistic dominance such an insult to

to consider joint prayers of the saints such an infraction of the use of the land, that it can be confiscated without a hearing? In the years of atheistic dominance such an insult to God, to the temples, and prayer meetings was a norm."

Full article can be read on [the website "Religion and Rights" – click here.](#)

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Moms in Prayer
INTERNATIONAL
Praying for Children & Schools
Christmas Eve **"God with us!"** Math. 1:20-25



December 1st, 2017 at 6pm
all sister in-Christ invited
Main speaker: Sherry Buse
also, leaders from China and Spain associations.
Registration at the door. \$15
Galina (916) 256-7363, Oksana (916) 769-1906

5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95842

- With the mutual efforts of the Association's Departments of Education and the Department of Music, the course of "Church Singing and Music" is made available starting January 2018. For registration, email proninab@mail.ru or mail at the PCSBA office with an indication of "Course of Church Singing and Music": PCSBA 639 Welland Way, Sacramento, CA 95605. For more information contact the course instructor Vitaliy Gulegin - (916) 247-4728.
- On **January 23 - 28** Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento will have a first module of the International Institute of Biblical Counseling "Coram Deo"—"Foundations: Dynamics of Biblical Counseling." The goal of this session is to glorify God while helping the churches in preparing pastors, leaders, and ministers in the sphere of Biblical counseling as well as help every Christian to get disciplined in both the biblical counseling as well as family counseling.

Church address: Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento, 1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sacramento Contacts: (916) 833-5990, (916) 812-1273. More information can be found in this brochure ([click here](#)).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for the victims of an earthquake in Iran and Iraq, and especially for our brothers and sisters
- **Pray** for the president of South Korea, so that the Lord would humble him and

MOTHERS AND SISTERS

- **Pray** for the president of South Korea, so that the Lord would humble him and show His glory in this godless country as well as for the protection of His children who are suffering the severe persecution
- **Pray** for peace in Ukraine and Russia
- **Pray** for the government of our country as well as for the states, and for peace and well-being in our cities
- **Pray** for the well-being of Israel

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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