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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### 82ND CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

It is less than a month until the spiritually edifying Association's convention, which will take place on October 17-19 at Second Slavic Baptist Church. The theme will be "The Power of the Gospel and the Contemporary Challenges" and based on Mark 16:15: "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'" All the sermons and seminars during the convention will be dedicated to this – the power of the Gospel in the contemporary life of a Christian.

For more information about the seminars and speakers, the convention's schedule, and other information, visit the [convention's website – click here](#). You can also register to participate in the convention, which is available **to everyone without exception**. [Read more here](#).

### MISSIONARY CONGRESS – WHAT IS NEW

On Saturday, September 7th, there was a Zoom conference dedicated to the preparation for the International Missionary Congress, "Church and Missions", which is planned for May 14-16, 2020 in Sacramento. During the meeting, there was a discussion of the goals of the congress, and the themes of the seminars. I. Karkhut who attended this virtual meeting talks about it [in an article on the website – click here](#).

The coordinators of the congress also have some prayer requests and exhort us to [pray for them – click here](#).

## UPDATE FROM THE MISSION BIBLE CHURCH IN HAYWARD

The life of all the churches is similar in many ways, but different at the same time. It is interesting to read about the things that are happening at each one of them, what they are experiencing, how and what they are stirred by. During this news update, you can find out about the life of Mission Bible Church in Hayward previously known as the church in Castro Valley. Read about it [in an article on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only\)](#).



*Baptism of Sister Alina – a Celebration for the Whole Church*

## MISSIONARY TRIP TO EUROPE

A group of thirteen young men and women from various churches went to Europe during the summer, where they hosted children's camps, and helped our ministry partners in strengthening their new church plants. The children and adults were extremely happy and grateful for this ministry. Many people heard the Gospel for the first time during the service and fellowship of this youth group. A. Ilyn who is our Association's ministry partner, and who is also a pastor of a new church plant, "God's Grace", sent us a letter, [where he thanks our churches for helping in their ministry](#). The leader of the group, S. Borushko, [gives more information about this trip – read his article here](#). (Both letter and article are in Russian only)



*Missionaries during their trip*

## **MINISTRY OF THE OASIS CHOIR IN SPAIN**

Over the course of their fourteen years of ministry, Oasis Choir had numerous missions' trips. During this summer, they visited in Valencia, Spain, where they hosted a lot of concerts and various evangelistic events. While working with our missionary partners, they visited the churches of immigrants and hospitals where through their music they were able to proclaim the Gospel. [Read more about it here \(in Russian only\).](#)



*During one of the services*

## DIFFERENT, BUT EQUAL IN THE SIGHT OF THE CREATOR

In our society today, if you are handicapped either physical or psychologically, you are considered a burden for society and are considered unfit or psychologically incompetent to make decisions. There is a tendency to discriminate against people with special needs in places of work, school, and unfortunately, even at church. “Evaluate your own perception of people with special needs” this was the [exhortation of one of the participants in her article](#) who recently visited our Sierra Pines Camp retreat for children with special needs, and their parents.



*Here they are : Special, Different, but Equal!*

### JOIN THE MINISTRY!

Today we shipped another container with clothes (THAT'S 20 TONS!) to a client in India. Two weeks ago, we shipped a container with shoes (indeed, twenty tons of shoes) to a buyer in Nicaragua. What is great about that? All income is for the support of missionaries of the association! [Read an article by V. Stupin, vice-president of the Association](#), and join this wonderful ministry.

### ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT "SALON OF NON PERISHABLE BEAUTY"

The Association's women's ministry leader N. Yurkova describes this retreat. About 170 women of all ages from various churches visited Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe to be edified and discuss various important issues of everyday life. [For details, click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Speakers and Organizers of the Retreat*

### **INTERESTING EVENTS AT BRYTE CHURCH**

Russian Baptist Church of Bryte had two interesting events. On September 13th, their family ministry had fellowship on the church parking lot. This was a special event with a goal to give people an opportunity to get to know each other and to fellowship, as well as to allow families with children to have things to do together. About 500 people participated in this fellowship opportunity. For more about this event, [view this brief video coverage \(in Russian only.\)](#)

The second event was the women's retreat. Women's retreats are not new for the Association's churches. However, to have this kind of retreat organized by a single church and only for women of their own church that is truly remarkable. For more details about the retreat, [read an article on the association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

### **BAPTISM IN THE SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH OF WEST SACRAMENTO**

On August 25, 2019, this church was replenished with new members through water baptism. Six young people with excitement, solemnly one after another, in the face of heaven and earth, God and people, made a promise to serve their Savior in good conscience, confirming their decision by immersion in cool water.

[Read about the story R. Peycheva posted on the website of the Association \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Six New Church Members*

### **“BACK TO SCHOOL” PRAYER**

The Moms in Prayer department organized and held a prayer breakfast for sisters on August 31, 2019 in the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte in order to pray together for the blessing and protection of children who go to schools, colleges and universities. Read more about this event [on the Association website - click here \(in Russian only\).](#)

### **ANNUAL YOUTH GATHERING**

For over ten years, the youth from various churches have fellowship together in a camp formerly known as Skala. Starting last year, the name of this event has been changed. These camps are now to be called “United”.

About 800 young men and women got together for an annual retreat at Tannery Gulch campground located at Trinity Lake in Northern California. [Read the details of the retreat at the Association’s website.](#)



*Worship at the Camp*

## **VISITING THE REVIVAL CHURCH**

One of our churches is located far north from us, in Vancouver, and it's rare when someone from this church visits Sacramento. I. V. Mlleyev recently visited this church, had fellowship with its leaders, and introduced them to the plans of the Association. [Read his article here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Service at Vancouver Church*

## **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.

- [Church retreat of Grace Family Church](#)

- [Semiannual meeting of the Association churches' ministers. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Evangelistic events at New Hope Church. G.Gavelovskiy](#)
- ["Buffet the body – what does that look like?" Y. Sipko answers a listener's question](#)
- [Where does the Association get financial ministry support? A. Gol](#)
- [On Missionary Congress – 2020. I. Mileyev](#)
- [The New Hope Church youth's visit to Pre-Dnepr and Moldova. A. Golodnyuak](#)
- [News 09/12/19](#)

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### MISSIONARIES ARE EXPELLED FROM JORDAN

Two sisters in the Lord, who are citizens of Kazakhstan and graduates of a Theological University in Kishinev, were deported from Jordan without the appeal to return. After detaining them as prisoners for a few days, they were sent to Moscow. Please pray for the missionaries who are sharing the gospel in this region.

### UPDATE ON THE MOSCOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

At the end of last year, there was a report on how the Russian government stopped the activities of the Moscow Theological Seminary of ECB. Since then the seminary has endured many audits, one of which concluded on September 18. It is unknown what will happen to the seminary, but its leadership is seeking prayer support for God's will to be done in this situation. [Read a letter of the seminary's provost, P. Mitskevich here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

### VISITING LOCAL CHURCHES BY MEMBERS OF THE "NEW FIELDS" MISSION

Many members of our churches support this well known in many countries mission's ministries. In the last week-and-a-half, Willie Diker, who is a contact in Germany, and Willie Dick who is in charge of this mission, visited many churches in Sacramento. They shared about their ministry in a small African country of Malawi. To watch a video recording about this ministry, please [visit the YouTube channel of First Slavic Baptist Church – click here.](#)



*During the Interview Recording in the Studio of the Church*



Brothers and sisters of the Union of ECB in Moldova are working on a unique project. They decided to unite the best masterpieces of classical music and the reading of Scriptures to make it accessible for free download. They think that the sound of words and music is a unique therapy for both body and soul. That is what is needed for those who are lonely, sick, and busy in their everyday lives. Regardless of whether the listeners are businesspersons, government officials, students, stay at home moms, or lonely old men, everyone will benefit from this project. [To find more about this project and to download the resources, click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### DANGERS OF SEX EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

On September 12, interest group named "Informed Parents" hosted at the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte a conference for teachers, parents, and all in attendance. Pastors, lawyer, pediatrician, and parents from Orange County talked about the current laws and their influence over the sex education for small children. They talked about the hidden dangers of this agenda, and the destructive impact on both children and adults. [The recording of the conference can be found here.](#) Everyone is encouraged to watch it, but especially pastors, parents, and those who work in the education field.

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## EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Dear leaders!

A conference for directors, teachers and assistants of Sunday schools will be held on October 5, 2019. "Do not be afraid of experiments, try new things!"

"And in all that he undertook to serve the house of God and to keep the law and commandments, thinking of his God, he acted with all his heart and was successful." 2 Chron. 31:21.

The conference will be held at:

First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church

7238 Cromwell Way,

Sacramento, CA 95822

The cost of the conference is \$ 10.00.

For questions, contact Oleg Lakhno - (916) 802-4140.



- On October 12, at 8:30 a.m., a family conference will be held at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte. Theme will be "My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies." Song of Songs 2:16.

Church Address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. For questions, contact [bryte.family.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:bryte.family.ministry@gmail.com).

Registration cost:

Adult Ticket - \$ 25.00

Ticket for a child (from 1 year to 10 years) \$ 5.00

Registration goes here: <https://brytechurch.ticketspice.com/-2019>

Speaker

Victor Vasilievich Levashov - pastor of the ECB church in the city of Maisky, in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic. He also serves as the Senior Presbyter for Kabardino-Balkaria and Dagestan, and is a member of the Council of the Union of RU ECB.

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