



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PASTORS' MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGION

On July 10, Slavic Baptist Church of Montebello had a pastors' meeting of the southern region. At the same time, there was a women's ministry meeting for the same churches. For more information, read an article by I. Mileyev, [which can be found on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Women's Ministry Participants of the Southern Region

MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS LEADERS

The long-anticipated missionary leaders meeting from the churches, Association's members, took place on Saturday, June 17. Brothers and sisters shared about their ministries, their plans for the future, and prayed for one another. Vadim Yurchak, who was the candidate for the Association's Missionary Department leadership position, presented his vision and plans for the department's work to the new team which consists of all of the churches' missionary ministries leaders. After that, the President of the Association suggested to pray and think about it for another three days and to share their thoughts about the Association's future mission leader.

Three days later, on Tuesday, all of the churches unanimously supported Vadim Yurchak for the position and wished God's blessing for his ministry.

NEW HEAD OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



The Association's Executive Committee affirmed Bryte Church' pastor Vadim Yurchak as the head of the Missionary Department of the Association. He was supported by all of the churches' mission ministry leaders and the Association's Missions Department. [Vadim's biography can be accessed here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

May God bless Vadim in his ministry and be guided by Him, and may God give him the physical and spiritual strength to serve the one Who died, Who rose, and Who is to come!

YOUTH EVENTS AND TRIPS

While being a part of the church life, our youth is often hard to see and hear. However, they have their active ministries, meetings, church visitations, and many other events. For more about the youth's life and the Youth Department of the Association in the past month, read an article by the Youth Department leader Petr Makletsov [in his article, which can be located on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Youth Fellowship Outside

ATTENTION! ASSOCIATION'S MINISTERS RETREAT

There are plans of having a retreat for the Association's churches' ministers. The retreat will take place at Sierra Pines Camp on August 20-21. The speakers of the

retreat will be well-known pastors such as Aleksandr Girbu, Yevgeniy Runkevich, and Mick Stockwell. For more about the speakers, the retreat, and the program, please [visit the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



PARADE EVANGELISM

On July 3, 2021, the City of Rancho Cordova hosted an Independence Day parade. Various organizations take part in this parade, and for the second year now, the New Hope Church is also one of those participants. This year, however, the youth from Sperance Church, Cornerstone Church, and Affiliation of First Slavic Church were also able to join them. This parade was a great opportunity for evangelism. For more information, [read an article by Anna Golodnyak on the Association's website – click this link.](#)



Parade's Evangelism Participants

WHO AM I IN CHRIST?

«Who Am I in Christ » - was the theme of the women ministry meeting of the southern region. The theme was grounded on the texts of Scriptures and focused on analyzing the person's position as someone who is saved, forgiven, redeemed, justified, recipient of an inheritance, co-heirs with Christ, children of the promise, part of His body, wise, and sanctified. For more information, [read an article by Alena Mileyev on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



Meeting Participants

GALA-DINNER FOR WOMEN

On July 17, Grace Avenue Bible Church in Sacramento hosted a women's meeting for everyone who is involved in ministry of the local churches of the Association. The theme was: «What to Do When You Are Getting Discouraged in Ministry? »

During this dinner, the ladies got to know and encourage one another, share their testimonies, ideas, experience, and inspiration for ministry. There was also the study of Scriptures, worship, testimonies, singing, as well as ice breaker games. For pictures and more information about this event, [visit the Association's website at this link.](#)



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP ON A PARKING LOT AT BRYTE CHURCH

Despite the extreme heat, the annual «Parking Lot Fellowship» at the Bryte church this year, just like in the previous years, has attracted many people of various age groups. After a short service, all attendees received refreshments, something to drink, as well as various games for the children. The point of these fellowship times is to give the families an opportunity to get to know one another, to attract more people into the life of the church, and to invite friends and acquaintances to live fellowship of believers. A short introductory video of this event is [available on the church' YouTube channel – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Parking Lot View During the Fellowship

SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE OF «GOD'S VINEYARD» MAGAZINE

«Over a week ago, my parents and I were in a severe car accident. My father was in the critical state at the hospital. Dad always waits with eager anticipation for the release of the new issue of the magazine, and this time he was very curious when he would be able to get to read it. After I gave it to him, he was overjoyed. » - this was the testimony of Irina Karkhut who is part of the editorial team of «God's Vineyard» magazine and who shared her experience in the September's issue. The September's issue will have a lot of interesting content. For more about the subjects of the magazine, [access Irina's article by clicking here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE «BLAGOVEST» INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY

Dear pastors of the PCSBA Churches! We would like to inform you that the Blagovest Institute of Ministry is accepting enrollment applications for the following programs of study:

- [Church Ministry - AA Degree \(English\)](#)
- [B.A. of Church Ministry \(Russian\)](#)
- [Missionary Ministry \(Russian\)](#)

Please announce the open enrollment at your churches and make personal recommendations. For more details, visit the Association's website. For questions, contact the ministry leader of the Association, Aleksandr Pronin at (916) 832-0218.

MIGRATION... WHERE AND WHY?

«The Great California Exodus» - was the heading in recent articles in social media sites. Why are people, including our church members, leaving California? What are they seeking? Where are they going? What is the root cause of this mass migration?

I. Mileyev shares his thoughts on this in his article [located on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE

Although the Association's website exists for 12 years and contains a lot of useful and interesting information, many members of the Association's churches still don't know much about it. That is why, in a few following newsletters, we will share about different sections of the website, and provide more information about what can be located under each heading.

Website link: <https://pcsba.com>. First the website's section is «**About Us**», and it provides information about the Association itself:

- **Conventions**. The highest governing body of the Association is the convention of churches that are members of the Association. This section contains information about the conventions going back to 2009 (in Russian only.)
- **Executive Committee**. You can get to know the [members of the executive committee](#), and the biographies of the [Association's President](#) and his assistants.
- **Departments**. The Association has about 20 departments. We will share more about them in the next newsletter.
- **Churches**. The Association consists of 34 churches. This section contains information about their names, addresses, service times, the contact information of the pastor, secretary, and administrator, as well as the web addresses and social media links.
- [Mission and Vision, Statement of Faith, and Bylaws](#)
- **Our History**. You can locate [the historical report by V. Kushnir](#), presented at the 75-year anniversary of the Association. There are short notes about all of the [Association's past Chairmen as well as the times of their service](#), the [history of our churches](#), and [overviews of well-known ministers](#), who made their investment into the Association's life and ministry.
- **Partners**. Some Christian organizations that are named under this section are official partners of the Association.
- **Our Websites**. This page provides a list of websites which shed light on the light of the Association.
- **Donations**. For those who would like to financially contribute to the Association's ministry, you can do that online: [Donations to support missionaries](#), [General Donations](#).
- **Documents**. This section contains links to various forms and documents which can be accessed for download and print.

CELEBRATING 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRPEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Ukraine has always had an abundance of Christians and dedicated pastors. After the fall of the Soviet Union, there were new opportunities for ministry and the All-Ukrainian Union of ECB established their own seminary. This seminary trained thousands of people over the course of 30-year period and continues to provide theological training. For more about the celebration, [visit the seminary's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



One of the 2021 Graduating Classes

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, FOR THE JOY OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

The Lord is accomplishing marvelous things in Moldova. Thanks to the support of other Christians from Europe, the Christians of this poor country are able to organize children's family homes in order to raise adopted children and instill biblical values in them.

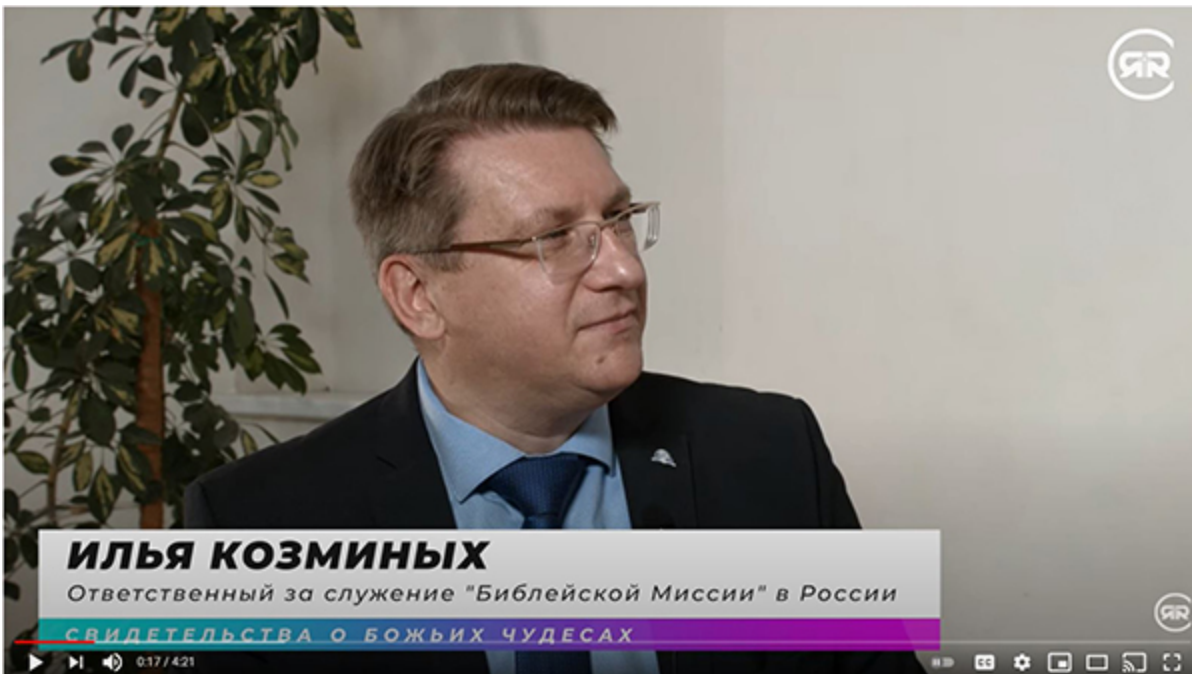
On July 20, Emmanuel Church of Kishinev had a joyful and a unique event. Fifteen families, along with their adopted children who are part of this ministry, received new Dacia Lodge cars. During this church service, there was a ceremony of handing off of car keys after which the recipients expressed their gratitude to the Lord for His care about the widows and orphans. There were also warm expressions of gratitude to the «Life Bridge Fund» associates and their efforts in making this possible. For more information, [visit the website of the Union of ECB of Moldova \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Keys Awarding Ceremony and the Recipient Families

CHURCH BUILDING – MIRACLE DURING THE TIME OF THE PANDEMIC

The website of the Russian Union of ECB contains an interesting testimony. Due to the COVID's closure of some borders, many churches' plans had to be adjusted and many projects cancelled. During this time, God was acting out a miracle – He gathered the people, and established a church! To find out how this happened, [see the discussion with Ilya Kozminykh, who is in charge of Bible Mission in Russia \(in Russian only.\)](#)



MORE THAN 25% OF REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDEES ARE STILL NOT ATTENDING CHURCH REGULARLY

According to the survey conducted by AP-NORC, despite the fact that the pandemic restrictions are gradually being lifted, people are not rushing to return to churches. The Southern Baptist Convention, which is the largest Protestant denomination, recently reported that they lost a record number of people, about **400,000** in 2020 year. It is estimated that the decrease is due to less baptisms taking place during the pandemic, an increased number of deaths due to the virus, and a decrease of attendance of church members of individual churches.

Source: [Christian Post](#).

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

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