

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Association's president, I. Mileyev, wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving:

"On this day we give thanks to God for the material and spiritual provisions which we receive in abundance while living in this country! God gives us everything needed for life and godliness! Thanks be to God for the churches of The Pacific Coast Baptist Association, for the church pastors, for leaders of ministries, as well as the leadership of the Association, for supporting the multi-church partnership, and the privilege to serve Him in God's vineyard, as well as for the opportunity to live in this blessed country...."

Full text with the greeting [can be found on the Association's website – click this link.](#)



ABOUT THE 84TH ASSOCIATION'S CONVENTION

The Association's president, I. Mileyev, shared his impression about the convention and expressed gratitude to the speakers of the convention, who prepared wonderful seminars, as well as many others who were involved in planning and serving at the convention. Read [his article on the Association's website](#) and visit [the section of the convention's website titled "Convention's Materials" \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Convention participants

WE WROTE AND SHARED...

The Association has many departments which have the responsibility to write and share about what God is doing through the churches, individual pastors, and regular church members. One of them is the Information Ministry Department. If you are interested in how many times and what the department has written and talked about regarding the ministries of the churches and the Association in general, take a look at the statistics presented [in an article by the leader of the Information Department, O. Avetisova – click this link.](#)



THE GOOD NEWS CHURCH IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

On November 6, The Good News Church in Tacoma celebrated their 25-year anniversary. We congratulate the church, its members, and all the pastors, and wish them both spiritual and numerical growth, as well as further blessings from God!

[Read a short article about the church by T. Petrov.](#)



Pastors' prayer for the church

ORDINATION AT THE CHURCH IN SAN DIEGO

On November 6, The Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of San Diego held a celebratory church service during which two brothers were ordained as deacons: Slavic Cravchuk and Dmitriy Bgatov.

We wish them well and for them to have a fruitful ministry for the glory of God and for the edification of the church. To find out more about the service, read [an article by I. Mileyev here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



The ministers

GOD CALLED OUR FAMILY TO MISSIONS

According to the testimony of Joseph Sheremet, who is in charge of the Missions ministry at Grace Family Church, God is calling their family to move to Poland for a long-term service among the Ukrainian refugees and the local Polish population. Prior to this, he was there with his wife and daughter on a short-term mission trip



and saw the great need for dedicated ministers who are able to bring the Gospel to the people and help them in their spiritual concerns. He shares more about this [in a radio](#)

[broadcast, which can be accessed here.](#) And in [a booklet](#) you may read to find out how to join them in their ministry and help them in carrying out this difficult project.

NEW MINISTERS AT THE WORD OF TRUTH CHURCH

On November 13, four brothers were ordained as deacons at The Word of Truth Church located in Des Moines, WA. In the 11-year history of the church, this was the first ordination of deacons. Previously, they had ordained pastors but not deacons. What were the circumstances for deciding to ordain deacons? [See an explanation by P. Lyvutin, who talked about this during their church service.](#) For additional information, [read an article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



New church deacons and their wives

“MANY HAD ONE HEART...”

Second Slavic Baptist Church had an interesting time of fellowship on October 30. Telling new people about Jesus, helping Sacramento immigrants to adapt to a new place, and inviting them to the local church - these were the main goals of the event. Brothers and sisters organized the whole affair on the church parking lot, which included at least twenty stations with different activities: sports, crafts, health, table

games, and puzzles. There was also a lot of Christian music and the preaching of the Word of God, as well as spiritual literature and resources for these refugees. For more details about this evening, [read an article by O. Kopchuk – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



The fellowship was very relaxed

THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP

On October 15, eight churches joined together for an evening of worship organized by The Good News Church in Tacoma, WA. This was an evening exalting Christ. The youth worshipped Him through Scriptures and singing which testified of the truth of Christ. Bands from three churches performed at this event: Evangelical Baptist Church of Kent (EBCK), Spring of Life (SOL), and GNC, Tacoma. For more information, read [an article by T. Petrov, the youth leader of “The Good News Church” \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Youth during worship

TRICK OR TRUTH

On October 29, over two hundred people visited the Fall Festival hosted by The Cornerstone Church in Sacramento. The goal of the festival was to attract new immigrants to the church, and to share with them about the miracle of God's creation, contrasting the lies which are still taught to our children and adults in modern society. The main event of the festival was the "Trick or Truth", during which children and adults engaged in difficult challenges and solved historical and mathematical problems in order to get to the main Bible station and get the answer to the question, "Where did I come from?" K. Kostyuk shares about this more [in the article which can be located on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



One of the festival's stations

THE CHURCH IN CONCORD

This is a small, but very active church called "Haven" and is characterized by its pastor by the following:

- Haven Church is a family of God;
- The Builder and Cornerstone of the church is Christ;
- This is a living body whose head is Christ;
- The church is a bride whose groom is Christ;
- The church is a House of Prayer, whose high priest is the Lord Jesus Christ.

For more information about this church [read an article by the head pastor of the church, A. Skrenchuk, on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Group picture after the Harvest celebration

ABOUT THE TRIP OF THE WOMEN MINISTRY LEADERS OF THE HOUSE OF GOSPEL CHURCH

On September 30, twenty women from The House of the Gospel church in Fresno joined hundreds of other women leaders who came together for a conference, “You Lead”, which was organized by *Lifeway*, a Bible organization for women. More about [this event and what the women got out of the conference is shared by N. Gorban \(in Russian only.\)](#)



At the conference

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT MISSION BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH

On November 20, the Mission Boulevard Baptist Church in Hayward had their Harvest celebration. Although the English and the Russian services are usually held separately, this time they came together for joint worship of the Lord. The celebration

was attended by over a hundred people. For more information about the celebration, [read an article by N. Yurkova \(in Russian only.\)](#)



During the celebration service

DISCIPLESHIP – A KEY TO EVANGELISM

Sergey Babich is one of the missionaries supported by our Association. He is a pastor and a counselor with many years of experience. His ministry is aimed at internal healing and identity recovery through the knowledge of the truth of the Gospel. Despite the challenges and trials which are unavoidable in ministry to the Lord, he and his family are actively serving the Lord in Strasburg, France. The Association Mission department's correspondent I. Karkhut interviewed him. [Read it here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



The missionary's family

DNEPROPETROVSK REUNION IN SACRAMENTO

The long-awaited reunion of the “Dnepropetrovsk Diaspora” took place in Sacramento on October 22, 2022. The initiative came from the pastors of the First Slavic Baptist Church, Pavel Dyadchenko and Peter Panasenko, after the arrival of Sergey Sezonenko, who was the pastor of the Dnepropetrovsk central church of ECB. Grace Avenue Bible Church opened their doors to host this event, since over a third of the refugees from Dnepropetrovsk are attending this church. [Read the details about the meeting in an article by S. Iotko \(in Russian only.\)](#)



It turns out there are quite a few of us!

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS IN GOOD HANDS!

The Association is fairly complex in its structure, which consists of 35 churches and 20 departments. That is why there is such a great need for an office secretary. Since



2016, this position has been filled by Alina Pronina. We are bringing to your attention a short interview with Alina, [which was done by S. Iotko, the correspondent of the Information department \(in Russian only.\)](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

CONSULTATION CONCERNING UKRAINE

Over 120 representatives from Ukraine, USA, Moldova, and Poland gathered together to analyze and discuss the challenges of the Ukraine and Russia war. The meeting was organized at Mission Eurasia's initiative, a missionary organization and a partner of the Association well-known for their projects in Ukraine, Russia, and other countries of the former Soviet Union.

A. Antonyuk, the president of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of Ukraine, and I. Bandura, the vice-president of the same union, as well as many other religious and political leaders of Ukraine took part in this consultation. The full account of the consultation, prepared by Denis Gorenkov, the international director of Mission Eurasia, can be [read here – click this link.](#)



MOLDOVA: PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF “HOPE 2023”

Moldova began preparation for the celebration of the “Hope 2023” outreach event which will take place in July, 2023. This will be an evangelistic service during which

Will Graham will be preaching. The event is scheduled for July 14-16 in a newly-built sports complex, the Kishenev Arena. In order to prepare for the event, Jesus Salvatorul Church in Kishenev held a briefing on October 29 which was attended by over 300 pastors from the churches of the unions of ECB, CFE, and the Independent Baptist Unions. The bishop of the Union of ECB, Nikolay Bozyznin, greeted the meeting participants. [For more details, click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA SBC CONVENTION

On October 25-26, Bryte Church hosted the annual California Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Pastors from all over the state came to the conference. The theme was “Better Together”. As is customary, there was a pastors’ conference before the convention, which began a day before. [For more about the convention – click this link.](#)



Prayer for peace in Ukraine

WHEN LIFE SEEMS DISCONNECTED FROM FAITH

“I am reading the Bible every day. It’s where I’m turning. But when I come across promises of His presence and His peace, it’s so frustrating. That’s not my experience at all—just the opposite. God seems silent. Why don’t His promises touch down in the places I really need them to?” – This is what one Christian shared in a consultation with Loren Whiteman, member of CCEF (Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation).

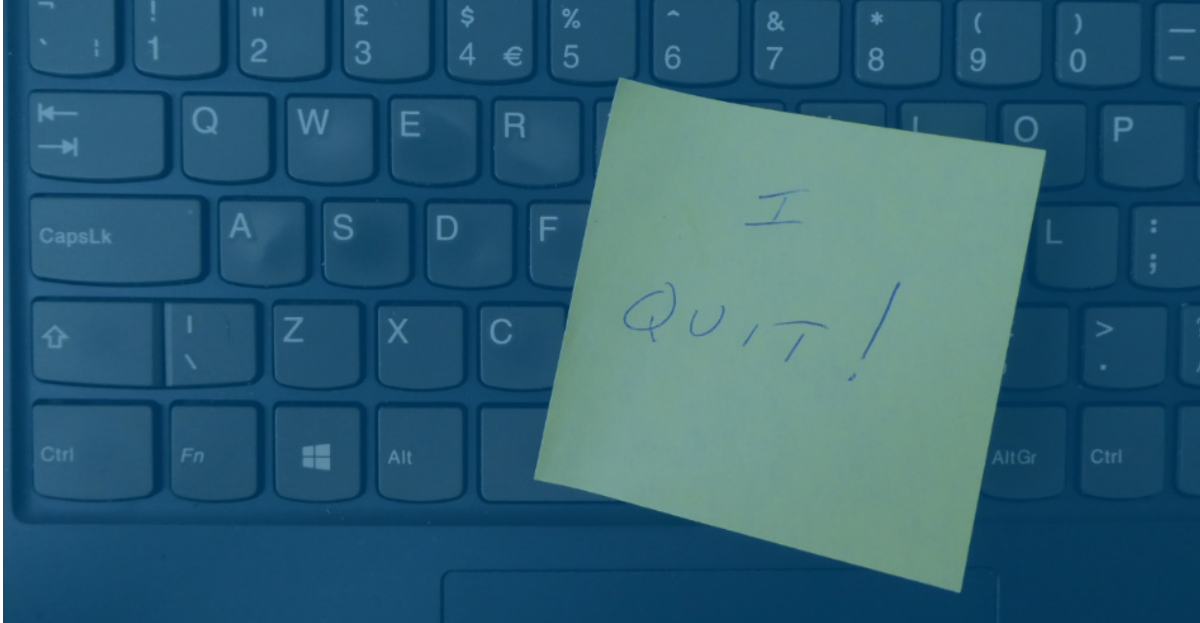
This is the experience of many Christians, and it is an important question for many. Read an answer [by Lauren Whiteman on the CCEF website.](#)

WHY PEOPLE STOP VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH

Breeze published an interesting article about the 5 reasons why people stop volunteering in the church, and named the following:

- They feel discouraged
- They Feel Like It Doesn't Matter
- They Aren't Doing A Good Job
- They Feel Frustrated
- They Feel Overworked

How to avoid all of this? [Read the full article – click this link.](#)



I've had enough!

BY GOD'S DECREE, CREATIVITY OBEYS!

An evening of poetry and music with the participation of Oksana Polishuk, Rita Kolomiytsev, Sergey Gorban, Galina Dzhezhula, and Leonid Pisarchuka took place on October 23 at the House of Bread Church in Sacramento. The meeting was attended by over 300 residents and guests of the city. [Details – in an article by S. lotko \(in Russian only.\)](#)



REPEAT OF THE FIRST MODULE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING

An additional session of the first module of the “CORAM DEO” training will take place at **The Bethel Slavic Baptist Church**, located at: 2600 Clay Street, Sacramento, CA 95815.

The lessons will begin at **6:30 on December 1**.

Contacts: (858) 914-6655, sacramento2.cd@gmail.com

The details of the program can be found on the institute’s website: www.coramdeo.org.ua.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/ioHkhMuPLj59i1AD9>.

[More details can be found here.](#)





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Начало занятий: 1 декабря, 2022 в 6:30 р.м.
Место проведения занятий:
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ANNUAL MISSIONARY REUNION

The Association’s Missions Department will have an annual reunion on December 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Participation is available for everyone who is interested in God’s work through Slavic Baptist churches. The registration for this event [is on the department’s website – click this link](#).

Cost of registration:

- \$15 (lunch is included) — before December 1, 2022
- \$20 (lunch is included) – after December 1, 2022

The reunion will be held at Bryte Church, located at: 1000 Sacramento Ave, CA, 95605.



SEMINAR: “GROWTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH – TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES”

On December 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bryte Church will host a seminar for pastors and other church ministers in order to show what to do practically for the numerical growth, as well as the qualitative growth, of the local church, considering the refugees and other unchurched people who are located close to the church.

Lunch will also be provided. All of the Association’s ministers are invited.

LEARN TO PREACH GOSPEL THROUGH FITNESS

Did you know that God is using sports and fitness to start thousands of groups and churches all over the world by helping friends and family grow in healthy life habits. Do you have people in your church who are BIG into fitness? Want to learn how?

Watch to this

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-MfXsGRP-o>

With the urgency of fulfilling the Great Commission in our generation, come learn how to make disciples of those around you through TOTALFIT DEFENSE.

The training is designed for ANYONE interested in helping others grow in

A poster for a 'TOTALFIT DEFENSE Level One Coaching Course'. The title is in large white letters. Below it, the dates '2-4 December 2022' are shown. The slogan 'BECOME STRONGER' and 'BECOME CONFIDENT' is flanked by the TotalFit Defense logo. The main image shows a man in a black shirt training a woman in a red shirt. Text on the poster includes 'Sacramento', '5948 Pecan ave Orangevale CA 95662', 'Price \$ 699 - \$300', and '+1 (760) 730-2035'. A description at the bottom states: 'Totalfit Defense is a holistic self-defense fitness system that trains the Body, Mind, and Spirit while teaching people how to face any threatening street situation with confidence.' The website 'www.totalfit.me' is at the bottom.

health through a wholistic approach of the physical, mental and spiritual. Check out the flyer below to learn more

Please pass this on to anyone you think may have interest.

Registration link: <https://totalfit.team/training/876456da-5411-4566-b9a9-13cc9cd157b2/registration>.

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

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