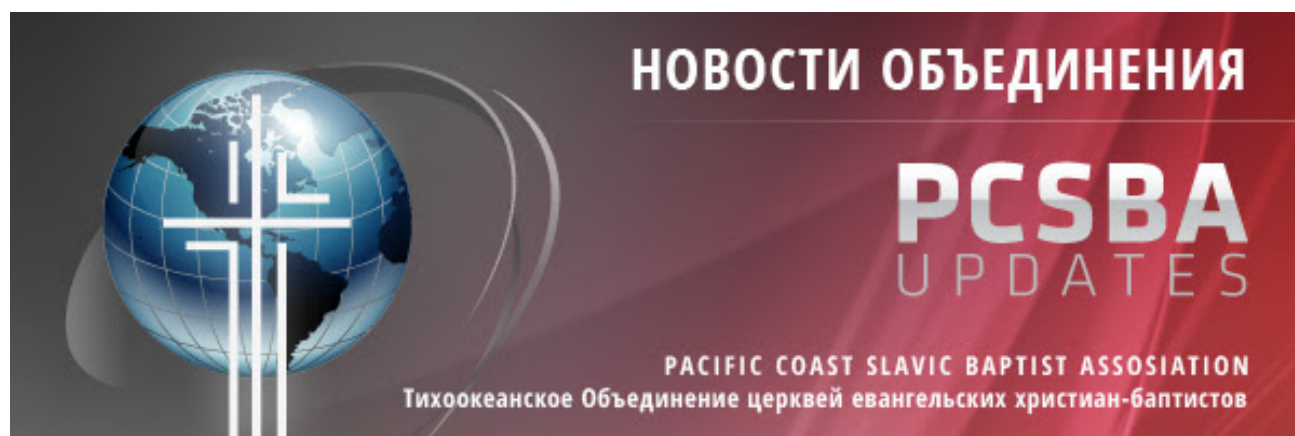


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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER - 2023**

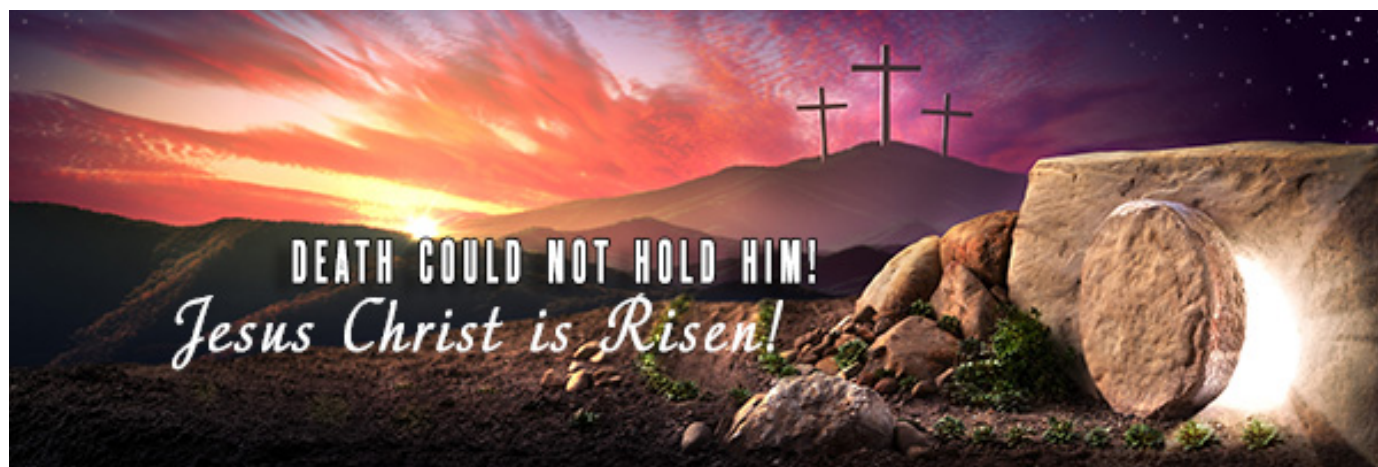
**NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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### **CHRIST HAS RISEN! CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED!**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! We greet you in celebrating the resurrection of Christ. This is an extraordinary and joyful day for every Christian. It is a day when everyone who believed unto the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ heard the verdict of God the Father: "Released from the guilt of sins and eternal damnation! The debt has been fully paid by My Son!"

Read [an Easter greeting from the President of the Association – click this link.](#)



### **SEMIANNUAL PASTORS' MEETING**

On February 25, The House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento hosted a semiannual meeting of the Association's pastors. The wives of the pastors were also invited, and they also had their own time of fellowship. During the meeting, there were four seminars which covered various aspects of the pastoral ministry. For more about the meeting and the links to the recordings of the seminars, [read an article by I. Mileyev – click this link.](#)

A similar meeting also took place on March 11 in Montebello for the pastors of the southern region. [Read about it here.](#)



*Pastors and their wives who attended the meeting in West Sacramento*

## **ORDINATION AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH**

On March 19, Grace Avenue Bible Church ordained new ministers during their morning service, which happened to be their church's birthday as well. On this day, the elder board gained one more pastor and two new deacons. The President of the PCSBA, Ivan Mileyev, gave instruction to the men and their wives. [More can be found here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*New pastor and deacons*

## **BAPTISM AT THE LIVING STONES CHURCH**

On February 5, five people were baptized at the Living Stones Church, and gave a pledge to serve God with a clear conscience. It is a great joy to join new brothers and sisters in Christ. The baptism was officiated by a local pastor, Aleksandr Krasnov. [Details can be found here \(in Russian only.\)](#)





*New church members*

## **ORDINATION AT THE MISSION BOULEVARD BIBLE CHURCH**

On February 26, the church at Hayward had a joyful celebration service, during which Sergey Lvov and Michael Kharchenko were ordained as deacons, and Sergey Moroz as a pastor. The church service was bilingual, and the songs were sung in English and in Russian. [Read more details here \(in Russian only\).](#)



*New ministers and their wives*

## **DESSERT DATE**

On Friday, March 3, the Bethel Slavic Baptist Church had a second annual evening for married couples. They had an interesting name: “Dessert Date.” The theme for this year was, “Fellowship in Marriage.” It was a romantic evening which was decorated in the style of a French café. The goal of such events is to support the marriages in the church. For more information, [read the Association’s website – click this link.](#)





*Wonderful fellowship*

## **MY SOUL FINDS REST ONLY IN GOD**

A calm in the time of storm... How realistic is this? How to achieve peace in a time of war? How to help those who are spiritually searching? These were the questions asked by brothers and sisters of the Word of Life Church as they studied Psalm 62 at the church service on March 2. This was a special service because there were many guests. [More details can be found in an article by V. Yakimchik \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Word of Life Church*

## **NEWS OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY**

God gave our Association a unique opportunity to receive spiritual training almost without leaving our homes – in our own or our neighboring churches. You don't need

to travel somewhere far to study because the instructors come to you, to Sacramento, San Francisco, and even to Valencia, Spain. [The head of the Association's education ministry, A. Pronin, tells about this in his article \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*I. Mileyev teaching in Valencia*

## **NEWS OF THE PRISON MINISTRY**

The prison ministry group renewed their active ministry. During COVID, they were not allowed to visit prisoners, but despite the two-year break, the prison guards received them very well. They did not forget our team, and our team had no trouble visiting many of the prisoners. [Read about this on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

## **DEFEND THE WIDOW**

On February 12, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento hosted a women's meeting where they meditated on true trust and hope in God. The main speaker was I. Verstak. The theme of the meeting was based on Psalm 91:2: "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust!" There was a time of prayer, music and singing, testimonies, and a word of encouragement and instruction. [Read more details here \(in Russian only.\)](#)





## **VISIT OF THE MILITARY CHAPLAIN**

First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento was visited by Sergey Amelin, who is a military chaplain from Dnepr, Ukraine. During the church service on February 19, he shared about his ministry and his goals for his visit to the U.S. [Read an article by S. lotko about him and his ministry\\_\(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Chaplain with the ministers at First Slavic Baptist Church*

## **BLESSINGS OF THE SLAVIC CHURCH IN HONOLULU**

A church in Honolulu had two wonderful events. First, there was a family conference that was dedicated to marriage and parenting, as well as how to resist the



challenges of the contemporary world with the attacks on the institution of marriage. Then, two weeks later, they had a baptism service for four young people. A. Kovalev, who is an administrator of the church, [talks about these events in his article – click this link.](#)



*Family conference attendees*

## **A WOMAN'S ROLE TODAY IN THE FAMILY AND IN THE CHURCH**

This was the theme of the Slavic Bible Church's women's retreat. Since the planting of the Slavic Bible Church, this was the first time that this type of retreat was able to take place. The retreat took place on March 17-18 at a picturesque farm; sixteen sisters took part in it. [The details about the retreat can be found in an article by M. Manko \(in Russian only\).](#)





*Retreat attendees*



## **NEW ISSUE OF GOD'S VINEYARD MAGAZINE**

The new issue of the magazine will have a lot of edifying content, news about the missionaries, as well as history. More details about the content of the magazine is provided by L. Pavlyuk, who is an editor of the magazine, in [her small article which can be found on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

## **UNIQUE MINISTRY**

There is a ministry that few people notice, but is very necessary in almost every church. They notice it only when it is not there or it stops working. That is the sound ministry. For more than 20 years, Vasiliy Kadoshnikov has been purchasing sound equipment and sending it to various churches. Recently, the equipment was sent to a missionary church in Valencia, Spain. [Read the details here.](#)





*A Gift for a church in Valencia. V. Kadoshnikov—in the middle*

## **SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY**

For a few years now, the members of the Rockland Church, and those who would like to join them, have been holding a fast before Easter based on Isaiah 58:6-7: “This is the fast which I choose...to divide your bread with the hungry.” They spend their own money and go where God leads them, and feed the hungry as they are witnessing to them about Christ. Last year it was Lebanon, and this year it was Turkey. [Read more details about their visit in an article by V. Terzi,](#) listen [to an audio interview with N. Bugriyev](#) on the Association’s website, and [watch the slideshow](#). (The article and audio interview are in Russian only.)



**STEVE MIZERA – OUR EDITOR**



The Association's ministries have various people who are serving in various ministries. Every servant has his own life's story, and his own unique experience. People are different, but the Lord unites them all for mutual ministry. Since 2016, Steve Mizera has been the editor of the Association newsletter's English version. He is a person who has gone through a lot since his childhood. He experienced the harshness of the school of life and had a difficult time as he turned to God. Svetlana lotko had a [small interview with him – read here.](#)

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## NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS FIELD

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### THE SHEREMET FAMILY IS ADAPTING TO WARSAW

It is never easy to start a new life in a different place. Especially when you are moving from a country like the U.S. to Poland, which is not that well-off. Read another [letter from the Sheremet family](#) and listen to [an audio interview with Joseph Sheremet \(in Russian only.\)](#)



### TRIP TO BRAZIL



In February, a group of brothers and sisters headed by V. Yurchak, who is the head of the Association's Mission Ministry, visited Brazil to support Vitaliy Arshlik, who serves there with his family, and to help those local churches. F. Avramenko, who was part of this group, [shares more about the trip and what was accomplished while being there \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Spending Saturday with children of the poorest area of Favela*

## **ABOUT THE GOLIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

The GoLive Missionary Conference took place on March 18 at the Good News Church in Tacoma. There were about 150 young people, mostly from Spokane, WA and Salem, OR churches. There were also guests from other states. The conference organizers were: Choose Life Church, Good News Church, and Spring of Life Church. [Details can be found here.](#)





*During street evangelism*

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### **13th SUMMIT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS OF EUROPE**

On April 11 -14, there will be a summit in Czech Republic for the Evangelical Christian Baptists. The main goal of the meeting is to have spiritual fellowship, share experiences in ministry and in planting immigrant churches in central and western Europe, and to plan joint events for the upcoming year. For more about the summit, who was invited, about the program, registration, etc. [read on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

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## **MINISTRY IN TURKEY**

If the hearts of Christians are burning with love for the lost, then their efforts will not be stopped even in a time of war. The Hope to The People Ministry in Ukraine is a perfect illustration of that. On February 20, a small group of brothers went to Turkey in order to help the mission's member, who has been serving there for quite some time, distribute humanitarian aid and support people in need after the earthquake. [Read the details in the mission's newsletter \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Feeding sometimes up to 800-1,000 people per day*

## **NEWS FROM EURASIA PRECEPT MINISTRY**

Eurasia Precept Ministry is a long-term partner of the Association, but very few people in the U.S. know about them. Their main ministry is to teach the inductive method of Bible study. God is accomplishing remarkable things through their various ministries. [Read more about this in a newsletter from the director of this ministry, Vasily Filat \(in Russian only\).](#)

## **MINISTRY OF MISSION EURASIA IN UKRAINE**

The mission is inviting you to join them in serving in Ukraine by donating for the mobile kitchens, each one of which is able to feed 300 people a day in places that have been affected the most by the war. The cost of such kitchens is \$5,000. They would like to purchase 20 of these kitchens. [Details can be found in a newsletter of the ministry. Donation can be made through the mission's website – click this link.](#)





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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### **REVIVAL AT ASBURY. WHAT IS IT? The discussion continues...**

After a few weeks of revival in Asbury, social media had various contradictory evaluations of this event. And although it has come to an end at this particular university, the theme of revival is still relevant and continues to spark many questions and debates. [Read an article by I. Mileyev, in which he presents his view of what happened in Asbury\\_\(in Russian only.\)](#)



#### **IV CONGRESS OF THE CHRISTIAN SLAVIC YOUTH OF NORTH AMERICA**

Four thousand people attended this wonderful event, which took place on March 9-11 in Texas. A large team from four Associations of ECB of Northern U.S. and Canada were in charge of organizing the congress. The youth came from different states by land and air. Despite the high costs related to such a trip, everyone who came unanimously agreed that attending this conference was worth it.

You can watch a video recording and pictures of the congress here: [Website](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Pictures](#). All recordings are in Russian only.





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## EVENTS

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### **A WOMAN BY THE HEART OF GOD**

Dear Ladies, please join us on April 29 for our women's conference, "A Woman by the Heart of God," with guest speaker Oksana Grabchuk. It will be held at the New Hope Baptist church at 10720 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

The conference will begin at 10:00am. Please come earlier for breakfast and registration at 9:00am. Lunch will also be provided.

The conference will be in Russian, and English translation will be provided.

**For registration, [please click this link](#).**

**Registration fee:**

- Early bird registration is \$12.00 per person.
- Starting 04/15/2023 - \$15.00.
- On the day of the conference - \$20.00 at the door.

For questions please text or call:



- (916) 296-4791- Kristina
- (916) 220-8841 - Olga

We hope to see you there! May God bless you!

## **CELEBRATION CONCERTS**

You are invited to celebrate Easter with the participation of the Association's joint choir and the Slavic Chorale choir.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- April 23, at 10:00 am. – Grace Avenue Bible Church, 1425 Grace Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838
- April 30, at 10:00 am. – Living Stones Church, 10560 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2394

Choir conductors: Sergey Yanovskiy, Irina Khaliulin, and Pavel Kravchuk. The size of the choir is anticipated to be up to 100, and they will perform contemporary and classical Christian songs with 8-voice division, and a symphony orchestra accompaniment. Come and invite your friends and neighbors.

For more information, reach out to Sergey Yanovskiy (916) 595-3480, [sergey2010@yahoo.com](mailto:sergey2010@yahoo.com).



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