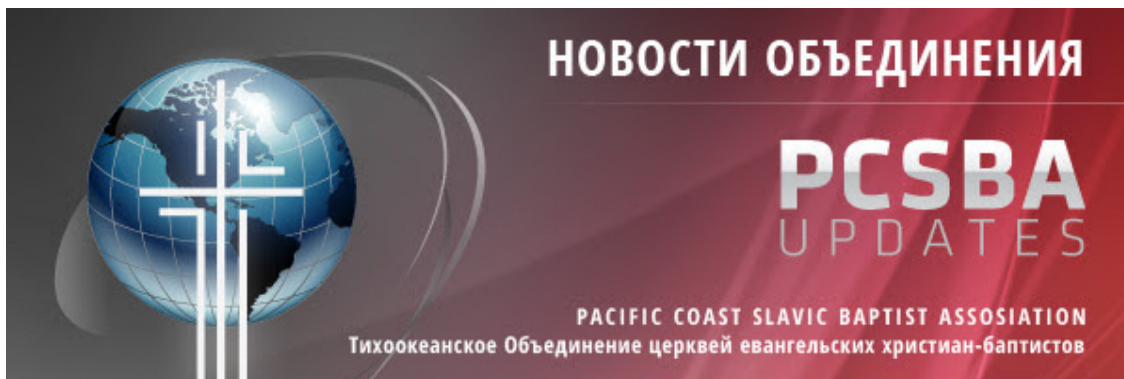


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Association's president is wishing everyone Happy Thanksgiving. His full greeting can be [found here](#).



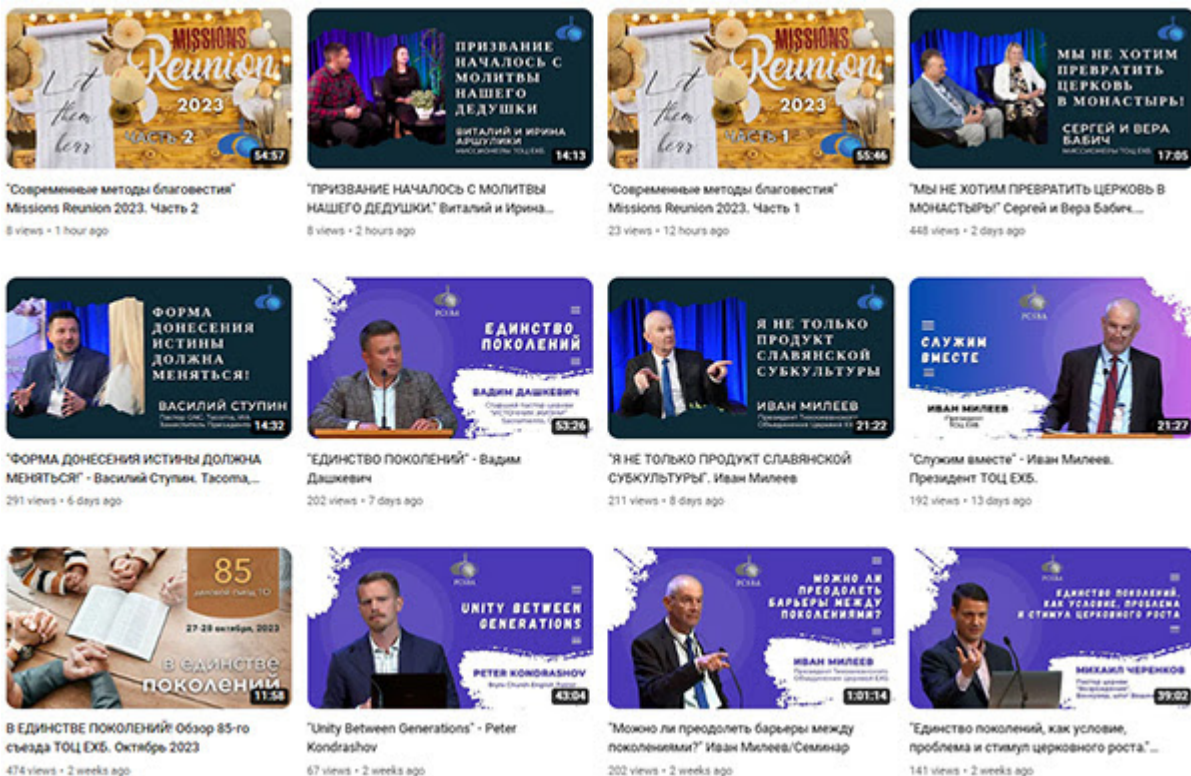
EVALUATING THE PAST CONVENTION

The Association's president evaluated the 85th convention of PCSBA's ECB, which took place on October 27-28, and shares his thoughts about it. [Read his article at this link.](#)



CONVENTION VIDEOS

The Association's Video Ministry team put in a lot of effort in recording and uploading not only the seminars of the 85th convention, but also the interviews with many pastors who were there. To watch these recordings, visit [The Association's YouTube channel – click this link](#). Livestream video can also be seen on the same channel under the “Live” section. The convention's website can be found at the following: <https://85convention.pcsba.com>.



Association's YouTube videos

“IN THE UNITY OF GENERATIONS” – MEETING OF WOMEN DURING THE CONVENTION

During the PCSBA's convention on October 28, 2023, the women's ministry had a special time when women from different churches shared about the events of the past year and made plans for the upcoming year. [More details can be found here \(in Russian only\).](#)



The Meeting Participants

MEN'S RETREAT AT BRYTE CHURCH

Planned as a business retreat, it unexpectedly turned out to be a prayer retreat. The reason for that was because the men started to pray in a new format, which they learned during the Strategic Renewal Prayer Summit — praying using Scripture. [Read more about it in the article by M. Avramenko, one of the pastors of Bryte Church \(in Russian only\).](#)



TRIP TO THE NORTHEASTERN USA

The North American Mission Board invited I. Mileyev and his wife Alena to attend the Multi-Ethnic “Trainee to Trainers” summit on November 10. After the summit, they were also able to visit two churches in South Carolina, one in Anderson and one in Greenville. [More details can be found on the Association’s website \(in Russian only\).](#)



One of the Summit Sections

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Read about how student education in Russian and English is developing under the AA Degree program in the note by the head of the education department, A. Pronin - [click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



The Student Group of the Second Slavic Church of Sacramento

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL AND UKRAINE

A special church service dedicated to prayer for Israel and Ukraine took place at Rockland Baptist Church on October 15, 2023. This special time of prayer united the church representatives from all over Sacramento. People from various nationalities

prayed together for peace and for the bloodshed to stop. Read more [in an article by A. Ryabichenko on the Association's website \(in Russian only\)](#).



Молитва о мире

HOW TO MELT THE ICE IN RELATIONSHIPS?

On the third Sunday of October, Grace Avenue Bible Church in Sacramento had a church service with the theme of strengthening relationships within the family. This was done as a special evening of reaching out to immigrants during the “Place of Grace” fellowship. After a sermon, there was a tea fellowship around the campfire, which was engaging for everyone. More than fifty people were able to attend this event. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).



Fellowship around the Campfire

REPLACING HALLOWEEN

“No, we did not celebrate Halloween, but we did our best to replace its celebration with a testimony of the Good News”, said Yuriy Senchenko, pastor of Choose Life Church in WA. The evangelical outreach took place on the night of October 31 in Fife. Christians handed out candy, shared the Good News and prayed for people on the streets. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Evangelism during Halloween

“TRUNK OR TREAT” EVANGELISM

Halloween is a very unpleasant holiday for many Christians. Demonic images and costumes with scary sounds cause fear... As a whole, it is a very dark and scary time. This year, the Bethel Baptist Church in Sacramento, in a joint effort with Temple Baptist Church, became a beacon of light in the darkness. More [can be found in an article by A. Kovdiy \(in Russian only\).](#)



"Store Your Treasures in Heaven" is what this station is called

SEASONS OF WOMANHOOD

The women's meeting "Seasons of Womanhood" took place on November 18 at House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento. This was a special time which united 100 women of various generations into one, where they were able to pray for discerning the will of God for their lives and ministry. The main goal of the organizers was to encourage and motivate the women to serve the Lord, and for them to experience the joy of service in their lives. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



There were women of various generations

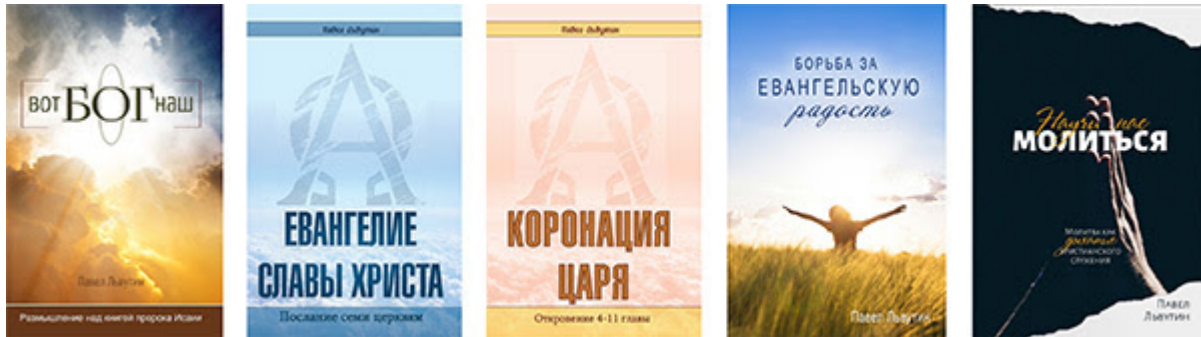
BROTHERS' RETREAT

On November 16-18, 2023, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento had a brothers' retreat. They spent three days in fellowship and prayer, which was instrumental in their spiritual nourishment and growth. The main speaker was pastor Stepan Pavlyuk, who lovingly ministered to everyone by preaching the Word and sharing practical instructions from his personal life. The main theme of the fellowship was discipleship. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEW BOOKS ABOUT THE GLORY OF GOD AND CHRISTIANS' WALK WITH HIM

Our Association has many talented people! One of them is Pavel Lvutin, who is a pastor at the Word of Truth Church. He wrote five books, some of which are published and can be found on Amazon. [For a short summary for each book and where each one of them can be found, visit the Association's website.](#)



UNKNOWN HEROES AMONG US

What do we know about people whom we meet in church? Especially about those who are elderly, whom we often don't even notice, and only learn amazing things about them after their death? One of these cases [is covered by O. Avetisova on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



Vladimir Mikhailovich Belov, former member of Bryte Church

MISSIONARY NEWS

ANNUAL MISSION REUNION

On October 11, Grace Family Church in Sacramento hosted a Mission Reunion, which is a friendly meeting of missionaries of various churches and different

countries. Over 100 people were able to attend the event. Special guests of the Mission Reunion were: Valentin Siniy, rector of the Tauride Christian Institute, Ukraine, board member of SBC, Mick Stokwell, and Nathaniel Parrow, mobilizer of the younger generation for missions. Twenty missionary teams gave a presentation of their ministries. [More details...](#)



STREET EVANGELISM AND MORE...

Tirelessly, every Saturday and Sunday in a new place, a team of local missionaries, led by Pastor Vasily Khripunov, preaches the Gospel on the streets of different cities in California, holding meetings in local houses of prayer or missionary points. Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, were the same for them. On Saturday they were in the Missionary Center in San Jose, and held a special evangelism Thanksgiving evening, and on Sunday, they preached at the stadium at Santa Clara. [More details...](#)



This can be done without the knowledge of English!

MINISTRY IN POLAND

Please read I. Sheremet's November newsletter about ministry in Poland [here - click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Harvest Day Celebration

UKRAINIAN MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

Brazil is the largest country in South America, and the most densely populated country on the continent. If you are a regular reader of our newsletter, you may have previously become a little acquainted with the missionary family of Irina and Vitaly Arshulik, whose ministry in Brazil is supported by our Association. They were able to come to the 85th Convention of the Association. [Read S. lotko's interview with them on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



Church in Brazil

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S PARTNERS

CELEBRATION OF THE BIBLE IN CUBA

Due to the great spiritual revival of the Cuban people, which has caused an unprecedented growth of groups and churches, the Hope for People Mission Board is sending a group of ministers to participate December 4 - 11, 2023 in seminars, Bible festivals, and united water baptism.

The mission is planning to purchase 2,000 Bibles for children, and 8,000 for adults. They will also need to get a fuel for buses and trucks and are asking for financial and prayer support. [More can be found on the mission's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PRAY FOR ISRAEL!

Глаза большинства людей сегодня прикованы к Израилю и к тому, что происходит в этом регионе. Беспрецедентная жестокость хамасовцев потрясла всех. Пострадали мирные жители, дети, продолжает проливаться кровь как израильтян, так и палестинцев. Вместе со всеми страдают и наши братья и сестры.

The attention of the majority of people today is towards Israel and what is happening in that region. The unprecedented brutality of Hamas shocked everyone. Civilians and children have suffered, and the blood of both Israelis and Palestinians continues to be shed. Our brothers and sisters suffer along with everyone else.

The European Baptist Federation is asking everyone to pray for the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, which consists of 17 Baptist churches, and for the Holy Land Council of Local Evangelical Churches, which represents 13 Baptist churches in the Palestinian territories, including the Gaza Baptist Church (see the text of the letter: [In Russian](#) | [In English](#)).

Pray that many missionaries would take the Gospel to the Israelis, Palestinians, and Muslims around the world in this troubling time. This time is an indication of the “end time” events before the second coming of Christ. Pray also for peace in our countries, which are becoming more and more Muslim.

You may watch and listen to the accounts of Christians located in Israel here:

- [“Israel: peace is only possible through Jesus Christ!”](#). Interview with Andrey Senderov, a Christian Israeli journalist and preacher.
- [“Today it happens in Israel, tomorrow it will spread around the world”](#) Pastor Aleksandr Seryapov, Israel.
- [“God is faithful in all circumstances”](#) and [“War between brothers will not cease...”](#) Dr. Oleg Korotkiy, Ashkelon, Israel.



CHRISTMAS IN LEBANON

The well-known Moldovan missionary group “The Kirnev Family” plans to hold Christmas evangelistic events in several cities of Lebanon: Tire, Sidon, Beirut, etc. Sergey and Pavel, members of this group, explain why they decide to take such a risky trip to a country in the south of which there is military actions - [watch the recording of their interview \(in Russian only\)](#).

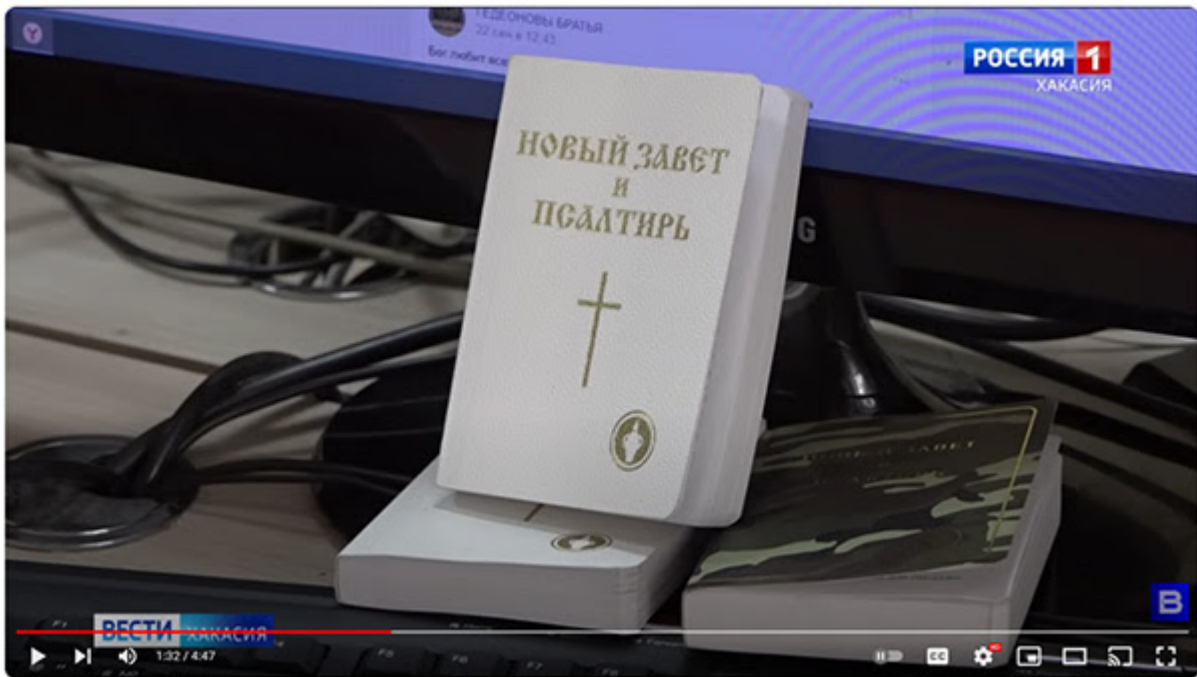


Sergey and Pavel Kirnev

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF THE GIDEONS MINISTRY'S NEW TESTAMENTS WAS CONFISCATED IN RUSSIA

“They tried to bring books of the Holy Scriptures with dubious content into the Special Military Operation (SMO) zone” – this was the headline on the **Russia 1 Vesti - Khakassia** channel on November 9 of this year, reporting about the confiscation of New Testaments published and sent by the Gideons Ministry. According to these words of these news anchors, “The enemies of Russia operate in the rear. With the help of special editions of the Holy Scriptures, they undermine a militant spirit, and instill a defeatist attitude in the soldiers who are on a special mission in Ukraine.” Would you like to be reminded of accusations against Christians under the Soviet Union? [Watch a video under the “News” section of the website](#) or [on the YouTube channel of GTPK Khakassia \(in Russian only\).](#)

Note: as of November 28, 2023, the **Russia 1 Vesti – Khakassia** television company removed the video from its website and made the video private on Youtube.



UKRAINIAN WEEK

The Committee for the Annual Ukrainian Week has begun sending out invitations to those who wish to participate in the events that will take place from January 29 to February 3 in Washington, DC. There will be prayer breakfasts, a forum of chaplains, and social and medical services for military personnel, their families, and children of Ukraine, and many other events. More than 700 delegates of the Ukrainian diaspora from different US states, congressmen, senators, and government officials from the US and Ukraine are also expected to be in attendance. More details can be found on the website: [Ukrainian Week](#).



Ukrainian Week

ALMANAC IN UKRAINIAN

All the work is now complete for the second issue of the “Вимоги часу” (The Demands of the Time) almanac in Ukrainian. The intention of the compilers is to publish a literary collection (exclusive prose and poetic works, translations from Russian, stories, diaries). This work is dedicated to the theme of glorifying God, love for the motherland, and the war in Ukraine. [More about the almanac... \(in Russian only\)](#).



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have children with special needs or if you wanted to find out more about this ministry, come to the Christmas celebration on December 12 at First Slavic Baptist Church ([7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822](#)) at 5:30 p.m. There will be a special program, reception, and presents.

Please RSVP to Natalya at: (916) 833-5510.

PLEASE JOIN US!
CHRISTMAS NIGHT FOR
CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30pm

RSVP 916-833-5510 Natalya



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

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