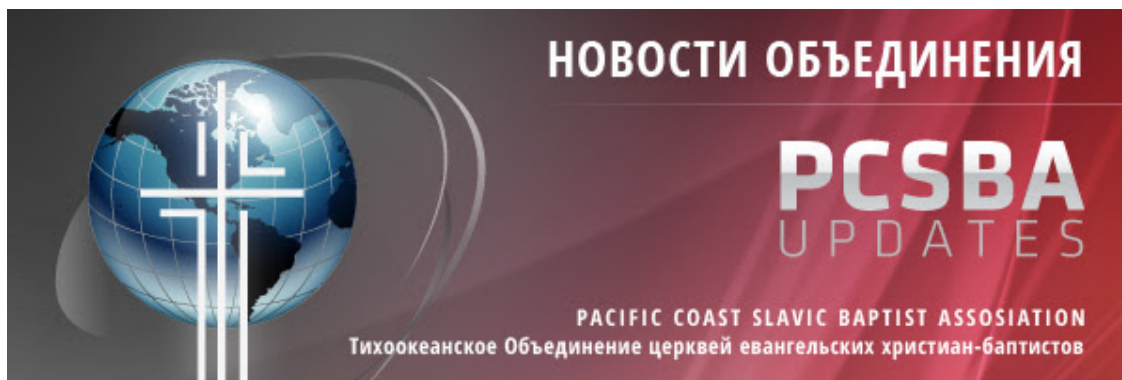


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

86TH CONVENTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST SLAVIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Another one of the Association's conventions is now in the eternal chronicles of time! Two days went by as a single moment! Friday evening and the entire day Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m., we were on a very tight schedule being accounted for to the minute! There was the business meeting, seminars, photoshoots, an evening service... and another spiritually edifying convention is now over!

If you were not able to attend the convention but would like to access the resources, to watch the video recordings and see photos, you can still do so by [visiting the website of the convention, which can be located at this link](#). You will be able to find a lot of great things there. More details about the convention will be included in next month's newsletter.

We look forward to the next convention in 2025, if the Lord extends our life until then!



Photo of the convention delegates and the leadership of the Association

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES ...EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PARTS OF THE EARTH

The kingdom of Jesus Christ is expanding and growing, not only through local churches, but also through the partnership and involvement of various churches of a given country, and in some cases on different continents. That is exactly what happened in Sydney, Australia. As a response to the invitation by the local Slavic church in Sydney, the pastor of Grace Family Church and his wife were able to take part in their life and ministry. For the very first time, because of the efforts of a Slavic association of churches in Australia, they were able to have a youth camp. There were a few small groups from various regions of Australia who were able to meet together and study the Word of God. [More details...](#)



Participants of the first youth camp in Australia

BEHOLD THE LAMB!

On October 5, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento hosted a youth Worship Night and an auto show. Close to 250 people were able to come! The main speaker was a guest from Irvine, Bogdan Kipko, whose sermon was fully dedicated to beholding the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ, who took upon Himself the sins of the world. [More details...](#)



During the Worship Night

LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN SAN FRANCISCO

Although fairly small, the people of this active church in this famous city are experiencing both joy and trials. The joyful part was celebrating the water baptism of three people and celebrating the Harvest Festival. The trying aspect has to do with the condition of the church building, which is in need of improvements. They do not have the necessary means for remodeling. This church needs our prayer support and financial contributions to meet their need. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Praise God for those who are being saved by Jesus Christ!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

On September 14, 2024, Sunday School teachers were able to benefit from a conference at The Living Stones Church. There were three seminars: "Why should you become a Sunday School teacher, and what is the purpose of a Sunday School teacher?," "Emotional and spiritual burnout of those serving in the children's ministry," and "Digital socializing and the role of gadgets in the development of children and teenagers." For more information about the seminars and links to the recordings, [visit the Association's website at this link](#).



THE HAVEN CHURCH IN CONCORD – A BIG AND HAPPY FAMILY

The Haven Church is the only church building in Concord and its surrounding region where Slavic families can gather to worship God. Besides just a few people, almost the entire church, including the head pastor, Igor Rudometkin, travel long distances

to meet for the church service and other church gatherings. For more about this church and its ministry, [read on the Association's website \(in Russian only\)](#).



Church family

TRUE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

From October 3 to 5, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento had a conference for married couples. Stanislav Gruntkovskiy, who leads the family ministry of the All-Ukrainian Union of Churches of Evangelical Christian Baptists, was the speaker. The topics included the four main responsibilities of men and women, as well as various important principles of parenting. For more about the conference, [click on this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



Conference participants

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MOTHERHOOD

On August 28, the House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento hosted a women's conference with the theme: "Mothers in various stages of a child's development, and sex education for our children." The speaker was Elena Brennan, who is a nurse by

training. Over 30 people attended this event. During the meeting, they talked about the goals and responsibilities of motherhood that differ at various stages of a child's development, and that during each of these various stages, the child needs a "different mom." [For more, click here... \(in Russian only\).](#)



FROM HEART TO HEART

On September 28, The Good News Church in Tacoma had a wonderful family night. The theme of the event was "From heart to heart" and was a romantic setting where the Word of God was proclaimed by V. Getman. About fifty families were able to attend this event. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



WATER BAPTISM IN SOUTH CAROLINA

On September 14, the churches of South Carolina experienced a wonderful event that affected two of the local Spring of Life Churches in Greenville and Anderson. They had a water baptism service for eleven people who publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ and declared Him to be their personal Lord and Savior. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Eleven newly saved souls, new church members

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT THE CHOOSE LIFE CHURCH

On Sunday, October 20, The Choose Life Church had their Harvest celebration. This important day was not just a time of gratitude for the yields of the physical harvest, but also a time of reflection about our responsibilities as followers of Christ. For more, [read an article by the church's pastor, S. Kolivayko \(in Russian only\).](#)



Although there are few of us, this does not diminish the joy of the holiday!

A HEART OF WISDOM

On September 21, the Good News Church in Tacoma, WA had their women's ministry's Ladies Latte meeting with the theme of "A Heart of Wisdom." This event united many women to study the biblical teaching on wisdom and how it is relevant in our everyday lives. There were engaging discussions, times of genuine worship, and warm fellowship which encouraged those in attendance to seek for wisdom that is grounded in faith and directed by the Holy Spirit. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Work in progress...

MARY AND ELIZABETH

On October 5, Grace Avenue Bible Church hosted a women's prayer breakfast. Over forty women of various ages were able to attend, and to have an opportunity for a

great time of studying the Bible, to meditate on the importance of female friendship, and to have a great time of fellowship with delicious refreshments. The main speaker of the women's breakfast was Viktoria Zhukova, who is a mother of six children, and a leader of a group for young mothers. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



After a time of fellowship



EVANGELISM AT YUBA CITY

On September 28, 2024, from early morning until the evening, Christian hymns were resonating at a local park in Yuba City. This cozy town is located in the center of Sutter County in California, 40 miles from Sacramento. It was founded in 1849 on land that belonged to John Sutter, and therefore, the county bears the name of its original owner. However, on this day, the honor was given not to John Sutter but to the Lord. Everything from songs to sermons to conversations were fully dedicated to Him. [More](#)

[details...](#)

THIRTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOF THE SLAVIC CHURCH SERVICES ON CROMWELL WAY IN SACRAMENTO

On October 13, the First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento had a 30-year anniversary of services being held at the church on Cromwell Way. This church has a rich history and is known as a hospitable place of worship, as well as a place where hundreds of immigrants were able to grow in their faith as they were coming

over during the third wave of immigration. The church members and many guests expressed their gratitude to the Lord for the blessings and challenges, trials and concerns, joys and sorrows that the Lord led them through during this entire time. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Festive church service

MISSIONARY NEWS

VISITING MISSIONARIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES

At the end of September, two pastors from Grace Family Church, Sergey Nyagov and Yevgeniy Bardosh, visited missionaries who are serving in Spain, Greece, Poland, Turkey, and France. While encouraging the brothers in their missionary service to continue doing such important and difficult work, the brothers were also able to teach a few seminars there. For more about the trip, [visit Grace Family Church's website.](#)



Pastors Sergey Nyagov and Viktor Kovba answering questions in the Torrevieja church

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

“CORAM DEO” COMPLETED ANOTHER MODULE

How do you help people who clearly have a problem with anger? This was the name of the seventh module of the biblical counseling training program. The theme was taught by the president of the International Counseling Institute, Aleksey Tolochyants, and Sergey Drozd, who is a pastor of The Resurrection Church in Minsk, as well as the vice president of the Union of ECB of Belarus, and dean and instructor at the Minsk Theological Seminary and the Coram Deo International Counseling Institute. For more, about [the module, read on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Over thirty people continue to study under the “Coram Deo” program

“HOPE TO THE PEOPLE” - UKRAINIAN CHURCHES UNITED BY ONE PURPOSE

Despite some very difficult circumstances related to the war, the Hope to the People ministry in Ukraine, along with many other churches, ministries, and individual people, both locally and abroad, are able to continue their evangelistic ministry. They preach the Gospel to children, teenagers, and adults through sports, camps, and various events. For more about the results of their ministry, [read their ministry's newsletter – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Preaching the Gospel to those in the military

CHURCH AND SOCIAL MEDIA – NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Apparently, when it comes to the use of social media to spread the Gospel to people around us, the Christians of the post-Soviet Union generation are ahead of Slavic Christians in the U.S. What hasn't been accomplished by numerous attempts by the PCSBA was achieved by the Evangelical Baptist Union in Moldova. They had their

very first conference for those who are serving in the information ministry. The conference had 80 representatives from various regions of the country who are engaged in marketing the churches online through social media, websites, chatrooms, video channels, as well as those who assist in live streaming the church services. [Click this link for more about the conference – “Church and Social Media – new challenges and new opportunities”... \(in Russian only\).](#)



During the conference...

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

TO CHANGE THE WORLD, CHRISTIANS NEED TO WORK HARD!

More and more people in the U.S. are expressing their disapproval for what is happening in their country, its laws, and the government, but at the same time, they are not taking advantage of their rights and many opportunities to make a difference. A well-known Christian organization, Family Policy Alliance (FPA), has made it their purpose to transform the U.S. into a country that honors God, has a thriving religious freedom, and values life and family. [On their website](#), the FPA states that there are approximately 32 million Christians who will not go out to vote this year. The FPA is trying to change that and is calling for everyone to join in prayer for our country, and to vote for the candidate who is the most consistent with God's views. For more about this, [read at the FPA website](#). If you would like to join this prayer movement organized [by the FPA, click this link](#).

32 MILLION CHRISTIANS WON'T VOTE

Let's Change That!

32 million churchgoing Christians are expected to stay home this election.

Together, we've already reached more than 800,000 - but we need your help to reach 1 million by election day.

Stand with us and secure a pro-family future! \$60 helps turn out 100 voters.

[GIVE NOW](#)



TAKE THE PLEDGE: PRAY. VOTE. ENGAGE.

Can YOU commit to doing 3 things for the good of our nation?

[TAKE THE PLEDGE](#)

Join one million voters who are taking the pledge to **pray** for our nation, **vote** in every election and **engage** in the process of civic involvement.

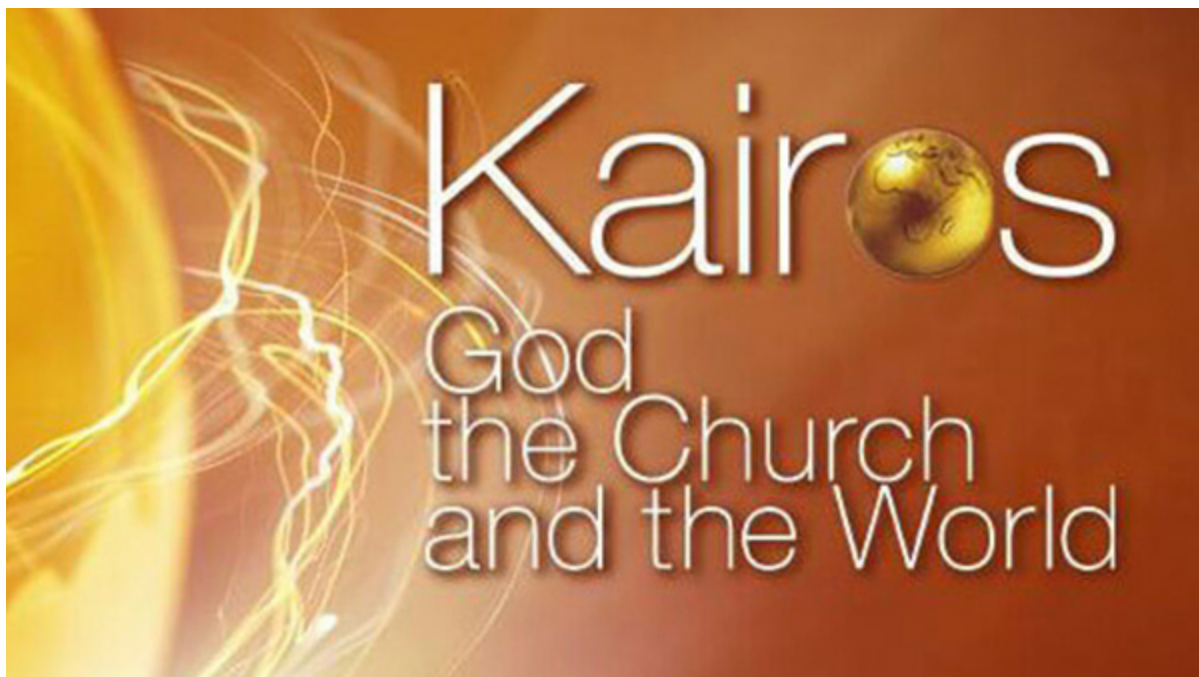
EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TRAINING COURSE OF THE “KAIROS” PROGRAM

From November 4 to 13, Bryte Church will have a Kairos Seminar and it is open for everyone. For more about the course description, schedule, address, registration cost, or other questions, visit the following website:

<https://bryte.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2506862>.

[For more about the course, its goals and contents – click this link.](#)



16TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY REUNION 2024

On November 9, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Second Slavic Baptist Church, located at 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660, will host an annual missionary reunion. Everyone who is serving or those who would like to serve in this ministry are welcome to come.

Registration – [at the website of the PCSBA's missionary department.](#) Registration fee is \$20 (lunch included). All proceeds will go to ministry support.



“CORNERSTONE KINGDOM” FESTIVAL



The Cornerstone Church is inviting everyone to a Cornerstone Kingdom Festival, which will take place on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. Those who come to this event will be transported to a kingdom of goodness, love, and compassion where there is no place for suffering and sorrow, because it is the kingdom of the King of kings! The visitors who will be there from the beginning (at 10:00 a.m.) will receive raffle tickets and a chance to win great prizes!

Address: 5540 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA 95842 .

INVITATION TO WORK AT THE CAMP

Sierra Pines Camp is looking for a family who will be able to live and work at the campground. The responsibility for the husband includes taking care of the campground territory, light handyman work, etc. The responsibility for the wife includes cleaning the cabins for campers and some housekeeping work.

Comfortable living arrangements are provided for the entire family as well as good work compensation. For additional information, contact: (916) 242-0625 (you can reach out by text).

For more about the campground, visit [the campground's website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



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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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