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NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 80th ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

On October 19-21, there will be the Association's convention in Sacramento. It will be spiritually edifying convention, with a theme of "Reformation-Return to the Gospel", and will be hosted by the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte.

Since the administrative part of the convention will be only on Saturday, October 21, everyone is welcome to participate in the general sessions and seminars. The convention's website will be published next week, and the schedule of the general sessions and seminars will be there. Every week starting from August, you may listen to the Association radio and learn the main theses of the seminars.

To listen to the broadcasted programs dedicated to the convention, please go to the Association's website and open [Resources-Radio Programs of the Association -2017 page \(In Russian only\)](#).

THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MINNESOTA

On August 6, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev visited one of our most remote churches, "Transfiguration" in Minnetonka, Minnesota. It is a small church which was established by Ivan Vladimirovich along with other thirteen believers. Today they have their own paid-up building, and have regular services. During the visit, the PCSBA's president and the members of the board discussed the possibility of PCSBA taking the church in

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For more about this visit, you can read [in an article by I. Mileyev \(click here\)](#).



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PCSBA'S PRESIDENT

The PCSBA's president monthly reports to the Committee includes his work accomplished His reports also published on the Association's website. If you would like to familiarize yourself with them, visit our website (pcsba.com) and click on the [News — Reports of the PCSBA's President \(In Russian only.\)](#)

WOMEN'S RETREAT "FAITH WORKING IN LOVE"

Why do we have to love? That is not our choice but an obligation, a commandment of Jesus Christ. In John 13:34 Jesus says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another". Why is this a new commandment? Because the Old Testament did not have the requirement to love as Jesus loved us. He proves His love to us in that "He died for us, while we were still sinners". We must love for the glory of God, in the name of love to God, and as a response to our salvation and for the salvation of our people who are around us, and who are far off. The foundation for such love must be the living faith and the intimate relationship with God, rejection of our own selves, and the subjection to sufferings if the difficult times will come. That was the theme of the retreat's speaker Maria Gusenkova who was invited from Washington.

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FAMILY AND YOUTH CAMPS IN ITALY

A few years ago, Alek Shipuk and his family moved to Italy to serve as a missionary. It is difficult to start the ministry in a new place, and especially, in a new country. This family encountered a variety of challenges along the way. Over time, they experienced certain blessings, one of which was the very successful family and youth camps.

In describing how things went this year, Alek shares [his article, published on the Association's website \(In Russian only\)](#).





NEW MISSIONARY PROJECT IN SPAIN

Apostle Paul dreamed to visit one of the countries of Europe which was “far” from the center of the missionary ministry to the Gentiles-Antioch. This country was Spain, a country with rich history, beautiful cities, and kind and friendly people. Many immigrants of CIS moved to this country in search of a better life and jobs. A country with relatively low cost of living became a place where a lot of brothers and sisters permanently moved.

Sadly, Spain did not become a center of missionary work of Slavic Christian unions for the establishment of churches (with the exception of the Pentecostal churches). God moved the hearts of the Association's leadership to begin ministering there.

I.V. Mileyev, the leader of missionary department of PCSBA, and a few other people visited Spain in order to familiarize themselves with the situation and to meet with the President of the Union of Evangelical Baptists of Spain. For more information about the trip, read the article [on the Association's website](#).

AUGUST MEETING OF ASSOCIATION'S MINISTERS

On August 26, Grace Avenue Bible Church (previously *Third Slavic Baptist Church*) hosted a meeting of the Association's pastors. After discussion of the project “Association's Vision”, it's text was unanimously decided to be presented at the 80th PCSBA Convention. Two seminars “Foundational Values” and “Leadership Development in the church” were also presented along with various current questions pertaining to the Association's livelihood, and the upcoming 80th Convention which will be dedicated to celebrating 500 years of the Reformation.

For more information read [an article on the Association's website](#).





LIFE STORY OF FEDOR PETROVICH KARPETS

Under the section “**About Us – Our History – Famous Ministers**”, you can find the biography of Fedor Petrovich Karpets who is a well-known and permanent pastor of First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento. Many of us came to the U.S. because of his invitations, and a large amount of immigrants of the third wave who came to Sacramento received help and support from him. [Read the story of his life here \(In Russian.\)](#) English translation of the story will be published next week.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH

Under the section “**About Us – Our History – History of our Churches**”, you may find an article - "History of First Slavic Baptist Church" (*English translation of the story will be published next week. [Russian version is here.](#)*) You can also see and get to know the stories of [other churches of the Association there](#).

BIBLE SCHOOL AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

Grace Family Church organized a Bible school and invites all who would like to get trained. The institution’s mission is to affirm the obedience and worship of the Only True God through the dedication to the Scriptures, guidance of the people in the character of Jesus Christ, ministering to others in word and deed, sharing the Gospel with all the people, and worship of God in His splendor.

The institution’s goal is to ensure an effective process of gaining knowledge and skills necessary for the personal spiritual maturity of Christians who will actively serve in the Church, and will share the gospel with the people in the world. “Admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.” (Col. 1.28)

For more information, visit the Association’s website – [click here \(In Russian\)](#).

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During the past month, the following programs were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- [About a trip to the camps of refugees from South Sudan. Natalya Zherebnenko.](#)
- [Semi-annual report of ministry – what was accomplished. I.V. Mileyev](#)
- [V. G. Khripunov shares a missionary trip to Europe](#)
- [Answers to listener's questions: "Bound in Disobedience". Answered by Josef Sheremet.](#)
- [Evangelism that everyone can do. Rufina Peychev](#)
- ["Why do I boast in the cross of Christ." Sermon of Vladimir Tsorn](#)
- [Pastor of "Rockland" Church N. A. Bugriyev shares about the church](#)
- About 80th Convention:

[80th Convention. Why was the theme "Reformation – Return to the Gospel" chosen. A. Y. Avramenko](#)

[80th Convention. How the speakers selection was made. About the seminar "Image of Luther, as the spokesman of the Reformation's Ideas". A. Pronin](#)

[80th convention. Seminar "Theological Roots of Baptism in the context of the Reformation." V. Kravchenko](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

TIME MANAGEMENT – NEXT SESSION OF PRECEPT MINISTRY

TIME... How much can be associated with it! "The clock is ticking"... "you can't turn back time"... "time is money". After all, every one of us is given 24 hours, and one day we will have to give an account before Him Who gave us this time and Who will ask us to give an account of what we did with it. In finding out the meaning of Jesus Christ's coming through the study of 2nd Thessalonians, we will see the value of our time and the value of other people's time. We will firmly stand in the truth about the Day of the Lord. Through careful analysis and the session's homework we will also look at priorities and will learn how to manage our time.

Precept Ministry invites you to the next session which will take place in Sacramento,

Precept Ministry invites you to the next session which will take place in Sacramento, September 18-29 and will take place in the evening 5:30 - 9:00 Monday through Friday and on Saturday 9-4. Everyone is welcome—leaders of various church ministries, who understand the process of discipleship and practical participation in the life of the local church.

For more information, visit [the Association's website – click here \(In Russian\)](#).

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On **September 1-4**, Sierra Pines Camp will celebrate its 70 year anniversary. If anyone would like to take part in this celebratory event, you can do so by registering at [the website dedicated to the anniversary of the camp](#). Welcome to the celebration!
- "Choose Life" church in Fife, WA, will host a camp "Life of Christ" on **September 14-17**. Everyone is welcome. The camp address, price, the amount of registration deposit, speaker information, and other information can be found in [an article on the Association's website \(click here\)](#) and on [the church's website](#).
- **September 23** - Children Ministry Conference at the Sierra Pines Camp, 7169 Sierra Pines Road, Twin Bridges, CA 95735. Speaker - Pavel Lvutin, pastor from Tacoma church. RSVP: Natalya Lakhno (916) 335-6391, Oleg Lakho (916) 802-4140, or Tim Malanchuk (253) 686-6975.



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September 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- women's prayer breakfast.
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5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95842

- **September 29 – October 1**, Grace Family Church will host a Bible conference "Reformation of the Heart". The goal of the conference is to show the meaning of the Reformation, and the implication on the spiritual life of Christians. Conference speakers will be: Aleksandr Kalinskiy, pastor of "Source of Life" Church, from Zdolbunov, Ukraina, and Mark Zhakevich, pastor from Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA. For registration visit www.gfchurch.com or contact (916) 481-1001

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- In agreement with the established educational programs, the Institute of Ministry “Blagovest” rectorate accepts enrollment into the following program: CHURCH MINISTRY. Level C. Program of study “B.A. of Church Ministry”; duration of study –3.5 years. Brothers and sisters who are members of the evangelical churches are welcome. The sessions will take place twice a month, 12 academic hours (second week of the month: Friday night (4:00pm), and Saturday (8:00am)). [For more information visit the Association's website \(In Russian\)](#).
- Institute of Ministry “Blagovest” in partnership with the English-Speaking seminary “Corner stone” announces the enrollment of students who wish to be trained and minister in variety of ministries in English. The program’s emphasis is “Church Ministry and Evangelism” and is offered to all those who will be ministering in the English-speaking context. [For more information, visit the Association's website](#).

PRAYER NEEDS

- **Pray** for the upcoming Association’s Convention and all the preparations for this event.
- **Pray** for the new mission project in Spain
- **Pray** for the blessings on the Association’s ministries for the glory of God and the edification of churches and their members
- **Pray** for the government of our country, the states, and about peace and well-being of our cities.
- **Pray** for the blessings upon Israel

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

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