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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



God came in the flesh and enlightened our hearts with a heavenly light and filled them with heavenly praise: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased”. He brought His divine peace into our hearts and filled us with the warmth of His great love! He humbled Himself and became ordinary and accessible to all people of the earth! Let us worship Him along with the shepherds and the wise men, and let us bring Him our gifts—our hearts that are dedicated to Him for service!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2018 Year!

With best wishes,
Ivan Mileyev

[Click here for a video congratulation \(in Russian only\)](#) 📺.

DEPARTMENT LEADERS' MEETING

The last Association department leaders' meeting of this year took place on December 8th. This time it was in the so-called informal atmosphere around the decorated tables. The Association's secretary Alina Pronina and Nadezhda Evsenkova put an extra effort in creating a Christmas atmosphere in the meeting place.

The leaders of the departments attended this meeting with their spouses since they too are equal participants in the ministry and share in the joys and sorrows of their ministering husbands and wives. The department leaders shared their experience of blessings of the passing year, about the passing of trials, and about the fruits of their ministry. At the end of the meeting, the association's President thanked the participants for their dedication and sacrificial service, gave a short exhortation reminding everyone of the importance of the leaders' responsibility and who they have to be, and then wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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On December 8th, there was an evening of Christmas celebration with other pastors of evangelical churches in our city. The pastors were invited along with their wives. More than 200 attended. The main speaker was Y. K. Sipko who is a well-known Russian pastor and was previously a chairman of ECB Russia. He addressed the topic of the birth of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God, and the importance of motherhood citing Mary, the mother of Jesus, as an example.

Some of those who attended this meeting are seen below.




WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Women's Ministry of the Association has been in existence for over 50 years, and perhaps that is why it is functioning in many of our churches. Sometimes it even seems that the sisters are more active than the brothers. At least that is what it seems like when one looks at the number of women's meetings and evenings that already took place in churches. There were many meetings where the women gathered to celebrate Christmas and New Year. [N. A. Yurkova who is the head of the Women's Ministry of the Association](#) and [V. Kostrikina who is a women ministry in Second Slavic Baptist Church](#) share about some of these meetings - read their articles on the website (in Russian only.)

UNIFIED PRAYER MEETING OF CHURCHES IN SACRAMENTO

On December 14th Russian Baptist Church and Grace Family Church held a city-wide prayer meetings. Believers from different churches met to give thanks to God for His blessings in the passing year, as well as to pray for blessings for the upcoming year. The prayer requests were divided [into three categories](#) and each group prayed for the pressing needs that were mentioned.

For more about how this prayer meeting went, [read on the Association's website](#). You will also be able to watch a video of the introductory address of L. Kioroglo who led the prayer at the second group. In exhorting to pray for the youth, Leonid Petrovich briefly

will also be able to watch a video of the introductory address of L. Kioroglo who led the prayer at the second group. In exhorting to pray for the youth, Leonid Petrovich briefly mentioned what humanity is going through, and especially what the youth is going through. The youth has to make serious lifelong choices; they have to make those choices today, and will have to make choices in the future. [The recording of his sermon was made at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte which can be found here](#)  (in Russian only.)



AN EVENING OF THANKS

On December 9th, the Cornerstone Church hosted an evening of thanks for all those who took part in “God as a Defendant” Conference which took place on November 11th in Sacramento. The main initiators and organizers of this conference were the leaders of the Cornerstone Church. This was a truly edifying conference.

Throughout the evening, there were testimonies of the most impactful impressions of the conference. Nikita Kostyuk and his father Oleg Petrovich who is the pastor of the local church and took advantage of the opportunity to thank each participant at the conference. There was a wonderful reception as well as a well-decorated hall. The evening was a great example of expressing thankfulness to those who volunteer in various projects accomplished by the local church or the association.
Ivan Mileyev.





GIVE A GIFT OF A SMILE!

Of course, how not to smile when you were visited by the magi with angels and gifts! Bringing joy and holiday cheer was the goal of brothers and sisters at Rockland Church when they visited the families of children with special needs in this time of the Christmas season.

There are over 130 Slavic families with special needs in Sacramento. Some of them are active in attending a church and special events organized for such families. However, there are also those who close off in their distress and face their children's challenges and personal challenges on their own. The visit of church members on Christmas Eve was a ray of light and an encouragement.

For more information about where and what took place for families with special kids, read [interview with N. Bugriyev](#) and [an article by N. Smolikova](#) who is the Association's leader of ministry to children with special needs. Both articles in Russian only.





ANDREY YAKOVLEVICH PROKOPCHUK WENT TO BE WITH JESUS



On December 7th we said goodbye to the body of Andrey Yakovlevich Prokopchuk who was the oldest minister in our association. He was 105 years and 2 months old. He was a person of incredible testimony, a minister, well-known for his sacrificial life and dedication to the Lord, and who was used by God in different countries such as Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, the U.S., and Belarus.

As Vyacheslav Mihailovich Tsvirinko, who was the previous president of PCSBA said in his letter, “A true friend to all ministers in the harvest of God went to be with the Lord. We no longer have a representative of a totally different epoch among us.”

Truly we no longer have this pastor, evangelist, writer, and many will miss him. For more information [read on this page - click here \(in Russian only\)](#), and for a biography of this minister and an interview with him visit the Association’s website in the section [About Us -- Our History - Famous Ministers](#).

OUR MISSIONARIES ARE LEAVING FOR SPAIN

At the end of December, Mihail Terehin and Alik Shipuk, along with their families, are going to visit Spain in order to begin an active Missionary ministry. The time of preparation is over and they are ready to begin.


These families dedicated themselves to a tough ministry in a different country and they need our prayers and financial support. Read [a Letter of a Pastor of “Good News” Church](#) and [December Newsletter from the Terehin Family](#). Both articles in Russian only.

MISSION TRIP TO INDIA

At the end of December, a team from Grace Avenue Bible Church is going to India and needs a prayer support for their ministry there. [A video clip about this trip is available here.](#) 📄

RECORDINGS OF THE 80TH CONVENTION’S SEMINARS

The Association’s Media Department finished editing and broadcasting the recordings of the 80th Convention’s seminars. All of them can be found on the YouTube channel of the Association. [Click Here](#) 📄 to access a playlist of all of the sixteen recordings of the convention.

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There are also files of a seminar by A. Melnichuk - "Is There a Continuation of the Reformation Today?" and by P.M. Hakimov "Triumph and Tragedy of the Reformation". They can be found on [The Convention's Website - click here](#). All materials in Russian only.

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There were changes in the Youth Department of the Association. For all questions about this ministry, contact Ruslan Morozov. He is currently heading this department.

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THE ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

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.

- [Pacific Thrift Store - shared by the chairman of the Council of the store's directors. V. Stupin](#)
- [About the Orphanage Project. Pavel Tummydai](#)
- [News. Passing away of Andrey Yakovlevich Prokopchuk](#)
- [Christmas Greeting of the Association's President I. Mileyev](#)
- [New Year's Greeting of the Association's vice-president N. Bugriyev](#)
- News:
 - [T. Bugriyeva and N. Bugriyev about women Christmas meeting and about Sierra Pines Camp](#)
 - [A. Yanovskiy about the Pacific Thrift Store general manager position opening and more.](#)
 - [S. Zuev about Sierra Pines Camp](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

REPORTS OF OUR MISSIONARY IN MOLDOVA

Read up on the October and November reports of our missionary in Moldova V. M.

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THE USA RECOGNIZED JERUSALEM AS THE CAPITOL OF ISRAEL

We often do not realize the times during which we live and how many signs of the Second Coming of Christ are happening before our very eyes. On December 6th, President Donald Trump announced the acceptance of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. He also gave an order about moving of the American embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem.

The world leaders had mixed reactions about this event. Some thanked God yet again for our President, for his faithfulness to the promises as a presidential nominee, and for his support of the chosen people. There were also those who put him down and think that this is one more of his impulsive decisions which will permanently set in motion the process of having less stability in the world. The Gospel Herald Society published [summary article about the issue](#) which represents the views of six Christian world leaders who are in support of President Trump's decision. One of those who openly support the President is the daughter of Billy Graham, Anna Graham-Lots, who not only respects the President's decision but also called the Christians to stop in the holiday business of today and "unite with one heart and one voice in order to thank the lord for the President's decision, and to pray for the peace in Jerusalem". [For more details click here](#).

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Pacific Thrift Store is seeking a general manager for a full-time position. For more information visit [the Association's address - click here](#).

ОБЪЯВЛЕНИЯ О МЕРОПРИЯТИЯХ

The Association's website has an annual schedule for the week of prayer. [Click here to access and print it for your use](#).

- With the mutual efforts of the Association's Departments of Education and the Department of Music, the course of "Church Singing and Music" is made available starting January 2018. For registration, email proninab@mail.ru or mail at the PCSBA office with an indication of "Course of Church Singing and Music": PCSBA 639 Welland Way, Sacramento, CA 95605. For more information contact the course instructor Vitaliy Gulegin - (916) 247-4728.
- On **January 23 - 28**, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento will have a first module of the International Institute of Biblical Counseling "Coram Deo"—"Foundations: Dynamics of Biblical Counseling." The goal of this session is

module of the International Institute of Biblical Counseling "Coram Deo"—"Foundations: Dynamics of Biblical Counseling." The goal of this session is to glorify God while helping the churches in preparing pastors, leaders, and ministers in the sphere of Biblical counseling as well as help every Christian to get disciplined in both the biblical counseling as well as family counseling. Church address: Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento, 1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sacramento Contacts: (916) 833-5990, (916) 812-1273. [More information can be found in this brochure \(click here.\)](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for peace in Israel and around the world
- **Pray** for the president of South Korea so that the Lord would humble his pride and show His glory in this godless country. Pray also for the protection of His children who are going through the most sever persecution.
- **Pray** for the government of our country and of the states, as well as for peace and the well-being of our cities.
- **Pray** for God's deliverance and protection in the midst of the fires in California

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

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