

MARCH NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

APPEAL IN LIGHT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Due to the war in Ukraine, the Association's president, I. Mileyev wrote an appeal calling all Christians to condemn the war as extreme evil. In closing, he said the following: "We are praying that the Lord would grant His mercy and stop this war. May He protect those who are trying to protect their land, their children, mothers, the elderly, and the youth. We are praying that through these circumstances, the people of Ukraine, along with Christians around the world would lift up their voices to God, and be witnesses of God's special mercy and power! We are also praying that the Lord would give the repentance and regeneration to the leaders and the people of Russia. Only repentance could bring the changes in behavior and improve the relations with other countries."

Full text of the appeal can be read [on the Association's website – click this link](#).

DIRECT APPEAL OF THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS OF THE U.S.

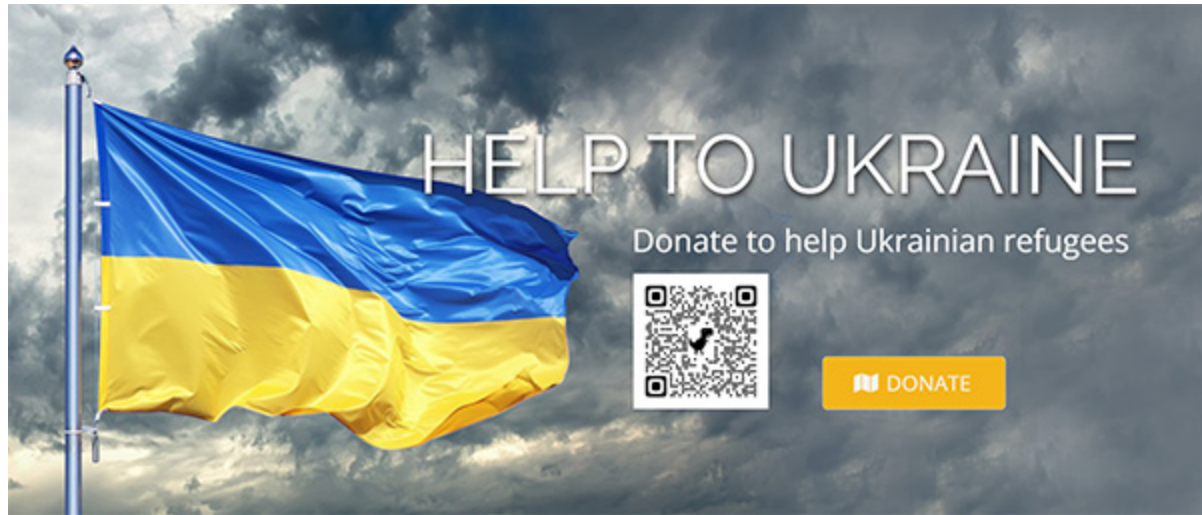
Four Associations of the Slavic Churches of the U.S. expressed their condemnation of the war and addressed all the churches to pray about peace, to express their views to the governing bodies of the U.S., to demonstrate compassion in action, and to help the victims in Ukraine. [Full text of the address can be located on the Association's website](#).

SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS IN UKRAINE

The Committee and the churches of the Association made a decision to create a special fund for donations to the victims of the war in Ukraine. The contributions can be made by sending a check to the Association: PCSBA, 639 Welland Way, West Sacramento, CA 95605 with a note "Help for Ukraine" in the Memo.

The contributions can also [be made in the electronic form through the Association's website](#).

In addition to financial contributions, with the participation of many of the churches in Sacramento, Second Slavic Church was able to collect four containers of humanitarian relief for the refugees ([More Information Can Be Found on the Association's Website. In Russian only.](#))



SEMI-ANNUAL PASTORS' MEETING

During the semi-annual pastors' meeting which took place on February 26 at the Living Stones Church, there were some really interesting seminars. Close to forty pastors from different churches were instructed by special guest speakers. The seminars were about sermon prep, Christian and public education, missions' ministry in Sacramento, and the importance of God pleasing musical ministry in the church. For more information [about the meeting and the seminars, visit the Association's website.](#)



Event Attendees

A similar meeting was also available for the pastors of the southern California. For more information, [read on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Participants of the Pastors' and Women's Meetings in the southern California

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

On March 20, Second Slavic Baptist Church celebrated their 25-year anniversary. We are rejoicing with this church and wish for all the church members to grow in the knowledge of God and be a light to the world that is around them.

More [details about the celebration can be found on the Association's website](#). The service recording [can be accessed on the church's YouTube channel \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Festive Praise

ORDINATION AT THE REVIVAL CHURCH

On March 6, the Revival Church in Vancouver, WA had an ordination service of six deacons: Sergey Svistunov, Erick Makhanov, Leo Zhuchenko, Andrey Lukyanchenko, Maksim Gudyma, and Sergey Ostapa. There is also a transfer of responsibility for the English ministry from Pastor Dave Holden to Pastor Daniel Henderson. To watch the recording of this service, [visit the church' YouTube channel](#)

[\(click this link\)](#), to access the full story with more information and pictures, [visit the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Pastors with New Deacons and Their Wives

CONFERENCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

“Intention, Calling, Dedication” was the theme of the conference of the Sunday Schools workers of the Association which took place on March 12. The guest speaker was E. Dushakov who is an evangelist and author of the book on evangelism to children. [For more about the conference, read this article \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Group Picture of the Conference Participants

UNDER THE DOME OF LOVE

On Saturday, February 26, the leadership of two churches: The Cornerstone Church, and Grace Avenue Bible Church organized a special meeting for the immigrants and family couples in celebrating a very romantic theme: “Under the Dome of Love”. According to the organizers, this celebration has taken place yearly for the past four years at the end of February with the goal of attracting people to church who newly arrived to the U.S. During the evening, the church members get to know new people, offer them hope, and invite them to small groups. This year, there were about 220 adults and 100 children. [For more information, visit the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Everything Looked Very Festive!

MEN'S RETREAT OF THE BRYTE CHURCH

On February 18-20, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte organized a retreat for the fathers and sons at the place not too far from Sacramento. The retreat took place in an informal setting, with unified prayer, beautiful nature, campfire food, extreme sports and off-roading which helped to offer some quality time and strengthen the relationship of at least three generations. The youngest camp participant was 5 years old, while the oldest was 70 with the total number of people being 320 people. For more information, [read on the Association's website – click this link \(In Russian only.\)](#)



Men's Retreat is Becoming More Popular Every Year!

WOMEN'S MEETINGS IN MARCH

«Hope Tested by Fire» or violence in the family – this was the theme of the women's conference at the First Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento. Galina

Messer, who is a co-founder of Galina's Hope Ministry shared a story of the death of her husband and three sons, and the process of overcoming this tragedy. For more about the conference, [visit the Association's website](#), and a video [about Galina – on the YouTube channel](#).

«**Life without Mirrors**», «**Christian woman and Her Temptations**», «**The Principles of Intimacy**», «**Understanding and Overcoming Sexual Sins**» - these were the topics that were presented at the women's conference which took place on March 18-19 at the Second Slavic Baptist Church. Along with the conference speakers, Margarita Kolomiytsev and Nicole Gorban, the women were reflecting on the sexual purity and emotional aspects of a Christian woman's life. [The details about the conference can be found here – click this link](#).

Another women's meeting took place in Southern California – in Montebello. The women from women's ministries of the region got together to study the theme of **The Importance of Guarding the Heart Pure in Brokenness and Humility**. For more about this meeting, [read an article by E. Mileyev](#), leader of the Association's Women's Ministry.

All articles are in Russian only.



Conference with the participation of M. Kolomiytsev and N. Gorban

WONDERFUL REPLACEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Church pastors who are concerned about the mass migration of young families to other states due to the strict vaccine requirements and the indoctrination of sex education wanted to see if there could be another alternative. As it turns out, that there is. And there are some amazing benefits. That is what Nathan Pearce who is a director of Family Protection Ministry and one of the members of the legislative branch of California talked about in a semi-annual pastors' conference. Read more about this [in an article located at the Association's website – click this link](#).

COUNSELING TRAINING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately, the scheduled new project of Coram Deo has been moved to the Fall. Due to the war circumstances, the instructors from Ukraine and Belarus are not able to come to the U.S.

Please follow up on our future announcements for updates. Please pray for a quick end to the war and for the safety and protection of our brothers and sisters who are in the war zones.



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MISSIONS UPDATES

CHRIST IS ENOUGH!

On February 26, Light of Life Church in Torrevieja, Spain had a youth conference on the Sufficiency of Christ. The motto of the youth fellowship was: "We want Jesus Christ to be at the center of our lives! We want to achieve that together with you!" The main speakers of the conference were pastors from California: Joseph Sheremet and Sergey Nyagov, as well as a local pastor from Valencia, Spain: Alec Shipuk. [More details can be found here \(in Russian only\).](#)



Memorable Photo

NEWS OF OUR PARTNERS

WAR: CHRISTIANS, PASTOR, GOD...

What to do with the righteous anger? How to stop it from turning into hatred? What to do if one's life has been shattered, people around you are dying, if you are not sure whether you will be alive just moments from now, and if you will ever see your family?

In exposing the depths of one's heart, experiencing pain -- these are the issues that A. Kalinskiy, who is a pastor at the Spring of Life at Zdolbnuv, Ukraine is addressing in [his interview which he had with the leader of the information ministry of the Association \(in Russian\)](#)

There is another wonderful testimony of God's mercy by [pastor from Mariupol, A. Nagirnyak in his sermon, "Lord What Are We to Do"?](#)»



SHARING THE MESSAGE OF HOPE



Paul H., who is a leader of the Bible Mission expedition in Moldova and Ukraine, shares in his letter about the meeting with refugees. The mission serves to help with both physical and spiritual needs to the refugees and sacrificially serve the believers of Moldova who suffered from war. Read [a full text of the letter here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

About 3,000 of concerned Sacramento residents gathered at the state capitol on February 27 for joined prayer about peace in Ukraine. The event took place with the support of the city's Mayor and was organized by the Ukrainian churches. People from various nationalities – Americans, Ukrainians, Russians, Belarus, Moldavians, Kazakhs, and Afghans came to the city capitol with flags and banners to support the Ukrainian people in prayer and to declare: “We stand for peace! We are against the war!”

The details [could be found on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



SAMARITAN'S PURSE HELPS THE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

“I want to thank the previous Vice-President Mike Pence and his wife Karen for their visit to Ukraine. They came to visit our Samaritan's Purse ministry staff and to meet many of the refugees who crossed the border on the Polish side.” – [this was a Facebook Post by Franklin Graham, who is the president of the well-known Christian charity organization.](#) - «One Ukrainian told him that it was such a huge

encouragement for them that they visited their people, to which the previous vice-president said: “Oh no, it is you who are an inspiration and encouragement for us.” He assured them of their constant prayers and support for them.”

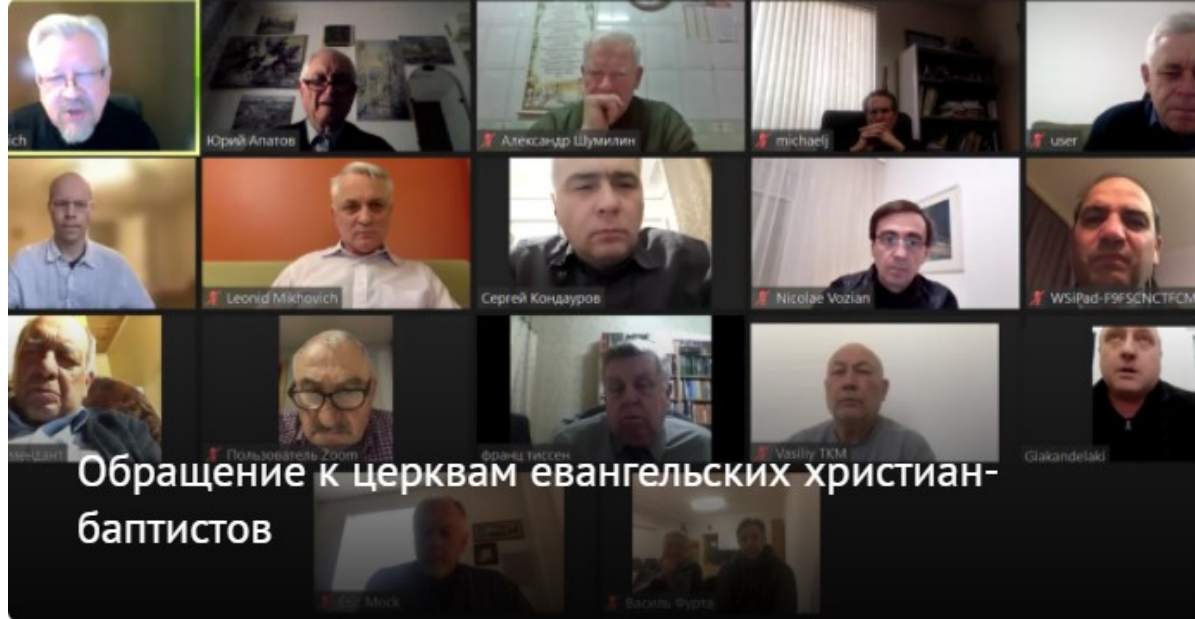
Samaritan's Purse set up a clinic in L'viv and is planning to establish a field hospital there soon. They are also sending a 747 cargo planeload of supplies. The son of Franklin Graham, Edward Graham is also there with the Samaritan's Purse team.



Previous Vice-President of the U.S. Mike Pence speaks with the Ukrainian refugees

ADDRESSING THE PRESIDENTS

The general secretary of the International Baptist Alliance, Dr. Ilya Brown, general secretary of the European Baptist federation, Dr. Allan Donaldson, the chairman of the Eurasian Federation of ECB, chairman of the Russian Union of the Evangelical Christian Baptists, pastor P. V. Mitskevich, addressed the presidents of Russia, Ukraine, France, and the U.S. on March 10 to call them to a speedy end to the war in Ukraine, and to the beginning of the establishment of a process aimed at establishing a lasting and just peace. The full text of the address [can be found on the website of the Russian Union of ECB both in English and in Russian.](#)



TO HELP REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

Ilya Koryaka (Korifan), who has worked with immigrants for many years, talks in detail about the process of refugees traveling to the United States through Mexico. In his interview, he also provides links to many useful resources. Watch the recording of the interview [on the Association's YouTube channel - click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



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

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