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## **SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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#### **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 84 TH SPIRITUALLY-EDIFYING CONVENTION**

Dear friends! We invite you to the 84th Spiritually-Edifying Convention of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association! The theme of the convention is "Revival - The Life of Contrast" (personal sanctification). The text of the convention is "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph. 5:14).

The main seminars and sermons will be based on the 5th chapter of the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. Revival is a life of contrast (personal sanctification), a life in light (the practical life of a Christian is the fruit of spiritual maturity), understanding the times in which we are living, and a life of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The convention will be held on October 28-29 at the Grace Family Church, located at 7031 Watt Ave., North Highlands, CA 95660.

The opening of the congress will take place on Friday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday will be a busy day with a short business session, general workshops, as well as class workshops. After the Q&A session at 5:00 p.m., there will be a concluding service and closing of the convention.

Everyone is invited to this convention, not just the delegates. I hope this will be a great time of fellowship as well as the ministry of the Word. We recognize the need for personal revival in these end times!

You are welcome to the 84th Convention of the PCSBA!  
President of the PCSBA, Ivan Mileyev



### **ORDINATION AT BRYTE CHURCH**

During the morning service on September 11, three pastors were ordained at the Bryte Church: Yuri Leonidovich Sheiko, Anatoly Nikolayevich Russ, and Peter Sergeyeovich Kondrashev. The brothers have been tried over time and in their faithfulness of service. Y. Sheiko is the chairman of the administrative board of the church, and for many years led the men's ministry. A. Russ is in charge of the English ministry, and P. Kondrashev leads the youth.

We wish the new pastors blessings in serving the church and the Lord!



*Church Pastors and their wives*

### **NEW MINISTERS IN THE "CHOOSE LIFE" CHURCH**

New pastors were ordained at the Choose Life Church in Edgewood, WA on September 11. The names of new pastors and their wives: David and Christy Hanna, Paul and

Katie Hoffman. We sincerely congratulate them and wish them success and constancy in their ministry! The vice-president of the Association, Vasily Stupin, attended the ordination service. During the service, there was a lot of instruction on the role and qualities of the pastor, as well as about the pastor's vision. [Read more here – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Two pastors (in the center) joined the team of church elders*

## **UNITED YOUTH CAMP**

The annual "United" Youth Camp was held on September 2nd through the 5th at the *Tannery Gulch Campground*, and brought together youth from different churches. The main speaker was [Tony Arnds, Pastor and Professor of Expository Preaching at the Cornerstone Seminary](#). In total, there were about 420 people. They had a great opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature and be in fellowship with the Lord and each other. There were two worship services every day. One of many important topics raised was not only for young people, but for all Christians: "What is our purpose in God?" For more information, [please visit the Association's website - click this link.](#)



### **INVESTING INTO THE FUTURE**

Continuing the summer camp season, Good News Church in Tacoma, WA, held youth and children's camps. The rising generation is the future of the church, so leaders pay special attention to their growth. [Read about youth and children's camps held at the Good News Church, Tacoma - click this link.](#)



### **EVANGELISM AT THE HEART OF THE SILICON VALLEY**

On September 11, about sixty people heard the Gospel during a missionary outreach in Mountain View. This event was planned to fall on the Feast of the Harvest. With the oversight of the Association's Mission Department, a group of Christians from Palo Alto

and the *First Slavic Baptist Church* as well as teams from the *Bryte Church* and *Grace Family Church* held this outside service. [Details are in the article by S. Iotko on the Association's website.](#)



*During the Celebration*

## **GOD IS ACTIVE IN MEXICO**

From August 17 to 21, a group from the First Evangelical Baptist Church of Sacramento, and House of Prayer Church, went on a missions trip to Mexico. With God's help, a team of 12 people preached the Gospel at four services. Despite the challenges, it was a blessed trip. There were repentances in all church services. The program included singing both in Russian and in Spanish, as well as preaching the Gospel and calling people to repentance. To finish it off, there was plov for everyone, as well as sweet treats for the children. [More details can be found in an article on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Ministry in the Mexican Church*

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER NIGHT**

On September 10, a prayer evening for the sisters, organized by the Moms in Prayer Ministry, was held at Bryte Church. About fifty women from different churches gathered to glorify the Lord, and pray for their children and grandchildren. The head of the ministry, Olga Drovorub, spoke about the importance of the ministry, and called on women to unite, to stand as the intercessors for the future of their children. [Read more here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Event Participants*

## **FAITHFUL IN LITTLE**

Consistency, dedication, and faithfulness in small things - this is how you can characterize the *Slavic Baptist Church* in Yuba City, pastored by Andrey Parkhomenko.

Despite their small numbers, the church has a warm family atmosphere and a spirit of hospitality. [Read more in the article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



### **“WORD OF LIFE” CHURCH HAS GREAT NEWS!**

Slavic Baptist Church "Word of Life" wants to share something that may seem insignificant at first, but is, in fact, very important news: God helped them to resume Sunday school for children! The church has been praying for this for a long time, but there were no ministers. Then all of a sudden, they appeared! [Read N. Mulyar's story on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Blessing the teachers and students for the school year*

## **PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

"Why doesn't God hear me?" is a question that pastors often hear from brothers and sisters in Christ. In order to teach the church to pray effectively, Pavel Lomov, the pastor of the Light of Salvation church, together with the Word of Life church, began a thematic course on the Lord's Prayer. The course is open to all who wish to attend. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 4148 Madison Avenue, North Highlands, CA, 95660 in the building of the Light of Life Church. [Read more about the course here \(in Russian only.\)](#)





## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION – WHAT IS THAT?**

The issues of managing the Association's affairs in between conventions, as well as the implementation of the decisions of the conventions, are what the Executive Committee is designed for. A little more about this ministry is described [in an article on the Association's website - click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE CORAM DEO PROJECT CONTINUES!**

The registration of students for training in counseling under the program of the International Institute of Counseling, "Coram Deo" is continuing. Classes start on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held throughout the week in the evenings and two full days on Saturday and Sunday.

Training is paid.

[Read more on the Association's website - click this link.](#)



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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

### PRAYER FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR UKRAINE

The Association's President, Ivan Mileev took part in the Ukrainian-American prayer breakfast, which was held in Sacramento on August 26, 2022. Representatives of various churches and organizations united in prayer for peace and freedom in Ukraine. The event was held in the building of the Ukrainian church "Spring of Life" and was timed to coincide with the Independence Day of Ukraine. [Read more on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Prayer Breakfast Participants*

### GOOD RESOURCES

[The Evangelical Church Movement of Europe](https://www.spasenie.eu/materialy-dlya-sluzheniya) website contains many useful resources both for personal use and for those who are starting missionary work elsewhere, as well as for the new churches. There is material on discipleship, the basics of faith, counseling, building up of the church, etc. Website address: <https://www.spasenie.eu/materialy-dlya-sluzheniya>. All resources in Russian and Ukrainian languages only.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES IN THE WORLD

The number of Bibles distributed around the world has increased slightly in 2021 – said the press release of the *United Bible Societies* (UBS). According to them, about 32.6 million Bibles were distributed last year. According to the report, the distribution of digital publications is playing an increasingly important role, especially in crisis regions.

According to UBS, 4 billion people in the world have the Bible in their own language, 1.5 billion are waiting for the Bible to be translated into their language, and translators are currently working on 400 languages.

[Source: UBS.](#)

### WORSHIPPING GOD ALONE OR WITH THE CHURCH?

For the first time, the two-year survey identified that the majority (66%) of Evangelical Christians in the United States believe that worship alone or with family alone can be a sufficient substitute for church attendance. This is possibly a result of the widespread shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 study, sponsored by Ligonier Ministries, is based on data from a survey of more than 3,000 Americans and was conducted between January 5th and 23rd. Similar studies were published for 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

*What could this trend be leading to? Is it not a rejection of the traditional concept of the church and the necessity of meeting corporately?*

[Source: ChristianPost.](#)

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION DISFELLOWSHIPS TWO CHURCHES

By decision of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, SBC disfellowshipped two Baptist churches that openly support and approve of homosexual behavior. These churches can no longer consider themselves members of the Southern Baptist Convention. A full article on this [can be found on the Baptist Standard website.](#)

### BILLY GRAHAM, THE QUEEN, AND GREAT BRITAIN

The Evangelical Association of Billy Graham released a documentary with this title about Billy Graham's ministry in England, and the many years of friendship with Queen Elizabeth II of England. The half-hour recording tells about the unprecedented and miraculous work of God during Billy Graham's crusades in England, and how the impact of the simple preaching of the Gospel, empowered by the Holy Spirit, led hundreds of thousands of people to repentance and to salvation. [You can view this recording here.](#)



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## EVENTS

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### **BASICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Vladimir Sharikov (Minnesota), a pastor and a Doctor of Theology, will lead seminars at the First Slavic Church of Sacramento on the basics of spiritual growth, homiletics, and exegesis, and will bring an insight into the concepts of spiritual success and Christian ethics. Pastor V. Sharikov's presentation of the seminar [can be viewed on the YouTube channel - click this link.](#)

Schedule of seminars:

- October 12, 13, 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, October 15, 2022, workshops will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a lunch break from 1:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Admission is open to everyone, lunch is free.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY! [Click this link to open the registration form.](#)

Church's address:

First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church  
7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822

### **LEARN TO PREACH GOSPEL THROUGH FITNESS**

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