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AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

VYACHESLAV MIKHAILOVICH TSVIRINKO WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD

The former Chairman of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association, Vyacheslav Mikhailovich Tsvirinko, was called home by the Lord, to His eternal abode, on August 26. We mourn with his family over this loss, but we rejoice that his suffering is over, that he is with the Lord.

Vyacheslav Mikhailovich was a servant dedicated to the Lord, who did a lot of useful things during his service as Chairman of the Association. [Read more in the article by I. Mileev. The obituary can be found here.](#) Information about the funeral and broadcast services will be given later on the website and on the [Association's Facebook page.](#)



UPCOMING 85TH ANNUAL PCSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 85th PCSBA annual convention will take place on October 27 and 28 at the Second Slavic Baptist Church at 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660. The theme of the convention is "In the Unity of Generations." The Association's president, I. Mileyev, requests everyone to pray for God's blessing in the process of convention



preparation and for the convention itself, and invites everyone to be a part of it. [Read his article here.](#)

DATE CHANGE FOR THE YOUTH FORUM

On August 3, there was another Zoom meeting for the chairmen of the four Baptist Associations and leaders of the youth departments, where they were discussing the youth forum, “Connect-24 Gatherings.” Because of the magnitude of the event and the required preparation time, they decided to change the forum’s date to **April 2025**.

Please pray that the Lord would bless the preparation process and help in resolving any issues or spiritual questions related to this event.

NEW LEADER OF THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT



In an urgent meeting of the Association’s executive committee which took place on July 20, Eugene Kamyshov was appointed as the new leader of the youth ministry in the Association. For years, he was the assistant of Peter Makletsov, who entrusted to him this ministry.

We are thankful to Peter for his zealous ministry, organization, and creating a unified team of youth leaders and developing the youth ministry. It was Peter’s decision to step down from ministry and entrust his ministry to his assistant. After getting to know Eugene, the committee members unanimously voted in support of this candidate.

In addition, A. Pronin, who is the vice president of the Association, was appointed as the spiritual counselor for the youth department.

May God abundantly bless Eugene and his family in ministry, as well as every leader of the youth department. The youth ministry continues to be a priority for the leadership of the Association. I. Mileyev..

PURCHASE OF A BUILDING FOR THE SPRING OF LIFE CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Earlier this year, in May, the newly-established “Spring of Life” Church in Anderson, South Carolina, which became part of our Association, was asking us to help them in their need, both to pray and help financially to purchase a church building.

The Lord helped them to do just that! Praise Him for that! [Read the details here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*It's not easy, but sometimes it's necessary
to take a step of faith and trust in God...*



GOD DOES INCREDIBLE WORK!

God has done incredible work at the Cornerstone Church! Eleven people who were never affiliated with any church and who had faint ideas about a God who seemed to be so far away, while entering into a covenant with the Lord were sharing about how

they came to Christ in fellowship with the believers who helped them on their difficult path, who supported them, and shared the Gospel with them. Then three more people in the audience expressed their desire to follow Jesus. [Read more here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



New church members

CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS OF PCSBA

On August 19, Bryte Church hosted a special meeting for the ministers of the Association. About 50 ministers came from various churches. There were two instructors: Willie Dyker (Germany) who is a representative of the International Evangelism Association, and Vitaliy Sorokun (Ukraine), who is the chairman of Burnham Ministries International. They taught wonderful seminars on the topic of discipleship and mentorship. [Read more details here \(in Russian only.\)](#) Workshop recordings are available here:

- ["Discipleship", Vitaliy Sorokun \(Ukraine\)](#)
- ["How to make disciples", Willy Dyker \(Germany\)](#)



During Willie Dyker's seminar

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PCSBA AND THE MINISTRY LEADERSHIP



The topic of leadership is always important. It is especially important in church and Association leadership. A. Ivanov, one of the members of the Executive Committee of PCSBA, who is also the head pastor of The House of Gospel Church in Fresno, talks about this in an interview with a member of the Association's Information Ministry, S. lotko. [Read more details here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

TRAINING OF MENTORS

On August 14-18, Bryte Church had training courses about a special resource which is instrumental in preparing future mentors, as well as how to practically work with those who just came to Christ. The courses were taught by Willie Dyker, who is a pastor-teacher with over 30 years of experience in preaching the Gospel and serving in Germany. The foundation for the courses is a rich experience of many evangelists, especially of Billie Hanks. [More details are available in an article by I. Zuyev \(in Russian only.\)](#)



BE FIRM IN THE FAITH!

On July 6-9, Grace Avenue Bible Church, Living Stones Baptist Church, and House of Gospel Church had their youth camp at beautiful Rollins Lake, California. The theme of the camp was: "Be Firm in Your Faith," and the speaker was Igor Zhukov, who is a pastor of family counseling. [For more about the camp, read an article by E. Belous \(in Russian only.\)](#)



LEARN TO FOLLOW JESUS!

Over 120 children ages 6 to 12, including children of recent refugees, were able to be at Grace Avenue Bible Church's day camps. Over the course of three days they learned what it means to follow Jesus: "Don't take your eyes off of Jesus, who leads you in your faith, and continues to grow it to perfection." (Hebrews 12:1) [For more, read an article by S. lotko \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Here's how many of us came!

SUMMER CAMPS AT THE TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

Summer at the Transfiguration Church has been very productive. They had evangelism and partnered with the Bible museum on wheels, The Bible Truck, they had a block party, and then the entire church had a four-day church camp where they had a time of rest and fellowship, but also where they edified one another through the wisdom of the Scriptures. [More information here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



During the camp

“TRUST” CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

On June 30 – July 4, the ministry to children with special needs had a camp in Minneapolis. There is an interesting backstory to this camp, which started in 2018. Read more about it [in an article by S. Iotko on the Association’s website \(in Russian only\).](#)



Children, parents, and camp staff for ministry to children with special needs

MEN'S RETREAT OF THE HOUSE OF GOSPEL CHURCH

On July 28-30, the House of Gospel Church in Fresno, CA had their men's retreat for those who are 15 and older. The camp was in the nearby mountains of Fresno. The purpose of the camp was to give the men an opportunity to be spiritually enriched, but also to rest, and to have a time of fellowship. [For more information – read an article by A. Ivanov, pastor of the church \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Time of rest and spiritual growth

ANNUAL WOMEN'S GALA DINNER

On August 12, Bryte Church had an annual Ladies Gala Night, which was attended by about 110 women from more than 15 churches and represented more than 20 various ministries. [For more information – read an article by I. Bondar \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Women of service

PACIFIC THRIFT STORE: “WE ARE SELLING EVERYTHING!”

The ministry of Pacific Thrift Store in Sacramento continues! The store is accepting any items that you do not need and are in good condition. The store's profits are

directed towards ministry in Europe. A member of the Information Department of PCSBA, Svetlana lotko, visited the store and interviewed the staff. [Read her interview here.](#)



In the store

MISSIONARY NEWS

EVANGELISTIC SUMMER CAMPS IN POLAND

A group of 13 youth from Grace Family Church partnered with the local Warsaw church and our missionary family, the Sheremet family, organized two camps in Warsaw and Torun. The majority of the children were from non-Christian families, and surprisingly, the program was engaging not only for the children, but also for their parents as well. For more details, [read a letter by Joseph Sheremet \(in Russian only\)](#), and [an article by a pastor of the teens and children's ministry, Andrey Kobzar.](#)



One of the camps in Poland

CAMPS FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS IN UKRAINE

Together with other churches, as well as Connect International mission, a team from the Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento were able to serve on a short-term missions trip to Ukraine to organize family camps for widows and orphans. Hundreds of people experienced Christ's call and responded in following Him. The first camp was on June 23-30, and the second on July 1-16 in the beautiful Lviv region, Stara Sil on the Zaltsbog base. Both camps were in Ukrainian. [For more details, read here.](#)



During the camp for widows and orphans

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

CELEBRATING “HOPE – 2023” IN MOLDOVA

A multi-day marathon called "Hope - 2023" ended with grandiose services at the "Chisinau-Arena." The best results of the celebration were that according to some estimates, there were thousands of those who came to the Lord, and tens of thousands who heard the Gospel. There was a lot of tedious work that had to take place in organizing this event and involved a planning committee and hundreds of churches. For more about this celebration, read here (in Russian only):

- [Hundreds of believers renewed their commitment to God during the dedication service](#)
- [Celebration of Hope 2023 – harvesting and great sowing](#)



During one of the days of the celebration of “Hope - 2023”

SERVICE OF THE “HOPE TO THE PEOPLE” MISSION

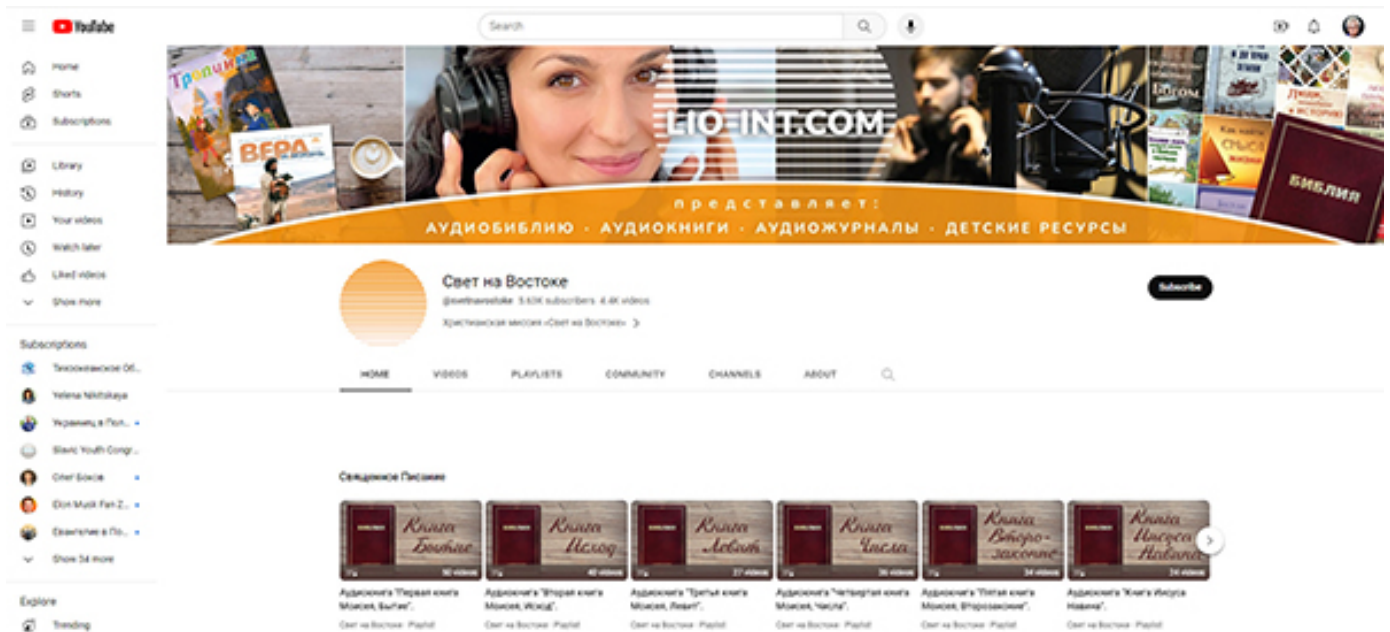
From June 2017 to July 2023, the mission helped Cuban churches to acquire and distribute 222,000 Bibles. The mission is asking every believer to help in getting more Bibles and sending them to Cuba so that millions of people who used to be under the influence of a Godless Communist party are able to hear the Gospel. Their July video report can be found [here \(click this link\)](#). Find out [more information about the work of the mission on their website \(in Russian only\)](#).



Baptism is a celebration for those who are getting baptized and for all the believers

VIDEO LIBRARY OF THE LIGHT OF THE EAST MINISTRY

The YouTube channel of this ministry is truly a treasury of various Christian resources. Any person can find what they are looking for, including Bible commentaries, daily devotions for every day, and entertaining videos for children and adults. The channel has over 4,000 videos, and is constantly being updated with new content. The channel's address is: <https://www.youtube.com/@svetnavostoke>. And [the mission's website](#) includes a lot of books and magazines in multiple languages.



YouTube channel of the ministry

30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOSCOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND 55-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXTENSION BIBLE COURSE PROGRAM

Many of those who served in the previous generation are familiar with and treasure what are called “Bible Correspondence Courses.” At a time when many Christians only dreamed about spiritual education, these courses were the only opportunity for systematic Bible and practical lessons, and were available for pastors and preachers, as well as for choir conductors, and Sunday school teachers. [Read a historical overview about these courses and about the Theological Seminary on the website of the Russian Union of ECB \(in Russian only.\)](#)

EVENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST OF THE MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY

Dear ladies, if your heart is concerned for your children and you are worried for their safety, come together with other moms who will be gathering together for a prayer breakfast.

When: Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Second Slavic Church, located at 6601 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660

Registration – at this link: <https://forms.gle/NG6vaupAgEqscVH47>

Contact Information: (916) 239-5787

[More details can be found here \(in Russian only\).](#)



Moms in prayer breakfast

BACK TO

SCHOOL

PRAYER

**Saturday, September 9th,
9am-11am**

Second Slavic Baptist Church 6601

Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660

Info: (916)239-5787

Directors, teachers, and helpers of Sunday Schools are invited to a conference which will be on **September 30, 2023** at Bryte Church.

The theme of the conference: “Save the Child’s Heart.” The speaker is going to be Andreas Pats. He will share his experience of working with children and will teach us how to preserve a child’s heart in this sinful world. The conference will be from **9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Registration is required, and the cost of registration is \$10. Registration is available [on the Association’s webiste – click this link](#).

For registration questions, contact Zhanna Yanovskiy at (916) 798-5838 or through email, zhanna22@yahoo.com.

Sunday School Teachers Conference

"Save the Child's Heart"

Speaker - Andreas Pats

September 30th, 2023

at 9:30 am



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WOMEN'S CAMP "SALON OF IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY" 2023

Those who wish are invited to take part in the 15th annual women's camp, "Salon of Imperishable Beauty."

Theme: "Not as I wish" ...May Your will be done... (Matt. 6:10)

Date: September 22, 23, and 24

Address: Zephyr Point Conference Center , 660 Highway 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448.

Check-in: Friday, September 22 after 3:00pm

Check-out: Sunday, September 24 , at 12:00pm.

For more information, and for registration, visit [the Association's website – click this link](#). Registration **is extended to September 11, 2023**.

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Не как я хочу
Да будет воля Твоя и на земле,
как на небе;
Матфея 6:10

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