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JANUARY NEWSLETTER - 2024

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

REJOICING WITH THE CHURCH

The members and guests of the First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento will remember December 3, 2023 for a very long time. This was a day of great celebration for the local church. Five men were ordained as deacons. Children of God are always eager to spend time in the house of the Lord, but when there is an ordination of God's servants, then the joy is elevated to the highest degree. [More...](#) [\(in Russian only\).](#)



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

On December 12, the Special Needs Children Ministry had their Christmas celebration for children with special needs and their families at the First Slavic

Baptist Church of Sacramento. More than 100 people came to the event, including newly arrived immigrant families. [More about the celebration... \(in Russian only\).](#)



“BETHLEHEM” EVENING AT SLAVIC CHURCH IN WEST SACRAMENTO

Christmas is the best time of the year to be obedient to the Great Commission that the Lord gave to His disciples – to proclaim the Gospel to the world. Many churches, including Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento, took advantage of this and hosted a special event for their neighbors, acquaintances, and unbelieving friends. For more about this event in West Sacramento, [read an article by A. Zabolotnyy.](#)



Youth – Event Organizers

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On December 17, Spring Bible Church in Moraga Bay (Bay Area) hosted a family Christmas celebration evening. About 40 people were able to attend the church service and hear the Good News of Christ. About half of the people who attended the Christmas celebration were those who do not know the Lord – young families, representatives of various religions, and even some Buddhists. For some families, this was their very first time at the church. [More... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Children had many engaging activities

MISSIONARY BREAKFAST AT MORAGA (BAY AREA)

On January 13, Spring Bible Church in Moraga Bay (Bay Area) had a leaders' meeting for missionaries and pastors of PCSBA. The initiator and organizer of this event was Aleksey Kharlamov, pastor of the church, which was recently accepted as a member of the Association. [For more details, visit the Association's website.](#)



Prayer Breakfast Participants

SURVEY RESULTS OF PCSBA'S 85TH CONVENTION

During the 85th convention, the delegates had an opportunity to take a survey with 14 questions related to the first and second generations of immigrants in Slavic churches. The survey was conducted in order to understand who we are as an Association, and to make some adjustments for future growth. After reviewing the survey results, we can sort through the well-meaning advice, hear about the ideal scenarios, and look at the reality of our situation today. The analysis results are presented [in an article by I. Mileyev – read it on the Association's website.](#)

ОКТАБРЬ 2023

СТАТИСТИЧЕСКИЙ АНАЛИЗ ОПРОСА 85-ГО СЪЕЗДА ТОСЦЕХБ

MINISTRY TO WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND LONELY PEOPLE

Ministering to widows, orphans, and lonely people is important for the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association. Tatyana Senin is overseeing this ministry. We are bringing

you an interview with the PCSBA's Information Ministry associate, Svetlana lotko, which took place during the [85th Convention – click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



Tatyana Senina and Svetlana lotko

WINTER CAMP AT THE MISSION BIBLE CHURCH

On January 18-21, Mission Bible Church had their winter retreat with the theme of “God and You.” The retreat took place at Zephyr Point at Lake Tahoe and was attended by about 200 people. Our church paid for the lodging at the retreat, and there were also brothers and sisters from other churches from Sacramento and Concord, as well as a few people from American churches. Aleksandr Peganov was the speaker. [More...\(in Russian only\)](#).



RELEVANCE OF CHORAL MINISTRY

Choir ministry is always very practical because they look well on stage, and can also perform in harmony with the contemporary worship bands. The leader of PCSBA's

music ministry, Sergey Yanovskiy, shared his thoughts about the future growth of choir ministry with the Association's Information Ministry associate, S. Iotko. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Sergey Yanovskiy with the Choir

YOUTH CHOIR VISIT TO THE LIVING STONES CHURCH

Grace Avenue Bible Church's youth choir visited the Living Stones Church on January 14. The church had a warm greeting for the visiting choir and worshipped the Lord together with their young brothers and sisters in Christ. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Choir with Their Conductor and Pastors

UPDATES FROM THE PRISON MINISTRY

The Prison Ministry team continues to share the Gospel in prisons. Every Saturday, a team of people travels hundreds of miles and stands in long lines at the prison entrances in order to bring the joy of visitation to one or a few inmates. This is a

difficult ministry that requires a lot of dedication and sacrifice, but seeing the joy of salvation makes it all worth it. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



After a Meeting Session

PAST EVENTS AT THE ROCKLAND CHURCH

Rockland Baptist Church had such a blessed season of celebrations. Concerts, plays, and guest attendance were all something to remember. Indeed, everyone who would like to watch these events can do so by [visiting a page at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



"Ten Virgins" Play

MISSIONARY NEWS

URGENT NEED IN SPAIN

Please, **pray for an urgent need** of receiving a license to have church services at Torrevieja, Spain.

The enemy is on the alert. Two families who live across from the missionary church (pastored by Victor Kovba) complained to the police that the church has loud music

and is gathering a lot of people. The police came three times and warned the church that if they did not get a license before **February 15, 2024**, then they will shut down the church building. They want to get the church out of their city. The Christian organization and the church itself are officially registered. Without the license and insurance, they are allowed to have no more than 30 people.

They do have the insurance, but not the license. Please pray so that the church would be able to file all the paperwork and find the finances for the license, which is 1,900 Euro. If you would like to contribute to this need, you can do so through [Connect International \(click this link\)](#). Under the **Designation** on the list of **Missionaries** choose Kovba, Viktor.

MISSIONARY MINISTRY REPORTS

Missionaries that are supported by our Association regularly give us updates about their work in various countries. To see some of their reports for December and January, go to the following links:

- [Family of Joseph Sheremet, Poland](#)
- [Family of Alec Shipuk, Spain](#)
- [Family of Viktor Kovba, Spain](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

14TH SUMMIT-FORUM OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS OF EUROPE 2024

On February 6-9, the Movement of Evangelical Churches of Europe are planning to have their 14th summit-forum. The main goal of the event is to have spiritual fellowship, share ministry experience in planting immigrant churches in central and eastern Europe, and to plan joint events for the upcoming year. For more about those who are invited to it, about the program, and [registration, visit the website of NRC-EBF – click this link](#).

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This is the goal of The Light to the East Mission, which is partnering with our Association. In order for the Good News to reach all the peoples of the former Soviet Union, those serving in this ministry are utilizing everything that they can in modern technology: website, social media, Telegram, YouTube, Twitter, printing Bibles in many languages and distributing them in printed and electronic forms, as

well as various books, magazines, video and audio resources, and radio. These are only some of the ways this Christian organization is serving in reaching out to the people and serving the Lord for over 103 years.

What's great about this ministry is that anyone, regardless of their age, is able to serve. [Read more details and listen to an interview with a representative of this ministry at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SIERRA PINES CAMP IS SERVING PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN

This campground, with more than a seventy-year history, has been through a lot. It survived the latest series of severe fires and is now open to receive campers and ready to accommodate various kinds of ministries for God's glory. The campground has newly remodeled facilities and an updated inventory, and along with the hospitality of the administrators, this place is a desired destination for various churches, group, and family events. [More can be found here – click this link.](#)



HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

On January 23-24, the Eurasian federation of the ECB unions organized and hosted a Historical Conference. Their goal was to remember and honor the ascetic life of our spiritual fathers and hear about how the Holy Spirit worked in our midst, hear about the labors of faith, hear of the endured persecutions, and celebrate a year of anniversary. [More details...](#) (in Russian only)

Историческая конференция
ЕХБ 2024
23-24 января, Минск

«И помни весь путь» (Вм 8:2)



JANUARY NEWSLETTER FROM THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

The Voice of the Martyrs Ministry shared their newsletter in Russian. [Click this link to view it.](#)

EVENTS

SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH POETS AND MUSIC WRITERS

On February 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento will host an evening of recognizing a poet – Andrey Neyfeld (Minneapolis, MN). The participants will also include Galina Shirokova and Larisa Lysak, who are the authors of music composed to his poetry.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free admission.

On February 25, at 5:00 p.m., Rockland Church will have a special evening honoring this author, as well as representatives of the Lotus Creative Association. The organizer of this event is Peter Panasenکو, (916) 224-4187.

Free admission.

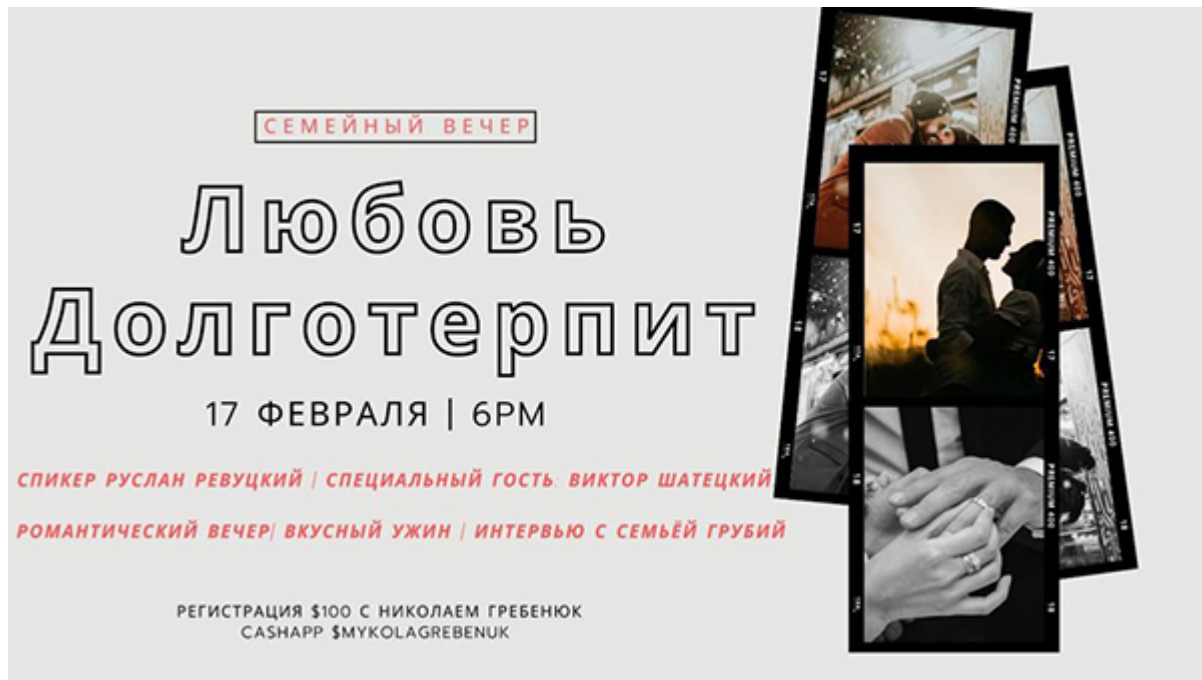
FAMILY EVENT – “LOVE IS PATIENT”

On February 17, Revival Baptist Church in Vancouver, WA will host a family event called “Love Is Patient.”

Program will include: Speaker – Ruslan Revutskiy; Special guest – Viktor Shatetskiy, and an interview with the Grubiy family.

Church address: 411 Southeast Chkalov Drive, Vancouver, WA 98683.

For more information contact: (360) 254-5649.



WOMEN MEETING

Dear women! Healthy Christian Ministry and Second Slavic Baptist Church are inviting you, our ladies, mothers, grandmothers, and friends (ages 13-99+) for another women's event which will be on March 8, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.!

Theme of the Evening: "Biblical Principles of Optimal Health"

Russian-speaking guest speaker: Ion Cheptene, San Diego, missionary pastor.

The team of Healthy Christian Ministry would like to serve all the women at this event!

- Full dinner according to the recipes of ancient and modern Israeli restaurants of Tel Aviv, and memorable menus as party gifts.

Tickets can be purchased at Second Slavic Baptist Church on February 4 (Thursday and Sunday)

Cost: \$20.00 (cash)

Guest reservation: Until March 1 – reach out at (916) 267-5096 or (916) 715-5305

At the door payment - \$20.00 (cash).

The program will include presentations of women's ministry leaders, Bible trivia, and presents for everyone!

HEALTHY CHRISTIAN

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF Optimal Health



March 8, 2024
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Russian speaker -
Ion Cheptene | San Diego
Master & Degree CKD
Missionary pastor

CONFERENCE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

On February 3, First Slavic Baptist Church will have a Sunday School teachers' conference.

Theme: "Evangelizing Children", which will cover the following issues:

- Personal conversations with the child about salvation
- How to be filled by the Holy Spirit
- How to understand Who the Holy Spirit is and why He came to earth
- How to teach prayer to children

Conference begins at 9:30 a.m.

Registration – [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

Registration cost: \$10.00

Church address: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822

For questions, contact Zhanna Yanovskiy: (916) 798-5838, zhanna22@yahoo.com

EVANGELISM FOR CHILDREN



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Conference

3 February | **9:30 am**
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