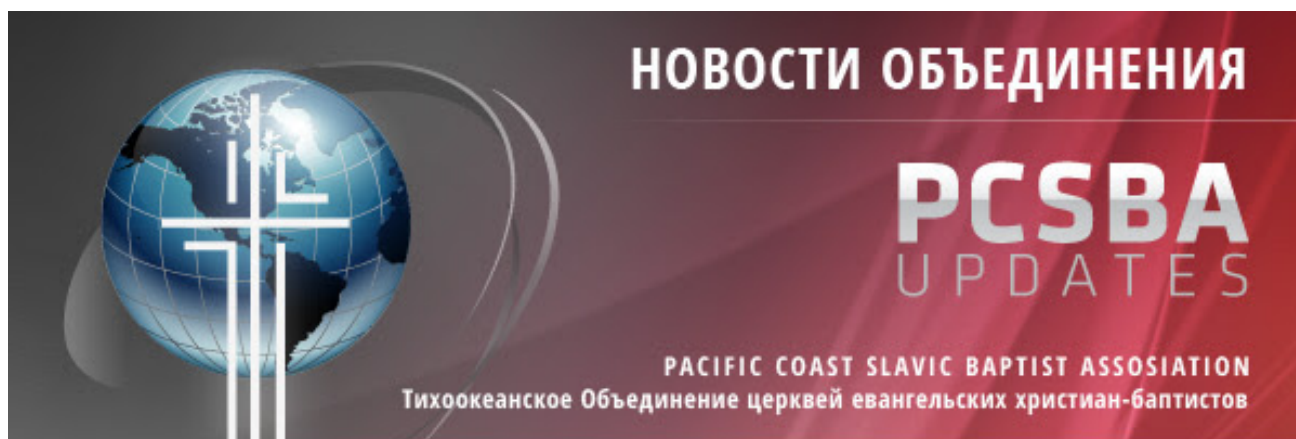


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Happy Thanksgiving!

This is a day of celebrating gratitude to the Lord who sends us everything for life and godliness! Out of a grateful heart flows **contentment** in everything! In his time, the Apostle Paul learned the key to contentment.

He wrote in a letter to the Philippians: “I have learned to be **content** in whatever circumstances I am” (Philippians 4:11). He also says, “But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by **contentment**” (1 Timothy 6:6). In addition, the Apostle Paul encourages us to be content in simple things: “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be **content**” (1 Timothy 6:8). There are many reasons that lead to discontentment, such as jealousy, wanting what others have, desire for more, and many others.

We live in an atmosphere of discontentment. The book of Jude indicates discontentment as one of the signs of rejection of God, and speaks about people who are **grumblers**, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts (in unrighteousness and ungodliness) (Jude 1:16).

May we be likeminded with the first pilgrims on this Thanksgiving Day, who, when they came to America, thanked God for their daily bread, and for the country in which we are allowed to live by the Giver of all good things! May **contentment** be a natural state of our hearts!

PCSBA's President, Ivan Mileyev.



ANALYZING THE RESULTS OF THE PCSBA'S 86TH CONVENTION

Another convention became part of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association's history! As we look back at such an important event in the life of the PCSBA's churches, we would like to point out how well the convention's program was organized, including the time management, as well as the quality of the seminars and sermons! They were all focused on the theme of the convention: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" The overall theme was based on Isaiah 6. Each speaker focused on various aspects of the calling, as well as the readiness of followers of Jesus Christ in response to God's call to active ministry. Read more [in an article by I. Mileyev on the Association's website.](#)



Saturday's evening service

NEW HEAD OF MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY



Due to some health issues, Olga Drovorub, who has been leading the Moms in Prayer Ministry of the Association for many years, transferred this ministry to Tatyana V. Senin, a member of the Bryte Church. During the recent convention, the proposed candidate was approved.

We wish Tatyana God's blessing in serving all the churches of the Association. May many more moms and grandmothers join this ministry in lifting up prayers for the children and all the educational organizations.

ONE MORE CHURCH IS ADDED TO THE ASSOCIATION

During the PCSBA's 86th convention, one more church was added to our ranks: Bellevue Bible Church, with Ivan Shepel as the head pastor. Church address: 1221 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA, 98007. The church services take place on Sundays at 1:00 pm. For more information about this church, visit [their website](#).

We welcome this new church and their members and believe that the Lord will bless our mutual service as we worship Him together.

Bellevue Bible Church

Welcome to our Church!

Bellevue Bible Church - is a new Russian-speaking church in Bellevue that launched in the summer of 2021. Although our members to date are of Slavic descent, and our services are mostly in Russian language, most of us are bilingual, and we welcome all nationalities here. In fact, we have established a great relationship with our two American sister churches - Awakening Church and Mountain Ridge Community Church - with whom we do a lot of mutual projects and celebrate many of the Christian holidays together.

We are glad to serve our neighbors in Bellevue and nearby towns in spiritual matters (and not only). At our church you will find Gospel based, Christ-centered, expositional Bible teaching, warm atmosphere, great friends, and events for all ages.

MISSION REUNION

On November 9, Second Slavic Baptist Church hosted another annual mission reunion in Sacramento. More than 16 various ministries were able to share about the work that they are doing in God's mission field. There were also special guests from other countries: Ksenya Gorina (Lebanon), Sergey Babich (France), and Aleksandr Volkov (Ukraine). [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Reunion participants

CELEBRATION AT THE CHOOSE LIFE CHURCH

On November 10, 2024, the Choose Life church celebrated their fifteen-year anniversary. During the special service, there were many guests who were able to come from all over California. There were many words of encouragement, songs, poems, and testimonies about God's love. After the end of the church service, they

proceeded to a church lunch with rich fellowship that lasted until 6:00 in the evening. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



LIFE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

Evangelistic trips, participation in the Ukrainian festival in order to preach the Gospel, and baptisms were all taking place in the life of the Transfiguration church in Minnetonka, MN. Member of this church, Elena Potapenko, shares about it in her article. [Read more details here... \(in Russian only\)](#)



Seven new members joined the church after being baptized

WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS, LORD!

This was truly a great work of God, to have another camp for children with special needs which was organized by Bryte Church! The organizers of this camp developed a great program with every person in mind, both parents and children. In addition, they were able to have a designated volunteer for each disabled child who took care of the child during the entire camp. This allowed the parents an opportunity to rest and enjoy their time of fellowship with each other. For more information, [read an article by L. Vashilin on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



It is not easy to organize a camp for so many campers, and even harder for those with special needs!

WHERE IS GOD WHEN I AM AT WORK?

A men's breakfast at Good News Church took place on October 19. Radik Tsapkov, who is a new immigrant pastor from Ukraine, was the main speaker. He captivated the men by talking about, "Where is God when I am at work?" [More details...](#)



REFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Traditionally, October 31 is a day when the people in the U.S. are celebrating Halloween. However, many people forget that over 500 years ago, this was the day when something significantly more important took place. A monk by the name of Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the doors of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. This marked the beginning of his pursuit to reform the church, which had fallen to degradation and corruption. Bethel Slavic Baptist Church celebrated Reformation Day on October 31 by telling the locals about the five principles which were the foundation of biblical teaching. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Every vehicle presented one of the Bible stories...

“GO TOGETHER” PARENTS’ CONFERENCE

On October 26, Good News Church in Tacoma, WA, had a parents' conference with the theme of "Go Together." This was a day of instruction, having master classes, and fellowshiping with the purpose to strengthen families in living out God's design for marriage and raising children. The main speaker was Stanislav Gruntkovskiy, who is a pastor and is responsible for the Family Ministries of the Evangelical Association in Ukraine. [More details...](#)



FALL FESTIVAL AT THE CORNERSTONE CHURCH

On November 3, the Cornerstone Church had a Fall Fest in Sacramento. The event was named "Cornerstone Kingdom," and its main purpose was to point to the kingdom of Jesus Christ and to attract new immigrants to join the church. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Even the worship band looked medieval!

GOOD NEWS CHURCH'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

On November 8 to 10, Good News Church had a women's retreat at Miracle Ranch, Gig Harbor, WA. The theme of the retreat was "Relationships as Part of God's Design." The main purpose of the retreat was to gather women for spiritual growth, personal reflection, and to have fellowship away from the daily routine, to have an opportunity to grow in their relationship with the Lord and with each other, and to concentrate on specific areas of personal spiritual walk. [More details...](#)



CHURCH CELEBRATION AT GREENVILLE

On November 17, 2024, the Spring of Life Bible Church in Greenville, South Carolina had a twofold church celebration: the ordination of two men as deacons, and a Thanksgiving Day celebration. The celebration of the church had a very warm and joyful atmosphere and had many guests in attendance. After the end of the church service, they continued to have a reception as they thanked God for the wonderful harvest He gave them this year. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Thanks be to God for new ministers!!

MISSIONARY NEWS

IMB – INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD SUMMIT - 2024

On November 6 through 8, thanks to an initiative by the International Mission Board, the IMB was able to have their first-ever Slavic Leadership Summit for the Slavic Associations in the U.S. The Logistics Director, John Barnett, and a Catalyst of European Mobilization, Mick Stockwell, played a critical role in making this meeting a reality. Representatives from almost all the Evangelical Slavic church Associations were able to attend the summit. For more information, [read an article by I. Mileyev – click this link.](#)



Summit Participants

MINISTRY IN POLAND

The Sheremet family, who are our missionaries in Poland, have a very eventful life. They had opportunities to organize a children's camp, missionary retreat, develop discipleship, form small groups, have baptism training, and much more. For more about these ministries, [read Joseph Sheremet's newsletter – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Missionary Retreat

USEFUL INFORMATION

I MAKE KNOWN TO YOU, BRETHREN, THE GOSPEL...

Over three evenings in October, a well-known pastor from Ukraine, Aleksandr Kalinskiy, addressed all the Christians who came to the conference at the Light of the World church and talked about the importance of understanding and applying the **biblical Gospel** to their lives. “I make known to you, brethren, the Gospel...” (1 Cor.15:1). He placed a special emphasis on the fact that many times Christians fall into self-deception and put their faith in what they came up with, and not in the actual Christ and God. One of the most common problems in churches is that a person may be attending the church for decades, and be engaged in various ministries, but does not have a relationship with Christ. Christianity without Christ... What is a person to do when he realizes this for the first time, and what he needs to change in his life? Find answers to these questions in the following sermons.

During the last evening of the conference, Aleksandr Kalinskiy shared his own songs and prayers and shared what inspired him to write them.

- [The Essence of Biblical Gospel](#)
- [The Gospel of Substitution](#)

- [The Sweetness of Christ](#)
- [Worship Night](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE APOLOGETICS ASSOCIATION (IBAA)

During the 86th PCSBA convention, the International Bible Apologetics Association (IBAA) was accepted as one of the Association's partners. The purpose of their ministry is to defend the Christian faith against all false teachings. [For more about this organization, click this link.](#)



FESTIVAL OF WIND ORCHESTRAS

On October 25 to 27, there was a festival in Kishenev, Moldova, with the involvement of wind orchestras from Evangelical churches. There were a lot of Evangelical churches from Kishenev and Beltsy who were able to participate at this event. On Saturday, October 26, after having their rehearsal, the joint choir performed at the Afghanistan Park (which was a park with a memorial dedicated to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Afghanistan war). The city dwellers were captivated by Christian compositions, as well as by brief messages from pastors: A. Miron, A. Malanchuk, and K. Sorbale. During this time the youth were walking around and distributing invitations to the main service with two joint orchestras which was to take place the next day at the Regeneration Church. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Praise God for these talented musicians and singers!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

OKLAHOMA ORDERS FIRST SHIPMENT OF BIBLES FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

Over 500 Bibles were purchased to be distributed at public schools in the Advanced Placement (AP) classes all around Oklahoma. This state claims the first purchase of Bibles which are especially designated for “academic and literature purposes” at public schools in the U.S. According to the words of the state’s superintendent, Ryan Walters, this is a key move in a bigger initiative to provide Bibles to every classroom in Oklahoma. [More details...](#)

We pray to God that other states will follow the state of Oklahoma’s lead in this as well.

ARE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS READY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IN CRYPTO CURRENCY?

For some, the word “crypto currency” is something that is vague and has no meaning, however, for some non-profit organizations (which churches are a part of), this is a great source of financial support. According to data from [The Giving Block](#),

since 2018, crypto currency has been used in making donations to non-profit organizations in the amount of over 2 billion dollars. For more about this, read [in an article at the MinistryWatch website](#).

It is interesting to find out whether our churches will be able to receive these types of donations?!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

During the Christmas season, many churches are planning various events: concerts, plays, and special services. Information about some of them is included below.

GOOD SAMARITAN SKIT»

On December 1, at 6:00 pm, the House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento will have a “Good Samaritan” play with the involvement of children with special needs. Everyone is welcome. Church address is: 937 Simon Terrace, West Sacramento, CA 95605. The live stream [can be found here](#).

CONCERT AT THE NEW HOPE CHURCH



New Hope Church is inviting everyone to a Christmas concert which will take place on **December 7 at 6:00 pm** at the church: 10720 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Free admission.

More information can be found [at the church website – click this link](#). A live stream [can be seen at the church’s YouTube channel – click this link](#).

EVANGELISTIC CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT BRYTE CHURCH

On **December 8**, there will be a special evangelistic church service with the involvement of **Mikhail Savin** and the men’s choir. The service will be at **9:30 am** at: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Free admission.се желающие. Адрес церкви: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT THE SPRING OF LIFE CHURCH

The concerts of the Church of the Source of Life, Mukilteo, Washington, are famous not only among Slavic Christians, but also among the secular public of this city. Talented singers and musicians are preparing a great program consisting of Christian and classical masterpieces. The concerts will take place on **December 14 and 15 at 6:00 pm** at: 4711 116th St SW, Mukilteo, WA 98275, USA. A live stream can be seen [at the church's YouTube channel – click this link](#).



BETHLEHEM VILLAGE AT BRYTE CHUCH

Just as in previous years, Bryte Church is planning to organize a Christian celebration and are welcoming everyone to attend, especially those who are unbelievers. The church parking lot will be used to recreate the life of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus Christ and will involve hundreds of people who will be dressed in costumes of the first century as they depict various groups of people and their lifestyles. There will be a special tent for those who would like to talk or pray with the pastors. Of course, the children will also have various games.

The celebration will take place from **December 20 to 22, 5:00-9:00 pm.** at: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605.



CONCERT AND SKIT AT ROCKLAND CHURCH

On December 22, during the morning church service, Rockland Church will have a choir and orchestra with Gennadiy Zhilovskiy as its conductor. This will be a 50-minute concert, followed by a sermon about Christmas.

Then, on December 31, at 7:00 pm, the church will be showing a play: “Without Spot or Wrinkle,” based on a script by Nadezhda Garkusha.

Everyone is welcome to come at: 5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95842-2505. A Live stream can be seen [at the church’s YouTube channel – click this link](#).

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH US!

First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church is inviting you join them in celebrating Christmas. A self-guided lights trails leads you in search for a hidden kingdom of the one true King. With thousands of lights surrounding you, you’ll find marshmallows to toast, warm drinks, music, crafts, and more!

Visiting dates are December 13, 14, 20, 21, and 22. Gates open at 6 p.m. Free admission.

Address: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822.



Previous editions of the newsletters can be found on the Association's website: [for the last year](#) | [for all the years](#).

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

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