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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER - 2025**

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

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### **MINISTRY OF THE PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATIONS IN EUROPE RESULTED IN BRINGING NEW CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATION OF ECB IN SPAIN**

Thirteen years ago, the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association came up with the idea of starting missionary work in Europe. By God's grace, this ministry bore fruits – new churches have been planted, and the Association of Baptist Churches of Spain was formed this year. God continues to use us for His glory! [Read more in an article by I. Mileyev.](#)



*Participants of the founding meeting of the Association of ECB in Spain*

## **FROM THE LIFE OF SAN DIEGO CHURCHES...**

All members of the Choose Life Church in Oceanside, along with their pastor, Sergey Kolivayko, merged with a nearby church of San Diego (where Sergey Debelinskiy is the pastor). The church of Oceanside will no longer have their own church services and will now be a part of the San Diego church. All the questions related to the merger were resolved with God's blessing in a spirit of unity. Praise the Lord!

## **FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEALTHY CHRISTIAN WOMAN MINISTRY**

The ministry that started with one person, only five years later has a 50-person team. Close to 200 women of various ages and from the local church and other churches in the region are attending their annual meetings. Out of all the ministries within the Association, this is a unique ministry. What is the secret of such successful growth? And what is the purpose of this ministry? [Read more at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



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целости да сохранится без порока"  
1 Фес. 5:23

БУДЬТЕ ЗДОРОВЫ!

## HEART TO HEART

On February 15, 2025, the married couples of the Good News Church in Tacoma, WA were able to come together for a special event, "Heart to Heart." This was an evening dedicated to strengthening their relationships and improving communication within the blessings of marriage. Vasiliy Stupin shared an encouraging message on five key aspects of a Christian marriage. [More details...](#)



## BEING A CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN A MODERN WORLD



On February 22, the New Hope Church had a conference about being a Christian woman in a modern world. Mariya Gusenkova from WA was the speaker. She is serving in The Virtuous Motherhood Ministry. This conference was intended for young women, mothers, and grandmothers and touched on various aspects of the life of a woman: how to successfully balance family, work, and church ministry, the role of a woman in the church, and so on. [Read more at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)

### **WHAT AM I DOING HERE?**

On February 14 to 17, the youth from Grace Avenue Bible Church had their winter retreat near Mt. Shasta in California. The weekend was dedicated to growing in their relationship with God and with each other as one body of Christ. Five young adult brothers taught the youth from Matthew 28:19-20, making an emphasis on "What am I Doing Here?". In other words, do our lives have a purpose, and if so, what is it? [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



### **THE GOD OF ABRAHAM IS A GOD OF GENERATIONS**

On the Saturday evening of March 15, Bryte Church had their Moms in Prayer Ministry, together with the ministry to the widows and the lonely; a prayer dinner

dedicated to the theme of “The God of Abraham is a God of Generations” for women of three generations (daughters, mothers, and grandmothers). Over the course of three hours, the women had an opportunity to pray and worship together. There were about 75 women who were mainly from Bryte Church, but there were some visitors from other churches as well. The emphasis of the evening was on “The Sources of Conflicts among Generations and the Importance of Reconciliation.” The speakers were Tatyana I. Senin and Tatyana V. Senin. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## LOVE AND RESPECT

On February 22, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento had a married couples' fellowship. The theme of the meeting was “Love and Respect.”

Sergey Gladysenko was the guest speaker, a pastor from Germany who was giving the word of instruction. He emphasized that the main desire for women is to be loved, while respect is very important for the men. There were a lot of life examples about how spouses ought to fulfill the needs of one another and how to deal with criticism and resentment. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## KILLER COMPARISON

On February 9, 2025, Bryte Church had a youth “Worship Night.” This was an event organized by the PCSBA’s *The United Movement* with the goal of creating an atmosphere of fellowship, prayer, and worship. “Killer Comparison” was the name of the sermon by P. Kondrashov, the main speaker. Close to 500 youth were able to attend this event. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Peter Kondrashov Preaching*

## DAY OF SHOWING ATTENTION TO WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND THE DESOLATE

The second Sunday of March marks a special day to show attention and compassion towards widows, orphans, and the desolate. In addition to our Association, many other Russian and Ukrainian associations also commemorate this day. This year, the event happened to fall on March 9th.

For more about how this event is celebrated in our Association, please [read an article by T. I. Senina](#), who is overseeing the ministry to women, orphans, and the desolate within our Association. The article is in Russian only.



*Part of the widows, orphans, and desolate group who were gathered at the Bryte Church*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Not only children, but also their teachers need to periodically replenish their knowledge and skills, learn new teaching techniques, and master new tactics. On March 15, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento hosted a conference for the Sunday School teachers. The main speaker was Irina Tselikova from the Spring of Life Church in WA. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## NEW VIDEO RESOURCES

It is difficult to overestimate the importance of using video resources to spread the message of Christ in the world. Sermon recordings, Bible seminars, and topical interviews can be useful to reach both adults and the younger generation. We offer you several videos that have been published on the Association's YouTube channel since the beginning of this year. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## POET ALEKSEY DUNAYEV

The Association's Literature ministry compiled a collection of poems by Aleksey Dunayev, [a person with a remarkable story](#). As a miraculously survived handicapped



child, he became a Christian, earned two degrees, and is a writer of incredible poetry. Some of his poems have been put to music and songs. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).



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## MISSIONARY NEWS

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### MINISTRY IN POLAND

The Sheremet family continues to serve in Poland for the third year now. They have been serving there among the Ukrainian refugees and representatives of other nationalities, including the Polish. They constantly encounter various challenges, but they also experience many of God's blessings as well. Joseph Sheremet used to be one of the pastors of Grace Family Church and was sent to Poland by this church. While visiting the church during his brief stay in Sacramento, [he shared a little bit about his family ministry – click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



## MINISTRY IN SPAIN

It is not easy to be a pastor in a church of Ukrainian refugees. Many of them are struggling for survival in a city where no one cares about them, where it is hard to find a job to provide for their families and have enough to feed and take care of their families. It is especially difficult when the pastor unexpectedly loses his job. What are they to do? Where do they get the strength not to get discouraged themselves, while being an encouragement and help to others? [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*The church at Torrevieja, Spain*

## GYPSIES-MUGATES – HOW TO REACH THEM?

If you ever tried to preach the Gospel to the people of a different religion, you would be able to see that this is a great challenge. Many times, they do not understand our Christian terminology, or they understand it in a wrong context, mainly basing their understanding on their own religion. You would be greeted with suspicion or even aggression, and in some cases, even a threat to your life. But how do you preach to the gypsies so that they will be able to receive your preaching? [Read more about that here \(in Russian only\).](#)



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### USEFUL INFORMATION

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#### GRACE WITHIN THE FAMILY

Wars and fights are not happening exclusively on a national level. Many times, aggressions and wars are fought within families, and are accompanied by suffering, wounds, and even death—the death of the family. How can this be avoided?

On March 6 to 8, Grace Family Church had a wonderful conference, “Grace Within a Family,” preached by a speaker from Ukraine, Aleksandr Kalinskiy. If you did not have an opportunity to attend, please watch the recording here – it is well worth it. This sheds light on a topic that is often neglected.

- Day One: [Family – School of Maturity | Seminar 1](#)
- Day Two: [Grace within a Family | Seminar 2](#)
- Day Three: [Sexual Comfort | Peace in the Family](#)

The recordings are in Russian only.

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### **“MINISTRY OF INSTRUCTION” – BIBLE SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE**

Getting an education in American seminaries is not always possible for everyone due to the language barrier, time restraints, and financial burdens. However, for those who wish to study the Word of God, there are a lot of other opportunities. One of those opportunities is studying within the ministry of the PCSBA’s ministry partner – Eurasian Bible Institute, “Ministry of Instruction.” Registration is now open for enrollment. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*During one of the teaching sessions*

### **LIGHT OF THE EAST MINISTRY IN AMERICA**

What do our children and teenagers experience as newly arrived immigrants in a different country? Sometimes life seems to be unfair, especially when you are faced with difficulties that are beyond your control. How can you find joy when you lose everything that was dear to you? The staff of the Light to the East Ministry in



America were able to find a way to help the teens not only to adapt to the new environment, but also to grow spiritually. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

What are we, as those living in America, willing to pay for our dedication to Christ? It seems like a strange question to those who are living in the U.S., doesn't it? But for those who are from many other countries of the world, being a follower of Christ means that they will spend many years in prison, will be tortured, experience suffering and various limitations, and could even die.

While having the freedom to express our faith, let us not forget our brothers and sisters who are experiencing [intense persecution in various countries, especially in Muslim countries](#). On March 8, three Christians, including a pregnant woman in Iran, received a 40-year prison sentence. [In Congo, 70 Christians were beheaded](#). Only God knows how many Christians are persecuted in [North Korea, African countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan...](#). This list can go on and on. If you are a member of the body of Christ – His Church, please pray about these martyrs. “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it” (1 Cor. 12:26), and, “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16). [More details...](#)



*Convicted brothers and sister with a long prison sentence in Iran*

## **PASTORS' CONFERENCE ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

“The Lord of History” - this was the theme of the pastors’ conference which took place on February 27 to March 1 at the Word of Grace Church in Battle Ground, WA. There were 13 sessions taught by pastors from Ukraine, Russia, and the U.S., and covered various aspects of the book of Daniel. One of the sessions was intended for women and was taught by Dmitriy and Irina Zhrebnekov from Grace Family Church in Sacramento. The Q & A Session especially sparked a lot of interest. To watch all of the sessions, [visit the YouTube playlist at this link](#). All recordings are in Russian only.



## **ANOTHER HISTORICAL SEMINAR IN ASTANA**

On February 13 to 15, the House of Prayer for All People in Astana, Kazakhstan, had another historical seminar. These types of seminars have been taking place in Kazakhstan for more than 20 years.

“Churches and Pastors: History of the Revival” – that was the theme of this year’s seminar. Those who came were representatives of Russia, Germany, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan. [For more about the seminar – read here \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Seminar Participants*

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## EVENTS

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### **SPECIAL PRODUCTION**

**April 6** at 5 p.m. Bryte Church will present a theatrical production of “The Good Samaritan,” featuring children with special needs.

We invite everyone to attend this service, especially families who have children or adults with disabilities, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about ministry to people with special needs.

A tea party will be held after the service.

Church address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605.





## TO LOVE OR TO SUFFER – A CHOICE THAT EVERYONE MAKES

At Second Slavic Baptist Church, located at 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660, a women's conference, "To Love or to Suffer," will be held on April 12. The speaker is Anna Dashkevich. Everyone is invited. Registration is required.

For more information about [the conference, schedule, and registration, please follow this link.](#)

Women's Conference

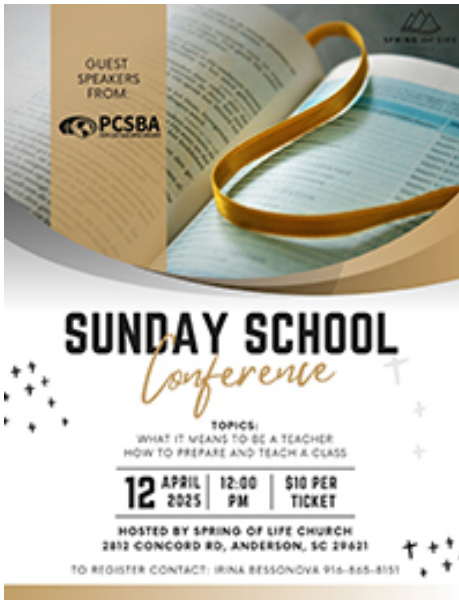
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

On **April 12**, the Spring of Life Church in Anderson, SC, will have a conference for Sunday School teachers. The theme of the conference will be: "What does it mean to be a teacher? How to prepare and teach in class?"

Church Address: 2812 Concord Rd., Anderson, SC 29621.

The conference begins at 12:00 p.m.

For registration, contact Irina Bessonov at: (916) 865-8151. Registration fee: \$10.00.

## BIBLE OLYMPIAD FOR CHILDREN

On **April 27**, from 10:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Spring of Life Church in Mukilteo, WA, will have a Bible Olympiad on the parables of Jesus. All children ages 7 to 12 are welcome.

Church address: 4711 116th St., SW Mukilteo, WA 98275

For questions, contact Irina Tselikova at: (425) 737-1721.

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## LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The Pacific Coast Association of Evangelical Slavic Churches is preparing a Literature Conference which will take place on **May 17, 2025** at First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento. Church address is 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, California, 95822.

Readers, authors, editors, those who are serving at Christian publications, and everyone who cares about literature as an instrument of sharing the Gospel to a specific group of people are welcome to attend. [For more about the conference, click this link](#) (in Russian only).

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