

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PREPARATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S 81ST CONVENTION

There is an intense preparation for the upcoming Association's reporting-electoral convention going on. The committee in charge of preparation met to discuss the issues related to the convention's program, location, and development of the Almanac. The nomination committee, working under the leadership of N. Chepurnoy, is gathering candidates of churches for the new members of the Association's Committee. The theme of the convention is set to be «The Blessing of Unity», and the speakers for all seminars were decided. During these seminars, the theme of unity will be traced through areas like family, generations, team, missions, and more.

As it was notified before, the convention will take place at Grace Family Church this year.

«SALON OF UNFADING BEAUTY– 2018»

On August 17 through 19, there was a women's retreat with a theme of «Salon of Unfading Beauty». The retreat took place on the shores of Lake Tahoe at Zephyr Point Conference Center, and was organized by First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento for all the women in the Association. This year was the 10-year anniversary of this camp, and it was attended by 158 sisters of different ages. There were even international guests (Ukraine, Russia), and from Minnesota. For more details about the camp, [read an article by Nina Yurkova](#) (in Russian only), who is a head of the women's ministry department.



The Retreat's Attendees

MEMORY DAY OF N. A. VODNEVSKIY



Ten years ago, Nicolay Aleksandrovich Vodnevskiy passed away. He was a poet, writer, editor, and the founder of various newspapers, magazines, etc., including the «Our Days» newspaper. Russian Baptist Church of Bryte held a memorial day for him on August 19. A [recording of this service can be found here](#). If you would like to get to know or review the biography of this remarkable man, you can find it [on our website under the About us –Our History – Well-known Ministers](#).

NEWS OF «HOUSE OF PRAYER» CHURCH

In July's newsletter, there was information about the decisions of the «House of Prayer» Church in West Sacramento (Read the [previous newsletter on the Association's website – click here](#).) One of the pastors of this church, A. Berezinskiy, lays out for us how this church followed through with those decisions – [read his article here](#). You can also read a summary and see pictures of the members' participation in a camp in Ukraine.



Camp in Ukraine



SPECIAL FAMILIES RETREAT

On August 17th -19th, at Sierra Pines Camp, there was a retreat for special families, families who have children with special needs. For more about the retreat, please watch the video clip – [click here](#). Please also listen to the radio interview by Natalya Smilikova who is the head of the Association's Department of ministry to children with special needs – [click here](#) (in Russian only.)

«AGENTS OF GOD'S WILL» IN WEST SACRAMENTO

Have you ever heard something like it – “Agents of God's Will”? It turns out that these agents exist, and they exist in one of our churches, specifically the Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento. For more information about who they are, and what they do, [please read an article on the Association's website – click here](#) (In Russian only.)



A VISIT FROM MISSIONARIES

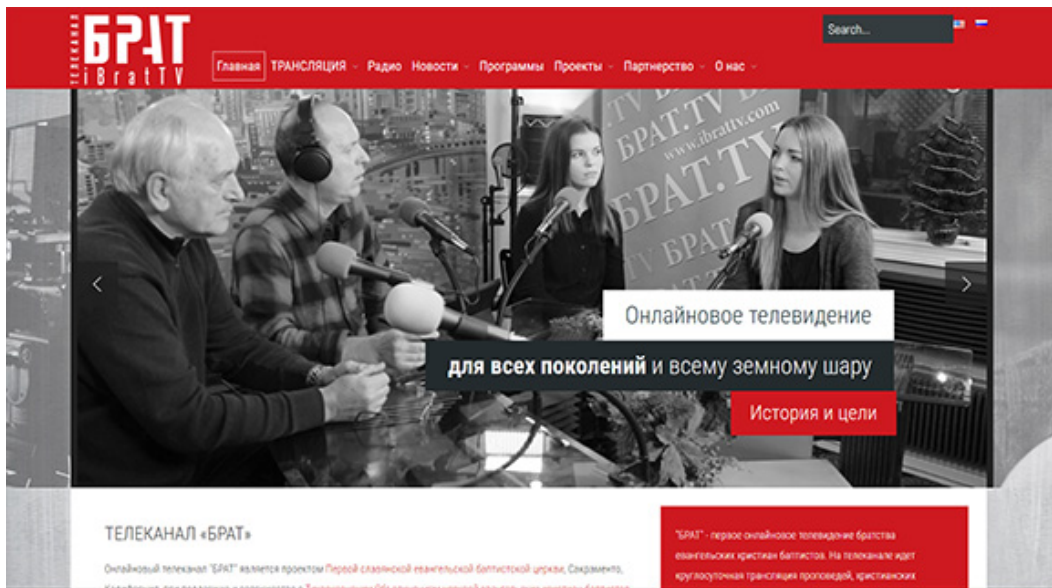
Vyacheslav Mikhailovich Tsvirinko along with his wife, Nina Nesterovna, visited California during their month of furlough. They visited a few churches sharing about their ministry in Moldova, met with the Association's leaders, and were interviewed for our radio and social media sites. [Watch a video recording here](#) (In Russian only.)



Nina Nesterovna and Vyacheslav Mikhailovich Tsvirinko during the interview with Olga Avetisova

INTERESTING PROJECTS OF OUR CHURCHES

Every local church is unique in its own way, and God is using every church in a special way. When you get to know more about some of these churches, you suddenly realize that their members are doing things that are not only glorifying God, but also changing the lives of people. Some of them support orphanages in Russia or Ukraine for many years; some feed the hungry, or has a unique evangelism approach. That is why we are opening up a new section – «Projects of Our Churches», in which we are planning to share about the interesting long-term projects of our churches. The first of these projects is a [project of First Slavic Baptist Church – Brat TV](#), which is a project that churches do not know much about, but which impacts people in many countries – [read about it here](#).



Home page of the ibrattv.com website

If your church has some projects, or something unique that is done by the members of your church, let us know, and we will share about it as an example to emulate and to encourage others in how we can glorify God and share about Him and His kingdom. Please contact us at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

News from department of education are available [on the website - please click here](#).

Editorial Article

WHAT'S THE SECRET?

Recently, during a Northwestern Association's convention, I. V. Milejev was interviewed and marked the reasons why the youth is leaving our Slavic churches. [The Interview was published on Facebook](#) (click here to view) and generated 17,000 views, 290 reposts, 272 likes, and 79 comments.

Prior to this, there was the Association pastors' conference in February during which I. V. Milejev offered two seminars in that same topic, looking at the reasons why there is a decrease of youth in our churches, and offered possible solutions to this problem. The meeting was attended by only about 30 people from 34 churches of the Association (note that the senior pastors of larger churches were not represented), and the recording of his presentation generated only 120 views on YouTube (sessions can be found here: [first](#) | [second](#)) and did not generate a single comment on Facebook.

Why is there such a different reaction to the presentation of the same person about the same problem? Why is it that the Northwestern Association's members are worried about the problem with the youth, and there is such passivity and carelessness among the PCSBA's members? Is the topic not interesting? Nothing to say? Does not one of the church members or pastors have any ideas about this? Or everyone is so consumed at pursuing the «American Dream», that they don't have time or desire for anything else?

If you know the answer, please share on our Facebook page, email: pcsbaca@gmail.com or comment on the page of our website.

HELP US EXPAND OUR AUDIENCE!

If you have a Facebook page, please «Like» the Association's page (<https://www.facebook.com/pcsba/>). «Share» our published materials that you like both on your page, as well as on the pages of your churches and groups. Publish the news of your churches on our Facebook pages as well!



ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

[During the past month, the following programs](#) were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- [Pastoral counsel before communion. P. Lvutin](#)
- [Testimony of foreign missions of the Russian Union of ECB. Part 1. | Part 2.](#) A. Dzuba
- ["Do not conform to this world". The listener question answered by Y. K. Sipko](#)
- [About the «Our Days» newspaper's ministry. I. Bruyako](#)
- [Interview with the Tsvirinko family – missionaries from Moldova](#)
- [Missionary trip to Ukraine and Europe. V. Khripunov](#)
- [About the special families' retreat. N. Smolikova](#)
- [Pastoral counsel before communion. I. Oselskiy](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

«KIRNEV FAMILY» MISSIONARY GROUP IN SACRAMENTO

A well-known missionary group that God uses for the Gospel proclamation in many countries visited churches in Sacramento, sharing about the wonderful acts, which God performs through this group. On August 18th, this group did a concert at «Rock-Land» church; [the recording can be viewed here](#). A little bit later, an interview with this family was recorded, and [it may be viewed here](#).



During the concert in Rock-Land church

A NEED FOR MISSIONARY TO ODESSA

The ECB pastor N. P. Yakovlev of «New Life» church in Odessa (Ukraine) and a president of *Teens Mission of Ukraine* asked the President of our Association to send a missionary to Odessa who will be able to minister there and be a pastor. The housing will be provided for the missionary and his family. [Read a letter from N. P. Yakovlev here](#) (in Russian only.)

If God is moving you to go to Odessa as a missionary, contact the Association's President I. V. Mileyev (559-347-1127, email mileyev@gmail.com), to discuss the details.

A MEETING OF LEADERS OF VARIOUS ETHNIC ASSOCIATIONS OF AMERICA

On August 3, under the leadership of the Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Ken Weathersby, there was a meeting of leaders of various ethnic associations of America. There were leaders representing Korean, Chinese, Philippine, Japanese, Hmong, Laotian, Asian-Americans of the second generation, Cambodian, Haitians, Hispanic, Jewish, Indian, as well multi-ethnic associations of churches. [Read about it in an article by I. V. Mileyev – click here.](#)

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the prayer about children who goes soon to schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."



"Sanctify them in the truth; Your words are truth." John 17:17

**Saturday
September 2018
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95842
"Mom in Prayer" department leader, G. Bugriyev (916) 256-7336

- The department of ministry to special need children and Rock-Land church invite families with special need members to attend "Special Family Day" celebration, which will take place on September 8, at 12:20 p.m. at Rock-Land Church. The church address is 5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA. The special need children will be involved in many activities, and celebration program will include games, prizes, treats, etc. For registration, please call or send SMS to (916) 833-5510 or (916) 400-1186.
- **On September 14 through 16**, *Grace Family Church* will host a Bible conference «Reformation of the heart – Loving heart». The conference speakers are the well-known preachers from Russia and Ukraine: Aleksandr Kalinskiy who is a pastor of «Spring of Life» in Zdolbunov, Ukraine, and Aleksey Prokopenko, a pastor of the «Transfiguration» Church in Samara, Russia. The registration is open to **all**. [For more information, please visit the church website – click here.](#)
- There will be another conference for teachers, directors, and all assistants of Sunday school on Saturday, **September 22**. During this conference, you will have an opportunity to expand your knowledge in working with children, as well as share your experience with other competent leaders, and perhaps introduce other people into this ministry. The conference will take place at the *New Hope Baptist Church* where Gennadiy Borisovich Gavelovskiy is the head pastor. The church is located at 10720 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Oleg Lakhno at (916) 802-4140.
- **September 24**, online registrations opens for the delegates and visitors who wish to attend the 81st Pacific Coast Association's Convention. Registration cost is \$37.00 (\$2.00 of which charged by PayPal). Registration will be accessible on the [website's «News» section](#). There will also be a detailed information about the convention, its speakers and schedule.
- Association's Events Calendar for September :

Date	Association's Events
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prayer group for mothers and Bible lessons for children with special needs. (1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691)
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education – teaching session at Bryte Church
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fellowship of widows and orphans (1000 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento 95605)

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Prison Ministry – department meeting
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Meeting of Committee of PCSBA
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education – teaching session in Castro Valley
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sunday School Department – conference for all teachers and helpers of Sunday school
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Meeting of Committee of PCSBA
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education – teaching session in Montebello, Italy (graduation) ◦ Meeting of department leaders of PCSBA

- Events of some churches in September:

Date	Church Events
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ First day of Sunday School at «Living Stones» Church
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Choir celebration at «Living Stones» Church
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Harvest Celebration at «Living Stones» Church

PRAYER NEEDS

- **Pray** for blessings of the new school year in schools and universities, for protection of our children from the degrading influences of the world, for the teachers, and school leaders.
- **Pray** for the well-being of our cities and the country as a whole, for wisdom for our rulers.
- **Pray** for the blessings and peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Russia.

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at

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