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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTISMS IN OUR CHURCHES

On July 26, 2015, Forward Church (where the pastor is Bogdan Kipko) held a baptism. This is a sister church of Slavic Evangelical Missionary Church, where the pastor is Benjamin Gorelov. Five young people of different nationalities entered into covenant with the Lord.

On August 2, *Bible Church "Truth"* in Tacoma, Washington (where the pastor is Joseph Sheremet) also marked a few important events – baptism, as



well as the Lord's Supper. It was a day of proclamation of both the death and

several young people to repentance. These youth have demonstrated their faith in the Lord to both the church and the spiritual world by entering into covenant with Him through baptism.

CHRISTIAN SONGS CELEBRATION

On August 29, First Slavic Church of Sacramento held a musical event which was similar to those previously held by Valentin Burlaka. Various Christian artists, musical groups and choirs attended the celebration. Svetlana Burlaka's appearance was **a special** blessing; she sang praise to the Lord and reminisced about her husband and his devotion to the Lord, as well as his love for others.

iBratTV organized the event and proposes the annual continuation of such events in commemoration of Valentin Burlaka.

RETREAT FOR MINISTERS

The retreat for ministers was held from September 9 to 12 at Sierra Pines Camp. The theme of the retreat was "Peacemaking," and the seminar speakers were Sergey Sannikov, Nikolay Bugriyev, Alexander Pronin and Ivan Leshchuk. Topics that were discussed included the biblical justification of



peacemaking, the causes of conflicts in the world, in churches and families, as well as ways to resolve them.

The PCSBA Committee held a meeting during the retreat, during which the Association's department heads presented their annual reports. Also during the retreat, *California's Southern Baptist Convention* attorney, Judy Logan, spoke about the dangerous pitfalls for churches and Christian organizations in connection with the new law on same-sex marriages.

On Saturday, 18 pastors prayed a prayer of consecration for the tabernacle tent, which holds church services for large groups during the summer.

<u>Videos of the seminars and pictures can be found on the Association's website and our Youtube channel.</u>

"MARRIAGE WITHOUT REGRETS" SEMINAR

session at *Rockland Baptist Church* of Sacramento. The course titled, "Marriage Without Regrets" lasted for two weeks. The course was taught by Adrian Blazhinski from Moldova. Students examined important issues of family relations on the basis of Scripture.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

"IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY SALON"

The "Imperishable beauty Salon," a retreat for women, was held on August 21-23 at *Sky Mountain Christian Camp*. The theme of the retreat was based on Pr. 31:31, on the virtuous wife, "Let her works praise her in the gates." Unfortunately, the guest speaker Lyubov Dekhtyarenko was ill and could not participate.

The retreat was opened with a prayer of blessing by the pastor of the *First Slavic Church*, Vladimir Kunets. Nadezhda Koryaka from **the** *Third Slavic Church* shared a word from Eph. 2: 9-10. With song and prayer, the sisters met every morning on the shore of a picturesque lake. Nina Yurkova from Castro Valley read the word of edification. Rufina Peycheva of **from the** West Sacramento church opened the topic of "A virtuous woman, who is she?" Seminars were led by Tatiana Senina from Bryte Church, Galina Khripunova and Tatiana Nikora from *Grace Family Church*, and Natalia Bekesheva from the *First Slavic Baptist Church*.

YOUTH CAMP "SKALA"

From September 4 to 7, we held a youth camp on the shores of Lake Trinity, where there were about 450 people from various churches of the Association. There were five services. Especially unforgettable were the gatherings by the campfire.



Communion at Camp "Skala"

During the Sunday morning service, Association chairman Vyacheslav Tsvirinko, along with other fellow pastors, held communion.

The theme of the camp was "The patience and mercy of God and disobedience of man," which was based on the book of Jonah. Young people learned about true biblical repentance and a life of following

Christ.

The main speaker was Vladislav Burlaka. He called on people to check their heart; what or who do we take pity on, and do we not resemble Jonah, who took pity on a

compassion for sinners and a desire to carry the Gospel to them. Camp "Skala" has gathered campers for the fifteenth time.

Eugene Bardosh, Head of the PCSBA youth department.

"MOMS IN PRAYER"

On September 5, the "Moms in Prayer" department organized a meeting for sisters in *Rockland Baptist Church*. Pastor Nikolay Bugriyev focused on mothers to put on the armor of God and to teach their children to do the same, before they leave the comfort of their homes. Children ought to know who their protector is, since it is only possible to keep the mind and heart pure with His help.

On September 19, in *Chinese Grace Bible Church* in Sacramento, sisters of different nationalities and churches gathered for a conference. Speaker Sharron Gamble, National Director of the *International ministry "Moms in prayer"* in the United States, developed the theme of "In step with the Spirit." A greeting from Fern Nichols, founder of the international "Moms in Prayer" movement, came in the form of a video. She once again reminded **all** of the power of prayer through which God performs miracles today in the lives of our children and families.

It was a great time of shared worship, petition, a time of profound reflection on the truths of the Bible, as well as for sharing testimonies and sessions in groups.

STUDENT GRADUATION

The "Blagovest" Institute held another graduation on September 20, releasing thirteen students with a Bachelor's degree in Church Ministry. The graduation celebration took place at the *Rockland Baptist Church*. Diplomas were handed out by Vyacheslav Tsvirinko, Sergey Sannikov, Nikolay



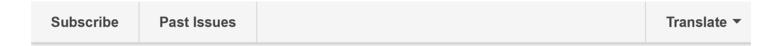
Bugriyev, and Alexander Pronin. The graduates received a prayer of blessing. On September 27, the same ceremony took place in "Bethel" church for seven graduates.

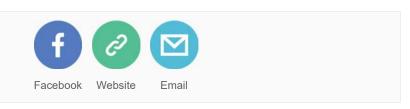
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- 1. Pray for God's blessing on the preparation and holding of the 78th Congress.
- 2. Barnabas Foundation asks to pray for persecuted Christians in Syria, Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Nigeria, and India.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The "Power in Truth" missionary department invites all to the 8th annual missionary meeting "Running for the prize," which will be held on October 31, 2015 from 9 AM to 6 PM. The main speaker will be Dr. Mick Stockwell. The registration cost is \$25.00. Registration deadline is October 15. The meeting will be held at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at 201 Seminary Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941. More information about the meeting can be found at www.pcmission.com.
- From October 22-24, 2015, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host the 78th spiritually edifying Congress of the Pacific Association of Baptist Churches. The theme of the Congress will be "The Coming of the Lord is Near." With questions about registering and paying on the website, please contact Olga Avetisova: e-mail: pcsbaca@gmail.com; tel phone: (916) 716-2950. For all other matters relating to the congress, contact the first deputy chairman of the Committee, Mikhail Avramenko, tel phone: (916) 616-0919.
- Creation, the Gospel, & Your Children An Outdoor Conference with Eric Hovind who is the son of Kent Hovind very known pastor at Slavic Christian Community, will be held October 10 at the Open gardens, Creation Library, Hay Bale Mountain. See details on the PCSBA Website.
 - October 11, Eric is going to preach at the Rockland Baptist Church. More details may be found on the <u>church website</u>.
- Johannes Raimer, PhD, is going to have a seminar at the Rockland Baptist Church from October 29 to 31. Detailed information is on the church website.
- Volunteer Project in honor of Nikolay Kosachevich will be held at Sierra Pines
 Camp October 10 from 9am to 6pm. Lunch and lodging provided with RSVP
 to 916-290-2897. The camp is also accepting donations towards painting
 supplies and benches.





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