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MAY NEWSLETTER - 2024

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY TRINITY DAY!

The day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples is a very memorable day which served as the beginning of the church age and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and it continues until today. This is truly a great celebration! [Read the Association's president's greeting here.](#)



THE THEME OF THE 86TH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IS NOW FINALIZED

Another one of the Executive Committee meetings took place on May 17. Besides discussion about the regular ministry issues, the theme of the next Association

convention was finalized: “Who shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Is. 6:8). The convention is scheduled for **October 25-26, 2024** at Bryte Church.

THEOLOGICAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Is this program needed for the Russian speakers who received a master’s degree in Russian here in the U.S.? What are the prospects for the doctoral program? Is it realistic to attain it? What are the requirements for obtaining this level of education? Will it be exclusively in Russian or is some knowledge of English still needed? The head of the Association’s Education Ministry and the leader of the Blagovest Institute [answers these and other similar questions in this article \(in Russian only\).](#)



TRANSFER OF MINISTRY

For over ten years, Olga Drovorub was serving in the Association as the head of the “Moms in Prayer” ministry. Unfortunately, because of some health issues, she is no longer able to continue serving in this capacity. Thankfully, Oksana Bugriyev was able to willingly take up this role. She has already been serving on the department’s committee for a few years now. Her candidacy will still need to be confirmed at the next Association convention, but for now, we are grateful to Olga for her many years of sacrificial service and wish for God to bless her, as well as Oksana, who will be continuing to serve in this ministry. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



BAPTISM AT THE GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

On April 28, 30 young men and women were baptized during a joint service where both the Russian-speaking and English-speaking members of the congregation joined together to celebrate at the Grace Family Church. There were many guests who filled a well-decorated sanctuary and stage, and the testimony of the new church members made this service especially memorable. [For more about the church service, click here.](#)



Pastors with youth who were baptized

FAMILY CONFERENCE AT THE WORD OF TRUTH CHURCH

“Pass the Life” was the title and the theme of the family conference which took place on May 4 at the Word of Truth Church in Des Moines, WA. The conference speaker was a guest from New Hope Church in Sarasota, FL, Vitaliy Rozhko. In addition to sharing about his own experience as a father, he also gave a lot of biblical principles about how to be godly parents. [For more about the conference and to access the recording, click here \(in Russian only\).](#)



Seminar speaker – Vitaliy Rozhko

“GO LIVE” MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER, WA

Through the initiative of pastor Y. Senchenko of the Choose Life Church in Edgewood, four churches in Washington joined together to train the youth to become missionaries. This is the fourth “Go Live” conference, which took place May 3-4 at the Revival Church in Vancouver. About 120 people from local churches and many guests from other states were able to attend. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)

CELEBRATING FAMILY DAY AT BRYTE CHURCH



From the early morning on May 18, Discovery Park in West Sacramento was full of enthusiastic volunteers who were finalizing the preparations for the main event of the day — celebrating Family Day, as well as the 20-year anniversary of the church serving in the new church building. Just a little bit later, hundreds of families filled the entire park and were engaged in the program, which lasted the entire day. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEW ISSUE OF NEW TIMES ALMANAC

The Association's Literature Ministry completed the next edition of the Almanac - "New Times" 2023-2024. This compilation of Christian creativity includes not only poems, but also personal stories, memories of the past, thoughts about contemporary issues, and topics about immigration from the former socialist republics. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



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Новые времена

ANNUAL CAMP FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS IN UKRAINE

On June 23 – July 8, Second Slavic Baptist Church, along with the support of other believers, is planning to have an annual reunion camp for 200 widows and 320 orphans in Ukraine. These women and children tragically lost their husbands and fathers due to the ongoing war in Ukraine. Although most resources for camp have been provided, the camp organizers still need additional finances for this camp. [For more details, click here \(in Russian only\).](#)



PEACE AT THE TIME OF STORM – WOMEN’S CONFERENCE AT THE SECOND SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH

On April 12-13, over two hundred women from Sacramento and other cities and states came to the Second Slavic Baptist Church to listen to guest speakers from WA: Maria Gusenkova, Larisa Gidenko, and Arina Glazko. The theme of the conference turned out to be very relevant and has sparked the interest of many. Daily turmoil that is not noticeable to those around us is pressing on Christian women. Although theologically, they understand that all problems are resolved through Jesus Christ, how are they to practically find peace in Him, and trust Him in resolving these problems? Not everyone knows how to understand and to approach these issues. This was the theme of the conference. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



DAUGHTER-IN-LAW – MOTHER-IN-LAW

As it turns out, the relationship between daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law is important to many who came to the women’s fellowship on April 27 at the House of Prayer in West Sacramento. The speakers were experienced wives from both sides: Yuliya Yanovskiy representing the daughters-in-law, and Yelena Mileyev representing the mothers-in-law. They were able to speak of life’s experiences, and those in attendance were eagerly listening to them. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



ATTENTION! Change of time for the radio program

At the request of Ethno FM, through which we are doing our radio broadcasts, beginning on **JUNE 1**, our program will still be at the same channel – **87.7 FM**, but will start **ONE HOUR EARLIER** at **2:15 p.m. (Pacific Time)**.

Please share this update with your friends and family.

All previous radio programs can be heard in our archive [at the following link](#).

SECRETS OF RAISING A CHILD

With a keen sense of humor, a natural flow of words, and grounded on God's truth, Dr. Henry Cloud, who is a well-known clinical Christian psychologist, shared during the conference on May 10-11 about how to teach a child to respect the boundaries of others, accept their uniqueness, speak truthfully, resolve personal conflicts, overcome challenges and make decisions, how to resist procrastination and giving up. Over 300 people attended this conference, which was organized by the Cornerstone Church and hosted by Bryte Church. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).



Conference Organizers: Oleg, Karina, Nikita Kostyuk, and Dr. Henry Cloud

MISSIONARY NEWS

TRIP TO UZBEKISTAN, POLAND, AND SPAIN

You can find out how V. Khripunov and A. Kobzar's trip to Central Asia and Europe went by listening to V. Khripunov's interview: ([Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)) and [reading an article on the Association's website](#). The purpose of coming to Central Asia was to visit gypsy churches and to help them in preparing for summer children's camps. While in Europe, the pastors met with missionaries that are supported by the Association and Grace Family Church, had training seminars about evangelism, and discussed future plans for ministry.



Mikhail from Odessa, who is part of the team, is sharing the Gospel and distributing Gospel tracts on the streets of Warsaw

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

ANOTHER MISSIONARY TRIP TO AFRICA

Over the course of many years, the Missionary Ministry team from the Union of ECB of Moldova, along with the support from various countries including the U.S., is continuing to serve in South Sudan, Africa. Ever since the tribal war started, they began to work with refugees from Sudan who migrated to Uganda. They are planning another trip at the beginning of June. An update from a previous [trip can be found here – click this link](#) and [watch this video](#). If God is putting on your heart to help this ministry, and you would like to find out more, that information is located [at the end of this file](#).



Ministry to Refugee Children

BIBLICAL COUNSELING SCHOOL – “CORAM DEO”

The lessons of the sixth module of the International Counseling Institute, “Coram Deo,” happened on April 22-28 in the old Bryte Church building. The theme of the module was “Giants of today: How to help people overcome their fears.” Thirty-six students, pastors, and regular church members learned about the causes of fear, how to identify its source, and how to overcome it. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Lecture by Mikhail Kucherenko

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CONGRESS OF THE ALLIANCE OF EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH AMERICA

The Alliance's Congress took place on April 25-27 in Edgewood, WA. The theme of the congress was: "Co-laborer for God." Naturally, all of the main sessions and seminars were about this topic: what does it mean to be a co-laborer for God and what are they supposed to do. There was also a special award ceremony for "Faithful in Ministry" for eight pastors: Joseph Danilovich Bondarenko, Nikolay Aleksandrovich Gavrilov, Aleksey Timofeyevich Kozorezov, Benjamin Markovich Kreyman, Peter Smikhailovich Sidlyarevich, Daniel Ivanovich Chueshkov, Peter Aleksandrovich Chumakhin, and Vladimir Mikhaylovich Shokov. The recordings from the Alliance [can be found on this YouTube Playlist](#). [For more about the Alliance, click here \(in Russian only\).](#)



ABOUT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grace Community Church, where John MacArthur is the head pastor, fascinates a lot of people. A lot is said about this church. There are a lot of perceptions about it, many of which are contradictory. The Administrative Director of this church, Dr. Mark Zhakevich, who originally came from the former Soviet Union, answered some questions from Russian speakers in an interview which can be seen by [visiting this link](#). The interview is recorded by the Transfiguration Evangelical Church in Samara.



ATTENTION!

Announcement

The Association's Information Ministry needs people for the following:

- *Specialist in servicing websites created on Joomla 10.xx (technical support and website updates).*
- *Graphic designer knowledgeable in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Adobe Acrobat.*
- *Editor of the Articles in Russian.*



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