

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2024 NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE 86TH CONVENTION OF PCSBA

Only one month is left before another edifying convention of the Pacific Coast Association. If everything goes as planned, then the convention participants (open for everyone) can look forward to great sermons in the evening by pastors from Washington, interesting seminars throughout the day on Saturday, hearing performances by the choir and orchestra from Spring of Life Church of Mukilteo, WA, as well as singers and musicians from Sacramento churches. Registration of delegates can be found on the Association's website. Registration is not required for admission to the evening services or seminars. To access the schedule of the convention and live stream, visit the convention's website at this link.



#### **HAPPY 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

On September 15, Slavic Evangelical Baptist Churchof San Diego celebrated their 50-year anniversary. We join in congratulating them on such a memorable date and wish them more of God's blessings in the future. May they grow in the knowledge of the Lord, grow in numbers, and in diligence in spreading the Gospel to those around them. May the light of God's love shine through the members of this church and impact those who do not yet know Jesus Christ, and may He lead them to eternal life with God.

To find out more <u>about the life of the church through pictures and videos, visit the church's website,</u> and to watch the <u>anniversary church service, visit the church's YouTube channel.</u>



During the anniversary church service

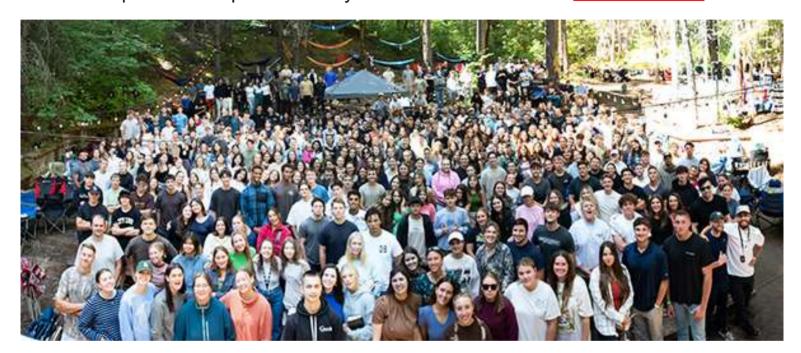
### **VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA**

From August 22 to September 2, the Association's president visited Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay in order to find out about the state of the Evangelical churches in those countries. In his article he shared in detail about "Slavic" churches in these countries, which have almost completely assimilated with the locals and speak in their languages. Basically, they are only Slavic by name on the church buildings. More details... (in Russian only).



Representatives of the Union Committee of the ECB Brotherhood of Argentina,
Paraguay, and Uruguay

From August 29 to September 2, there was a United Christian youth camp at Trinity Lake. Over 600 young men and women came from various churches of the Pacific Coast Association, and by God's grace about 100 people came to saving faith in their prayer of repentance. The theme of the camp was, "Joy in the Fear of God." The main speaker was pastor Manny Pereira from San Jose. More details...



#### **BAPTISM AT HAYWARD CHURCH**

On August 25, Mission Boulevard Baptist Church of Hayward baptized seven youth members: three young ladies and four young men. There were so many guests and relatives that the entire sanctuary was completely filled up. For more about this celebration... (in Russian only).



Godspeed, dear youth!

### **GOSPEL CELEBRATION AT THE WORD OF TRUTH BIBLE CHURCH**

When God established this church 13 years ago, its church members decided to have an annual Gospel celebration, which they named "The Day of The Church." During this time, the church remembers God's blessings for them from that year, and by having water baptism when they welcome new church members. This was also the case this year as well. To find out more about it, <u>read an article by the church's pastor, P. Lyvutin – click this link (in Russian only)</u>.



Twelve young men and women were baptized and joined the local church

#### **NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Under the leadership of the Education department director, A. Pronin, Blagovest Institute had a number of sessions of A.A. Degree, B.A. Degree, and M.A. Degree during August and September. The instruction took place at various churches of Sacramento. Beginning next year, they are also planning to begin a new course in Barcelona, Spain. More details... (in Russian only).



The lesson is taught by Aleksey Ivanov, pastor and teacher from Ukraine

### **MAY THE LORD BE PRAISED!**

On August 18, Gennadiy Zhilovskiy who led the joint symphonic orchestra at Rockland Baptist Church in Sacramento. Fifty five people participated in this solemn assembly's worship service: 30 musicians and 25 choir members. This was truly an inspiring service of worshipping the Name of God. More details... (in Russian only).



### CHRIST CAME TO SEEK OUT THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING

On September 8, House of Prayer Church had a joyful baptism celebration. Three people professed their faith in the Lord. Although it doesn't seem like that many from a global point of view, it means so much for this local church. Church pastor, A. Ivanov, pointed out three circumstances that added so much more meaning to this event. Read more details here (in Russian only).



Almost the entire church gathered for this celebration

### **WOMEN'S ANNUAL GALA DINNER**

On August 10, Bryte Church hosted the fourth annual Gala dinner for women of the Association who are engaged in various ministries. Praise the Lord for this wonderful time of the year when women can get together to pray and worship together and to share what God has been doing in their life. The theme of the night was: "Calling and Purpose". More details... (in Russian only).



**MISSIONARY NEWS** 

### **MISSIONARY TRIP TO MEXICO**

In July, the Spring of Life Church in Mukilteo, WA visited Baja California in Mexico. Close to 50 people were involved in this missionary project. During the week of service there, their team was divided into four smaller teams and served in different churches of Diez Ordaz. They organized an evangelistic music concert at a soccer field, where over a thousand people gathered. At the end of the sermon when there was a call to repentance, about thirty people came to saving faith, and may God receive all the glory for that! More details... (in Russian only).



During the evangelistic concert at a soccer field

#### **NEWS FROM FRANCE**

For many years, Sergey Babich has served with his wife and kids in France by helping immigrants with their spiritual and physical needs. For more about their ministry in July and August, <u>read Sergey's letter – click this link (in Russian only)</u>.



Summer picnic with believers and unbelievers of the group

### **MINISTRY IN SPAIN CONTINUES!**

The pastor of The Light of Life Church in Torrevieja (Alicante), Spain, Viktor Kovba, shares in his letter about their ministry, and the blessings of the church that they experience from the Lord. This church lives a fulfilling life by preaching the Gospel to those around them, working with children, teens, and youth, preparing leaders, and serving those who are in need. Read more details here (in Russian only).



Preaching of Pastor Viktor Kovba

### **FAMILY CAMP IN UKRAINE**

On August 11 to 16, teams of missionaries from Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association, House of the Gospel Church in Fresno, and Stop the War in Europe organization came together to host a family camp. The theme of the camp was "Renewal", and it was intended for soldiers and their wives and children in Chernovtsy, Ukraine, and was held on "Source of Life" base in Boyan. Seventeen families and eighteen children had an opportunity to get refreshed at the camp. For the soldiers who were injured in battle, had wounds, PTSD, some of whom had lost their limbs and were bound to a wheelchair, this camp was a great opportunity for spiritual and psychological help, and a chance to rest and hear about God. More details... (in Russian only).



Camp Participants

### **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

### **EURASIA PRECEPT MINISTRY - July and August News**

Eurasia Precept Ministry has an extraordinary missions ministry in Moldova and other European countries. Their missionary school prepares missionaries and sends them into the missions field where there aren't any believers in order to preach the Gospel to them. Similar to the apostles of Jesus Christ who were first sent to preach, the students need to find a place to sleep and eat in a place that they are not familiar with, while preaching the Gospel in the process. This organization also organizes athletic events, thanks to which hundreds of churches have been planted in various countries. There is so much to learn from them. Read a newsletter by the missions leader, Vasiliy Philat, which can be found here (in Russian only).



Athletes-missionaries and their instructors

### **HELP NEEDED! PLEASE RESPOND!**

A missionary from an all-Ukrainian Evangelical Union, Yevgeniy Evva, and his family have been serving for many years, first in Egypt, and now in Cambodia. Now they are in a difficult situation. Due to the war in Ukraine, Ukrainian support of their ministry has essentially diminished to nothing, and the contributions from Germany have diminished by about half, while the ministry expenses have increased. Read his letter and additional information here (in Russian only).



The big family of Yevgeniy Evva in Cambodia

### FORUM OF CHAPLAINS OF ALL-UKRAINIAN UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS-BAPTISTS

«To be close» was the motto of the chaplain forum that took place on September 6-7. About 400 participants attended this event. These are full-time chaplains, volunteer chaplains, men and women who are serving to those who are in military and their families, those who are wounded, those who were close to the deceased, missing in action, or prisoners of war. At the present time, the chaplain ministry in Ukraine has 10 full-time chaplains which serve in the army, and 343 volunteer chaplains, 12 of which are women. Three hundred pastors and deacons of the Evangelical churches are serving in this ministry. For more about this forum read an article, published under the news of AUECB (in Ukrainian only).



### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

## THE HEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, POPE FRANCIS SAYS THAT ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO THE SAME GOD

Christian leaders of the U.S. expressed their concerns after Pope Francis stated that all religions lead to God. He said it during a three-day visit to Singapore at multi-religious meeting with young leaders in a catholic college. "Different religions are like different languages to reach God", he stated, and in doing so he rejected the biblical teaching that there is only one way to God through Jesus Christ. More can be found at Crosswalk.com.



## UN'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE: A SINGLE DIGITAL IDENTIFIER FOR ALL PEOPLE

Recently, the United Nations Organization presented more details about some propositions of the overall "Summit of the Future" which will take place in September, 2024. Among these proposals, there are some that are alarming: creating a single world financial system and a single digital identifier for all people. In the future, these solutions will be combined with the social credit system and the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), which is currently being implemented and tested in many countries around the world. The implementation of these proposals will entail total control over all people on the planet without exception.

As Jesus once said, "Let the reader understand" what this all means!

More can be found at the PMW website.



### **EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FAMILY CONFERENCE**

On October 3-5, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of Sacramento will have a conference for married couples. The speaker of the conference will be Stanislav Gruntkovskiy. The program will have various topics for Thursday and Friday evening, and Saturday throughout the day:

- October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Women Meeting. Theme: Four responsibilities of a wife in a marriage
- October 4, at 7:00 p.m. Men Meeting. Theme: Four responsibilities of men in a marriage
- October 5, at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seminar on raising children Theme: God of Generations.

Church Address: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Registration is required. Registration can be found at this link. Registration fee is \$20.00 per a couple.

For questions, contact:

• Peter and Nina Panasenko: (916) 835-6462;

• Tatyana Gureyeva: (916) 239-8543.

<u>Video invitation can be seen at this link (in Russian only)</u>.



## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHURCH MEMBERS IN SACRAMENTO: BRYTE ORCHESTRA IS WELCOMING WIND INSTRUMENT PLAYERS!

Bryte Church's Gloria orchestra is looking for musicians, especially those who play wind instruments. If anyone has experience playing any wind instrument and would like to join this orchestra, please contact the conductor, Vasiliy Bolyshkanov, at: (916) 346-6777.



## INFORMATION MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR SPECIALISTS

- Experienced specialist in developing and technical servicing of websites with Joomla 4.x – 5.x
- Russian text editors
- Content gathering church correspondents

With inquiries, please contact at: (916) 716-2950 or through

email: pcsbaca@gmail.com.

### **HELP US TO SPREAD THE ASSOCIATION'S NEWS!**

The Association's newsletters are published and distributed every month mainly in electronic form to the churches' ministry leaders who are part of the Association. Unfortunately, majority of church members do not know about these letters, although they are interested to know about what is happening in various churches and in the Association as a whole.

If you are receiving and reading the Association's newsletters, please share them in your churches, and ask them to subscribe to them as well. To subscribe, <u>visit the</u>

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