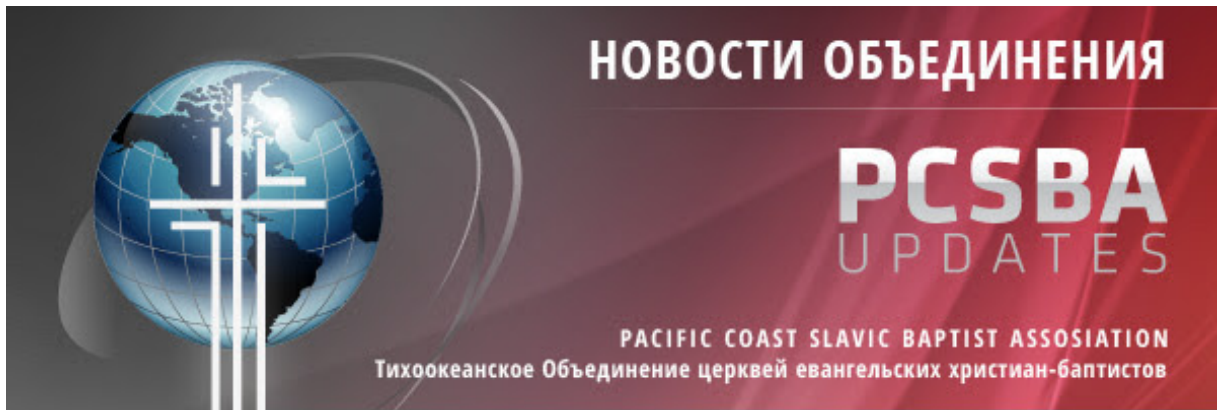


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## APRIL NEWSLETTER - 2025

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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**HAPPY EASTER!**

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Why seek you the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but is risen

(Luke 24:5-6)

*Christ is Risen!*



## ORDINATION AT SECOND SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH

On March 23, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento had a special church service during which they ordained Alexander Gunko as a pastor. This was an important and blessed time for the church that was united in prayer and worship of the Lord. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Ordination Prayer*

## PACIFIC THRIFT STORE CONTINUES THEIR MINISTRY AND EXPANSION!

Our Pacific Thrift Store continues their ministry as they support PCSBA's missions. Thanks to your generosity and ongoing support, the store continues to grow and

expand! [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).

## NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

By God's grace, the Blagovest Institute of Ministry continues to serve in many churches and in different regions. The instruction takes place not only in churches of the U.S., but also in Spain. [For more details, read an article by the leader of Education Ministry, A. Pronin \(in Russian only\)](#).



Занятия в Первой славянской баптистской церкви



Занятия во Второй славянской баптистской церкви

## THE FUTURE OF “OUR DAYS” NEWSPAPER IN THE USA

The “Our Days” newspaper, established by immigrant Nicolay Vodnevskiy for the Russian-speaking immigrants, has been around for 59 years. The first issue was published on June 11, 1966 with 1,500 printed copies. At the present time, newspapers are being sent out to many different countries. However, the number of subscribers in the continental USA continues to fall. Now the question arises about the future of the newspaper in the U.S. The chief editor of the newspaper, Ivan Bruyako, addresses this issue. [Read more on the Association's website \(in Russian only\)](#).





## FLAME INSIDE OF US

On Saturday, March 29, Good News Church in Tacoma, WA, hosted a women's conference inviting people near and far. The theme of the conference was: "Fan the Flame - Responding to God's Call with Willingness and Worship." The speaker was Denise Glenn, a remarkable speaker and author who presented Bible truth, shared personal experience, and gave practical encouragement that was very impactful for a lot of people. [More details...](#)



## BIBLE GAME

How well do you know the book of Genesis? On March 16, Second Slavic Baptist Church decided to test their knowledge of the book at a Brain Ring game. As it turns out, even those with a lot of experience of reading the Bible were puzzled by some of the questions of the game. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*During the Competition*

## THE “KOVCHEG” GROUP VISIT BRYTE CHURCH

The evening service on March 23 at Bryte Church featured the well-known missionary vocal and instrumental group Kovcheg. Despite the most difficult

conditions in Ukraine, this group continues to serve God and people. During the church service, they performed many hymns in Russian and Ukrainian, and shared about their ministry in Ukraine. At the end, a member of the group, composer, musician, and singer Viktor Loboda, preached from the Word of God. [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\)](#).



*Group Participating at Bryte Church*

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH**

On Saturday, March 29, [Grace Avenue](#) Bible Church in Sacramento hosted a women's prayer breakfast. Over 50 women were able to attend. There was a comfortable setting of well-decorated tables, and a wonderfully prepared breakfast, that created a warm and joyful atmosphere. The central theme of the meeting was: "The Cost of Ministry." [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\)](#).





### **MEN'S MEETING WITH A LAST SUPPER THEME: UNITY AS A CALLING**

On April 11, the Good News Church in Tacoma, WA had a special men's gathering with a time of fellowship, meditation, and prayer. The atmosphere of the meeting was truly symbolic: the room was decorated in the theme of the Last Supper and served as a reminder about the importance of unity, humility, and a deep connection with Christ, especially before coming to the Easter celebration. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## WITNESS ABOUT CHRIST AT THE UNIVERSITY

Have you ever asked a question about how our youth act in schools, colleges, and universities? Do those who are around them know that they are Christians? Do they witness about Christ to their classmates? You can get answers to some of these questions by listening to a short testimony by Daniel Agafonov from Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento, who studies at California State University. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



## WHAT IS THEIR SECRET?

Forty-seven years of marriage and 21 years of pastoral service, seven adult children who already have their own families, all children who are believers and in ministry – this is the result of Anna and Yuri Zhrebnekov's family life today. This is a rare sight in America. Usually, we hear of how often children go out into the world, become atheists, and new families fall apart...

What is this family's secret? [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)





*What an Amazing Posterity!*

## **SPRING ISSUE OF “GOD’S VINEYARD” MAGAZINE**

The spring issue of the magazine will provide our subscribers with a lot of useful information. The magazine's team of editors continue to lovingly choose every article with a goal of having useful information for our readers. They want the people to grow spiritually, to enjoy their reading, and for the articles to provide peace and source of hope. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)

## **LOVE OR SUFFER**

On April 12, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento had an encouraging women's conference with the theme of: "Love or Suffer." Over 60 women came for a deeper understanding about love, forgiveness, and freedom in Christ. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



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## MISSIONARY NEWS

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### MINISTRY UPDATE AT THE LIGHT OF LIFE CHURCH IN SPAIN

The Lord continues to bless this church in Spain in a special way. Although it's been only about two years since it was established, the church has over one hundred members and continues to grow. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)





## GOD'S WORK IN EUROPE CONTINUES

The Association's missionary department's member V. Khripunov, together with other brothers, visited several European countries where missionaries work, supported by the Association and our local churches. He shares more about the trip [in his radio interview – click this link](#) (in Russian only). Trip photos [can be seen at this link](#).



*Street Evangelism through Art*

## BRIEF UPDATE ABOUT MINISTRY IN VALENCIA, SPAIN

Another newsletter by Alik Shipuk, who serves with his family in a young church of Valencia, Spain, [can be found at this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



*Church Picnic*

## **EASTER CELEBRATION FOR THE GYPSY CHILDREN OF UZBEKISTAN**

Everything was prepared for celebrating Easter ahead of time: lesson plans, gifts, and food. The main thing was to just go through with the plan. However, you never know what might happen next! Even if you spend time in intensive prayer for God's blessings, this blessing might come in such an unexpected way that you can only in humility say: "Lord, these are your ways and not our ways!" [Read more details here...](#) *(in Russian only).*



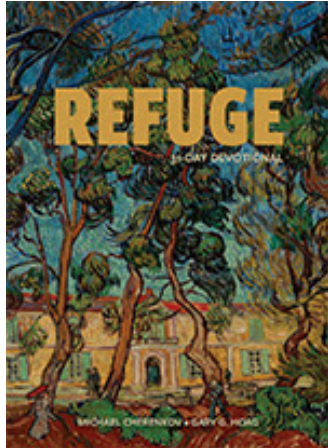
*Bible Lesson*



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

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### REFUGE

We experience difficult and trying times in our lives. Diseases, deaths, wars, conflicts, divisions, and apostasies are all around us. Where do you find comfort and help in these times? Like every person, we go through these experiences, but regardless of what is happening and how difficult things may seem, there is a refuge; as the Bible says: “God is our refuge and strength at the time of trouble.” (Psalm 46:1).

Dr. M. Chrenkov and Dr. Harry Hoag are offering a devotional book that is organized into 31 lessons. The book is now available in English and Ukrainian, but will also be available in Russian, and other languages. To download these books, click these links: [In English](#) | [In Ukrainian](#).

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Christians have many questions that they don't always have answers to. In addition, sometimes the sources of answers may be questionable. That is why it is important to know if you can trust those who are answering your questions or trying to help you figure something out.

One of the trustworthy resources is a website by the Evangelical Baptist Union of Moldova that has a [“Questions and Answers” section](#). You can check it out! Perhaps you will be able to get answers to some of your own questions.

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

On April 5, the Moldovan “DIVITIA GRATIAE” University of the Evangelical Baptist Union had a theological conference dedicated to the theme of: “God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility.” The conference attracted a lot of interest and had over 250 people in attendance. It included church pastors, missionaries, preachers, and those who serve in various capacities. The conference was so popular that the organizers had to close the registrations because the university did not have enough seats for everyone. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#).



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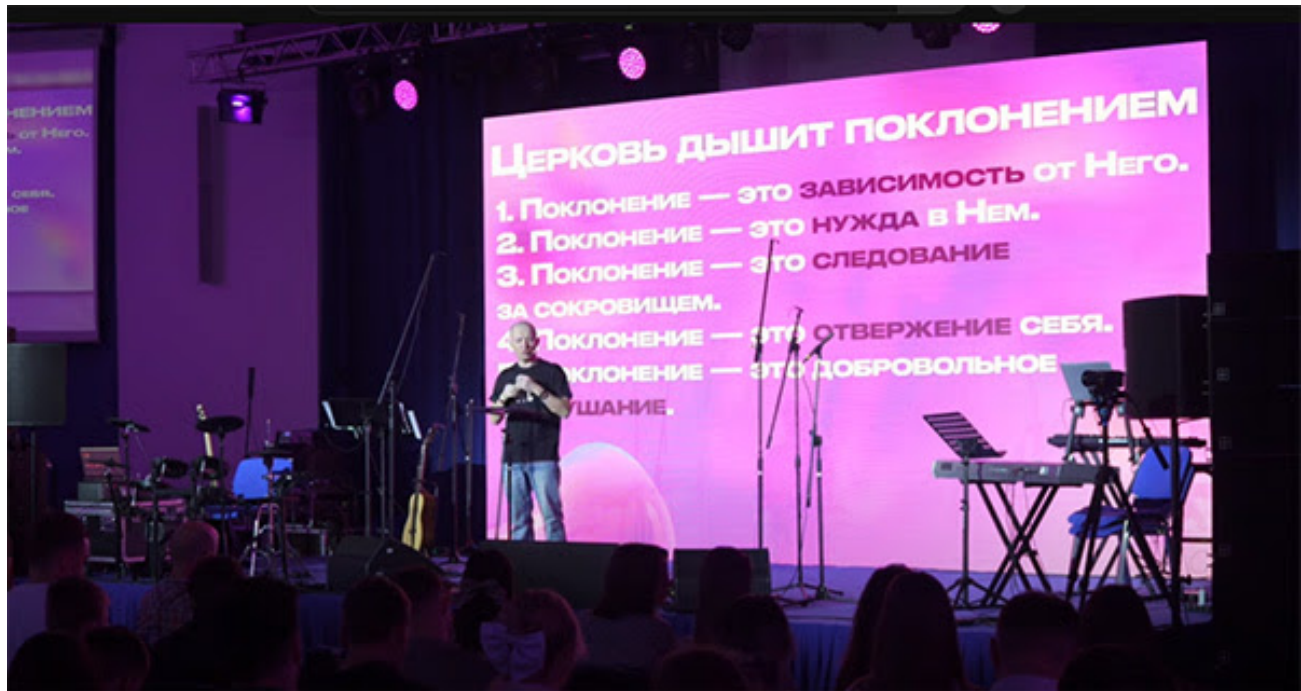
## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### WORSHIPPING CHRIST YOUTH CONFERENCE (GFC 2025)

Over 1,500 people gathered at the AMBER PLAZA for an All-Russian “Generation for Christ” (GFC 2025) conference in Moscow. This annual conference became a place for many young men and women to strengthen their faith and find answers to issues relating to life and ministry. This time, the GFC conference was dedicated to the theme of: “The Living Church.” Over the course of four days, the audience was able to learn from more than 20 speakers who proclaimed the truth to them. There were many inspiring sermons and educational seminars that glorified God. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)





*Timur Rasulov Preaching*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### REGISTRATION FOR 2025–2026 BRYTE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS NOW OPEN!

**Bryte Christian Academy**, a Christian private school, is welcoming new students for the upcoming school year! We offer high-quality academic education in an environment rooted in Christian values, care, and support.

- Unique academic program
- Spiritual development and daily prayer
- Small class sizes and individual attention
- Safe and friendly environment

Enrollment is now open!

Apply here: [Registration](#)

Learn more about our school: [www.bryteca.org](http://www.bryteca.org)

Welcome to the Bryte Christian Academy family!



### **SEMINAR FOR CHOIR CONDUCTORS AND WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Association's Music Ministry Department is planning to have a seminar on May 24 for choir conductors and worship leaders. The goal of the seminar is to share information and resources in expanding the variety of repertoire. This will be especially helpful to smaller churches that have a shortage of musicians and singers. [For more about the seminar, click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)

Seminar location: First Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento.

Church Address: [7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822](#)

Free admission.

For questions, contact the head of the Music Ministry of the Association, Sergey Yanovskiy: (916) 595-3480, [sergey2010@yahoo.com](mailto:sergey2010@yahoo.com).

## Семинар для лидеров музыкального служения

24 Мая в 10 утра в помещении 1я Славянская Церкви Сакраменто  
Музыкальный отдел ТО - Ведущий – Иван Милеев

Как быть эффективным в служении, имея ограниченные музыкальные и технические ресурсы?

- Общее пение (как планировать репертуар)
- Музыкальные инструменты для сопровождения пения
- Клавишный инструмент – создание оркестрового звучания (обучение)
  - Усиление звука – умение определить недостатки звучания и внесение коррективов в изменение качества звука. Микшер – настройки...
  - Анализ звучания и баланса музыки и пения в различных вариантах
  - Умение дирижировать в процессе общего пения
  - Пение соло, группы или хора. Как комбинировать репертуар
  - Поиск потенциальных лидеров общего пения – какие основные требования
  - Фонограммы и их использование и многое другое...



### CREATIVE ARTS CONFERENCE

You are invited to the PCSBA Creative Arts Conference. Everyone who wishes to participate in the ministry of “God’s Vineyard” Magazine, Literature Ministry, “Our Days” Newspaper, Information Ministry, Radio Ministry, Video Ministry, etc. are welcome to attend.

During the conference you will be invited to serve on various projects of the Association. Perhaps you have a gift for writing poems or prose, or writing newsletter articles, maybe even to prepare radio programs, but are not sure how to apply your talents. During the conference you will have opportunities to meet others,

make new contacts, and use your creative potential to serve many brothers and sisters of the PCSBA churches.

We welcome you at First Slavic Baptist Church on May 17, at [7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822](#). The conference will start at 10.00 a.m. and be 2 hours long, followed by a lunch. If you are planning to come, **please register before April 30** [at the following link: https://forms.gle/Eu379Zk1Uai9yM1R8](https://forms.gle/Eu379Zk1Uai9yM1R8).

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[for the last year](#) | [for all the years.](#)



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