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NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

LOOKING BACK AT ONE MORE CONVENTION...

Three months of preparation, three days of church services, seminars, meetings and the 80th convention is history.

Out of all that was planned, what was accomplished and what wasn't realized? The delegates of 27 out of 33 churches of the Association were able to gather and spend an edifying time in the seminars and evening services. There was a great opportunity to hear the singing of choirs, special performances, and the "Kovcheg" group. Everyone really enjoyed the city tour and a prayer in the capitol. Russian Baptist Church of Bryte who was hosting the event was very welcoming in the decoration, wonderful food, and friendly waiters.

For more about the convention, what was achieved and what wasn't read in [an article published on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only\)](#). Video recording of the convention can be found [on YouTube channel- click here](#).

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During the morning service of September 24, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento three brothers were ordained for pastoral ministry and 11 brothers for the deacon ministry. It is not often that the church expands by such a number of ministers.

For more about this joyful service read [an article by Emily Gusev – click here \(in Russian only\)](#).



CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF “GOOD NEWS” CHURCH

The “Good News” church of Tacoma became one more church which reached a 20 year mark of its ministry. On October 8, 2017, they were celebrating this occasion. Details of the event are given by the pastor of “New Hope” church Gennadiy Gavelovskiy who is a member of the Association’s Committee and was entrusted to congratulate this church and give them a certificate of commemoration. [Read his article here](#).





ONE MORE SELF-GOVERNING CHURCH

The “Forward” church previously part of Slavic Church of Orange County (Pastor V. Gorelov) was added to the number of the Association’s self-governing churches. The “Forward” church is a special church in our Association. Although it is founded by the Slavic ministers, their service began in English with a goal of reaching the local English-speaking population, and is oriented toward an American culture.

Presently there are 30-50 people who meet regularly for Sunday services. Along with their pastor Bogdan Kipko, there are several other Slavic ministers of the second generation. May the Lord bless this church that is a new 34th member of our Association!

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT THE YUBA CITY CHURCH

A small church in Yuba City has been blessed to celebrate Harvest with many guests in attendance. Singers and orchestra from the church located on Franklin Blvd, Sacramento made the celebrations specifically sparking. More about this celebration may be found on the [Association's website - click here \(in Russian only\)](#).



THREEFOLD CELEBRATION IN GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

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On October 8th, Grace Family Church was celebrating three occasions: 14th Anniversary of the church, ordination of Pavel Belev to deacon ministry, and the Feast of the Harvest. Great performance of three choirs, a sermon of the President of PCSBA I.V. Mileyev, a reception for all, and a special celebration for the children – that was in store for the members and visitors.

An unexpected visit of the President of the Baptists Union of South Sudan, Pastor Edward Dima and his wife Rosa was a pleasant surprise. For more information about this celebration [read on the Association's website \(click here. In Russian only\)](#). You can also view the pictures of the celebration there.



MISSIONARY SERVICE OF FIRST SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH

The September's newsletter published the first part by Emily Gusev about the missionary service of First Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento. Read the second part of the article that covers the church missionaries in Thailand, Israel, Kirgizstan, Moldova, and Russia. [Click here to access an article on the Association's website.](#)

EVENING OF PERFORMANCE OF THE "KOVCHEG" GROUP AT RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRYTE

On October 15th Russian Baptist Church of Bryte hosted an evening of performance of a well-known missionary vocal and instrumental "Kovcheg" group which was celebrating their 45 year anniversary. As noted by brothers P. Hakimov, A. Pronin, and A. Yanovskiy, a long standing friendship unites the church and individual members of this group.

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"HEART REFORMATION" CONFERENCE AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

Grace Family Church hosted a “Reformation of the Heart” conference on September 29 - Oct 1. The speakers were pastor from Ukraine—Aleksandr Kalinskiy and one of the pastors of Grace Family Church—Joseph Sheremet. Although Pastor J. Sheremet is well known in California, Pastor A. Kalinskiy was first introduced there. People were moved by what and how he presented his seminars. First, he was sincere and transparent. He was not intimidated to talk about personal spiritual problems and about the ways he dealt with them. Second, by his knowledge and understanding of the Word of God, and the application of Scriptures which he presented to the audience. None of the attendees left without being impacted and lacking compassion: the lessons taught by him reached the depths of the heart and exposed the unresolved problems, showed solutions, encouraged, and motivated everyone to a holy life that is pleasing to God.

To view this conference visit: [full recording of the seminars](#)  | [individual daily recordings \(see recordings of September 29-30, and two services of October 1\)](#).

THE 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.

- [Christians ministering during and after Hurricane “Catrina”. Interview with V. Kamyshniy](#)

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- [About training in the Coram Deo Program. R. Peychev](#)
- [Street Evangelism. Interview with I. Bagirov](#)
- [Annual report meeting of the departments' leaders and the Association's Committees. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Conference "God on Triall". N. Kostyuk](#)
- [News](#)
- [About the Association's Missionary Department ministry. A. Yanovskiy](#)
- [About 80th Convention. Part 1. I. Mileyev](#)
- [About 80th Convention. Part 2. I. Mileyev](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

GREATER DEDICATION – GREATER TRIALS?

God gives some people special trials testing their faith and perseverance. Sometimes it seems that the more a person is dedicated to God and ministering to Him, the more difficult his life becomes.

A person who praises the Lord as a singer his entire life becomes sick with throat cancer. How can that happen? How does this minister, a man of God, react to this? Does he become embittered? Does he grumble? What is his family's reaction? These are the topics of the interview between Andrey Tagintsev who is the head of the music ministry at Grace Avenue Bible Church (previously known as Third Slavic Baptist Church), and a head of the Association's Information Department Olga Avetisova on September 25. To view a recording of the interview, [visit the Association's YouTube channel – click here](#) .





LETTER – REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY IN MOLDOVA

Vyacheslav Mihaylovich Tsvirinko sent his [September report – read here \(in Russian only\)](#).

BEWARE OF HALLOWEEN!

Either through ignorance or the influence of the liberally driven Christians, Slavic Christians become more and more accepting of the upcoming Halloween day. Some of them suppose that allowing their children to dress up and visit neighbors asking for candy is completely harmless. However, John Rameris who used to be a high official of the Satanic worship and who became a Christian, has a different perspective. Read about this [on the website "IN LIGHT" \(click here - in Russian\)](#) and another article ["Christians and Halloween" in English](#), and be on guard in regards to this satanic celebration for your children and for yourselves.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Миссионерский отдел "Сила в правде" Тихоокеанского Объединения приглашает вас принять участие в 10-ой ежегодной миссионерской встрече, темой которой будет "Верность. Настойчивость. Благословение." Дата проведения встречи - **28 октября, 2017**, начало в 9 утра. Место: Grace Avenue Bible Church; адрес: 1425 Grace Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838. Регистрация на вебсайте http://ptmissions.com/upcoming_event/
- **November 5**, Christians around the world are uniting to pray for those who are persecuted. Not many people know about the international prayer, so share about it in your churches and join in on prayer. For more information about this day [visit the Association's website – click here](#).
- **«God on Trial»** – new conference from a «Fearless Faith» series is scheduled for **November 11, 2017**. Many of the well-known apologists on the global level are invited to debate the hot topics which are relevant to the contemporary Christianity, and especially the youth. Early price registration-\$30. To register, visit:

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<http://godontrialsacramento.com/registration>. Location of the conference: House of Bread Christian Church, 6521 Hazel Ave, Sacramento, CA 95662. For more information, visit [the Association's Website – click here](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for God's blessing on the Association's ministers for the glory of God and the edification of the members.
- **Pray** for our national and state government, for peace, and well-being of our cities.
- **Pray** peace in Ukraine and Russia
- **Pray** for blessing on Israel

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