

PCSBA's Newsletter, July, 2018

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

VISITING CHURCHES IN THE SOUTH

On July 14, there was a time of fellowship for pastors of the Association's churches of the south region. This region includes eight churches located in Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego. From the standpoint of the missionary ministry, this is an extremely important region in ministering to the Russian-speaking population in California.

The meeting of ministers took place in a church at Montebello, where V. O. Konopelkin is the head pastor. Information about the event and what was discussed there is described by the Association's president, I. V. Mileyev- [read his article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Pastors of Churches in the South Region

«SEXUALITY IN LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD» - CONFERENCE AT «WORD OF TRUTH» CHURCH

Today we live in an insane world where everyone is crazy about sex , which has become the main driving force that determines almost all of the factors of life: diet, clothing, behavior, conversations, leisure, relationships, theology, worship, etc. People today are consumed by the insatiableness of adultery, pornography, self-pleasure, reading or

watching romances, and all other forms of defilement. It seems that the modern society is out of its mind.

Despite the fact that humans are sexual beings, Christians began to accept it apart from the revelation of God. They see it through the prism of this fallible world, which always suppresses the truth of God with a lie. It is because of that, many Christians in talking about sex, think of it as lust, passion, promiscuity, corruption, and much more. But what does God Himself has to say about it in the Bible?

The conference at "Word of Life" Church covers this topic. [Read about it on the website - click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



BAPTISM AT "CHOOSE LIFE" CHURCH

"Choose Life" Church in Oceanside, CA, had a baptism on Saturday, July 21 of seven people! Someone might say "So what? I don't even know what church it is, and where it is located, why should I care that someone was baptized there?"

If you are one of those wondering, we want to inform you specifically that it is a small young church located in the south of California and is a part of the Association. It is full of very hospitable and pleasant people, who are welcoming of all the visitors. You need to watch a video about this church, the history of its formation, about its ministry, and rejoice that this church is growing and new people are joining it. If you are a Christian, pray about its growth and that the Gospel will spread to all the Russian-speaking people in the region.

For photos and video of the baptism see [website page - click here](#). Other church histories [may be found here](#).

NEW DECISIONS OF "HOUSE OF PRAYER" CHURCH

This month, a group from our church flew to Ukraine to help in the children's camps. Our church decided to send these groups more frequently in other countries for the preaching of the Gospel.



We also made a decision to visit small churches of our Association. On July 22, we visited the branch of First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento on Franklin. These visits serve to support strengthen faith and helps believers to know each other better. If there are churches that wish to join us in the mutual ministry of visitations, please let the pastor of our church know. We will gladly visit you, and perhaps, you will visit us also, - we will be glad to have you.

Leonid Bezinskiy, head of the missionary ministry,

MISSIONARY TRIP OVERVIEW - CONTINUED

Vasiliy Khripunov, a missionary by calling, along with other brothers continues his ministry in Ukraine and other European countries. For the first part of his story [read on the Association's website.](#) [For continuation of his story - click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

WOMEN MINISTRY IN JUNE AND JULY

Meeting of the women ministry committee, sharing of information among the members of the women's ministry, training, retreats, and churches' visitations is a small summary of what the women ministry department members accomplished. Read about it in an article by the leader of this ministry [N. Yurkov - click here](#) (in Russian only.)



One of the meeting of women's ministry participants

IN FOCUS – SPECIAL FAMILY

«Special family» is a family that has members with handicaps... How is it different from other families? What do the parents of such a child experience? How do people from “normal” families treat them?

Natalya and Viktor Smolikov who head the ministry to children with special needs discuss these and other topics. Knowing the problems of “special needs” not just by hearsay, but also from first-hand experience, and being at the seminar organized by the ministry of Jonny Erickson-Tada, they are trying to inform the Slavic community about this oftentimes hidden, special world, in which God places members of “special families”. [Read her article on the Association's website -- click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

WE ARE IN SPAIN!

Less than a month passed since family of A. Shipuk moved to Spain for long-term missionary ministry. Although this is a short period of time, but a lot has been done already. They were even visited by the missionary guests from Ukraine and the States. [Read Alik's first letter from Spain \(click here\)](#) and pray for successful completion of all the necessary paperwork for their residency and for success in their ministry.



With the guests from Ukraine and USA

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Institute of Ministry "Blagovest" did not take a break from intensive training even in the summer. To read about the training in the month of July, please read an article by the head of this ministry, A. Pronin on [the Association's website - click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

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.

- Reunion of immigrants from Tadzhikistan:
 - [Part 2. Interview with Brother Walter.](#)
 - [Part 3. Interview with Brother Peter Shik](#)
- Interview with Olga Melnichuk, "New Life" rehab worker, Missouri:
 - ["Glorious Freedom" Part 1.](#)
 - ["Glorious Freedom" Part 2; Part 1 and 2 in one file](#)
 - ["Addictions. Substantial Help" Part 1.](#)
 - ["Addictions. Substantial Help" Part 2; Part 1 and 2 in one file](#)
- [About visiting churches of the south region of California. I. Mileyev](#)
- [About 81st convention. I. Mileyev](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

CAMBODIA - ONE MORE TRIP

Yevgeniy Evva, a missionary from Ukraine, whose letters we frequently publish in our news, recently visited Cambodia again for better study of the place of future missionary ministry. And he absolutely wasn't ready to the reception he and his companions received from local Muslims. [Please read his letter here - in Russian only.](#)

THEY WERE FIRST

Immigrants... first refugees of the third wave of immigration... Who were they? Why have they fled to the USA? How were they able to escape a country with "an iron curtain"?

Every family of these immigrants had their own story, their concerns, and now, only the memories of them. A little more time will pass, all of this will be forgotten, and the new generation born in this country will forget the severe trials, which their Christian parents went through. But these stories have so many useful lessons for the future generations!

In order to preserve at least some of these stories, there is a section on the Association's website titled "Our Story" -- They Were First, in which the stories of the first immigrants of the third wave of immigration will be published. The first of these stories is a story of K. Bondar's family. [Read about it here.](#)

If you know people whose stories are interesting and instructive, please let us know (email: pcsBaca@gmail.com), and we will try to take their interview, and share their story.

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Department of Special Need Children Ministry and Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento are inviting everyone who has children or relatives with special needs and handicaps, to come join for a time of rest and fellowship at Sierra Pines Camp on August 17 to 19. Together we will enjoy the wonderful nature, praise the Lord, get to know each other, and share our testimonies. The theme of our fellowship will be: "God's Love, manifested in the life our families, our children, and our neighbors." For more information and registration, please contact at (916) 833-5510 - Natalya and at (916) 400-1186 - Victor.
- Christian Women's Camp "The Salon of Unfading Beauty" will take place on August 17-19. Theme: "Sweeter than Honey" Ps.117:103. The camp will take place at: 660 Highway 50 Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Cost is \$155. You can register with the leaders of women's ministry at your church or with Nina Panasenko (916) 835-6462, Alice Yalanzhi (916) 284-4998 and Irina Sheremet (916) 478-1116. More details about the camp, as well as the registration form, can be found [on the Association's website - click here.](#)
- PCSBA's events calendar for August 2018:

Date	Events B TO
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fellowship of widows and orphans (1000 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento 95605) ◦ Prayer group for mothers and Bible lessons for children with special needs (1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691)
10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education - training session, Bryte church
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Prison Ministry - meeting of the department
17-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Women Ministry -- women's retreat "Salon of Unfading Beauty"
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education - training session in Castro Valley
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Women Ministry - "Back to School" fasting and prayer fellowship
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pastors' meeting ◦ Meeting of heads of missionary departments of churches ◦ Department of Education - training session in Montebello
31-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth Department - Camp United PCSBA Youth Camp

- Events of various churches in August:

Date	Church Events
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Baptism at "Living Stones" Church

5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Baptism of new converts at “Transfiguration” Church, Minnetonka, MN.
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Church Picnic, “Haven” Church in Concord

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for the successful return of the members of churches of the Association from short-term missionary trips
- **Pray** for the well-being of our nation as a whole and of our cities. Pray for wisdom for our rulers
- **Pray** for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Russia

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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