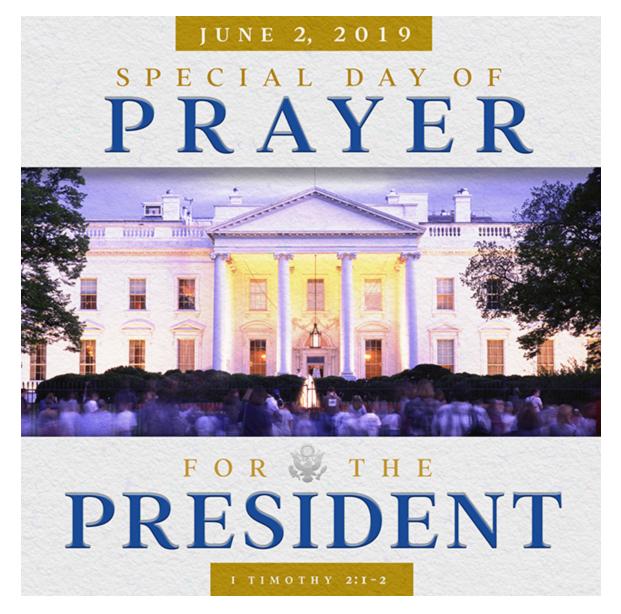


FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S ADDRESS TO THE CHRISTIANS OF AMERICA



Along with 250+ Christian leaders, I am asking followers of Christ across our nation to set aside next Sunday, **June 2**, as a special day of prayer for the President, <u>Donald J. Trump</u>. President Trump's enemies continue to try everything to destroy him, his family, and the

presidency. In the history of our country, no president has been attacked as he has. I believe the only hope for him, and this nation, is God.

This is a critical time for America. We're on the edge of a precipice. Time is short. We need to pray for God to intervene. We need to ask God to protect, strengthen, encourage, and guide the President.

We know that God hears and answers prayer. He can soften hearts and change minds. He is all-powerful, and He rules over the affairs of nations. The Bible instructs us to pray for those in authority, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:2–3).

On **June 2**, we ask that pastors would lead their congregations in praying for the President, that Sunday schools and other groups would join together and pray, and that individuals and families across the country would have a special focus on praying for the President that day.

Will you share this on your social media platforms so that we can have as many people as possible praying?

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

Source: Franklin Graham on Facebook

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PASTOR ORDINATION AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

One more a young pastor was added to the team of shepherds at Grace Family Church. April 28 was the ordination ceremony of Yevgeniy Bardosh. President of the Association, I. V. Mileyev, his vice-president, pastor of "Good News", V. Stupin, one of the pastors of the Word of Grace Church, Dmitriy Zherebnenko, and all of the current pastors of the local congregation took a part in the ordination process.

May the Lord bless the ministry of the new pastor, and may He help him, his wife, and children to lead many people around them to Christ.

For more information about this event, and to see pictures <u>visit the Association's website</u> – <u>click here</u>.



Ordination Prayer

UPDATES OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT'S MINISTRY

The Association's website has monthly updates of the Association President's Ministry. <u>They can be found here (in Russian only.)</u>

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY

Galina Fedorovna Bugriyeva who led the Moms in Prayer Ministry for a few years recently stepped down from this ministry. We are very grateful to her for her ministry and wish her blessings in the area where the Lord will have her continue serving.

Olga Drovorub became the new leader of the ministry. To learn more about her, <u>read this article on the Association's</u> <u>website (in Russian only.)</u>

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MAY's EDUCATION MINISTRY UPDATES

On April 27, there was another session of the master's level in Montebello. Sergey Pronin taught the course on Managing Christian Organizations.

On May 10 and 11, Bryte Church had another master's level session in partnership with the Theological Seminary of Moscow. Michael Cherenkov taught on Christian Worldview. In addition, along with this group, on May 10 and 11, Hermeneutics course was taught by Hasty Sherwood in English.

In Naples on May 17 and 18, Aleksandr Pronin on Eschatology taught the last session. In addition, on May 19th the church in Naples hosted an awards ceremony where the

graduates received their certificates. Twelve students successfully completed a three-year training course.

Please pray for our students and for the entire process of training in the Blagovest Institute of Ministry.



Graduates

MINISTRY UPDATE OF OUR MISSIONARY IN MOLDOVA

V. M. Tsvirinko and his wife continue their missionary ministry in Moldova, and their ministry <u>updates can be found here</u>.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN MAY

The leader of the Women's Ministry, N. Yurkova shares about the women's conference, which took place in Hayward. The theme of the conference was "Am I Waiting on the Lord?" and for the most part was in English. For more on this update, click here (in Russian only.)



Conference Attendees

PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR FAMILIES AND CHURCHES!

The organization of American Christian lawyers, the Liberal Counsel, published an article on their website, which explains the danger of HR 5 bill passed on May 17 by the House of Representatives. The bill will severely damage freedom of religion and

speech. <u>Read the article here.</u> <u>Translation of this article in Russian can be found here</u>

Pray for God's protection of our families and churches!

SOMETHING NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

After our radio programs are aired, they are uploaded to the Association's website under the <u>Resources – Association's Radio Programs</u>. This month, a new feature has been added to this part of the resources. It is <u>Radio Programs in Categories</u>. It will now be possible to listen to the answers to the listener's questions, sermons, and in the future even interviews in playlists. In other words, the programs of the chosen year could be heard one by one without manually switching between them. This was done as a response to a suggestion of one of our frequent listeners.

If anyone has other suggestions and requests about our website, especially in the sphere of radio programs, we would love to hear from you... Please email us at <u>pcsbaca@gmail.com</u> or by phone 916-716-2950.

SOME STATISTICS ON THE ASSOCIATION Did you know that...

 On the second convention in 1939, the Association was called the Russian Baptist Association of California. It is not clear when exactly did the Association begin to go by the current title, but according to the governing articles of 1998, the name is hinted at by being called the Association of Slavic Evangelical Christian Baptists of the Pacific Coast.

- In 91 years of its existence, the Association had 23 Chairmen / Presidents of the association
- The longest terms for the Chairman ministry were held by the ministry of:
 - F.P. Karpets 15 years (re-elected in three different periods)
 - P. V. Potlov 9 years (re-elected in three different periods)
 - A. F. Efimov 9 years (re-elected in three different periods)
 - N. A. Bugriyev 8 years (re-elected four times)
 - N. F. Kuzichev 7 years (re-elected in two different periods)
 - V. M. Tsvirinko 6 years (re-elected in two different periods

For more about their ministry, <u>read the website of the Association under About Us –</u> <u>Our History – History in Faces.</u>

More interesting statistics to come in the following newsletters.

VISITING GOOD NEWS CHURCH

"We, being many, are one body in Christ" (Romans 12:5a) – one church. Church is not limited by geography; it transcends borders and vast distances. This is the conclusion that the youth of two churches, the Good News Church, Tacoma, and the Second Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento, came to. And about what led them to such a conclusion, <u>read the article on the website of the Union</u>.



New Friends

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

<u>During the past month, the following programs</u> 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.

- Third Youth Congress of North America. I. Mileyev
- Missionary Training, Part 1. Mission It is a Lifestyle. M. Chrenko
- <u>Missionary Training, Part 2. Every Christian as a Missionary. M. Cherenkov</u>

- Interview with Bethel Church pastor, V. Lakhno
- Our Partners. Interview with V. Filat, the Regional Director of Precept Ministry. Part 1 | Part 2
- <u>Association's Women's Ministry. T. Senina and N. Panasenko;</u>
- News: <u>05/16/19</u>, <u>05/23/19</u>

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

TIMOTHY SCHOOL – PRECEPT MINISTRY NEW PROJECT

Timothy School is designed with the youth in mind, ages 13-18. The goal of this ministry is the deeper Scriptures study for young men and women and preparation for ministry both in the church and in the world around them. This project was first introduced in Moldova, and the results were phenomenal: hundreds of young men and women came to a deeper understanding of Scriptures and became leaders of various ministries in the local churches.

More information about this school is given on the Facebook account of this ministry In English | In Russian. Also listen to an interview with G. Neverov who coordinates this ministry in Sacramento, and V. Filat, who is a Regional Director of Precept Ministry (second part of the interview).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

HOT NEWS COMMENTS - ETHICAL ASPECTS OF VACCINATION

On newly created website of the Slavic Theological Collegiate, there is an article that might be interesting to many parents who are concerned for their children because of the latest laws on the required vaccinations. I. Leschuk who is a theologian, author, and blogger and well known in the Christian circles in California looks at this complex issue of mandatory vaccinations and gives a few recommendations for Christian parents. <u>Read his article here</u>.

IV CONGRESS OF THE ALL-UNION PARTNERSHIP OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

On April 18-20, 2019, the Tushinsk Evangelical Church hosted a IV Congress of APEC (All-Union Partnership of Evangelical Christians). The pastors of Evangelical Christian churches and leaders of associations of Evangelical Christian churches came from everywhere: the Far East to Kaliningrad, from Southern Russia to Saint Petersburg, from the sunny Abkhazia to the snowy Yakut! The congress was dedicated to the anniversary of the 150th birthday of Ivan Stepanovich Prohanov, a well-respected societal and religious minister in Russia, as well as the 200 years of Evangelical Christians in Russia. In light of this occasion, APEC made a press release (in Russian only.) To get to know the organization please visit its Facebook page (in Russian only.)

MINISTRY IN PARADISE

With only a little bit of time, almost everyone forgot about the tragedy in Paradise when the devastating fire ended many lives and destroyed this city and the surrounding areas. Only a few people continue ministry in this town, giving aid and support to the burn victims. One of these people is K. Tkachenko, who is a member of the Rock-Land Church. To this day, he continues to visit this city, he talks with the people and helps them in any way he can. In his article, which can be found on the Association's website, he shares about God's ministers who continue the work of the Lord despite losing everything that they had. <u>Read an article by K. Tkachenko here (in Russian only.)</u>



Miraculously Preserved Church Buildin

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE IS "NEAR GENOCIDE LEVELS."

During Liberty University's Commencement on May 11, 2019, the Vice-President on the United States Mike Pence shared his testimony about becoming Christian, and then told the following:

"The truth is, we live in a time when the freedom of religion is under assault. Yesterday, I was informed by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom that today Christians suffer more persecution around the world than any other religion. In fact, the United Kingdom released a report just last week that said persecution of Christians worldwide is "near genocide levels.""

Please <u>read his speech here</u> – it worth your time. Not so often, you may hear so bold Christian testimony on public, specifically testimony of a person of such high position. An excerpt from <u>his speech can be heard here</u>.

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! IF you would like to have events' announcements to be included in our newsletters, please email that information to <u>pcsbaca@gmail.com</u> no later than the 23rd of the current month.

- **Please note!** The Mom's in Prayer June 6-9 retreat is cancelled. More information will be provided later.
- June 29 beginning of the Timothy School lessons. The classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More details will be given on Facebook page: <u>In English</u> | <u>In Russian</u>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the search of a new youth leader of the Association
- Pray for our government and the wisdom for all those who are in power
- Pray for the protection of our children from the depraved influence of the world

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

ATTENTION TO GMAIL USERS:

Check All Mail and Spam folders for missed incoming emails.

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