

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Dear brothers and sisters! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Thankfulness is what sets a genuine Christian apart. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and it is possible to experience only if the person has an attitude of contentment. Apostle Paul who experienced the greatest difficulties of life wrote the following words: "Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:16–18). Thankfulness comes from a realization that in Him we have all that is necessary for life and godliness! All comes from Him, through Him, and to Him! He is in the center of everything. He is the one Who is worthy of honor, praise, and worship!

During these days of festivities, like the first pilgrims who came to start new life on a new continent, may we be grateful to God for having all of God's provisions. May we never have the temptation to claim something that belongs to God as our own for He commands the sun to rise over the righteous and unrighteous, and He continues his care for the people of this land!

May we unite in our thanksgiving prayers to God and thank Him for the abundance that we have, and for His continuous care for us!

YOUTH MINISTRY HAS A NEW LEADER



The search for the Association's youth leader took almost two years, and finally we have found him! Peter Makletsov who is a member of New Hope Church in Rancho Cordova, CA is that person. Get to know him by reading his summarized biography here.

Pray for him and his ministry and bless him in the name of God!

TWENTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

On November 17th, the Transfiguration church in Minnetonka, MN celebrated their twenty-year anniversary. The Association's president I. V. Mileyev, who was one of

the founders of the church, attended this celebration, gave them a certificate of commemoration, and ministered through his preaching. Read his article, which is accompanied by pictures on the Association's website – click here (in Russian only.)



The reception of certificate

TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF "MOMS IN PRAYER" MINISTRY AT BRYTE CHURCH

On November 16th, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte celebrated the ten-year anniversary of "Moms in Prayer" Ministry. About one hundred women from the church as well as guests from other churches of the Association gathered for the celebration of this important date. Olga Drovorub, who leads this ministry, shared a little about the history of this ministry. The women shared testimonies of how God is working through their lives. The pastors of Bryte church also joined them for this celebration: I. Dronov, V. Kravchenko, and M. Avramenko.

For more about this celebration, read an article on the association's website (in Russian only.)



Celebration Attendees

UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARY

V. M. Tsvirinko and his wife continue their ministry in Moldova. Despite some health problems, this minister tirelessly continues to make an impact for the kingdom of God. Read his October update release here.

UPDATES FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The leader of this ministry, N. Yurkova brings an update about the women's ministries at various churches (<u>read her article here (in Russian only.)</u>

O. Gorban shares an interesting experience of serving in the midst of English-speaking women at the House of Prayer church in Fresno. It would be great if more of our churches could do the same.

TWELVE NEW MINISTERS IN JUST ONE CHURCH!

Russian Baptist Church of Bryte celebrated a great event. Eleven deacons and one pastor were ordained for ministry. Our Association has never had such a number of ordinations at the same time. We wish them blessings for the new ministry! May their example of a dedicated life and ministry to God and people bring many more people to salvation. More about the celebration can be found here.



UNITED WORSHIP NIGHT

United Camp ministry (previously known as Skala) entered a new phase. Previously, the youth of all of the churches of the Association met only once a year for camp, but now they decided to meet for worshiping God in one of the churches during the year. The first of such meetings this year took place on November 16th. There were over 350 youth from various churches of Sacramento and surrounding regions. For more about this meeting read in an article by Peter Makletsov, who is the new leader of the Youth Ministry in the Association.



Worship Night

Sean McDowell is a son of the well-known speaker and Christian apologist Josh McDowell and is a renowned speaker himself who engages students in universities.

Gary Habermas – is a world-class historian and an expert in the field of the resurrection of Christ. Read details on the Association's website – click here.



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those who responded to our request to fill out a survey about the 82nd convention of the Association.

We received 36 completed surveys. Judging by the answers, the surveys were filled out by people of various ages and spiritual levels. That is especially precious to us. It is evident that all those who filled out the survey, took it seriously to give feedback of the convention and give recommendations of how to improve it in the future. We received a lot of advice and recommendations.

All of the surveys were carefully read and analyzed, and the leadership of the Association is considering how to improve both the convention and the ministry of the Association as a whole.

Once again, thank you!

HELP NEEDED!

The Association's Information Ministry needs the following staff:

- · Department leader
- Web Administrator
- Russian Editor
- Reporter / Journalist

More <u>information about the state of the ministry and specific staff can be found here</u>. If someone would like to join to the Information Ministry, please contact by email - <u>pcsbaca@gmail.com</u> or phones: (916) 716-2950 or (559) 347-1127.

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.

- <u>Interview with Igor Zhukov who is a Christian family therapist, and was a speaker at the seminar during the 82nd convention</u>
- <u>Interview with Aleksandr Ivanov who is a pastor of House of the Gospel Church and was a speaker at the seminar during the 82nd convention</u>
- "To Preach and to Be" seminar. P. V. Grubiy who is a pastor of Revival Church
- About the Revival Church in Vancouver. Pastor P. V. Grubiy
- Announcing the speakers of the Jesus on Trial conference. N. Kostyuk
- Ministry to widows and orphans of Ukraine. O. Kopchuk
- Youth missionary trip to Europe. S. Borushko
- Thanksgiving Greeting

UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS

UPDATES FROM NEW FIELDS MISSION

More and more churches and missions are visiting Africa. New Fields Mission is among them. This mission is known in just about every church of the Association and partners with many of our churches. In November, members of this mission went to two African countries once again. They hosted a pastors' training in Blantyre, Malawi (read more here), and started a new school in Kenya.

REVIVAL IN CUBA

Hope to the People Mission, which is led by Michael Savin, held several evangelistic services in Cuba. The people who hunger for the truth came forward in hundreds confessing their sins and asking God to change their lives. Watch a video coverage of this ministry on the mission's YouTube channel — click here.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM IRAN

Hope to the People Mission (Ukraine) asked all Christians to pray for the people of Iran. According to one of the workers of this mission, the country is experiencing extreme circumstances. All of the internet and phone connections are disabled within the country. The Iranian Christians are pleading with God for mercy and protection. More information can be found here.

CHANGES IN THE LAW IN UKRAINE

On November 14, the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for the human rights implemented the law №0931. According to this law, citizens of Ukraine are forbidden to express any criticism of the aggressive propaganda of LGBT or any other perversions outside of the church, or their own homes. The offenses will be punishable by law even to the point of criminal prosecution. The All-Ukrainian Council of Churches actively expressed their disapproval of this law, which takes out the citizens' rights of freedom of speech. However, their objections were ignored. The All-Ukrainian Cathedral of

Association of religious and public organizations is exhorting all of the believers and laity to unite their efforts to protect the fundamental rights and moral foundations of society.

<u>The information is taken from the All-Ukrainian Union of ECB website –click here (in Ukranian only.)</u>

FACEBOOK IS BEING SUED FOR EVANGELISTIC VIDEO

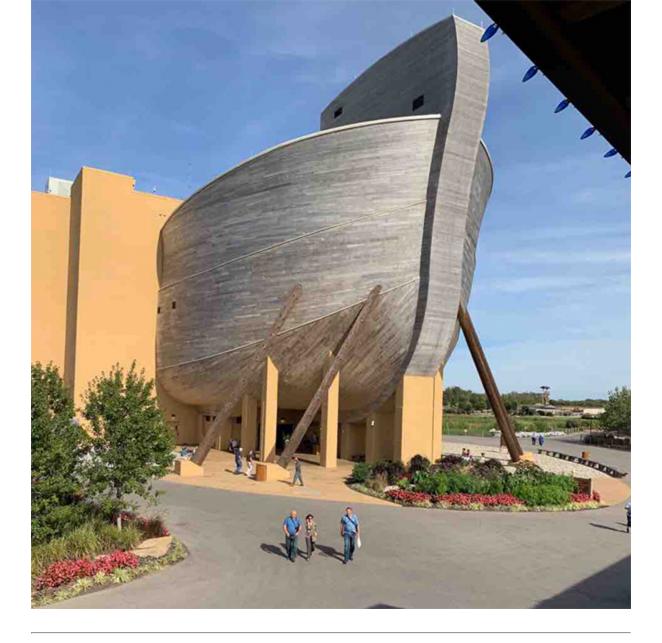
An offended Orthodox Jewish family is suing Facebook, a famous social media platform. "One for Israel", which is a Christian organization, uploaded an evangelistic video on their Facebook page. The video in question was about Jesus who went through crucifixion, and according to the parents, significantly impacted on their eleven-year-old son and "traumatized him". Read a full version of the article here and pray for the spread of the Gospel in Israel.

ONCE AGAIN IN CAMBODIA

More than once, we shared about a selfless sacrifice of a Ukrainian missionary who served in Egypt for many years and then, after his deportation, began his ministry in Cambodia. After a year of ministry there, he and his family temporarily came home to Ukraine. After fixing some health issues, this missionary and his family returned to Cambodia. Read his letter, which describes the circumstances of his ministry in Cambodia in the midst of Buddhists and Muslims (in Russian only.)

ARK IN AMERICA

A group of Christians from Sacramento exemplified their brothers and sisters from the Cornerstone Church, by going to a unique place in the U.S. This place is where the reconstructed Noah's Ark is located to it's supposed original size. Olga Mikhailovskaya was one of those visitors and shares her impressions of this magnificent trip. Read her article here (in Russian only.)



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