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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PASTORS' MEETING

The meeting of the Association's ministers was held on August 20 at Grace Avenue Bible Church. The wives of ministers were also invited, and participated in the general sessions. They had their own separate session as well. The main and only speaker at the meeting was Dr. Jake Roudkovski, Professor of Evangelism and Pastoral Ministry at New Orleans Theological Seminary. For more about the meeting, read <u>an article by I.</u> <u>Mileyev on the Association's website (in Russian only).</u> Video recordings of Dr. Roudkovski's seminars are available on the <u>Association's YouTube channel - click this</u> <u>link</u>.



The meeting's attendees

PASTOR ORDINATION AT THE FIRST SLAVIC CHURCH

The First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento ordained new pastors on July 24, 2022. Roman Yalanzhi, Petr Panasenko, and Mikhail Nagaytsev faithfully and zealously carried out the deacon's ministry for several years. Now it's time to expand the boundaries of their activities in the ministry for God. Congratulations to the church on the replenishment in the ranks of ministers! Read more <u>on the Association's website –</u> <u>click this link (in Russian only.)</u>



Newly-ordained pastors and their wives

SEASON OF SUMMER CAMPS – A SPECIAL TIME OF BLESSING

The Revival Church in Vancouver, WA completed another season of summer camps. First the children's, then the youth, and finally—the family camp. After that there was a baptism of twenty-five young men and women that marked the end of the season of reaping the fruit of the youth ministry. <u>Read more on the Association's website</u>.



Family Camp

A LIFE FOR GOD'S GLORY

From August 5 to August 9, 2022, the Word of Truth Bible Church in Washington hosted a children's camp on the topic: "Moses - a life for God's glory." Sixty children visited the camp and forty volunteer staff ministered to the Lord daily. Every day was filled with fellowship and making new friends, fun games and songs. The children studied biblical truths in the lessons, played sports and water games, and made differently-themed crafts. Read more in an article by the church's pastor, P. Lyvutin, on the Association's website (in Russian only.)



Group photo

WHY DO WE NEED THE RADIO?

Over the course of many years, our Association has aired radio programs which cover the life and ministry of the Association and its churches. But who listens to the radio nowadays? Is this not a thing of the past? These and many other questions are addressed by I. Voronov, the leader of the Radio Ministry of the Association, in his interview with S. lotko, the correspondent, who serves at the Information Ministry Department of the Association - <u>click this link (in Russian only.)</u>



Igor Voronov in the studio

WE NEED EACH OTHER

For The Cornerstone Slavic Baptist Church, the church picnic organized on the last Sunday of July was a wonderful celebration and worship of God with a group of new immigrant friends. More than 200 guests joined the church fellowship and shared the blessings that we receive from God and each other. <u>Read more on the Association's</u> <u>website</u>.



Pastor O. Kostyuk preaching to the visitors

LIGHT OF TRUTH

An annual children's summer camp took place at Grace Avenue Bible Church at the beginning of July. The territory of the church turned into a real adventure island, where young explorers had to find a way to the source of spiritual light, as well as learn how to reflect this light in their lives. One hundred and twenty children, and sixty volunteers were involved in the program. More information can be found on the Association's website (in Russian only.)



Here it is! The growing generation of the church! May the Lord guard them for His kingdom!

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

Three hundred and fifty-five people attended Tacoma Good News Church's family camp. The event took place at the end of July and set two goals for the participants: to grow in relationship with Christ, and to improve relationships with church members. Based on the commandments of love for God and neighbor, the general theme of the camp was: "The Church that God Desires." <u>Details can be found on the Association's website (in Russian only.)</u>



At the time of service

WOMEN'S MEETING AT THE BETHEL CHURCH

The meeting took place on August 19. The theme of the fellowship was "Be Still and Know that I am God." (Ps. 45:11.) The topic was about the importance of developing the ability to stop in any situation and at any speed, focus on God, listen to His voice, obey and worship Him, as well as how to overcome the daily routine and abide in God's presence more often. More information about the meeting is covered by Y. Mileyeva – the head of the Women's Ministry in the Association in <u>her article on the website – click this link (in Russian only).</u>



MINISTRY TO PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A hard lot falls to parents who have children with special needs. These families need special attention and love, which they often do not find in Slavic society and even in churches. Natalya Smolikova, Head of the Department of Ministry to Children with Special Needs, talks in her article about their family's visit to the Joni & Friends camp and about the ministry that they themselves conduct in Sacramento. <u>Read the article here (in Russian only.)</u>



RAISING FUNDS FOR HELPING REFUGEES CONTINUES

After two trips of missionary groups to help refugees in Ukraine, there is an opportunity and desire for a team led by Petr Babich to go on a third trip. The organization of these trips was carried out by the missionary department of the PCSBA. Currently, the funds raised for this purpose are not enough to organize a new trip in the fall. We have received very good feedback and thank you letters from the pastors of churches in Western Ukraine.

Our goal is to collect about \$10,000 within a month, and then our team will be able to travel with the funds necessary for bringing aid to refugees. You can watch videos of the team's previous trips on the YouTube channel of the Association - click this link. Donations can be made by check <u>or online through the Association's website</u>.

MISSIONS NEWS

THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

The Gospel is living and active today. Whether it is preached to homeless people who have hit rock bottom, or to presidents, the Gospel is the same for everyone: accept the

sacrifice of Christ, repent, and have eternal life with God. Read about the street evangelism on the streets of San Jose and San Francisco under the leadership of Vasiliy Khripunov and Igor Bagirov – <u>click this link (in Russian only).</u>



Serving on the streets – V. Khripunov and I. Bagirov

WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

"The ultimate goal of the church's mission is to win souls for Christ." - this idea formed the basis of S. Timofeyeva's conversation with Joseph Sheremet, pastor of the church and head of the Missionary Department of Grace Family Church. In light of the military situation in Ukraine, this year has become a serious test for the missionary work of many evangelical churches and missions. Plans literally had to be adjusted on the spot, responding to the most acute challenges of the troubled times. For more about this specific work of the missionaries in refugee camps for the Ukrainian people, check out the <u>interview with Joseph Sheremet (in Russian only.)</u>



One of many meetings with refugees

GIVE US PEACE!

Vasily Khripunov, who is responsible for the work of the internal mission of the Association, together with brother Nikolai Pislar, made a trip to Poland, Germany, and Ukraine in the summer. The main purpose was to assist in working with refugees and visiting a Christian camp for widows and orphans of deceased Ukrainian soldiers. Irina Karkhut, the correspondent of the Missionary Ministry Department, interviewed him. For more details click here (in Russian only.)



During the time of street evangelism through Christian art

ROMANIA VISIT

God is using the Association's teams in a wonderful way! The head of the Moms in Prayer Ministry, Olga Drovorub, and a team of seven people were invited to visit Romania to serve refugee women from Ukraine. For more about their experiences and about how they were able to serve the refugees, read an article by O. Drovorub <u>on the Association's website – click this link (in Russian only.)</u>



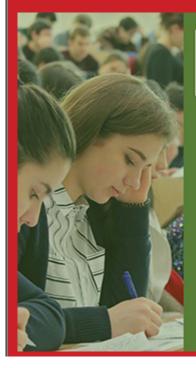
Bible study with the refugees

REGISTRATION FOR THE CORAM DEO PROJECT CONTINUES!

The registration of students for training in counseling under the program of the International Institute of Counseling, "Coram Deo" is continuing. Classes start on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held throughout the week in the evenings and two full days on Saturday and Sunday.

Training is paid.

Read more on the Association's website - click this link ...





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INTERESTING AND USEFUL INFORMATION

THE CHURCH IN EVERY HOME

What brought about the practice of house churches in the New Testament period? What are the advantages of house churches? When and why did this practice stop? Should this practice be restored? This and much more is covered by a small study in the book, *The Church in Every Home*, which is translated into Russian by Andrey Miklin. To read this book in an electronic format, visit the Association's website by clicking this link.

INTERVIEW WITH JONI EARECKSON TADA

Everyone should watch this interview: both healthy and sick, people with and without disabilities, singles and families. It will not leave anyone indifferent, and everyone will be able to receive edification for themselves. A modern-day pearl of God, who has undergone special treatment in God's hands: Joni Eareckson Tada and her husband Ken shared with Margarita Kolomiytseva their understanding of God's love, experiences and victories, and their weakness and strengths. You ought to watch this interview! <u>The English version can be found here</u>.

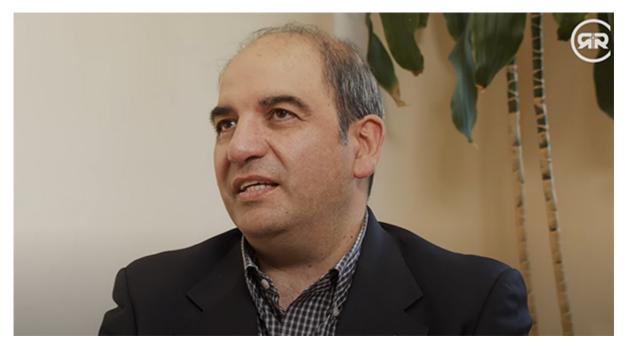


NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

GOD HAS STOPPED THE WAR!

What people could not do, God did! The Lord can stop war even when it seems impossible! A striking example of such a miracle was the cessation of the armed conflict

between Armenia and Azerbaijan. God gave wisdom to the rulers, and peace was able to be established. "It seemed to us that our small country was left completely alone, there were much larger forces against us, there was nowhere to wait for help, people were dying on both sides ... We prayed, and God came to our aid!" Asatur Nahapetyan, General Secretary of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of Armenia testifies in an interview recorded by RCR-Video. <u>His short testimony can be accessed here in</u> <u>Russian only.</u>)



RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST ALLIANCE ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE

At their annual meeting which took place on June 11-15 in Alabama, the General Committee of the International Baptist Alliance shared their full support for their brothers and sisters of Ukraine, and passed a resolution which is related to the ongoing war. For more about the resolution, click here: In Russian | In English.

EVENTS

WOMEN'S CAMP "SALON OF IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY"

The "Salon of Imperishable Beauty" camp will be held **in September** at the Zephyr Point Conference Center. **Theme**: "...One thing is needed" (Luke 10:42) **Dates**: September 23, 24, and 25, 2022 **Address**: Zephyr Point Conference Center, 660 Highway 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448 **Registration fee**: \$133.00 (\$143.00 after August 15) Registration will start **on July 23** on the PCSBA website. <u>More details here</u>.



BACK TO SCHOOL MOMS IN PRAYER NIGHT

Women from all churches are invited for the prayer meeting that will take place at Bryte Church on Saturday, September 10. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting – to pray for students, teachers, and schools around our state. The church's address is: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605.



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

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