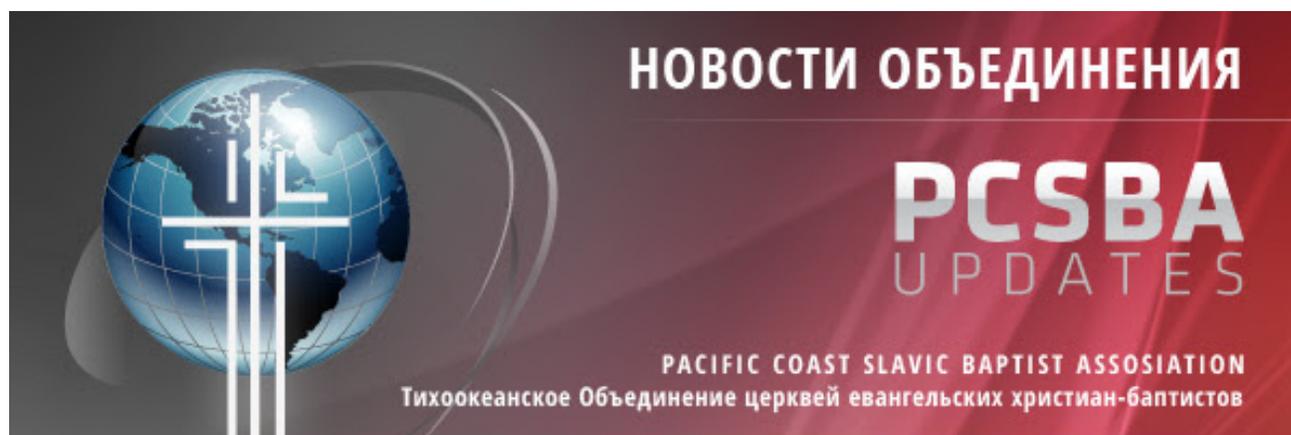


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PREPARATION FOR THE 87TH CONVENTION OF THE PCSBA

The preparation for the 87th PCSBA convention is underway. This will be a business convention during which the delegates of the Association's churches will vote for new leadership, including the president, his assistants, and members of the executive committee of the PCSBA.

The theme of the convention will be: "Know the times, awaken, and be transformed!".

Bible Text: Romans 13:11-14.

"Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now, salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."

The convention will be **October 24-25** at First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Sacramento at: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822.

At the present time, the program is being developed, and the nomination committee is gathering nominees from various churches as candidates for the new leadership of the PCSBA. Registration for the delegates and guests of the convention will soon be open.

Pray for the Lord to bless the 87th convention, as well as the outcome of all the important issues that need to be addressed for the ministry of the Association.

President of the PCSBA, Ivan Mileyev

LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

On May 31, the quiet town of Escondido, CA had an insightful women's conference with a theme of: "Light of God's Love: Breaking Free From Inner Enemies." Close to 60 women were able to attend this event, including children. This was a time of close fellowship and mutual support. The speakers were Maria Gusenkova and Alena Mileyeva. [More details...](#)



Conference participants

SEXUAL PURITY

On July 13, about 500 young people from various churches around Sacramento came to "The Saints of Sac" event which took place at Grace Family Church this time. The meeting was directed at strengthening unity and spiritual support, as well

as covering the need for purity in our contemporary, overly-sexualized world. [More details...](#)



About 500 young people attended the meeting

TRUE NORTH

On July 1 to 3, the Cornerstone Church hosted a captivating kids camp: “True North,” for children ages 6-11. During these three unforgettable days, the children were able to experience plenty of joy, games, new discoveries, and an abundance of laughter! The main point of the camp was to learn to find the right direction for life, and to trust Jesus in “a wild world.” [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



Conquerors of the wild world

LIMITED RESOURCES IS NOT A REASON TO STOP

On Saturday, May 24, First Slavic Church in Sacramento had a seminar for leaders of music ministry. Ivan Mileyev, who is the president of the Pacific Coast Association, was the speaker. The seminar was organized by the PCSBA's music ministry and its head, Sergey Yanovskiy. The theme of the meeting was: "How to be effective in music ministry, even when there's limited resources?" [More details... \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Seminar speaker – Ivan Mileyev

LET'S PLAY DETECTIVE

On June 10 to 15, Rockland Baptist Church had a teen camp. This year the children became part of an investigation – a mystery case concerning “Agape.” Agape is a divine kind of love, the love that is perfect. It is the source of everything, and is truly a mystery for this world. The idea of the entire program was simple: everything at the camp had to emphasize that theme, including the sports, team activities, raffles, skits, and everything else that is illustrating this truth of the Word of God. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Detectives are seekers of Agape

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

On July 12, Rockland Baptist Church hosted an encouraging women's meeting of *Integrity Women* with a breakfast. The theme of the meeting was focused on an important truth: "You Are Important." Over 50 visitors from various churches in Sacramento were able to attend this event. The main speaker was Suzzanne Bonn, who is an experienced biblical counselor, and who shared practical truth about the importance of seeing your value through the eyes of God and receiving the love of the Father in a person's heart. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



Memorable time of fellowship

JOYFUL ANNIVERSARY AND A SUMMER OF MINISTRY

With so many grateful hearts, the Bellevue Bible Church celebrated their 4-year anniversary on July 13! In light of this memorable date, they had their annual 3-day church camp in a scenic region of the southern part of Washington. While being outside among the trees and under an open sky, the church family enjoyed the time of mutually refreshing fellowship, joyful worship, and intense unity. [More details...](#)



One of the restful moments at camp

TRUST JESUS

On June 30 to July 3, Bryte Church had a week of day camp for children. There were close to 200 children and over 100 volunteers who came together to make this happen. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., over the course of four days, the children were able to experience an atmosphere of joy, fellowship, fun, and most importantly, learned how to trust Jesus. That was the central theme of this camp. [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\)](#)



How wonderful it is to see children with their Bibles!

COWBOY VBS WHICH TURNED INTO WINTER WONDERLAND

On June 5 to 8, Grace Avenue Bible Church in Sacramento had a “Wonder Junction” camp for children and teens at the scenic Sierra Pines camp. This was an unforgettable time filled with games, adventures, and most importantly, spiritual growth. Sixty children were able to be a part of this refreshing time. The camp had a cowboy theme, and children were able to see themselves as travelers of the wild west and were able to explore not just the beauty of nature, but also the various stages of the life of Jesus Christ. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



CELEBRATION FOR IMMIGRANTS

While celebrating Independence Day on July 4, the Cornerstone Church welcomed many immigrants who, for various reasons, were not able to celebrate this holiday in a usual family setting. For these people, the church was able to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and a chance for an additional celebration opportunity in the Christian family. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



True Americans! At least in the way that they look...

GOING BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CHURCH

On June 28, the New Hope Church served their city of Rancho Cordova once again, and had a great time of spreading God's love and evangelizing the locals! During this time, they distributed over 6,000 invitations to church. This is the sixth year in a row that the church has had this type of Block Party. With every year, the Lord is drawing more and more people! The guests were greeted by live Christian worship, great food, fun activities, and most importantly, an atmosphere of experiencing God's presence and the ability to hear the Word of Life. [More details...](#)



TRIP TO MINNESOTA

At the beginning of July, the head of the Women's Ministry of the Association, Y. Mileyeva, visited Slavic Baptist Church in Minnetonka, MN. After the morning church service, and throughout the week, the women were able to spend some time in fellowship, to share about their ministry and what the Lord is doing in their lives, and to pray for each other. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



After one of the women's fellowships

A SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA AT ROCKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rockland Baptist Church has a very unique ministry of a symphonic orchestra with a choir. They have over 60 people from various churches participating. Gennadiy Zhilovskiy is the leader of this ministry. "God blessed you with a talent, and I think that you can fully develop your potential through worshipping God in singing and playing instruments," says the conductor and leader of the orchestra. [More details...](#) [\(in Russian only\)](#)



MISSIONARY NEWS

CAMP FOR GYPSY CHILDREN-MUGATA

The leaders of the ministry among Gypsy children in Uzbekistan had held many children's camps, but they had never had a camp like the one held there on July 23-26. There were many trials, serious problems, which were successfully overcome only thanks to the grace of God and the prayers of the saints. [Read more... \(in Russian only\)](#)



More than 40 children every day...

TEEN CAMP AT TORREVIEJA, SPAIN

On June 30 to July 4, the Light of Life Church had a great teen camp through teaching English. This was a very unusual camp: Ukrainian-American-Spanish. The program was developed by the Ukrainian “Rainbow” ministry and taught by thirteen American students from the University of Texas. The goal was to share about God with the Ukrainian teens in Spain. He is the one who created all things, and they needed to hear about the fall of man, and the salvation that can be received through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. [More details... \(in Russian only\)](#)



During one of the camp activities...

MINISTRY IN POLAND

The family of Joseph Sheremet provided another newsletter about their ministry. In his newsletter update, he shares about various blessings of God and ministry, shared their prayer requests, and is asking for prayer support in interceding for them before the Lord. [The letter can be found at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



URGENT NEED OF A MISSIONARY TO ARGENTINA

The Missions Ministry of the PCSBA is inviting a missionary (possibly with family) to serve in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Due to the much-simpler process of naturalization, over the last 3 years over 80,000 Slavic people have immigrated to Buenos Aires. The majority of those who came there do not know Christ. [More details...](#)

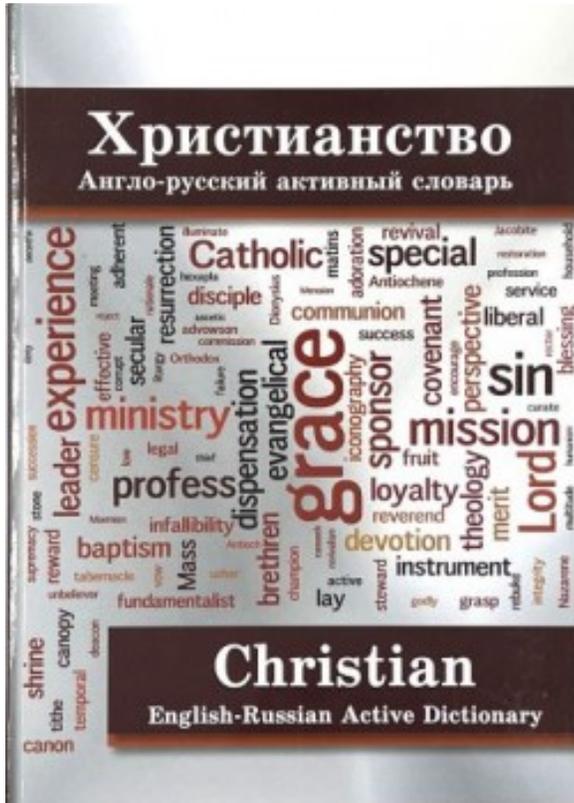


USEFUL INFORMATION

HOPE OF SALVATION MISSION

The [Hope of Salvation Mission](#), which is an international Christian organization, has one purpose: to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ as we read in the Book of Acts 1:8: “You shall be my witnesses...even to the remotest parts of the world.” They are working on achieving this goal through various means, including through publishing various types of Christian literature. Their organization has a large online store with a wide selection of Christian literature for a very affordable price. They even have a highly-demanded Christian dictionary which does not get printed often, [Christianity. English-Russian Active Dictionary. about 11,000 Words and Expressions, by Mikhail Volovich and Mark Makarov.](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

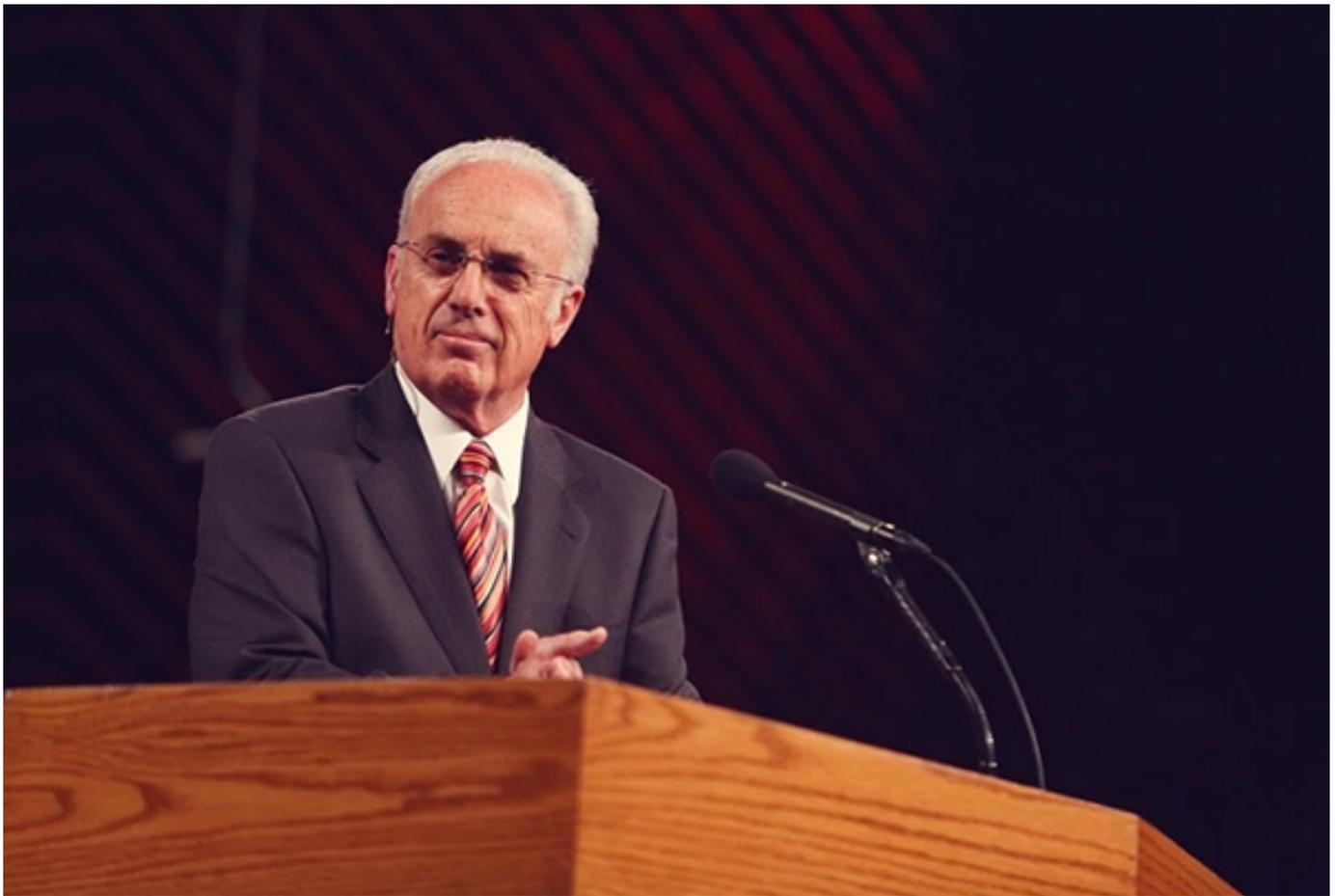


JOHN MACARTHUR, A FAMOUS PASTOR AND BIBLE TEACHER, WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD

John MacArthur, a Bible teacher, pastor, and author in California, well-known for his controversial theological stands, and standing up against the quarantine related to COVID-19, died on July 14 at the age of 86.

“Our hearts are full of sorrow, as well as joy, as we share the news that our beloved pastor and teacher, John MacArthur, entered into the presence of the Lord. This evening, his faith turned into sight,” was the announcement from the “Grace to You” ministry on their social media sites.

The Union of Evangelical Churches in Moldova included more detailed information about this pastor – [read an article at this link](#). And a very [interesting discussion with John MacArthur](#), recorded a few years ago with A. Kolomytsev.



23RD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST ALLIANCE

On July 7 to 12, Australia hosted the 23rd Congress of the International Baptist Alliance. The theme was “Living out the Gospel.” More than 3,000 Baptists from around the world gathered at Brisbane to serve one another and discuss the further direction of the Alliance. The celebration concluded with a call for all Baptists to pray that the Lord would begin a similar movement as in Acts 2.

Elijah Brown, the general secretary of the International Baptist Alliance, exhorted Baptists around the world to pray for “international regeneration in every language, in every region, and country.”

[The website of the congress](#) includes the congress schedule, and the recordings [can be viewed on the YouTube channel of the congress](#).



NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION

On May 29-31, Berlin, Germany hosted [a conference about "The Unchangeability of the Gospel."](#) This was an unusual Bible conference. The speakers were representatives from various Bible schools which minister to the Slavic population in Russia and Ukraine. At the end of the conference, Roman Kuropatkin, who is the director of the [Good News Publication](#), and pastor of the Good News Church, had a 30-minute informative session about the work that began a few months ago in a new version of the Russian Bible translation. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Conference speakers and members of the editorial team of the new Bible translation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRISON MINISTRY

Dear pastors, those who serve, and church members! The Prison Ministry of the PCSBA is inviting you to a **20-year celebration** which, by the grace of God, the team has been serving in on the West Coast and beyond.

Date of the event: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 10:00am

Location: Bryte Church

Address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605

The schedule includes:

- Prayer of thanksgiving and worship
- Witnessing the grace of God in the lives of those who lost their freedom
- Word of encouragement
- Historical overview and the fruit of ministry

Every church of the Pacific Coast Association is invited to send 2-4 representatives.

To better plan for lunch, we are asking you to inform us about how many people your church is planning to send by September 1. Please contact **Viktor Butayev at: (916) 717-5944.**

This event is not just an opportunity to express our gratitude to the Lord for the progress of the ministry, but also to encourage and build up the team to continue

serving for the glory of God.

With high regard and many blessings,

Viktor Butayev

Prison Ministry of the Pacific Coast Association of Evangelical Churches

PACIFIC THRIFT STORE NEEDS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT

ATTENTION! Pacific Thrift Store has an opening for an Office Assistant!

We are looking for an Office Assistant to update social media and the website, as well as perform various office tasks. If you have experience in these areas and are ready to join our friendly team, please send your resume to pavelt@pacifict thriftstore.com.

For more information about the vacancy, please call 916-719-5071 to speak to Pavel. You must have permission to work in the United States and know English and Russian. We are waiting for your response!



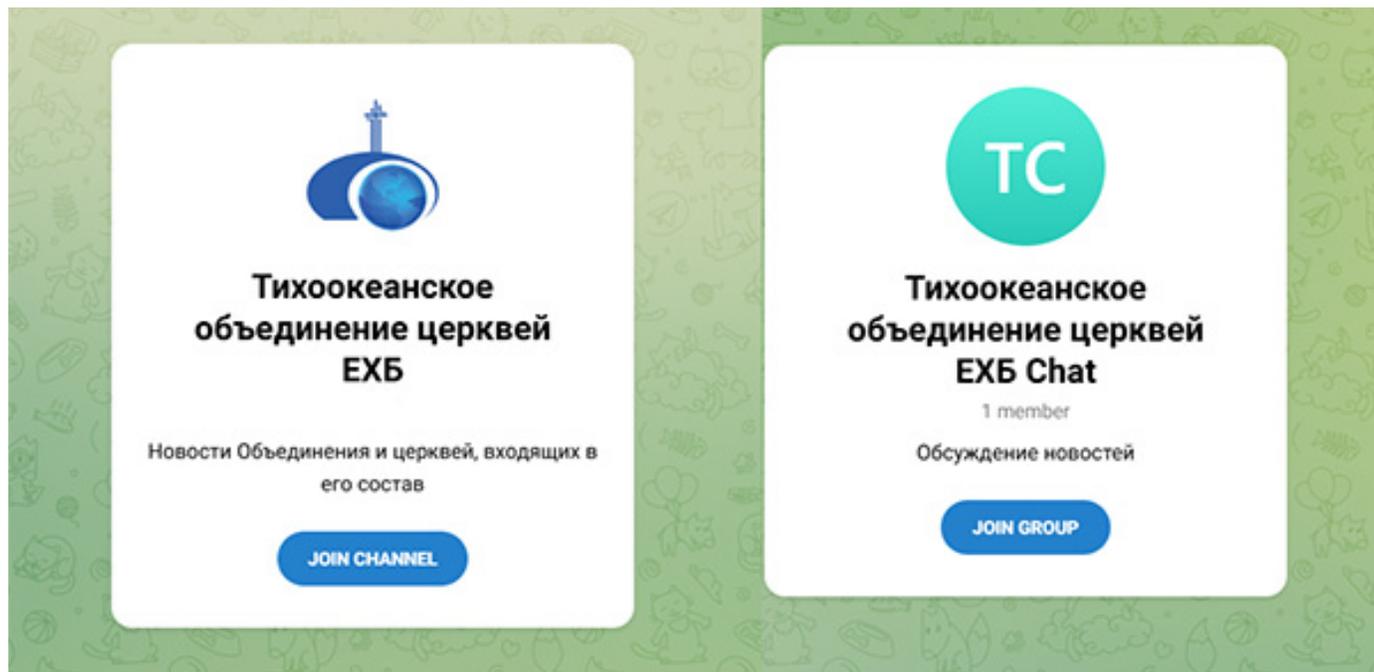
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Invitation to join the channel - <https://t.me/+PI9fuFhsXxw2YzNh>.

As part of the group of this channel, you would be able to comment to articles, share your feedback, and other information. The group invitation can be found at: –

<https://t.me/+nJFOV05yk4c5YjU5>. Welcome!



ANNUAL UNITED YOUTH CAMP

The registration of the Camp United, which will take place from August 29 to September 1, is now open.

Theme: “Pursuit of Happiness”

Speaker: Andrey Sava

Location: Tannery Gulch Campground. **Address:** Tannery Gulch Road Trinity Center, CA 96091

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-united-2025-tickets-1390998276289>

Registration dates:

- Early registration: \$75 (until June 29)
- Normal registration: \$85 (until August 3)
- Late registration: \$95 (until August 28)
- At the door registration: \$120



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN CAMP, SALON OF IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY

The registration to the Salon of Unfading Beauty is now open.

This year's topic: "God of the Covenant" (Isaiah 54:106, Luke 22:20).

Speakers: Alena Mileyeva and Tatyana Nikora

Camp dates: September 19–21, 2025

Camp Location: Zephyr Point Conference Center, 660 US-50, Zephyr Cove, NV
89448

[Registration – click this link.](#)

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