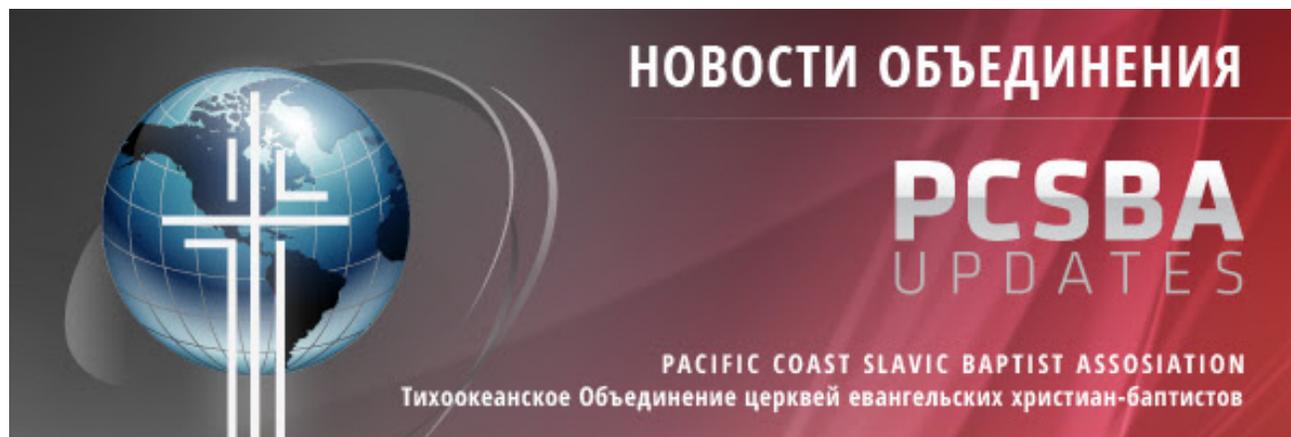


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### THE REGISTRATION FOR THE 87TH CONVENTION OF THE PCSBA IS NOW OPEN

The Association's convention will take place at First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church at: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. During the convention, there will be presentations of reports and an election. For more about the program's schedule and other information about the convention, visit [the Association's website](#). To register, contact your local churches or go to the Association's website. Registration cost is \$45.00; online registration is \$47.00. [Registration link can be found here](#).

Friday and Saturday will be regular church services for the general public, and does not require registration. The links to livestream [will be made available at the convention's website](#).

**87<sup>th</sup>** Reporting and Election Convention of the PCSBA  
**October 24-25, 2025**

**KNOW THE TIME, WAKE UP AND PUT ON CHRIST!**

*"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep... put you on the Lord Jesus Christ". (Rom. 13:11-14)*

Location:  
First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of Sacramento



## THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE HAS A NEW SECTION



“General Photos of the Conventions” – that is the name of [the new section on the Association's website](#) under the section **About Us – Conventions**. This section includes general photos of the convention's participants beginning with the 70th convention in 2007 and going through the 86th in 2024. This section will continue to get updated with more recent photos. It is best to view these photos on a large computer screen.

A lot of these photos were taken by Valentin Grigorash, who is a well-known photographer from Washington State. We are grateful to him for his ministry, and wish him many blessings from the Lord.

## CHURCHES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES



**EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH** in Montebello will be celebrating their 80-year church anniversary on the 28th of September! As we get to know the history of their church, we come in contact with the history of the churches of the PCSBA. The celebration will take place at the church service at: 2000 W. Olympic Blvd., Montebello at 10:00 a.m. To access the livestream, [click this link](#).

*We congratulate the church on their anniversary and wish them blessings for their future ministry!*



**FORWARD CHURCH** will celebrate their 10-year anniversary on October 12. The church service dedicated to the celebration will take place at: Barranca Pkwy, Ste #G107, Irvine, CA, and will be in English and will start at 11:00 a.m.

*May the Lord bless you, dear Forward Church, and may many more people come to know the Lord as they receive the gift of eternal life in His kingdom.*

## **20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRISON MINISTRY**

On September 13, over a hundred people from various churches came to Bryte Church to thank God and share about how He allowed them to accomplish so much through the people who have tirelessly ministered to those who have served time for hard crimes. The prison ministry is a difficult ministry that isn't for everyone. However, a few dozen faithful people, along with their leader Viktor Butayev, have dedicated themselves to serve during all these years. There is a lot of fruit from this ministry. [More details...](#)



*Participants of the appreciation conference of the prison ministry*

## **BAPTISM AT THE LIVING STONES CHURCH**

On August 7, the Living Stones Church in Rancho Cordova, CA had a baptism service for seven people. They entered into a covenant with the Lord, professing their faith in Jesus Christ as they pursue new life with Him. This is the victory of the faith, and has been a source of great joy for the entire church. It strengthens the bonds of unity and reminds us of the living foundation of our faith. [More details...](#) (in Russian only.)



*Seven souls, seven "living stones", which were added to the church*

## TRUE HAPPINESS

From August 29 to September 1, Tannery Gulch Campground hosted the United Camp for over 500 youth. The main speaker was Andrey Sava. The event had a captivating theme of “The Pursuit of Happiness”, and encouraged the participants to re-evaluate their preconceived notions of happiness and faith. [More details...](#)



## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

On Saturday, July 26, First Slavic Baptist Church hosted a women's conference with a theme of: “The Power of Gentle Faith”. Local pastors Peter Panasenko and Aleksandr Bobrovskiy opened up the conference with words of encouragement and prayer. There were over 60 women who came not only from the local church, but also included guests from other churches as well. The main speaker of the conference was Natalya Svistun, who has a Doctorate in ministry, and is in charge of the Christian Ministry at the Theological Seminary of Odessa, and has been teaching for 30 years. [More details...](#) (in Russian only).



## **DEACON ORDINATION AT THE HOUSE OF THE GOSPEL CHURCH**

On September 7, the House of the Gospel Church in Fresno had their special ordination service for three candidates: Valentine Vaipan, Maksim Dimitrashuk, and Aleksey Bodura. Valentine and his wife Yelena have been serving in missions for a long time now. Maksim and his wife Yuliya have been leading church summer camps and doing other work with children. Aleksey and his wife Darina are newlyweds who recently began their work with the younger generation of the church. [More details...](#) (in Russian only).



## SCRIPTURES OVER TRADITION

On September 7, The Saints of Sac movement gathered close to 500 young men and women from various churches of the PCSBA who came to an evening dedicated to the theme of: “Scriptures Over Tradition”. The goal of this event, which took place at Bryte Church, was to emphasize the importance of the Scriptures to those who are aged 16 to 25, and encourage them to stand on biblical truths in light of the pressures of the culture and modern society. [More details...](#)



## **CELEBRATION SERVICE AT THE SPRING CHURCH**

On September 7, the Spring Church located in Moraga, CA had a special church service at a new location. This important event gathered a lot of guests, including the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention of the Bay Area, representatives of the Pacific Coast Slavic Association, local pastors, and evangelists.

In his article, “Big Blessing in a Small Church”, Pastor Aleksey Kharlamov shares how God was leading both him, and for the present time, this small church. He talked about the Lord leading him, and challenging him to think about the reason for his coming to the U.S. and the challenges of the local churches. [Read more at this link.](#)



## THE MINISTRY OF HOME GROUPS AT GFC CONTINUES TO GROW

On August 17, Grace Family Church started a new year of home group ministry. This season they have 32 home groups! Over the next nine months, these groups will be a place for warm fellowship, mutual prayer support, and the study of the Word of God. [More details...](#) (in Russian only).



*During one of the home groups...*

### MINISTERING TO THE MUGAT GYPSIES. OUR CONCERNS TURNED INTO REALITY!

Instructor Vera who came to teach the gypsy children was faced with two surprises. Although the anticipation was initially to have no more than 20-30 children during the two days of instruction, 70 children came. In addition to that, three of the girls who had the best mastery of the Bible lessons came in hijabs, which are Muslim head coverings, because their Mullah told them that if they don't wear them, they will not be able to enter heaven! [More details...](#)



### MISSIONARY FAMILY OF VIKTOR AND TATYANA KOVBA RETURNED HOME

Many thanks to everyone who prayed and supported the family of pastor Viktor Kovba as they were going through their recent trials ([details can be found here](#)). While in Poland, they filled out all the necessary paperwork and Tatyana went through treatment. She is better now, although as a result of the sickness and surgery, she will undergo long-term recovery. Please continue to support them through your prayers and the financial help that they need so much right now! The page dedicated to their ministry can be found [at the Association's website – click this link](#).



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

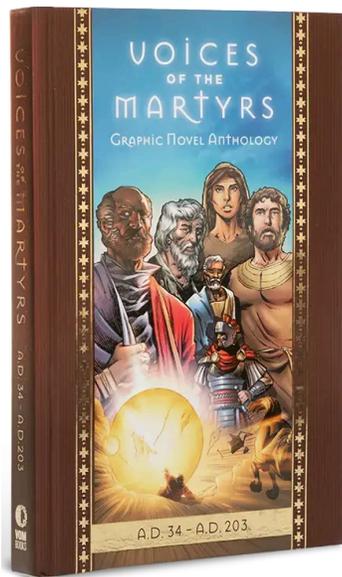
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### **BOOKS AS MEANS TO EVANGELISM: THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE**

We live in a time when people have practically stopped reading, as they prefer watching YouTube for any kind of information. By doing so, they are compromising themselves and others. In his article, “Books as Means to Evangelism: The Power of Christian Literature”, the head of the well-known Ruth Ministry, Aleksey Nikolskiy, talks about the importance of reading books, and how silent but powerful books are in the work of evangelism. [The website of this publication](http://www.missionruth.org) has a lot of affordable books, as well as postcards, souvenirs, music, and movies. In addition to that, you can also present your own works [to their printing shop](#). [Read an article by Aleksey Nikolskiy, which can be found at this link](#) (in Russian only).



### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOUR FAITH COST YOU EVERYTHING?**



Voices of the Martyrs Ministry shares vivid true stories of men and women who lived during 34 to 204 AD. They were dedicated to following the Lord at any cost. These first Christians were not superheroes or delusional. They were simple people who were moved exclusively by their love for Christ.

This book has wonderful illustrations and is ideal for family reading as it brings church history to life and inspires readers to be bold in their faith.

If you make a voluntary [donation to the Voice of the Martyrs publication](#), you can request a free copy of the Voices of the

Martyrs book while supplies last!

Source: [The Christian Post](#).

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### **GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE YOUR WORKS, O LORD!**

“At a certain moment during the memorial service for Charlie Kirk, I could not contain myself any longer. I cried and began to thank the Lord for the miracle that was taking place right in front of my own eyes! One by one, the government officials, friends, and coworkers of Charlie began to testify about Christ and His work, and shared about how God was working through Charlie, about His works, and what He was doing through Charlie, as well as who Christ was to Charlie, and to them! There were those who were preaching for the first time, and called people to repent before the Lord. What a miracle!” That was the experience of one of the millions of viewers who were joining the service’s livestream.

“Great and marvelous are Your works, o Lord!” These are the words from the song of Moses (Revelation 15:3) that naturally came to mind at the memorial service. The Lord has turned the tragedy of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, a Christian who openly shared his faith in Jesus Christ and fought for a return to biblical values and worldwide evangelism, into a world evangelization. Millions of people from around the world watched the livestream of this incredible service. As you read comments of not only Christians, but of unbelievers as well, you can’t help but be in awe of how greatly the faith of Charlie and his bold proclamation was able to influence people

around the world. He was a dedicated Christian, leader of students, and a patriot of his country.

To watch the recording of the memorial service, you can access any of the news channels of the U.S., including [Fox News](#), [Turning Point USA](#), and [Charlie Kirk](#).



## **NOW WE ARE ALL CHARLIE KIRK**

The tragic assassination of Charlie Kirk shook the entire nation. Many adults did not know about him before, but the youth knew and loved him. For many young Christians, he was an example by how he shared his faith and defended biblical values. He was a beacon of light for many, and pointed others to life and salvation.

Now this beacon is gone. This is truly a turning point in our lives, especially for the youth. The society needs to decide where we will go from here. As soon as the fog of pain and sorrow dissipates, young people will seek new sources of information and guidance. It is vitally important to have someone with similar values to Charlie's who would be able to fill this vacuum. We will have to carry this torch and lead young men and women for the sake of the future. Each one of us needs to become Charlie Kirk.

[Read more details in an article by Ryan Stayle](#), who is one of the authors at *The Christian Post*.

## LET US HONOR CHARLIE BY CONTINUING HIS MISSION!

200,000 gathered in person to honor a 31-year-old young man, who was brutally assassinated for his faith in Jesus Christ. Charlie Kirk wasn't assassinated because he was being political. He was assassinated because he was being biblical. Charlie Kirk in the most biblical sense, is a modern-day martyr.

On Sunday September 21, 2025, Pastor Bogday Kipko attended the Charlie Kirk's memorial service in person, in Glendale, Arizona. In his article on the PCSBA's website, he shares his reflection about this incredible service – [click this link to read](#).



*Pastor Bogdan Kipko during the memorial*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SEMINAR OF BIBLE APOLOGETICS

Doctor of Theology, Igal German, professor of Tanakh and Hebrew, Messianic Apologist, and the founder and director of [IBAA](#), will host a seminar on the theme of:



“Theology and Practice of Biblical Apologetics for the Evangelical Churches in the U.S.”

There are many spiritual questions that are sometimes left unanswered. During this seminar, Dr. German will talk about biblical apologetics as an effective spiritual discipline for the defense against false teachings, developing spiritual discernment, and encouraging unity among God’s children at the local churches.

There will be many topics that will be covered about Bible interpretation, relationship to other denominations, the dangers of cults, the benefits of discipleship, and evangelism.

The seminar will be over Zoom on **September 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87112975548?pwd=Pq3fwL3sUUQLScDwAZ4P0FYfkprzAr.1> (Meeting ID: 871 1297 5548; Passcode: 157637)

## FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL AT YUBA CITY

The Slavic Church of Yuba City is inviting you and your friends to the fall Family Festival which will take place on **October 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at the local park: 806 Gray Ave, Yuba City, CA 95991.

The program will include fellowship, a great lunch, games for children, live music, poems, and a Bible art gallery. We would love to meet you and spend time with you!

YUBA CITY SLAVIC CHURCH INVITES YOU

# Autumn Family Festival

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## MISSIONARY REUNION – 2025

An annual missionary reunion will take place at Grace Avenue Bible Church on November 8. Everyone who is serving as a missionary, participants of short-term missions trips, and those who support these ministries are welcome. More information will be made available [on the Missions Ministry of the Association](#). For questions, reach out to the head of the ministry, Vadim Yurchak, at (916) 585-0140.



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Previous editions of the newsletters can be found on the Association's website: [for the last year](#) | [for all the years](#).

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com).

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