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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER - 2025

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

OUTCOME OF THE 87TH PCSBA CONVENTION

On October 24-25, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church hosted the PCSBA convention, which was a time for hearing reports and casting votes. There was an evaluation of the previous year, and a vote for the new leadership of the Association: the President, his assistants, and members of the Executive Committee. To access [the Almanac of the convention](#), see pictures, videos, demographics of the convention, and other information, [visit the convention's website](#).

87th 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



MONTH OF SHOWING SPECIAL CARE TO PASTORS

Although American churches dedicate the month of October to their pastors, the second Sunday of the month is designated as the Pastor Appreciation Day, during which they express their appreciation to their pastors. During this day and throughout the month, they express their gratitude to their pastors, and give them gifts to show their care for them. If you did not get a chance to thank your pastors, you still have some time to do so. But even if you will do it later, it will still be appreciated!

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month



THUS FAR THE LORD HAS HELPED US

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary – use words” - the wisdom of these words is modeled by the Evangelical Christian Church in Montebello, CA. They have been a living testimony of God’s love and faithfulness, and on September 28, they celebrated their 80-year church anniversary. To find out more about the celebration, [read an article by P. Surgai at this link.](#)



At the time of the church celebration

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORWARD CHURCH

"Thus far the Lord has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12) – these are the words that the members and guests were greeted with on the day of their 10-year anniversary. This was a special day that was full of joy, gratitude, positive memories, and looking into the future through the eyes of faith. On Sunday, October 12, the members of the church in Irvine, guests, friends, local ministry partners, and those who were from out of state came together with an attitude of love and unity to praise the Lord for 10 years of His faithfulness to them. [More details...](#)



Receiving blessings from the church pastors

DEACON ORDINATION

On September 21, The Word of Truth Bible Church had a special deacon ordination service. On this day, the church was praying for three men: Timothy Shepel, Andrey Martsenyak, and Daniel Garkatsev, that the Lord would bless them in their ministry. One of them was already familiar with the ministry since he was a deacon at a different church, while two of the others were dedicating their lives for the first time. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



Pastors, deacons and guests of the church with their spouses

HEAVEN REJOICES

On September 13, the Good News Church in Tacoma had their baptism service where twelve people publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ. As pastor Vasiliy Stupin was officiating the service, the church witnessed a vivid expression of faith, unity, and the grace of God. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



CONFERENCE AT THE SLAVIC BIBLE CHURCH OF ORANGE COUNTY

On October 12, the church had a special time which was a blessing for the entire church. For the first time in the history of their church, they hosted a conference on Sunday instead of Saturday like they used to. They had the conference during their regular worship service, followed by lunch. There were many edifying seminars about a Christ-centered life. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



After the church service

FULLFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

By taking a course aimed at actively involving ordinary church members in missionary work, the pastors of Grace Family Church proposed that leaders of small groups train those in their groups and go with them to witness in their neighborhoods, and to those who live around the church in North Highlands. For more about one of these evangelism opportunities, [read an article by S. Tomofeyeva. \(in Russian only\).](#)



Instructions before going out

GOOD NEWS FROM YUBA CITY

On October 11, the center of the cozy town of Yuba City, located 64 km (40 miles) north of California's capital Sacramento, had a special festive atmosphere. Although it seemed like an ordinary Saturday, this day was very special and made an impression on every heart. They sang Christian hymns, as Vasily Khripunov and Oleg Lanin exhibited an art gallery along the walkway. Reproductions of paintings by great artists caught the attention of passersby, and anyone interested could hear engaging commentary on the biblical stories depicted. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



The Praise for the Lord vocal group from Sacramento was a great addition to the event

JOY IN HEAVEN AND IN OUR HEARTS!

At the end of the summer, the New Hope Church of Rancho Cordova had a special baptism service for two young ladies. This was a memorable celebration not only for them, but also for the entire church, who joyfully supported them in this important step of faith. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF CHURCH WORSHIP

On Saturday, September 20, First Slavic Church in Sacramento hosted a special meeting for everyone who has been serving in the music ministry. From 9:00am to 4:00pm, they had a seminar led by a guest from Israel, Aleksandr Atlas. [Read more here](#), as well as [an article by S. Yanovkiy](#) (in Russian only).



MEN'S MINISTRY AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

For many years now, Grace Family Church has had their Men's Ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to live out the words which were spoken thousands of years ago: "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse" (Malachi 4:6). These prophetic words are especially important in our day. We as fathers have to "fight" for the hearts of our children. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



Fathers and sons

WOMEN'S RETREAT - THE SALON OF IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY

The theme of the women's Salon of Imperishable Beauty was: the God of my Covenant. From September 19 through 21, 100 women joined their hearts in a unified worship of the Lord at Lake Tahoe's Zephyr Cove. There were also some teenage girls, one of whom was begging to come to camp by saying: "Take me as well, since I am going to be a woman in the future!" [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



RETREAT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

At the end of September, during the 10-year anniversary, God provided for an opportunity to have a retreat for children with special needs, their parents, and volunteers. Over 300 people were able to attend this retreat, many of whom came to serve the children and their parents and allow them to rest, and experience brotherly care and help them. More details can be found [in an article by Lidiya Vashilin – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Camp participants

TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH

Fall is not just a time for warm tea, fellowship, and fall leaves, but also a special time for renewal, growth, and spiritual development. With the beginning of the school year, Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento also resumed various interest groups and provided ministry opportunities for every age group. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, training, and growing in faith for those who are set on pursuing it. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



We have those to whom we can entrust the faith!

FAITH AT THE TIME OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

On September 27, First Slavic Baptist Church hosted a conference for Sunday School teachers. Jennifer Dyachenko was the main speaker of the conference. She shared valuable insight about the use of technology, including artificial intelligence, which can be a useful tool in preparing and teaching. [More details...](#)



During the conference

HARVEST – SYMBOL OF DIVISION

On September 28, the New Hope church hosted a Harvest Celebration service dedicated to expressing their gratitude to God for His abundant blessings, and reflected on the spiritual fruit of every believer. During the month of September, the church reflected on the physical harvest and God's goodness and faithfulness, and the last service of September was dedicated to the theme of the Harvest. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE DESERT OF YOUR LIFE

On October 11, Grace Avenue Bible Church had a special women's prayer breakfast with a theme of: "The Desert of Your Life." Over 70 women of various age groups came to this event, which took place in the courtyard of the church. The women had an opportunity to have fellowship, prayed for each other, worshipped together, and meditated on the Word of God. The main speaker was Victoria Zhukova. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



NEW ISSUE OF THE “GOD’S VINEYARD” MAGAZINE



It is time for the next issue of the magazine. This particular issue is especially valuable, since in a way, it is a reflection of the PCSBA’s convention, “Act in a godly way, understanding the times.” This is a powerful exhortation for every person, but especially for every believer. This issue of the magazine has a lot of information that sheds light on and emphasizes the importance of “understanding the times”. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)

MISSIONS NEWS

CELEBRATING THE HARVEST AT THE GYPSY VILLAGE

On September 28, over 20 women and 35 children came to a celebration that took place at the heart of the gypsy village. This was the first time they were able to attend such an event. They were listening with great eagerness and wondering why

are Christians were serving them in such a way. For more about this celebration, [watch a video at this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



Festive gathering

NEWS FROM SPAIN

The Shipuk family continues to serve in Valencia, Spain. The newsletter of Alik Shipuk [can be found at this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



LARGE-SCALE MISSIONS TRIP: VISITING ATHENS

Vasiliy Khripunov, pastor of Grace Family Church, and member of the Missions Ministry of the Association, visited Athens with his team. Athens is an ancient world

where the Apostle Paul came to preach the Gospel in the first century. On September 19, a team led by Vasiliy met with Ukrainian refugees of war. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



MINISTRY UPDATE FROM TORREVIEJA, SPAIN

Viktor and Tatyana Kovba, who serve in church plant efforts in Torrevieja, Spain, have been experiencing severe trials recently. You had an opportunity to read about it in the [August newsletter](#) and September update. They have been temporarily forced to leave their church and take care of their paperwork in Poland in order to return to Spain, but they are as eager as before in their ministry efforts. [Read more at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Studying the Bible with the youth

EMBRACE A STREET CHILD, KENYA

A team that serves among the street children of Kenya shares about their efforts as they served from July to September and talk about their blessings in ministry, as well as their prayer requests. [Read their letter here.](#)



NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

Ilya Danilyuk shares about their ministry in Rome, Italy. The church there continues to grow as people profess their faith in the Lord and are baptized. [More details....\(in Russian only\).](#)



Baptism in Rome – four people joining the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OF BAPTIST WOMEN

November 3 will be The International Day of Prayer of Baptist Women. The theme of the day will be: “Lifestyle of Preaching the Gospel,” based on Luke 4:18: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed.” For more information about this day or to find out about the prayer schedule, [click this link](#).



MISSIONS REUNION – 2025

The annual Missions Reunion will take place at Grace Avenue Bible Church on November 8. Every missionary, those who are involved in short-term and long-term missionary work, and those who support this ministry are welcome to attend. More information will be available [at the Association's Missions Ministry](#). For questions, reach out to the leader of the ministry, Vadim Yurchak, at: (916) 585-0140.



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