

A NEW DEY

A news letter of the project "New Day" organized by Evangelical Church "Smyrna", Lviv, Ukraine. #1, June 2005

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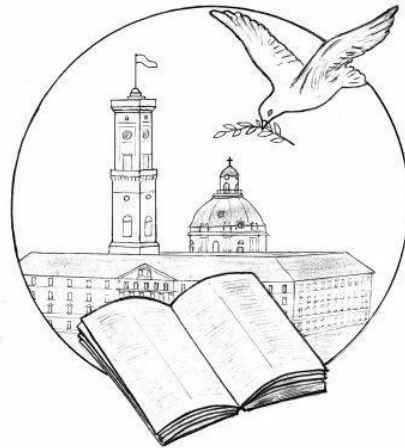
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About the Church "Smyrna".



For today Church "Smyrna" is probably one of the smallest churches in Lviv with 40 members, but we know that because of the Holy Spirit that has been given to us, God has put in the heart of each of us great potential. We believe that our influence will bring good fruits for the Kingdom of God. We hope our Church will stand firm in spiritual warfare, become strong, grow in members, and that we will be able to accomplish the mission that God has given to us.

Project "New Day".

Purpose

of the "New Day" project in Lviv, Ukraine is to build a strong and large Evangelical Church

External direction of the Church activities

(The main priority (The main direction of the ministry is preaching the Gospel.)

- children's Christian sports-adventure club "AWANA"
- correspondence Bible school "Emmaus"
- summer camp ministry
- other (outreaches, concerts...)

Internal directions of the Church activities

(The main purpose is to create a good atmosphere for people in the Church.)

- Sunday school
- Youth meetings
- Sunday morning meetings
- Mini cafe
- Christian literature and audio -video kiosk

Our aim is to reach:

- children, teenagers, youth and adults



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of Evangelical Church "Smyrna"

Childrens club “AWANA”



Experienced blessings

Children’s club “AWANA” was founded in Church “Smyrna” in 2002. At first we had our meetings in the Church facility, but later we moved to a facility of the governmental club “Orientir”.

Our weekly meetings on Saturdays consist of three parts: 1- sports activities, 2- memorizing the Scripture, 3- creativity, we have had:

- summer retreats at the country, snow boarding during a trip to Karpatian mountains;
- trip to Svirgskiy castle;
- competition with children’s care center
- chalk picture on the asphalt for the “Day of Europe” city competition

During the whole time of our work with kids, we experienced a lots of God blessings. Kids had a fun time studying the Bible, and getting to know God. They attended the club with great pleasure. Now we have our club meetings in the sports hall of school #19. We look with hope to the future, and hope to see more of God’s blessings in the future, because “kids are precious in the eyes of God”.



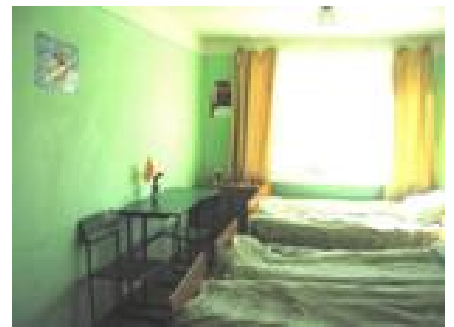
We are together again

On March 26, after the long school vacations we had a celebration of the club opening. We listened to the hymn of AWANA. Friendly atmosphere and children’s laughter filled the place. We had familiar songs and skits from the life of “AWANA”, games, prizes, and of course sweets.

We listened to an interesting story from our guests Gene and Diane Cope (Youth at the Crossroads Organization) USA, about AWANA in their country.



Summer camp



An Organizing Committee created the plan, and the work has already begun . . .

Summer is on the way, a season of rest, a season of summer camps. In previous years the Lord didn't leave us without His mercy and in a miraculous way made it possible to organized 3 camps. Every year we see the growth of that ministry in our Church. In the first camp we had 9 kids, last year we had 45. When kids filled out the questionnaires, they wrote that in the camp God changed there lives. At the last meeting at the camp they had tears of joy and regret that the camp was already over, because it was so good and the time went by so quickly.

This summer we are planning to do a camp in three shifts, 07.11.05 – 08.03.05. The first shift – for the kids 7 to 10 years old, second- for the teenagers 11 to 15 years old, third –for the youth 16 to 22. Now we are trying to update our summer camp programs, and we are investigating the possibilities to rent accommodations in one of the villages with the beautiful nature of Ukrainian Karpatian mountains. We are also in the process of searching for finances.

Our guests



The Lord has allowed us to meet old friends again.

“Hold on tight to the Lord with your whole hart” – farewell words to our church from our former member Yuriy, before he departed.

He repented in 1994, and in May of 1996, along with his parents he moved to the state of Washington. This was his second visit to Ukraine since 1996. The years and the distance don't really matters to us, because our brother is very close to us in his heart and in his thoughts. We are thankful to God for our time together, fellowship, and prayers. I hope it is not his last time in Ukraine, and that the Lord will comfort our hearts and will let us meet again.

Thank you



Thanks



To the organization “Arbeid i L’viv” (Norway), and also to **all the Churches** who supported us financially in the ministries of Church “Smyrna” and project “New Day”.



Sweet joy for kids

A real celebration came to our kids, a lot of different sweets: candies, cookies, and chocolate bars. All of this became possible because of our friends from the US, Stefoglo’s family.

We welcome you to join our efforts



Welcome to visit

for the purpose of spreading the Kingdom of God

- to take a part in the outreach for the young people, work in a summer camp
- for excursion in Lviv, one of the oldest cities in Western Ukraine
- for climbing the highest mountain Goverla in Ukraine
- to stay with Ukrainian families

Finances:

- expenses for transportation;
- printing materials (advertisements, questionnaires);
- rent of facilities
- correspondence expenses;
- new audio, video tapes and books for the library;
- administration expenses (office rent, phone bill, internet);
- financial support for the workers

For the donated finances, a report will be given every three months, to the sponsors, with a detailed description of the expenses, and pictures and detailed description of the work.



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