



# A NEW DAY

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### What are your plans for the organizing work for future with a purpose of the growth and development of the church?

We are planning to move the main meetings in the rented place with the purpose of making accent on the evangelistic work, and also we are in the process of discussing with our brothers in the authority possibility of organizing the home groups or so called cell groups .

For sure it will make the use of the building on Promislova st. 28 the more intensive but never the less. Because as we will be more active in

the out reaches, will be more activity in the other parts of the internal church life. It will be better to make the Sunday meetings more as an outreach meetings. For this purpose we will need to improve the preaching, singing, to get to know the God in the deeper way and to make some changes in the structure of the meetings.

### If we are going to talk about more intensive use of the church building, it brings a question about of the remodeling or reconstruction?

Some time in the future we plan some reconstruction in the church building. At Promislova st.28, there we have our main meetings for today. It will give us an opportunity in some way to support our need in the place for internal church life needs. We are planning to have there prayer meetings, Bible studies, meetings for the ministers for planning and coordination of the activities, music practices ats. For this purpose we have some plans to in-large the meeting hole and to move the entrance, also we have planes to make use of the attic and also make an

office room and the room for the guests. Because of the small changes and reconstruction we are planning to make a better condition for the church cafe. And also to make some changes in the yard.

### In the conversation you have mentioned about the church cafe. What are the purpose of the existing and the functions in the prayer house?

The idea of creating the church cafe appeared because of realizing the need to make it comfortable for people to stay in the prayer house after the meeting. Cafe functions now and we see a positive revolts from this. It helps people to get something to eat, and to stay longer in the prayer house for fellowship. Also it really helps if people need to stay longer because of the part in the ministry (practices, brothers meetings, ats).

### Do you plan to use the the church building beside the internal needs of the church?

We have plans to use the building for activities of the Christian Center. For the Christian Center activities it would be good for the building to be open thought the day and possibility to get counseling and prayer support.



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Questions answers competition, according the rules of AWANA club started with carrying the governmental flag and the flag of the club. After this pastor of the church gave a greetings to the participants and called them to the prayer. In this prayer children, a participants of AWANA ministry from the different evangelical churches prayed together to the Jesus; for many of them He is a personal Savior. Many of them have met with Him thought the meetings in AWANA clubs.

As a casual meetings of AWANA clubs the questions answers competition consists of three parts: sports competition, questions answers Bible competition and creative part. Sports competition in AWANA builded in such a way, that in the

order to win a physical strenghts and physical abilities is not sufficient. It takes team unity, support of one another, and development of other important for the ministry and for the life character traits. Like in every other time the first part was very emotional: kids wanted to support one another, took part in the sports competition and just had fun. The whole atmosphere of the competition was filled with joy and good attitude. Because of that, even if some of the teams didn't get the good scores, they still had many reasons to rejoice, because they got a new friends and just had a good time.

The creative part was especially interesting. The sports games in AWANA clubs the mostly the same, but creative part every there is different. Children do the singing, skits, shared poetry. Buy the way, they made some of skits and some songs and the poetry. One team had a real puppet show.

And finely, the main part and the main purpose of the club- a Biblical part. In this part of the competition kids needed to quote the Scripture and

to show their knowledge of the Bible. A special attention in AWANA to the places about salvation.

It took a lots of emotions. After counting the points, the ceremony of rewording.

Our church team this year got some rewards too.

AWANA Fakel (kids 11-14)- first place in the sports competition and the first place in the Bible competition.

AWANA Iskrinka (kids 7-10) - the third place. Their were the youngest in the competition.

And also in the competition the best partaker for the boy and the girl , won the kids from Smirna . We didn t made as a purpose for our team to win. We are very happy for all the participants of the competition. It is a great pleasure to see the kids (7-14 years old) as the quote by memory places from the Bible, discuss the Bible and to see their happiness in the

Lord.

## Church symbols



Dove- the symbol of the holy Spirit

Olive branch symbol of Gods anointing

Open Bible is the symbol of Truth

On the back ground we can see two of the most famous buildings in Lviv Dominikanskiy temple and Ratusha.

A dove above temple and Ratusha and the open Bible on the front- is the symbol of victory the Bible over the atheism.

After the death and the resurrection of the Jesus Christ, the whole Ertha had changed. The message of the Gospel changed the history of the whole humanity and effected the cultural and moral values.

With the picture of the dove with olive and the open Bible on the front we proclaim that Gods plans are going to be fulfilled in the future, like it said all the nations of the Ertha will be blessed in you . It is also a desire of our hart: to work for fulfilling of Gods plan. It is also a symbol of the influence of the church on the society in general.

P.S. Dominikanskiy temple is also a symbolic building for our church. As a freedom came to Ukraine, the square near the temple was one of the first places there Gospel was preached in Lviv, but in that time inside of the temple use to be a museum of the atheism. The purpose of the museum conform the people in unbelief. It is possible from God that some of the first preachings was at the square near the temple.

Life our church in the pictures.



Music practice



Our children in the church ministry



Before returning home in Nigeria Koya Odulade has visited us



Our youth at the conference in Novovolinsk



Every Sunday after the church meeting small cafe at work



AWANA The participants caring a flag



At one of the meetings our young people gave the flowers to our seniors, but saying We love you and appreciate you work for the church



Kids cheering for partakers of sports competition



Learning to play keyboard. (Keyboard is a gift one of the churches in Norway)



One of the teams in the creative part showed a puppet theater



Some times we have too many people at the meeting and some people need to stay in the corridor.



Questions answers Bible competition