

On behalf of Fimiam Church I wish you a Happy New Year blessed by God! “The Lord will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life. The Lord will protect your coming and going both now and forever.” (Psalm 121:7-8)

We are thankful to God for the blessings of 2016 and of the month of December in particular. It was a special month at Fimiam Church because 11 people from five different home churches gave promises of a clear conscience before God and were baptized. We are glad the Lord continues to add saved souls to His Church.



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On December 1, the fall session in the Practical English School came to an end. The graduates received their diplomas and were invited to the winter retreat, in which many of them are eager to participate.





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On December 3, “Teen’s Games” were organized by the team of the “Rock” teenagers’ club at a public school in the vicinity of Fimiam Church.



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On December 4, a meeting called “Gift” was held at the “Rock” teenagers’ club where the attendees could deliberate on the most precious Present given to us by God. They joined the teenagers’ musical group in glorifying the Lord through song, spent time in fellowship, played funny games and ate delicious desserts.





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The third session of the “Life Mission” school took place December 5-9 at the Retreat Center. The 6-session program is designed for the preparation of new leaders who are looking for their life mission and calling. The 20 students at this session learned new and interesting practical truths on evangelism and divinity to implement into their lives.



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During December there were two meetings for young people with special needs. The first one, on December 17, was an ordinary meeting while the second one, on December 24, was a Christmas event attended by 130 people. Because it was a celebration of Christ’s birthday, all participants wore festive colored caps made by themselves or with the help of their parents. The owners of the best ones received awards. Snow White, a special guest at the meeting, destroyed misconceptions about the holiday and explained its essence. There were also Christmas songs, bells, presents, games, a festive dinner, a Bible message and a drama

depicting the feelings of a person who is forgotten in the process of celebrating their birthday, as often happens with Jesus on Christmas.



On December 17, the youth of Fimiam Church and their friends participated in a badminton tournament organized in the gym of Fimiam facility. The atmosphere was warm and friendly. Those who chose not to play supported their friends and enjoyed sweets with tea or coffee while fellowshiping together.



At the family meeting which took place on December 18, attendees deliberated on the topic of "A Family in the Wi-Fi Zone." A drama was performed about the influence of the internet on family relationships and our time. Pastor Roman Brychook spoke about the negative influence of the internet on children. Along with the many advantages of the internet are disadvantages which we should not neglect.



The preschoolers of the “The Little Star” project were invited with their families to a Christmas program on December 24. They glorified Jesus through song and the children rang bells and participated in a Christmas performance. Pastor Alexander Tkachuk asked the children interesting questions about Christmas and summarized all of the information.



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The youth meeting on December 24 was titled “Christmas that Changes Souls.” The explanation of the essence of the holiday, Christmas decorations, songs and cakes created a festive mood. The youth were encouraged to get acquainted with unfamiliar people and to pray with them. Our guest speaker, Victor Reznikov, told his testimony and invited the young people to accept Jesus into their hearts and many of them did. Praise the Lord!



Although most people in Ukraine celebrate Christmas on January 7, we had a Christmas worship service on December 25. Victor Reznikov preached about relationships in the family and many people repented before God.



In the evening, young people visited the markets where they greeted people with Christmas by singing Christian songs.



The festive meeting of the “New Opportunities” Club took place on December 30 at “The Agape House” where it was spoken that Jesus Christ’s birth brought us the hope for the eternal life with God. There were about 80 attendees who got a lot of positive emotions caused with a Christmas story, festive dinner, games, decorations and fellowshiping.





The team of the youth ministry organized a celebration of the New Year at the Retreat Center and invited youth not only from Fimiam Church but also from other churches. In total, 73 young people gathered to celebrate together. It was great time spent in warm Christian fellowship. The program "Hot Heart" aimed to emphasize that real life is found in Jesus.

