



January & February 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to share a summary of my ministry work over the past two months, January and February 2025. By God's grace, we continue to serve and strengthen the Church of Christ in Lviv, supporting believers in their faith and reaching out to new souls.

### **A Joyous Celebration – A New Baptism**

The most precious and joyful moment of these past months was witnessing a new soul being added to the Lord's Church through baptism. This event stands as a testimony to God's power in transforming lives and calling people to His kingdom. We rejoice in this salvation and continue to pray for this new sister in Christ to grow in faith and remain steadfast in the Lord.

### **Preaching & Teaching**

Over these two months, I have regularly either preached during Sunday services or led Bible study sessions during the second hour. These gatherings serve as vital moments for deepening our understanding of God's Word and encouraging the congregation in their walk with Christ. Over these two months, I had the privilege to preach regularly at our Sunday services, delivering messages aimed at encouraging and equipping the church.

### **«Lviv Bible School»**

Our educational program, «Lviv Bible School», continues to develop, providing believers with structured biblical and theological education. We began this semester with the course 'Science and Christianity', taught by Brother Michael Houts, who works at «NASA». This course explores the relationship between faith and scientific understanding, engaging students in meaningful discussions.

Additionally, I conducted a course on 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, focusing on biblical leadership, sound doctrine, and perseverance in ministry. Currently, around 30 students participate in this program, deepening their knowledge of the Bible and related disciplines.

### **Spiritual Support**

Beyond public teaching, I have been actively engaged in spiritual counseling, offering guidance and encouragement to those facing personal and spiritual challenges. This work remains a crucial part of the ministry, as many people continue to seek support and encouragement, especially during these difficult times in Ukraine.

### **Women's Ministry**

My wife, alongside other sisters in the church, has been faithfully leading women's Bible study sessions, creating a space for spiritual growth and fellowship. Their work has been a blessing to many women in the congregation, offering guidance, prayer, and encouragement in their walk with Christ.

### **Youth Ministry**

Brother Bohdan ChyhvinsteV has continued to lead our youth programs, which remain a strong and vital part of our congregation. Through weekly Bible studies and fellowship events, he has been helping young Christians develop a firm foundation in their faith and encouraging them to live out the Gospel in their daily lives.

We also hosted the «**KUROPARTY**» youth seminar. This event brought together **40 participants from 10 congregations across Ukraine**, providing an incredible time of **worship, studying the Word, and strengthening spiritual foundations**. Through powerful lessons, personal testimonies, and deep discussions, young believers were encouraged to overcome life's challenges through faith in God. The seminar also included fun activities and team challenges, fostering unity and joy among participants. Moments like these remind us that even in difficult times, true victory is found in Christ alone.

### **Refugee Housing Project**

We continue working towards the completion of the housing project for refugees who currently reside there. This ministry is being led by Bohdan ChyhvinsteV, with the dedicated support of brothers Oleksandr, Anatoliy, Artem, and myself. Together, we are committed to ensuring that this project provides a safe and stable living environment for those in need, reflecting Christ's love through our actions.

### **Winter Retreat JMY 2025**

In February, we were blessed to organize and host the Winter Retreat JMY 2025, which took place in the mountains of Lviv region. This retreat gathered around 177 participants from 15 different congregations across Ukraine for three days of spiritual renewal, worship, and fellowship. During this time, we focused on the theme "Preserve What Has Been Gained", discussing how to support new Christians who found faith during the war, how to maintain strong faith in difficult circumstances, and how to continue the high level of ministry seen in the Churches of Christ in Ukraine. This retreat was a vital time for encouragement and growth, and we are grateful to all who helped make it possible.

### **The Church Amidst the Ongoing War**

The war in Ukraine continues to bring immense challenges, and our church remains steadfast in its mission to support and uplift those affected. In these trying times, we have seen how faith is tested, yet God continues to work through His people, providing strength and resilience. Despite the uncertainty and hardships, we continue to gather, serve, and spread the Gospel, offering hope and encouragement to all who seek refuge in Christ.

### **Final Reflections**

Lviv Church of Christ remains open almost every day for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual support., fostering deeper understanding and community among believers. Our commitment to evangelism and outreach continues, welcoming many new visitors to the church.

We remain grateful for the continued prayers and support from our brothers and sisters worldwide. Your generosity and encouragement make this work possible, and we pray that God continues to bless you all in His service.

With love and gratitude in Christ,  
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Lviv Church of Christ

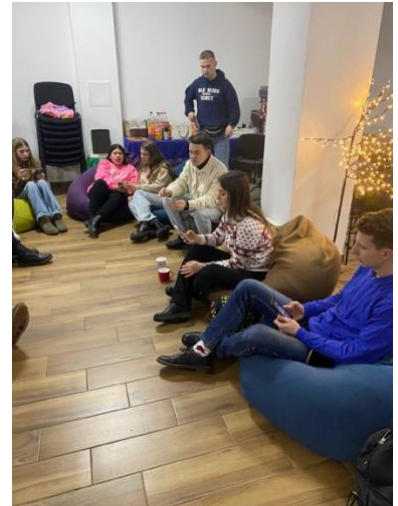


**Baptism**



**Church**





**Youth Seminar**



**Winter Retreat.**