

Druzhkivka, Transfiguration Church



Location: Druzhkivka, Donetsk area, Ukraine controlled territory

To confrontation line: 40 kilometers

Population: 70,000

Number of Baptist churches in town: 7

Church members: 80

Pastor: Vasily Maximovich (age 53)

Transfiguration Church was founded in 1905 by some Christians who moved to Druzhkivka from the Kherson area.

The Gospel was preached and people were getting saved, but after the revolution of 1917, communists took the prayer house away and did not allow the church even to meet in people's flats. Believers still were secretly gathering in each other's flats. That one church became the beginning of three churches, and Transfiguration is one of them.

There were 117 members of Transfiguration Church before the war in 2014. By 2018 the number had been reduced to 80 with 60% of them elderly. There are 20-25 children visiting the Sunday school.

The church evangelizes two nearby villages. The main focus of our ministry is on the work with children and teenagers – holding camps, a teenagers' club, different games and meetings on Bible knowledge.

We pray for the youth to stay in the region, for them to have an opportunity to work or to start their own businesses, and for the church to have future ministers.

Pastor Vasily Maximovich

