

## **This Week in History: November 3rd – 9th**

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### **November 3, 2013 (Lunar date: Oct 1) Celebration of the 54th True Children's Day**



*Children's Day celebration (above) at West Rock Church in 2012 in Tarrytown, N.Y.*

This year marks the 54th anniversary of True Children's Day. On October 1, 1960 (lunar calendar), True Father established Children's Day. The True Parents' Holy Blessing was an event that opened up the gate for resurrection of all people in the spirit world and on earth.

On the foundation of Parents Day, God and True Parents established Children's Day. It signifies that God and True Parents had their own true children and on this basis, all humanity has the potential to become engrafted to the True Family.

After the establishment of Parents' Day in 1960, April 17 was proclaimed as the Day of the Resurrection of Shimjeong, signifying that a fallen person can comfort the heart of God by becoming His son or daughter. True Father established Children's Day on this basis. On the foundation of Children's Day, all humankind can make an eternal relationship with True Parents.

Excerpt from The Tradition Book One – Chapter 14 – [Holy Days and Holidays](#)

### **November 5, 2013 (Lunar Date Oct 3) The 26th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth**

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. After the success of the 1988 Seoul Olympics in Korea, on October 3, 1988 (lunar calendar), the same day as Korea's National Foundation Day, True Father declared the Foundation Day for the Unified World at the Yong In Factory of Il Hwa Co., Ltd in South Korea.

True Father and True Mother renamed the Holy day as Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven

and Earth on the 17th celebration of the holiday in 2004. In accordance with the Cheon-gi heavenly calendar, Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth is now celebrated on the 3rd day of the 10th month.

According to True Father, the ceremony of the Foundation Day for the Unified World was a major accomplishment. In his speech, “Children’s Day 1988 – From the Viewpoint of the Providence,” True Father said, “on that day, [October 3rd], the Korean nation celebrated the foundation of its nation 4,321 years ago. On October third [1988], we declared Foundation Day for the Nation of the World of Unification. This is not a secular nation but the heavenly, unified nation of the world. This means that spirit world and physical world are one. The restoration of each nation has become possible. Beyond communities and societies, nations can now be restored into the one heavenly world community.”

**November 7, 1999**

**Dedication Ceremony for Cheonseong Wanglim Palace**



*Front view of the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace.*



*The Cheongseong Wanglim Palace overlooks Chung Pyung Lake.*

On March 10, 1997, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for what was to become a major sanctuary that was intended to hold up to 10,000 workshop participants at a time. In design, it was understood to be a replica of a palace in heaven, a reality that was attested to in calligraphy provided for the occasion by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, which read, “The Heavenly Palace that came down from Heaven.” Essentially, a small mountain was leveled to construct a magnificent marble structure overlooking Chung Pyung Lake. Named Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the edifice was dedicated on November 7, 1999.

Speech on dedication ceremony for Cheonseong Wanglim Palace can read [here](#).

**November 9, 1989**

### **The Breakdown of the Berlin Wall**



*East and West Berliners tear down the Berlin Wall. (Photo credit: Sipa via AP)*

In 1987, Rev. Moon’s eldest son, Hyo Jin Moon, led a rally at the Berlin Wall protesting the wall separating the two Berlin’s. Two years later in 1989, a series of radical political changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc associated with the liberalization of the Eastern Bloc's authoritarian systems. After several weeks of civil unrest, the East German government announced on November 9, 1989 that all GDR (German Democratic Republic) citizens could visit West Germany and West Berlin. Crowds of East Germans crossed over to West Berlin and climbed onto the wall, joined by West Germans on the other side in a celebratory atmosphere. Over the next few weeks, a euphoric public and souvenir hunters chipped away parts of the wall where many had been killed trying to escape to the West. The fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on October 3, 1990.