

## Charlotte, NC Family Church celebrated Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol

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On Sunday, August 12, the Charlotte Family Church community gathered to celebrate Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol with True Parents' words on the meaning of the Holy Days. Unificationists who attended the Hyojeong Chung Pyung Special Event in Washington, D.C. on August 4 and 5 were welcomed on stage to share their personal reflections which moved the rest of the participants.

### Reflections

*"What should have been an hour trip on the Interstate took me five hours! While moving slowly on the highway, my wife shared the story of one of the Minor prophet, Hosea, and how he experienced God's heart through his wife's wandering heart in the marriage. It moved my heart and presaged what was to come in the liberation for me. We have both good and evil ancestors who need liberation as in the story of Hosea. To be asked by Southeast Subregional Director Rev. Ernest Patton to pray was a great honor. Our D.C. area has many qualified leaders to offer opening prayers, and yet I was picked. This was very special to me. The atmosphere, the high spirit of the chanyang session moved me greatly." –Klaus Schick, Charlotte, NC*

*"For several months I had been studying the invasion of England in 1066. The generations that I was liberating lived during these difficult times. A life of mud and death. A life of extreme poverty, hunger, disease, war, and hopelessness. While praying at the end of the liberation, my mind was flooded with images of these people. They were being taken out of a cold, dark space and lifted up to a bright, warm place. I felt so very grateful to True Parents for making this possible." –Mike Hampton, Bowie, MD*

*"The trip to Maryland took me 10 hours. But we stayed at a comfortable hotel close to the beautiful University of Maryland campus. The liberation event was well planned, with a good schedule, and excellent record keeping. The chanyang session created an embracing atmosphere where one easily feels grateful and it allowed me to pray deeply and created a pervasive good feeling. This must also be the same sensation for our ancestors.*

*The overall feeling of gratitude and light of hope for the future was strong." –Laura Hampton, Bowie, MD*

*"I went with a feeling of obligation, duty, and no expectations. For me, big gatherings sometimes can feel impersonal. As it turned out, the singing of Holy Songs and presentation of True Parents' teaching on liberation of spirit beings created a bright, exciting environment. I felt proud to be a representative of the Queen city there. Internally, I could feel the sense of being forgiven and so must our ancestors feel, being forgiven. This is a good thing." –Els Dussek, Charlotte, NC*