

Michael Balcomb Teaches South Carolina and Florida Families How to Teach the Principle

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The Congregation in Columbia, South Carolina

On April 6, 2013 the church family in Columbia, South Carolina welcomed Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA (FFWPU). I want to let you know that his visit was an exciting and historical moment, because for most of the members in attendance, this was the first-ever visit of the President of the FFWPU to Columbia.

Several members observed to me that Dr. Balcomb is a humble person, easy to approach and easy to talk to, but at the same time very serious and concerned about our spiritual health, our witnessing mission and the relationship of the members to God and True Parents.



Elton Ojeda of Orlando Church uses the new script

He came to see and to get to know the members of South Carolina and to make a spiritual connection. He showed us the importance of learning how to teach the Divine Principle (DP) by having our children do it in front an audience.

We also had an honest question-and answers meeting about different issues of concern for some members. When he left to go to Orlando, I felt that the few hours that we spent together were fruitful and promising for the future of South Carolina and the United States.



From left, Pastor Gary Chidester, Karen and Paul Iverson receiving True Parents' Award, and Dr. Balcomb

The next day at our Sunday Service, we had an unexpected visit by a young second-generation Unificationist (whom we hadn't seen in a while) and her close friend from school, so we happily changed the regular Sunday Service to a Divine Principle presentation.

Several of us counted it an amazing coincidence that one day after the visit of our church president, guests came to our service. I really believe that the time for witnessing is now, and if we can unite and make even a small, loving effort in our witnessing activities, our Heavenly Parent and the Spirit World will bring the people who are prepared and searching for truth.

Dr. Balcomb Visits Orlando



In Ja Beutl, daughter of Sarasota Pastor Georg Beutl and Taeo Beutl, gets instruction from Dr. Balcomb

On Sunday April 7, 2013 65 Blessed Family members from Jacksonville, Orlando, Palm Coast, Sarasota, and Tampa met with Dr. Michael Balcomb, for Sunday Service. The service was held at the Caribe Royale Orlando Resort, and Dr. Balcomb's message was received with gratitude and enthusiasm. Many of the families expressed a heart of hope and renewed faith that our movement in America will be able to grow, develop and fulfill the Elder Son/Daughter's role in attending True Parents.

Dr. Balcomb's shared how he overcame struggles with his own faith through connecting with the voice of God from within, and having a deeper understanding of True Parents' past and present heart. This message resonated within all in attendance. We gained insight into how much our movement has achieved, and were reminded of the virtue of patience with ourselves and others while continuing to take more responsibility to bring the results we all desire.



The Orlando Family Church

After the service we shared lunch, practiced lecturing Divine Principle, and had an open question-and-answer session. Everyone was stimulated by the activities and happy to receive the witnessing resources that were given and being developed in the future.

The introductory PowerPoint lectures are being given out to the families with encouragement to purchase the full, unlocked version and we will promote *UC magazine* subscriptions.