

## FFWPU USA Quick Connect: Blessing Ceremony Announced

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## The Newsletter

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Hello family. Quick Connect update. Pastor Son released. DC Higher Ground Sunday service.

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### *News*

## Quick Connect: Blessing Ceremony Announced



On today's Quick Connect: Pastor Son was released, the Blessing ceremony date was announced, the next stop on the Higher Ground tour, and True Mother's upcoming court dates.

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## Pastor Son Released After 143 Days in Custody



Today, the Busan District Court sentenced Pastor Son Hyun-bo of Segero Presbyterian Church to 6 months in prison (suspended for 1 year) for violating the Public Official Election Act.

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## *Connect*

# Join Higher Ground Sunday Service from DC | Sunday @ 4:30pm

### Next Stop: Washington, D.C.

Sunday, February 1, 2026  
4:30pm Eastern / 1:30pm Pacific

Join us in person or online for the next stop on Rev.  
Dunkley's **Higher Ground North America Tour** in  
Washington, D.C. at The Washington Times building.

Livestream here at [live.familyfed.org/](https://live.familyfed.org/)



Rev. Dunkley is making his way across North America on his Higher Ground Tour. He met with community members in North Carolina and South Florida. The next stop is scheduled for this Sunday, February 1 at 4:30pm Eastern at Capital Family Church in Washington, D.C. You can join the Sunday service with Rev. Dunkley in person or online at [live.familyfed.org](https://live.familyfed.org/). Follow the Higher Ground tour at [higherground.familyfed.org](https://higherground.familyfed.org/).

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Having endured prolonged detention, his unyielding struggle has earned applause from many citizens.



Ahead of the 2025 Busan education superintendent by-election and presidential race, his sermons and YouTube videos supporting conservative candidates while criticizing progressive ones were ruled as "election campaigning using religious status."



The court cited his influence, wide dissemination, and disregard for prior warnings as aggravating factors, though the pastor maintains these were "expressions of faith-based political opinion."



As a symbolic figure leading protests against former President Yoon Suk Yeol's martial law declaration and impeachment, this measure is widely seen as a crackdown on conservative religious forces under the Lee Jae-myung administration.



Opposition parties and religious freedom groups fiercely condemn it as "government religious persecution" and "suppression of speech."



Despite repeated international warnings, the Korean government proceeded with the ruling.



On January 23, U.S. Vice President JD Vance directly raised concerns about the detention during a meeting with Prime Minister Kim Min-seok, drawing global attention.



While South Korea strictly restricts religious leaders' election involvement, this verdict strengthens perceptions that conservative voices are being suppressed under the guise of church-state separation.



Heartfelt applause for his 143 days of steadfast endurance. And applause also to Pastor Son's son and family, who relentlessly proclaimed his innocence and stood by him through this unjust ordeal.



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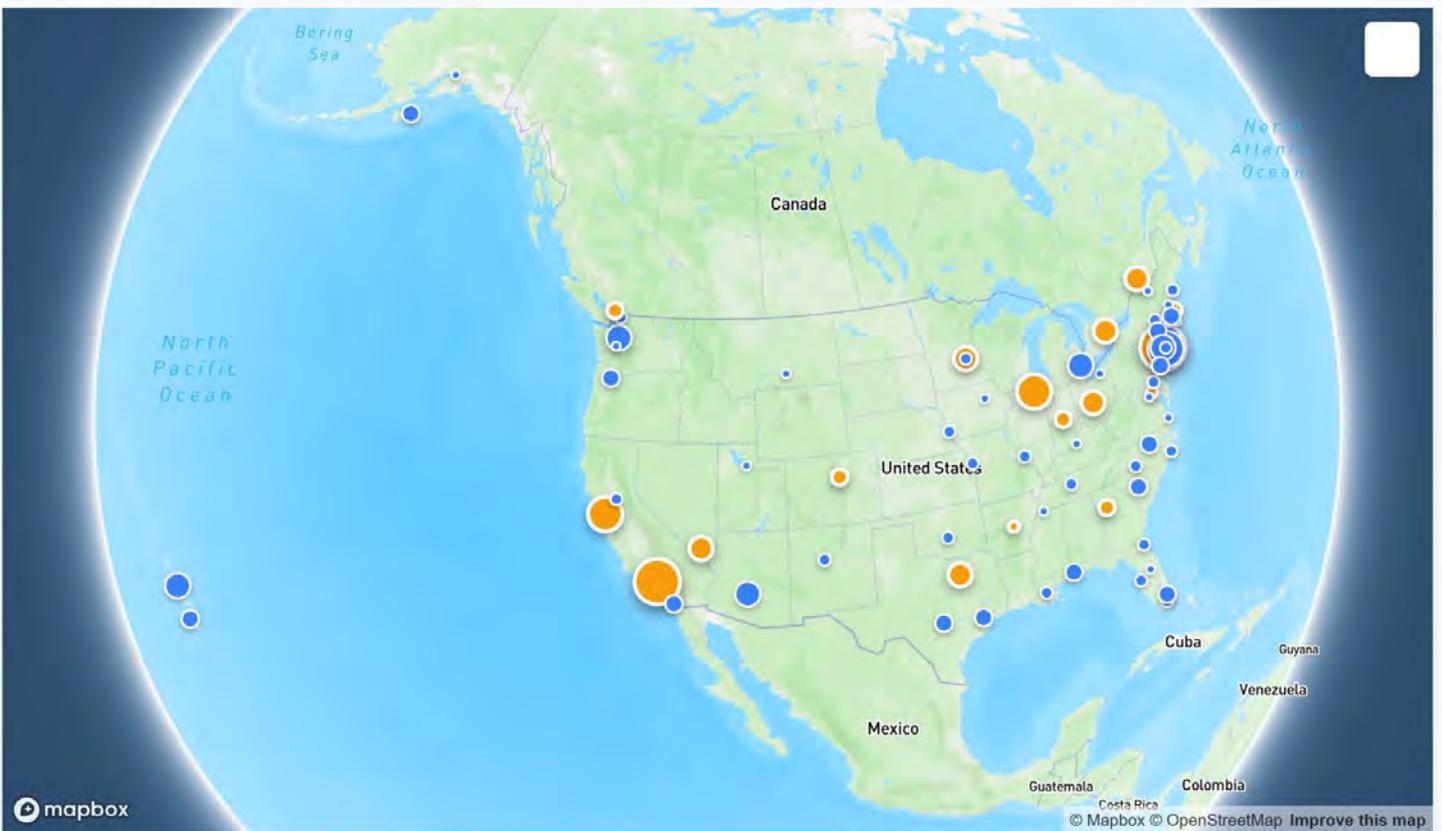
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### "You Are the Hope": Rev. Dunkley Calls Us to Higher Ground Amid Persecution and Uncertainty

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**Tour Legs**

- All Tour Legs** (57 events)
- New York Kickoff** (Jan 18, 2026, 1 event)
- DC – FL – CAR – DC** (Jan 23, 2026 - Feb 2, 2026, 4 events)
- TBD** (Feb 7, 2026 - Feb 8, 2026, 2 events)
- AK: Anchorage – Kodiak** (Feb 12, 2026 - Feb 14, 2026, 3 events)
- Seattle – VAN – Portland** (Feb 15, 2026 - Feb 19, 2026, 5 events)



**CURRENTLY AT**

#### South Florida

Sun, Jan 25, 2026

South Florida Family Church, Sunday Service

🕒 10:00 AM

**NEXT STOP**

#### Capital

Sun, Feb 1, 2026 (tomorrow)

Capital Sunday Service

🕒 4:30 PM

SCHEDULE

CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	ITINERARY	EVENT TYPE	COMMUNITY	ADDRESS	POSTS
<b>New York Kickoff</b>						1 stop
Jan 18, 2026	SUN	Sunday Service	Event	Manhattan	New Yorker Hotel	—
<b>DC – FL – CAR – DC</b>						4 stops
Jan 23.		North Carolina			11810 NW 19th St	

2026	FRI	Triangle 🕒 5:00 PM	Travel	South Florida	Plantation, FL, 33323	—
Jan 25, 2026	SUN	South Florida Family Church, Sunday Service 🕒 10:00 AM	Service	South Florida	11810 NW 19th St., Plantation, FL, 33323	—
Feb 1, 2026	SUN	Capital Sunday Service 🕒 4:30 PM	Service	Capital	3600 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002	—
Feb 2, 2026	MON	IRF Event 🕒 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Event	Capital	3600 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002	—

**TBD** 2 stops

Feb 7, 2026	SAT	meeting	Meeting	Detroit	17356 Northland Ct Park, Southfield, MI 48091	—
Feb 8, 2026	SUN	service	Other	service	—	—

**AK: Anchorage - Kodiak** 3 stops

Feb 12, 2026	THU	Meeting with Kodiak Community	Meeting	Kodiak	1936 Selief Ln., Kodiak, AK, 99615	—
Feb 13, 2026	FRI	Meeting with Kodiak Community	Visit	Kodiak	1936 Selief Ln., Kodiak, AK, 99615	—
Feb 14, 2026	SAT	Meet with Anchorage Lunch 📍 Anchorage Garden	Meeting	Anchorage	9101 Brayton Dr., Anchorage, AK, 99501	—

**Seattle - VAN - Portland** 5 stops

Feb 15, 2026	SUN	Seattle Sunday Service	Service	Seattle	7000 26th Ave. NW, Seattle, WA, 98117	—
Feb 16, 2026	MON	Seattle Tachoma (KEA)	Meeting	Seattle Tachoma (KEA) - Seattle Tachoma (KEA)	—	—
Feb 17, 2026	TUE	Meeting with Vancouver Community	Meeting	Vancouver	3131 Douglas Rd., Burnaby, BC, V5G3P1	—
Feb 18, 2026	WED	Meeting with Bellingham Community	Meeting	Bellingham	5373 Guide Meridian, Suite E2A, Bellingham, WA, 98226	—
Feb 19, 2026	THU	Meeting with Portland Community	Meeting	Portland	2620 Hughes Dr., West Linn, OR, 97068	—

**San Francisco - Sacramento** 4 stops

Feb 21, 2026	SAT	Bay Area	Meeting	Bay Area	2305 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA, 94577	—
Feb 22, 2026	SUN	Bay Area Community Sunday Service	Service	Bay Area	2305 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA, 94577	—
Feb 23, 2026	MON	Sacramento	Visit	Sacramento	2821 29th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95815	—

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Sacramento, CA 95819

Feb 24,  
2026

TUE

Meeting with Bay  
Area Community

Meeting

Meeting with Bay Area  
Community

—

—

 MN — Chicago

5 stops

Mar 1,  
2026

SUN

Minnesota Sunday  
Service

Service

Minnesota

3836 NE Stinson Blvd.,  
Columbia Heights, MN,  
55421

—

Mar 3,  
2026

TUE

Omaha  
Community Visit  
🕒 6:00 PM

Visit

Omaha

1918 S. 55th St.,  
Omaha, NE, 68106

—

Mar 4,  
2026

WED

St. Louis  
Community  
Meeting  
🕒 6:00 PM

Meeting

St. Louis

4607 Virginia Ave., St.  
Louis, MO, 63111

—

Mar 7,  
2026

SAT

Chicago  
Community  
Gathering

Meeting

Chicago

55 Commerce Dr.,  
Schaumburg, IL, 60173

—

Mar 8,  
2026

SUN

Chicago Sunday  
Service

Service

Chicago

55 Commerce Dr.,  
Schaumburg, IL, 60173

—

 Los Angeles — San Diego

3 stops

Mar 14,  
2026

SAT

Los Angeles  
Community  
Gathering

Gathering

Los Angeles

2301 Findlay Ave.,  
Monterey Park, CA,  
91754

—

Mar 15,  
2026

SUN

Los Angeles  
Sunday Service

Service

Los Angeles

2301 Findlay Ave.,  
Monterey Park, CA,  
91754

—

Mar 16,  
2026

MON

San Diego  
Community  
Gathering

Gathering

San Diego

9754 Grosalia Ave., La  
Mesa, CA, 91941

—

 LAS — PHX — ABQ

4 stops

Mar 19,  
2026

THU

Phoenix  
Community Visit

Visit

Phoenix

1715 South El Camino  
Dr., Tempe, AZ, 85281

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Mar 20,  
2026

FRI

Albuquerque  
Community Visit

Visit

Las Vegas

6590 Bermuda Rd., Las  
Vegas, NV, 89123

—

Mar 21,  
2026

SAT

Las Vegas  
Community  
Gathering

Visit

Albuquerque

501 Cagua SE,  
Albuquerque, NM,  
87108

—

Mar 22,  
2026

SUN

Las Vegas Sunday  
Service

Service

Las Vegas

6590 Bermuda Rd., Las  
Vegas, NV, 89123

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 UT — CO — MT

4 stops

Mar 24,  
2026

TUE

Salt Lake  
Community Visit

Service

Salt Lake

3004 S. University Ave.  
Suite #111, Little Rock,  
AR, 72202

—

Mar 25,  
2026

WED

Colorado  
Community Visit

Visit

Colorado

3418 W. 14th Ave.,  
Denver, CO, 80204

—

Mar 26,  
2026

THU

Colorado  
Community Visit

Visit

Colorado

3418 W. 14th Ave.,  
Denver, CO, 80204

—

Mar 27,  
2026

FRI

Montana

Visit

Montana

501 S. 29th St., Billings,

—

2026

Community Visit

MT, 59101

**Indianapolis** 2 stops

Mar 28, 2026 SAT Indianapolis Opening of Youth Camp Visit Indianapolis 6202 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN, 46260 —

Mar 29, 2026 SUN Indianapolis Sunday service Service Indianapolis 6202 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN, 46260 —

**AR - Dallas** 4 stops

Apr 3, 2026 FRI Arkansas Community Visit Meeting Arkansas 3004 S. University Ave. Suite #111, Little Rock, AR 72202 —

Apr 4, 2026 SAT Norman Community Visit Meeting Norman 304 S. University Blvd., Norman, OK, 73069 —

Apr 5, 2026 SUN Dallas Sunday Service Service DFW 1710 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX, 75062 —

Apr 6, 2026 MON Dallas Site Seeing Gathering DFW 1710 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX, 75062 —

**New Orleans - Mobile - Atlanta** 4 stops

Apr 8, 2026 WED New Orleans - Meet with Louisiana Community Visit Louisiana 4358 Midmost Dr., Mobile, AL, 36609 —

Apr 9, 2026 THU Mobile Alabama Community Meeting Meeting Gather 4358 Midmost Dr., Mobile, AL, 36609 —

Apr 11, 2026 SAT Atlanta Gathering with Community Meeting Atlanta 3060 Bouldercrest Rd., Ellenwood, GA, 30294 —

Apr 12, 2026 SUN Atlanta Sunday Service Service Atlanta 3060 Bouldercrest Rd., Ellenwood, GA, 30294 —

**Albany - Vermont - Montreal - Quibec - Toronto** 4 stops

Apr 14, 2026 TUE Meet with Albany Community Meeting Albany 107 Whitehall Rd., Albany, NY 12209 —

Apr 15, 2026 WED Meet with Vermont Community Meeting Vermont 27 Kettlepond Ln., Unit 4, Williston, VT 05495 —

Apr 17, 2026 FRI Quebec City Trip Visit Montreal 902 Ste-Croix Ave., Montreal, QC, H4L3Y6 —

Apr 19, 2026 SUN Toronto Sunday Service Service Toronto 215 Mavety St., Toronto, ON, M6P 2M1 —

**New England - Canada** 5 stops

Apr 20, 2026 MON Boston Community Gathering Gathering Boston 351 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA, 01801 —

Worcester

106 Boston Turnpike

Apr 21, 2026	TUE	Worcester Community Gathering	Gathering	Worcester	190 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA, 01545	—
Apr 22, 2026	WED	Bridgeport	Gathering	Connecticut	285 Lafayette St., Bridgeport, CT, 06604	—
Apr 23, 2026	THU	Elizabeth Community Gathering	Community Visit	Elizabeth	60 Prince St, Suites 102 & 103, Elizabeth, NJ, 07208	—
Apr 26, 2026	SUN	Belvedere Sunday Service	Service	Belvedere	723 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY, 10591	—

 **Korea** 1 stop

May 2, 2026	SAT	BLESSING	Other	BLESSING	—	—
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 **Hawaii** (1 week cluster) 2 stops

May 9, 2026	SAT	Hawaii	Visit	Honolulu	2104 Wilder Ave, Honolulu, HI, 96822	—
May 16, 2026	SAT	Hawaii	Visit	Kona	75-1048 Henry St., Kailua Kona, HI, 96740	—

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## “You Are the Hope”: Rev. Dunkley Calls Us to Higher Ground Amid Persecution and Uncertainty

January 22, 2026 • By Demian



Standing before a room filled with members and supporters, Rev. Demian Dunkley did not begin with policy, strategy, or timelines. He began with a personal confession — one rooted in frustration, longing, and hope. “Every day my wife asks me, “When is Mother coming out?” he shared. “She’s looking for comfort. She’s looking for hope.” That question — repeated daily in his own home and echoed by members around the world — framed the emotional core of the sermon. Amid the ongoing detention of Holy Mother Han and the mounting pressure facing our communities in Korea and Japan, Rev. Dunkley acknowledged what many feel but rarely say out loud: there are limits to what information, analysis, or speculation can offer. “If I gave you everything that I know,” he said, “all you would feel at the end of it would be more frustrated and more concerned.” Instead of dwelling in uncertainty, the sermon offered a reframing — away from fear and toward responsibility. **\*\*Freedom Is A Precious Thing\*\*** At the heart of the message was a clear and unwavering declaration: “True Mother is innocent. Don’t be confused. No matter whatever you heard about this or that — Mother is innocent.” Yet Rev. Dunkley was equally candid about what cannot be controlled. “We cannot control the trial. We cannot control the media. We cannot control the government,” he said. “We can influence here or there, but we can’t wait for others to fulfill their responsibility. We have to do our work.” That work, he emphasized, begins not with reacting to hostile narratives but with embodying truth and freedom — especially in North America. “Freedom is such a precious thing,” he said. “And if we really want to be honest about it,

probably there's no human being who has yet experienced full freedom — freedom in total oneness with God." **Why America Matters — Now More Than Ever** A central theme of the sermon was Rev. Dunkley's conviction that America holds a unique and irreplaceable role in God's providence — not because of power or perfection, but because of freedom. "By far," he said, "this nation is a living embodiment of freedom like nothing we've ever experienced in human history." He noted that while many nations use the word "freedom," the lived experience behind it is often fundamentally different. "Their interpretation of that word freedom is different than our interpretation, because their experience of that word freedom is different." This distinction matters deeply, especially in light of what Rev. Dunkley described as clear religious persecution abroad. "This is unfair, it's unprecedented, it's imbalanced," he said. "There is some type of agenda at work that does not have the freedom of your faith in its interests." Referring to recent rhetoric labeling the Unification Church as a "pseudo religion" and "heretical," Rev. Dunkley asked pointedly, "Who determines which religions can stand and which cannot?" **Fear Abroad, Freedom at Home** Drawing from his own experiences in Korea and Japan, Rev. Dunkley described an atmosphere of fear that many Americans may struggle to imagine. "There's a real fear that if I say the wrong thing, they'll treat Mother worse," he said. "Even small joys — like snacks she's allowed to receive — can be taken away." By contrast, he reminded the audience of the extraordinary responsibility that comes with freedom in the United States. "If we can't stand up and speak freely here," he asked, "then where?" Quoting True Father, Rev. Dunkley reinforced the theological foundation of that freedom: "Religious freedom is America's greatest treasure. If it is lost, everything else collapses." Religious freedom, he explained, is not primarily about institutions or buildings. "It's about the individual," he said. "The Constitution recognizes first that you are not created by the government. You are created by God." **The Higher Ground** The sermon reached its emotional and spiritual peak with the image of the "higher ground" — a recurring metaphor for moral clarity, spiritual maturity, and collective courage. Referencing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final speech, Rev. Dunkley reminded listeners that vision does not die with bodies. "The dream, the purpose — they are eternal, unbreakable, unshakable." But he also warned against leaving visionaries isolated. "We don't want our leaders to be up on the mountaintop alone anymore," he said. "When we gather together, we are impenetrable." This was not a call merely to speak or post or protest — but to live the values of faith and freedom daily. "They can take away our church. They can take away our buildings," he said. "But they cannot take away our faith. They cannot take away God." **You Are the Hope** Rev. Dunkley turned the spotlight away from himself and back onto the audience. "You are the hope," he said. "You are God's hope. America is God's hope — not just for me, but for Mother, for Father, for the world." That conviction, he explained, is what inspired the launch of the **Higher Ground Tour** — a nationwide effort not merely to speak, but to reconnect, encourage, and mobilize. "All of this," he admitted with a smile, "is just an excuse to come and see you." He closed with another quote from TrueFather: "America is the hope of God — but only if it lives for the sake of the world." The challenge, then, was unmistakable. Freedom is not something to admire from a distance. It is something to live, defend, and offer — together. "Let's be the light and the hope of the world," Rev. Dunkley concluded. "God bless you."

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