## Ocean Family Church, NC's Special Grace and Holy Item Bequeathing Ceremony

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The Ocean Family Church in North Carolina held the Special Grace Ceremony and Holy Item Bequeathing Ceremony on Sunday, September 4 with six Blessed Families and 21 people in attendance.





We are a small community, with more than half of the families living in separate cities or states. There are many reasons that limit us from gather together, and it is never easy to participate with the whole family on a particular day. However, most of the registered Blessed Families could gather together for the Special Grace Ceremony. This means God definitely guided us. All participants, especially parents, have been offering sincere prayer and devotion in preparation for that day.

All Blessed Children participants showed their pure faith in front of their parents' love. We could feel each other's burden and tears behind the smiles, and we wished peace for each other and the entire community. There was a spirit of true love and also give and take centering on God, which felt very natural during the ceremony. We were sure we are one family under God.





All of us were glad to see one young Unificationists who has been in our prayers due to an illness. She has not been able to attend any church activities during the past eight months, but she participated with her whole family and enjoyed this day, especially with her brother and friends.

The Special Grace Ceremony provides us with grace and reminds us of God's amazing love that dwells in the hearts of Blessed Families. We would like to sincerely thank God, True Parents, leaders, organizers, and our dear brothers and sisters.

