

This Week in History (February 22–28)

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True Parents' Birthday

(Jeongju, North Pyeong-an Province on 1.6 1920; An-ju, South Pyeong-an Province on 1.6 1943)

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind were born on 1.6 by the heavenly calendar with the heavenly mission to save humankind. True Father was born in Jeongju, North Pyeong-an Province (northern) Korea in 1920. True Mother was born on the same date, 1.6 by the heavenly calendar, in An-ju, South Pyeong-an Province (northern) Korea in 1943. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification celebrates this day as one of its eight main holy days.

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The Coronation of the King of Blessed Families for the Peace and Unification of the Parents of Heaven and Earth (February 6, 2003, Chung Pyung, South Korea)

On 1.6 by the heavenly calendar in 2003, the Coronation of the King of Blessed Families for the Peace and Unification of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Blessing Marriage Opening the Gates of Cheon Il Guk of the Parents of Heaven and Earth were held in Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center. Around 12,000 of FFWPU's leaders from various nations were present. True Parents proclaimed the registration of blessed families in Cheon Il Guk through their benediction during the ceremony. Later in the afternoon, around 30,000 people partook in True Parents' birthday celebration, which was grandly held in Jamshil Gymnasium, Seoul. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

430-Couple Blessing Ceremony

(February 22, 1968, Seoul Citizens' Hall)

Our church held the 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony in the Seoul Citizens' Hall on February 22, 1968 at 2:00 PM in the presence of around 3,000 guests. This was the first blessing ceremony that included Japanese members and became the basis for future cross-cultural blessing ceremonies. Following the ceremony, the brides and grooms got on twenty-five sightseeing buses and into dozens of cars and held a parade. The media featured the event with headlines calling it a "mammoth wedding." This year, we celebrate the 47th anniversary of the 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony.

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