



Evangelism
in the
Prophetic
Spirit

The Kimball Boyd Coburn Ministry



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IT WAS HALF OF MY LIFE AGO...

when I was 36 years old that I had conversations with the lay leader of my church and the person I knew would be loving and honest with me, my wife. The conversations were about my playing the guitar and singing in church.

My playing and singing was a carry over from my teen years in a rock n' roll band and in ministry with youth and young adults when I was in my twenties and early thirties. I thought I was getting too old for such an approach to ministry. People wouldn't respect me and take me seriously. They would see me as an entertainer instead of their pastor bringing a message from God.

Well, as most of you know, 36 years later I am still strumming on my guitar, not trying to be cool but to be current. I'm glad I didn't put it down because it's such a great tool for communicating with people. Those who would walk away if I started



preaching, will listen to the Good News through music. Youth and young adults would prefer music for 50 minutes and preaching for 10 minutes. Maybe older folks can't stand on their feet for long periods of singing upbeat songs, but don't think for a minute they do not love their music. I've had too many seniors tell me they would like more singing of favorite hymns included in worship.

Before I preach I usually lead the congregation in a hymn sing because I know it warms them up and opens them to hearing the Gospel. Then after I preach, the music and singing are most important in moving them from the pew to the pavement.

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There is another reason I am glad I didn't put my guitar in the closet. I have been blessed with a talent for writing songs that captures the message God wants me to deliver. It started when I wanted young people to know God is calling them in their youth to use their unique abilities to serve and make the world a better place. I wanted them to know they didn't have to wait until they were adults to respond. The song's first two lines are:

*"When you're young, you're not the
future of things.
But when you're young, your life has
meaning to bring."*

This past year I have been writing songs that I hope will encourage and inspire people to "Rethink Church" and to keep their "Eye On The Prize." We are working on a new CD, "**A Servant and His Songs**" and these are two of our new songs that will be included on it. It will be out soon and will be our ministry's gift to you. I look forward to preaching messages of these songs to you in your churches.

Like David in the Bible, I have found that playing the guitar can come in handy. Maybe I should try to find my old slingshot!

*Agape
Kimball, SE*

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Budget for 2012

\$87,850

Amount Budgeted To Date:

\$58,568

Amount Received To Date:

\$34,908

Kimball was appointed by, his friend and bishop, Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, at the 2012 California Pacific Annual Conference to his 33rd year of doing a ministry of evangelism in the prophetic spirit. She told him that day that he would probably never retire because his Call was so strong.

Thirty-three years ago he had no idea how to begin. He only knew that he was not alone and that there was a need for evangelism with integrity in our world. With many prayers, the wisdom of some of his mentors and the Call from God, he began his travels doing evangelism.

There were no road maps for him but there were directions: be faithful, be authentic, be prophetic, be challenging, be creative, be resourceful, be hopeful, be diligent, be humble, be bold, be daring, be compassionate, be patient, be loving.

Having witnessed his commitment and challenging call to discipleship, we are blessed to be part of his ministry. We appreciate opportunities to speak for him, lend our support and thank others who do the same. Thank you for your support and for being traveling companions with us as we travel the road of evangelism with Kimball.

Agape,

The Board of Directors of the
Kimball Boyd Coburn Ministry

Servant Evangelist, Kimball Coburn, to Lead the D.O.C. in a Time of Renewal.

This is Kimball's third time in his thirty three years of doing evangelism to be invited to be with the Southern California Chapter of the Disciplined Order of Christ in their annual time of renewal. It will be held the weekend of October 26-27-28 at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, California.

The Disciplined Order of Christ was founded in 1945 under the leadership of Dr. Albert E. Day and 120 clergy and lay persons for the purpose of seeking God's guidance at the close of World War II. They caught a vision of what life could be under Christ, a life of ethical sensitivity, spiritual insight, social concerns and heroic devotion to the Kingdom of God.

It continues today to be a spiritual movement of persons who are seriously committed to disciplines and practices required for growing in the mind and spirit of Christ. Through the years this ecumenical group of clergy and lay people gather in the Fall for a time of renewal and prayerful accountability.

Kimball gives a lot through word and music but says that he and Pam have always come home stronger in their faith having spent a weekend with these followers of Christ and servants of God.

A Glimpse Into Churchmanship ~ Through Ed Hume

Ever so often one comes upon a person whose goodness is unconsciously full of faith and alive with a spirit of sharing. You would think it comes from a person who is "out there," but Ed is really a quiet man, who when he speaks everyone listens. He and his wife, Susan, serve on our ministry's Board of Directors. He is our Vice president and she is our CFO. While Susan has many accolades for her community, church and service work, this article is about Ed.

An exemplarity husband, father of two adult children, and Sunday School teacher to too many 5th and 6th graders to count, Ed would say, "it's nothing". But it is something ~ It is a big something that brings meaning to lives he has touched with his gentle spirit. In the Claremont UMC you will find Ed, serving on committees, setting up on the church's webpage, involved with the youth and their Sierra Service Youth mission project. You will hear him singing and playing his mandolin, banjo, or guitar for worship services on Sunday morning or at the Wednesday night, Garden Services. You might see him helping build props for the children's musicals, leading the congregation with their Pass The Hat Christmas Giving for needy families or you might see him helping a homeless person with his compassionate concern. Wherever there is a need, Ed makes ever effort to make a difference ~ and he does.

As a member of our Board of Directors, he never fails to help me with music, whether it is doing devotions at our meeting or at a special event that I might be leading. He became used to hearing me play my six string guitar without 2 strings (I learned to play the ukulele as a six year old and feel more comfortable with four strings). Quietly he began to envision a tenor guitar. With that vision and the growing skills of a "Luthier" plus a surprise garage sale of different woods for musical instruments, he began making a four string tenor guitar for me. It took him over a year to water the wood just right, mold it, carefully carve it and give it a lot of thought, time and creativity. He even placed the United Methodist Church symbol on its neck and an inscription on the inside. He took the same skills of a master churchman and applied them to making my guitar. It is one of a kind, never will be another like it. He presented it to me in June. There is no way for me to properly thank him ~ but at our next Board meeting, I plan to play it and hopefully the love that was put into it will come out of it in his honor.

~ Thanks, Ed ~ Agape, your brother in Christ, Kimball ~

* find more on Wikipedia





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"Kimball Coburn is the epitome of the 21st century evangelist. He is that ever rarer combination of deep faith, contemporary concern and complete integrity. He has a passion for God, a passion for people and a passion for the world."

Rev. Rob Calderhead

Kimball Boyd Coburn Ministry

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Experience the warmth and leadership of
this faithful servant

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