



Evangelism
In the
Prophetic
Spirit

The Kimball Coburn Ministry

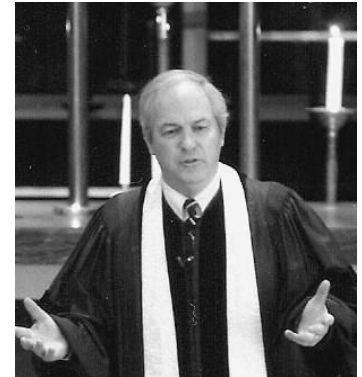
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TRUE TO GOD'S CALL



2010

As I start my 38th year of doing a ministry of evangelism in the prophetic spirit, it is time again for a 'gut check.' Have I resisted the world's call to be popular instead of prophetic, a fund raiser instead of a faith raiser, a singer instead of a servant? ~ I have gone back through my sermons and newsletter articles to check my thinking and see if I have kept moving in the direction of God's Call. Of course, it is your response to my ministry that makes it happen in your local church. So, let's look together and remember God's Call.

"I am convinced there is a place for the evangelist today, but the TV model must be replaced with the biblical model." (1980)

"Maybe it's good that people aren't rushing to our churches today. Could it be this is God's wake up call to us saying, 'It's time to start doing evangelism instead of just talking about it.'" (1986)

"I challenge all evangelists, pastors, music ministers and musically gifted lay people to create music that will inspire and move the Church into the future." (1990)

"1950s, goodbye! I loved my old church. I thank her for being there for me at that impressionable age. But I want a church that realizes it's a new day that calls for a new way!" (1995)

"Being a city boy, I've never expressed myself with the words, 'It pleases me greatly.'

However, they are the perfect words to express how I feel about being a servant evangelist. Although I graduated from seminary as a Doctor and was ordained a Reverend, nothing is more awe-inspiring to me than being a Servant." (1996)

"Encouragement for Young Ministers: You can be humble and at the same time, assert your leadership. You can respect the elderly and at the same time, energize the youth. You can be pastoral and at the same time, preach prophetically. You can honor the traditions and at the same time, introduce new ways of worship. You can be a daily servant and at the same time, see visions." (2000)

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"I love the church because she is not self-serving. She exists in humility and meekness to serve the world. She exists to do evangelism, taking the Good News to the lost, confused and hopeless. I love the church because of her constant striving to change the world. I love her prophetic spirit and belief in peacemaking. I love her courage to confront and challenge injustice wherever it resides." (2005)

"People today are much like those to whom Isaiah was prophesying who said, 'speak to us smooth things.' The Church cannot be a 'garden' of smooth things. It cannot become an 'ether environment' that puts people to sleep to the hurts and pains around them." (2007)

"Jesus was angry with his disciples when they fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. I am angry with my church because we are sleeping while God is Calling." (2008)

"METHODISM is known for being pioneering, spiritually fervent, socially concerned, theologically progressive and musically alive. Now put this with COMPASSION to the power of two, and the true meaning of EVANGELISM will be understood. ~

$$E=mc^2 \quad (2009)$$

"When I see the church gaining the crowd but losing her life, it is time to give up popularity for the prophetic spirit." (2010)

"You cannot be with poor children and not feel the great contradiction ~ the contradiction between God's Will for the world and our actions in the world." (2009)

"Challenge to Ministers: Most of us ministers have got what it takes, but we are not giving what we've got. It comes off like we don't have the gifts and graces for ministry. We do have the gifts and graces. The challenge is to have the guts -- the guts to stand tall and give our all." (2011)

"Restlessness can be a good thing, a creative thing, and a positive change. Ambitious restlessness and Holy Spirit restlessness are completely different. One drives you inward to self, while the other drives you outward to others." (2015) ~ Agape, Kimball

Financially Speaking

Budget for 2017

\$ 56,150

Media Expenses	2,100
Children's Ministry Expenses	150
Office Supplies	500
Newsletter/Postage	4,400
Postage	750
Advertising/Publicity	100
Telephone/Internet	1,200
Automobile Expenses	2,500
Continuing Education	100
Dues/Subscriptions	150
Partial Parsonage Rent	17,000
Parsonage Utilities	1,200
Allowance for Social Security	4,000
Medical Insurance and Expenses	5,000
Salary for Kimball	15,000
Pension	1,000
Beyond Ourselves	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ 56,150

Budget for 2016

\$ 56,150

Amount Received

\$ 46,496

Deficit for 2016

\$ 1097

Budget for 2017

\$ 56,150

Amount Budgeted to Date

\$ 9358

Amount Received to Date

\$ 8040

From the KBC Ministry Board of Directors

It is always a pleasure to insert a note in each issue of THE CALL because we feel you are a strong part of Kimball's ministry. He talks of you at every Board meeting with much love. Your gifts are more than financial support. Often they come in words of affirmation and appreciation. You wrap them in a belief in evangelism and in this servant evangelist that gives us strength.

We begin a new year with hopes that the ministry will bring new life and purpose to you and your churches.



In light of the recent rain, storms and floods, Kimball and I were taken back to a frightening experience we had 24 years ago. It was during Lent in 1993 and one of those unusual times when torrential rains flowed down the mountainside, but our spirits would not be dampened. We were still excited about the day before when we had begun our four-day Lenten series with the First United Methodist Church of Garden Grove, CA. We were eager to get back for our second day of activities, fellowship and worship.

As we came to the creek's crossing below our Mt Baldy home our hearts won out over our heads. We knew the water was higher than we had ever seen but didn't anticipate its fierceness. We only wanted to get to the other side and be on our way. Ever so cautiously and with hearts pounding, we started across, only to be swept up in a matter of seconds into the raging creek. After crashing into a large boulder that kept our car from going farther downstream, Kimball found his door was lodged next to the rock and he could not open it, but he managed to climb into the back seat and open its door. Holding on to the seat belt to keep him from being washed away, he made his way to a large rock and held on. It steadied and protected him from the strong current. He called for me to follow. "No, I'm afraid" I yelled! He assured me I would make it and I believed him. I, too, climbed into the back seat and held on to the seat belt as I began to slide out of our car. The fast-moving waters immediately took my shoes (my new red flats!) and I began to panic. Looking up, there he was, one arm holding fast to the rock and the other outstretched to pull me to him. As soon as I got to him, he continued making a way for us to safety through the freezing waters and through thick brush to the edge of the road.

Our small community of good friends and neighbors rallied in support of us. As soon as we made it to a clearing they began wrapping us in blankets. About eight of us stood beside the creek watching our car, which was partially submerged in 5 ft. of water, being pushed and pulled by the force of the water flowing at an estimated 60 miles an hour. How in the world did we get out?!

As the tow truck began pulling our car from the creek, we saw a cross floating around in the back seat. "Look, it's a cross!" It was a roughly made cross from branches of a fallen tree that Kimball had made for his time with the youth to illustrate the power of the cross. Never could he have imagined how significant that cross would become! Everyone pointed with amazement and the tow truck driver shook his head, took his hat off, placed it on his heart and said, "Bless be to God, it is a downright miracle that those folks got out alive! That cross is what saved them!" We told him we were "those folks" and thanked him for his concern and caring.

We held each other tight and smiled, feeling very humbled and oh, so blessed ~ ***The Creek, the Cross and the Miracle!*** ... What an Easter Story! Never does the season of Easter come that we don't stop our busy world and pause each day for our meditation time as we look at the cross and feel the love and sacrifice it represents.

We wish you and your family a happy and blessed Easter. ~ Agape, Pam and Kimball





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~ Happy Easter! ~

Service Returned Requested

The Old Verses The New?

Thank you for your many years of sharing in Kimball's ministry of evangelism. New ways and new days of communication was one of the topics we discussed at our last Board of Directors Meeting. Some question the old ways of using the US Post Office in mailing our quarterly newsletter, **THE CALL**, as a way of keeping in touch with churches and folks who believe in this ministry. Others think we should use the internet and social media, believing it's how most people prefer communicating.

The consensus was to let churches and lay people tell us. Would you let us know how you prefer to receive The Call newsletter? Write us at P.O. Box 633, Claremont, CA 91711 or kbcministry@integrity.com and help us reach out more effectively.

- ☐ **I want to continue receiving The Call Newsletter by mail.**
- ☐ **I prefer to receive The Call as an email at (your email address)**
- ☐ **I'm sorry, but I no longer am interested in receiving The Call.**

Thank you for your response.

"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, United Methodist Minister

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Evangelism Events for 2017

Has your church considered an Evangelism Event to challenge and lift your congregation's spirits for the task of telling the story?

Experience the warmth and leadership of this faithful servant

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"I have heard it said somewhere that 'Servant Evangelism wins the heart before it confronts the mind.' I have known Kimball Coburn for many years and I love him like a brother. Kimball is a Servant Evangelist who touches your heart as he shares his faith, and as he invites you to come to the Call of God. His warmth is contagious, his music uplifting, and in every church I have served my congregations love him."

Rev. Dr. Lew Fry, United Methodist Minister