



Evangelism
In The
Prophetic
Spirit

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I recently read that we in America are reading 30% less that we used to. So, I have put two articles and the lyrics of a song in this newsletter to encourage you to read and embolden you to Be the Church.



The Need For New

Sigmund Freud wrote: “*The church socializes its youth to ask only those questions the church is able to answer.*” If this is true today, no wonder the church is struggling to be what she can be.

Art Linkletter had a simple formula for finding children to interview on his television show. He wrote to schools, asking teachers to nominate the child they would most like to have out of the classroom for a few hours. These are the children who would say the darndest things.

I'm not preaching chaos, but I do believe the church needs newness. We need bold, creative and imaginative thinking that will take us beyond our institutional parameters. It starts by asking questions that we may think are the darndest but challenge us to look at things in a new way.

Not all new ideas and actions are the right ones but let's not squash them by not listening or discouraging them to be put on the table for consideration. I've worked a lot with youth and young adults in my life and I can tell you they are full of ideas and questions.

Every time I come away from a youth group meeting where the program led them into a free flowing discussion, I feel renewed with hope.

In my travels I have the privilege of meeting and working with many pastors. Some are so excited about their churches and the possibilities of their people moving into the future. However, some are tired and discouraged because they feel they've done or tried everything and there is nothing new left.

The Good News for us all is, as long as there is God and the teachings of Christ we have barely scratched the surface of the potential of being the Church. So, keep probing – keep pushing – keep pulling – keep reshaping – keep renewing – keep rethinking.

Agape, Kimball Coburn, SE

For God's Sake ~ WARM IT UP!



Historically, Methodists were known to be warm ... people with warm hearts, warm fellowship, warm worship, warm music, and warm outreach. John Wesley's life was changed when his heart felt strangely warmed. Having and conveying that feeling was one of the major factors in growing the church. As I travel among the churches, the difference between warm churches and the cooler routine types is noticeable.

Warm churches truly fellowship. They understand the bond that brings them together and the purpose of their mission. Although they have many different personalities, their hearts are one. They are relaxed and glad to see one another and enjoy sharing what's going on in their lives.

Warm churches are joyful. There's joy in their liturgy, joy in their singing, joy in their response to preaching and joy in their hearts when they go into the world to be the church in everyday life.

Warm churches give generously and serve faithfully. They don't get lost in survival and self. They preach a warm and personal Jesus. They preach his calling to build the Kingdom of God and take the social action necessary.

Warm churches do something better than any clubs or organizations. They create a level playing field for all people ... an environment where no one is better, smarter, richer, or more important than anyone else. God created all of us to be unique and precious in God's sight. We worship and work together shoulder to shoulder with the feeling of a team with a focus.

I've been told if I were a consultant instead of a servant evangelist, I would make much more money. Consultants are sellers of their expertise while servant evangelists are messengers of Christ's Good News. Being a servant messenger sounds so much warmer - don't you agree?! But if I were a consultant, the first thing I would tell you is:

For God's Sake, Warm It Up!

Warm churches are communities of people who know they are the Church ~ the Body of Christ. And to be the Body of Christ means we are warm in our being, warm in our methods, and warm in our touch.



Re-Think Church (God's Alive)

words and music by Kimball Coburn

It's time to look around today
Hearing the cries and find a way
Rethink Church and boldly say
God's Alive God's Alive

It's time to speak to every age
Stories of hope that will engage
Singing our songs from every stage
God's Alive God's Alive God's Alive

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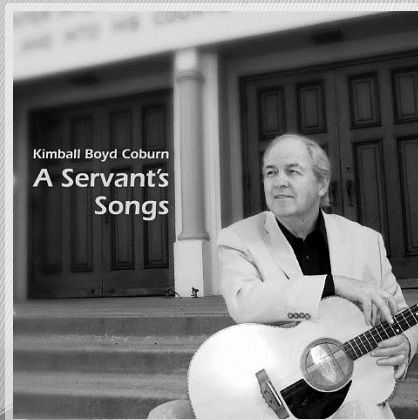
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It's time to go beyond the walls
Courage to change and take a fall
Daring to risk and shout to all
God's Alive God's Alive

It's time to follow faithfully
Being the church that we can be
Witness and live so all can see
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'The Call To Be The Church'

An Evangelism Event Stirs the Church with Urgency!
Touches the Heart ~ Challenges the Mind
Moves to Discipleship!

Servant Evangelist, Kimball Coburn
is eager to serve you.

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