



Evangelism
In The
Prophetic
Spirit

The Kimball Boyd Coburn Ministry

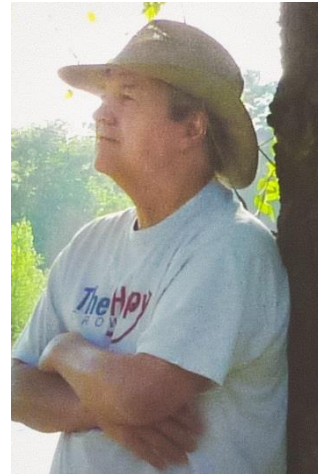
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'40'

40 is a very significant number in the Bible. For 40 years Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land. For 40 days and 40 nights Jesus was tempted in the desert. There are over a hundred references in the Bible to the number 40. When I responded to God's Call 40 years ago (1979), I never dreamed that at my age today, God would still be using me. But I did know that I wanted to give my all and the rest of my life to being God's messenger.

"40" in the Bible is symbolic of times of testing and hardship. I have never felt God testing me, although there have been some hardships along the way. There was no salary, housing, medical, or pension plans.



I was disappointed when my own Conference was not as enthusiastic as I thought they would be. I felt friendly support of all the bishops I served under. Deep down in their hearts they knew and cared about the importance of evangelism, but they didn't know how to use me.

All the while, I felt God walking right beside me and the blessed assurance that all would be well. I learned that God doesn't call you and leave you, God calls you and asks you to live by faith.

After 40 years I know that I know, yet, I also know that I don't know it all. What I mean by this confusing statement is that I am confident in my faith, yet, I am still

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excited about the new ways I'm hearing God's Call. There is so much more we can be and do as God's Church.

Some people fear change in society and the problems they create. Change and problems challenge the Church and give her opportunities to grow. In the past 40 years I've seen the church struggle with unity. I have also seen the Church grow in courageous ways doing God's Will bringing life and hope to all people. The church is the instrument of God, and as long as we remember this, we will know the Truth, and the Truth will set us free to always be growing in love.

40 years have made me older, but they have also made me wiser. I'm thankful for how the years have shaped me in the direction of servant evangelism for God and the Church.



... and the journey continues ...

*Agapè,
Kimball, SE*

Financially Speaking

We closed 2018 with generous contributions of \$51,910 for the work of ministry in the prophetic spirit. We entered 2019 with \$11,835 in our ministry's bank account and our bills paid to date.

As Kimball's Board of Directors, we humbly thank you for the many ways you have sustained him through these 39 years with your belief in his Calling, your letters and cards of affirmation, encouragement, and the knowing that you continue to travel the roads with him.

You will see elsewhere in the Spring Newsletter that we will be celebrating ***'40 years of Evangelism in the Prophetic Spirit***, at the Claremont UMC, where his journey began in July, 1979. Be sure to put July 14th on your calendar to join us that evening with music and a message that will awaken us to God's Call.

Agape, the KBC Ministry Board of Directors

Budget for 2019

\$58,300

Media Expenses	\$1,000
Children's Ministry Expenses	100
Office Supplies	600
Newsletters/Postage	2,300
Postage	400
Advertising/Publicity	200
Telephone/Internet	1,400
Automobile Expenses	2,500
Dues/Subscriptions	100
Partial Parsonage Rent	23,000
Parsonage Utilities	1,200
Allowance for 1040-ES	4,000
Quarterly Payments for Kimball	
Medical Insurance and Medicines	5,000
Salary for Kimball	15,000
Pension	1,000
(Beyond contributions designated for Pension)	
Beyond Ourselves	<u>500</u>
	\$58,300



A Meditation For Easter

A self-centered person takes the †
out of Easter and replaces it with an
i, which makes it easier.

Easter without the cross is easier,
but it's not the day of resurrection
that brings eternal hope, eternal love,
and eternal life.

Spell it right ~ Live it right

We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter

*Agape,
Kimball and Pam*

Moving Forward

I don't preach denomination, although I have one. I grew up in Sunday school, youth group and as an adult in the Methodist and United Methodist Church. My first dates with my wife (Pam), were at each other's Methodist Church youth groups. I was married in a Methodist Church. I was trained in a United Methodist Seminary. The first two of my four children were born in a Methodist hospital. What would I do without my church and my denomination, United Methodist?

My denomination has struggled the past several decades seeking agreement on the LGBTQ issue. We have decided to go different directions. I was hoping and praying that we could stay United and open to serve all people, in membership and leadership.

I am an evangelist, a messenger of the Evangel for God. My altar Calls will always be to all people because God's love will not allow it to be any other way.

Let's remember, we are disciples of Jesus Christ, and a denominational disagreement cannot change that and block The Church from being who we are Called to Be.

Agape, Kimball, Servant Evangelist



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Service Return Requested

A Midsummer Night's

AWAKENING!

Celebrating 40 Years Of
EVANGELISM IN THE PROPHETIC SPIRIT

Kimball will be *preaching!* The Calling Band will be leading the *singing!*

July 14th ~ Gathering at 7 ~ Worship at 7:30 PM

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