



Evangelism
In The
Prophetic
Spirit



The Kimball Coburn Ministry

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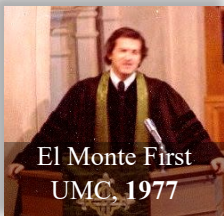
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Divided



As a servant evangelist, I have never hesitated to stand in the pulpit and encourage people to stand for and vote for what is just and right by the teachings of Jesus. However, I draw the line when it comes to telling people who to vote for.



The Sunday after Jimmy Carter's inauguration my sermon title was, "The Plains Truth." Obviously, I was glad about the results of that election. and I am glad about the results of this election. I pray that Joe Biden will do his best to bring healing and civility back to our country. But I wonder if this task is achievable with the deep divisions we have created politically, socially, and economically.

I think of the Apostle Paul and the church at Corinth, which was a mess. There were many problems causing division from fractionalizing behind rival leaders, to marriage, remarriage, and divorce, to chaos in worship because of speaking in tongues, to collection of a large sum of money to be sent to Jerusalem. So, Paul wrote in his letter to the church:

***"Love is patient, love is kind, It does not envy, it does not boast, is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no secrets of wrong.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a NIV)***

We, the American people, face a tremendous challenge in the years ahead. According to the 2020 election, there are 80 million Americans who believe in living life one way and 74 million who believe in another way. This is a moment that calls us to walk in each other's shoes — to be sensitive to others with differing views and backgrounds, regardless of educational or economic status. We're to be kind and considerate towards one another. Love doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. It means we care for one another. So much so, that we're willing to listen and try to understand how the other feels.

Richard Niebuhr writes, *"Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love."* It's Christ-like love that brings healing and hope. This is the love we need to practice as a nation. God's love never fails!

Agape, Kimball Coburn, SE

A CHRISTMAS CARD MEDITATION

from Kimball and Pam



Christmas comes and we remember it came humbly in a stable. There were no elaborate decorations and lights, just the light of a magnificent star showing the way to the place where the Christ child was born. There were no fancy Christmas clothes, just swaddling clothes for the baby in the manger. There was no fabulous feast but there was sufficient food for the young family. There were no cries of wanting more but sweet cries of joy and thanksgiving for life. There was no madness of Christmas shopping, but there was a calm spirit of Christmas shared for the first time.

What gifts, then you ask? A donkey who brought the young mother-to-be to the place where her child would be born, the lamb whose wooly fur warmed the newborn, the angels who kept watch by day and by night, the shepherds who came to welcome Emmanuel, the wise men who came from afar with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But the gift, the real gift of Christmas, is the Babe himself. He isn't a gift for a particular people, but a gift to be shared with all the world. It has no price tag but it does have a cost.

If we are truly to have the spirit of Christmas...if we are to fully feel the love and compassion of Christ's coming, then we must bow as the shepherds did. We must come humbly and gently to the stable. We must identify with the poor, the homeless and marginal peoples of our world. We must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. We must open our hearts to a world filled with pain, especially today, for the many in our families, our neighborhoods, our country, and our world who have been touched by the devastating coronavirus.

We must share the simple yet profound power of Christ's life in the ways we live our faith, share our faith, and invite others to faith. May Christmas be for us a time of remembering we are faithful followers of Christ born for us long ago. When we do, we will know and feel the message of Christmas.

Agape at Christmas,
Kimball and Pam

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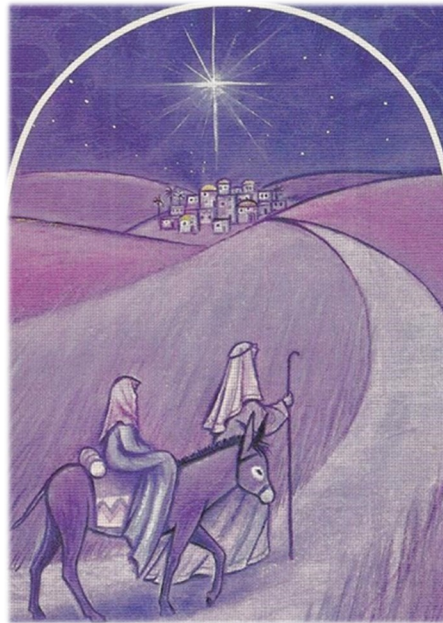
Christmas Live In Me

A week or so before one Christmas, I was awakened by a rhythmic tapping on my back. It had a calming effect and I quickly drifted back to sleep knowing Kimball was either dreaming or had melody or some lyrics on his mind. Soon after, I felt him slip out of bed to his study I saw a light under his door. I began to hear him softly strumming on his guitar, then a tinkling on the piano and finally singing words that started with “*Christmas Live In Me*”. Often a melody will come to him and words seem to flow with it. It wasn’t Santa’s workshop but he was creating a Christmas gift for our family. He finished it on Christmas Eve and sang it for us during our family Advent Service. Tears filled our eyes and a warm feeling came over us, for we knew it was a true gift of love from his heart.

1) Christmas live in me
Be the breathe I breath
Give me a reason of being
I want a faith to believe

(Chorus)

When it lives, there’s love
When it lives, there’s hope
When it lives,
There’s joy to the world
So live, live in me



2) I’m seeking that silent night
That star in the sky to see
I’m looking for a new life
Christmas live in me

3) Hearing that baby’s cry
The gift from God to be
Someone who lives for others
Christmas live in me.

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*May Peace, Hope,
Joy & Love
be your gifts
this Christmas Season
and your treasure
throughout the year*





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WELCOME ALMA ROBERTS

At our Fall Board of Directors meeting, Alma Roberts was elected as our new president. She follows the Rev. Dr. Lew Fry who's been superb in representing our ministry and Kimball's commitment as a servant evangelist, as well as a colleague and close friend.

As a leader and mentor, Alma is fully involved at La Verne UMC as their representative to the California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She's also the Coordinator of their Child Care Center. Teaching is her Call to ministry. If you've ever been in one of her classes you'd be quick to "amen" this. Alma leads a weekly Bible Study Group, gives her witness in choir and worship, and often you'll find her digging up weeds and planting flowers on the church campus. Outside her church, Alma chairs the Charms Retired Clergy and is on the Superintendency Committee for the East District of the Cal Pac UMC. She and her late husband, Rev. Ronnie Roberts have given support and believed in Kimball's ministry since its inception. Thank you, Alma, for your presence and strong leadership among us.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

BUDGET FOR 2020

\$58,300

Amount Budgeted to Date:

\$53,441

Amount Received to Date (12/1/2020)

\$44,340

Merry Christmas from the KBC Ministry Board of Directors

We share with you the joy of Christmas and the hope and love it brings. We thank you for keeping Kimball and Pam in your prayers during the Covid Crisis we are all experiencing. He misses being in your churches but continues to create messages and music and build his strength for the time he can be out and about doing his ministry of Evangelism the Prophetic Spirit.

God bless you and your families as you celebrate the birth of the Christ of our lives.