

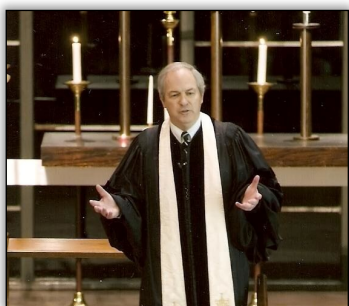
Our Last Newsletter



I'm sitting at my desk with a blank sheet of paper in front of me and a pencil in my hand. I've always cherished this moment because it challenges me to be creative in writing these newsletters to you. But today feels different, because I know this will be our last one.

I've been writing to you since 1979 - that's 210 quarterly newsletters over the past 47 years. My hope is that along the way, I've shared words that have touched, moved, inspired, and challenged you to hear God's Call to be the Church.

I won't miss the deadlines, but I will miss the opportunity to write to you. I'll miss imagining you receiving our newsletter, *The Call*, settling into your easy chair, and reading my messages and hearing about the ministry experiences Pam and I shared while traveling among your churches. It has always encouraged me to know you wanted to stay connected through these newsletters.



I often think back to the day my bishop, Jack Tuell, said to me, "Kimball, there is no appointment for an evangelist in our conference. Will you go and live out God's call on your life for the Church and then show us how to do it?" He not only challenged me, but supported me, because he believed evangelism is greatly needed in the Church. That day marked the beginning of a close friendship. His wife, Margie, became Pam's prayer partner.

I am not retiring from ministry. I will continue to preach as I am invited. I will keep writing songs that share the Gospel, and I will remain available to encourage and mentor young pastors, sharing what I've learned over the past 60 years. The only change is that I will no longer be leading our usual three-day events.

Your prayerful and financial support has made this outreach so successful. Because of you, we've been able to reach thousands of people through more than 600 evangelism events across 13 states. I thank you from the



bottom of my heart for your belief in evangelism, and for trusting me to serve as a messenger for God. Please know how much I love and appreciate you. I remain available if you'd ever like to connect by phone or email.

In closing, I want to say I will always remember that genuine joyful look on your face as you responded to God's Call to stand at the altar, joining hands with your fellow church men and women, singing, and boldly proclaiming that you are God's Church.

Now, allow me to leave you with the words which I began our evangelism events:

“The Call to be the Church is the greatest and most loving challenge in the World”

And the words I ended with:

***“Go into the World,
Living to Love,
Daring to Dream,
and Running to Reach the Highest”***

*Agapè,
Kimball, SE*
(Servant Evangelist)





A Word From the Ministry's Child Advocate, Pam

It was in the early spring of 1979, there was much discussion about the importance of evangelism within our denomination, but no one was really doing evangelism. One day Kimball said to me, "We have a great church with so much to offer, but it's becoming lost in the past and not moving forward with a vision."

Despite our concerns about leaving the security of pastoring a local church, we decided as a family to move forward with Kimball's "call within a call"—to establish a ministry whose mission was to excite and challenge local

churches to re-envision evangelism in the prophetic spirit.

It's been a wonderful journey. We have had the privilege of meeting so many dedicated and deeply caring people in the many churches we have visited.



I have served in several roles throughout our ministry. I worked as secretary and contributed articles to *The Call*, but my most cherished role was in children's ministry. I have always loved storytelling and interacting with children, both of which I was blessed to do for many years. I carry with me countless cute, funny, and heartwarming memories from my time with the children in our churches. Those memories are cherished blessings for me.

I'd like to conclude with one such story.

Kimball and I were serving at a church in the Pacific Northwest. After sharing a story with the children during worship, I took them out of the sanctuary for Sunday School.

When we entered the classroom, the children were delighted to see a long table covered with art supplies, including a large assortment of beads—some small, some large, and some with letters on them. A little girl named Mary was admiring the necklace I was wearing, and her eyes lit up when she spotted all those beautiful beads.

She asked if she could make something with them. I replied, "Would you like to make a necklace for yourself?"

"No," Mary said. "I want to make two! One for Daddy, who is in prison, and one for Grammy, who takes care of me."

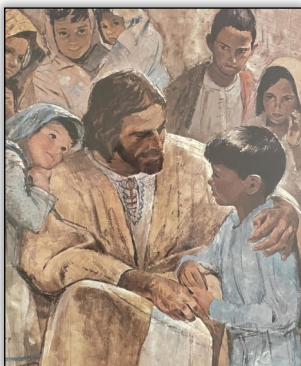
"Wonderful!" I said. "Would you like to wear my necklace while you work on yours?"

"Yes!" she answered with a big smile, and she immediately got to work.

With only minutes to spare before Sunday School ended, we carefully placed each necklace into tiny cotton-lined gift boxes and tied them with colorful ribbons.

Grammy was moved to tears when she opened her gift—a colorful strand of beads with letter beads spelling out "G-R-A-M-M-Y." Her father's necklace spelled "D-A-D-D-Y."

Afterward, Mary came over to thank me with a hug. To my delight, we became pen pals, exchanging letters for years afterward.



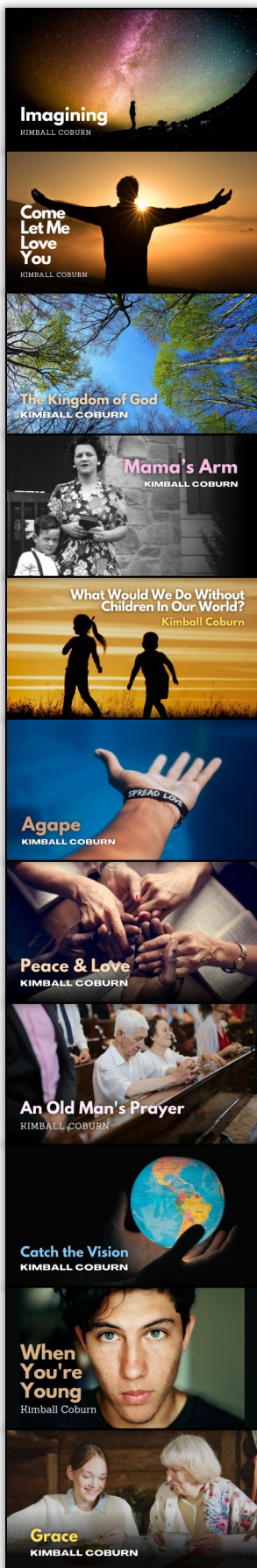
These sweet and genuine connections have enriched my life and continue to touch my soul. I am deeply grateful to the many congregations that invited us to share our ministry with them. The people we have met and the friendships we have formed over the years are what have filled my life with purpose, meaning, and love.

As we bring this chapter of ministry to a close, please know that each of you has been a part of our story. Thank you for your friendship, your encouragement, your prayers, and your partnership. The memories we have shared will remain with us always.

Agape, Pam

OUR CALL

A video series sharing stories and songs of God's love and our opportunities to make a better world.



During the last few years, my brother, Collie and I have worked with Dad to create the video series, ***Our Call***. It's a simple format with a powerful purpose. This series provides an easily accessible way for viewers to take a few minutes to listen, connect, reflect, and be inspired. The messages are meant to be shared, discussed, and the ideas expanded upon. These messages continue to be relevant. They are sparks that can ignite and support our developing faith in action.

It just seems right that Collie and I would be part of this. We grew up in a home with a lot of music and media. Of course, we had our family band, leading special programs and sing-alongs at churches and schools. We also always had a tape recorder around the house. When cassette players became popular, Collie and I would record some pretty funny stuff! Ok, maybe embarrassingly ridiculous stuff, but we thought we were clever and hilarious. We recorded interviews, parodies, and music. Those silly, creative, and technical experiences led both of us into careers in music and media.

When we began this video series, we didn't have a definite format in mind. We had Dad's message and his music. Using photos and video clips that connected thematically was influenced by online digital storytelling. We had a camera, a microphone, some lights, and my laptop computer. Combining ideas and available resources, the videos took shape and we found that the format worked.

I want to thank Collie for a lot of things, but especially his ear. Sometimes the audio for Dad's message was not as "broadcast quality" as we wanted. Collie was able to perform his magic and fix it. He also edited a few of the videos.

I also want to thank Lew Fry and Ed Hume for lending their talents to the project. It's good to have a team!

Thank you, the viewers, for all the positive feedback we have received since beginning this series. It is good to hear that these messages are being heard and have been useful, thought provoking, and inspirational.

If you're getting the idea that ***Our Call*** is concluding, you don't know Dad. Preaching is an art. Music and media are artistic tools. Dad is an artist. Any day now, I'll probably be getting a call about putting together a new video and I am all in!



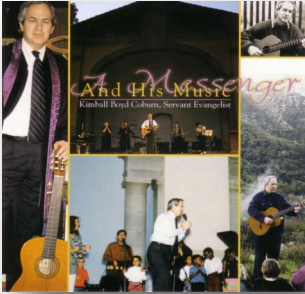
You can access the video series, ***Our Call***, from the Kimball Boyd Coburn Ministry website or on YouTube.

kimballcoburn.com/our-call

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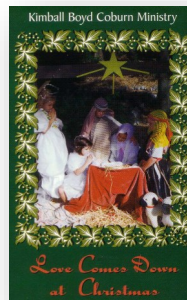
From Reel-to-Reel to Reaching Hearts

The year was 1981. Dad was ready to make a bold investment in the ministry by purchasing two reel-to-reel tape decks and a small mixing board. At the time, these were the tools needed to produce radio programs and ministry resources.



We immediately dove into recording his songs. It was the beginning of a long artistic journey that would produce some of the finest music I have ever had the privilege of helping create.

Over the decades, we progressed from 4-track to 8-track recording, from analog to digital, from tape to computers, and from cassettes to compact discs. Not only did the technology improve, but so did the musicians. Listed here are the incredibly talented players who came alongside The Coburn Family Band and helped take the music to the next level. That was when we became The Calling Band.



Over the years, we have been deeply encouraged by the many people who have shared how much Dad's music has blessed and inspired them, and how they, in turn, shared it with others. I believe these songs have been one of the most effective vehicles for sharing Kimball's message. That is why he never charged anything for his

cassettes and CDs—not even postage. Dad's calling has always been to serve as a Servant Evangelist, not to be a savvy businessman.

In this final newsletter, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the wonderfully gifted family and friends who helped bring this music to life. These songs were lovingly created in community and freely shared with the world. Thank you for being part of the journey.



Collie



Coburn Family Band

Kimball Sr - lead vocal, tenor guitar

Kimball Jr - drums, percussion, vocals

Collie - bass, guitar, keyboard, vocals

Kathy - tambourine, vocals

Cari - vocals

Collie Jr - vocals

Courtnee - vocals

Reegis - vocals

Haylee - vocals

Danny - vocals

Extended Family

Martie Echito - guitars, piano, keyboard, programming, vocals

Matt Snyder - piano, keyboard

Pat Naish - guitar

Frank Hanson - guitar

Hai Muradian - guitar

Chris Allen - keyboard

Produced, Arranged and Recorded by **Martie Echito** and **Collie**

Listen at kimballcoburn.com/media



Hello friends and family!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your love and support throughout the years. As many of you know, my parents started their **Ministry of Evangelism in the Prophetic Spirit** in the year 1979, 47 years ago. It's because of the connections they made with all of you that this ministry took root and has persisted all of these years. We have met so many wonderful and inspiring people over the decades. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your kindness and generosity.

In addition, I want to specifically thank all the people who served on the KBC Ministry Board over the years. We most definitely couldn't have endured this long without you! Please excuse me if I can't remember everyone who has served on the board these past 47 years but I would like to name the folks whose love and support I remember so vividly; Don & Judy Bone, Elden & Sherry Dryer, Dick & Stephanie Stager, Erv & Peggy Sanford, John & Laurie Peel, Rev. Dr. Dale & Miriam Smith, Rev. Rob & Connie Calderhead, Rev. Trudy & Chris Robinson, Dr. Warren & Brigitte Sterling, Rev. Lew & Mary Fry, Alma Roberts, Ken & Donna Harris, Lori Reynolds, Don & Joyce Leiffer, and Ed & Susan Hume. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We love you and appreciate your time, dedication, encouragement, and support.

I would also like to include Gordon Hoyt and Tom Thomas of Hoyt Automotive for keeping my parent's car running smoothly for the many miles of circuit riding, as well as, Dr. Warren Sterling for excellent dental care throughout the years. We are eternally grateful.

I have been a board member for the past 15 years and have enjoyed gathering with the current members over snacks and meals and good fellowship to discuss the ways in which the KBC Ministry would continue to be of service, undergirding and inspiring congregations in The California-Pacific Conference and beyond. There have been meetings where I have felt inspired and where the love in the room is palpable. I have been touched by the close friendships I have made through serving on this board.



As the current secretary of the KBC Ministry I'd like you to know how blessed we feel to have been able to work with you on bolstering the life of our church communities. On a more personal note, I'd like to thank you once again for the love, friendship, and support you have extended to my family over the years. As my dad often concluded his messages, never stop *"living to love, daring to dream, and running to reach the highest"*.

Agape. Kathy

Memories and Music

I was 12 when Dad started his **Ministry of Evangelism in the Prophetic Spirit**. I remember going to different churches with my family and feeling so welcomed wherever we would go. I loved watching my dad preach and over time, I could recite some of his sermons verbatim. The way he would tell stories and connect them to living out your faith was dynamic and inspiring. When it was time to come home, Dad would let me go into his briefcase and count the love offerings given. I have to admit, it gave me a little rush! I don't think I'd seen more than \$100 at one time before. But what I loved the most was the music.

As you all probably know, our home was filled with love and music. I grew up as a member of The Coburn Family Band which later became The Calling Band. We spent many hours practicing and sharing the music in church services and special events over the years. I loved making music with my family and all the very talented Calling Band musicians. Recording was one of my very favorite things to do. Whether it was at my brother's house or upgrading to Martie's studio, laying down tracks until we got it just right was so satisfying.



While recording Dad's album, *A **Servant's Songs***, he asked if I would sing a duet with him on "There'll Always Be Songs." Of course, I said yes! That opportunity became one of my most treasured memories. Every time I listen to that song, I'm transported back to the night we recorded it. From there, a flood of wonderful musical memories comes rushing back.



Being a part of the music was my contribution to Dad's ministry. The music was meant to touch people's lives and I think it has. I hope you continue to feel inspired, comforted, and moved by the music of the KBC Ministry.



Peace. Cari

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Service Return Requested

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that there is a season to everything. A time under heaven...and so it is for Evangelism in the Prophetic Spirit.

47 years ago, Kimball, Pam and their family began a journey based on nothing more than faith. Faith that they could help the local church. Faith that they could influence people's lives. Faith that they could change the perception of Evangelism. Their faith has been richly rewarded. We are deeply indebted to those who have supported the ministry over the years. When a need surfaced someone rose to the occasion with what was required. A car, a home, financial support....whatever! ***What is needed now is continued spiritual and prayerful support.***

Pam and Kimball are financially secure at Pilgram Place and request you redirect your monetary gifts to your local church. In so doing, the agape spirit that has lived in Kimball's message and music will continue to be a part of the local church. It was always intended to be that way.

Dick Stager

President, KBC Ministry Board of Directors