



Evangelism  
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Prophetic  
Spirit

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## HUNGRY AND HUMBLE

**I really like to watch Rafael Nadal play tennis. He plays like he is hungry and he acts like he is humble. His uncle, who is his coach, told him when he was a boy – “always be hungry and humble.” Today, Rafael is the number one player in the world.**

I would love to see us, the Church, take on this way of thinking and acting – hungry and humble. The opposite of hungry and humble is fat and sassy or full and satisfied or spoiled and jaded. Are we fat with the ‘isms’– institutionalism and denominationalism? Are we spoiled by money and organization that doesn’t seem to require excellence from clergy or commitment from laity?

When I think back to Methodism in America, I can almost feel the pulse of the people, hungry to hear and learn and humbled to go and share with others. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger for righteousness.” He was teaching us that God wants us to be generous, to speak for justice and work for the good of others. Jesus also said, “Blessed are the

poor in spirit.” God blesses us when we step back from our ego driven lives and assume the discipline of humility and obedience.

### American Methodism

1774 – less than 3,000

1784 – 12,914

1790 – 57,631

(fastest growing  
Protestant Church)

Congregations who are hungry and humble are very noticeable. They have a joy that is missing in the majority of churches. Recently, I was visiting a church (as a worshipper). I felt the liturgy was meaningful, the choir

sang good, and the preaching was well constructed with solid theological content, but there was no joy.

I miss joy in our churches. Joy is not jokes and jumpy songs. It is the feeling that God is with you. A feeling God is real, alive and lifting your spirit. And yes, good preaching and good music are important parts of a joyful worship service when

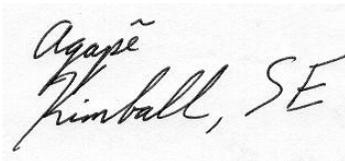
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## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

they touch a nerve or spark a feeling. Joy goes deep. It causes you to dream, it moves you to discipleship. It creates in you celebration and thankfulness for life.

Why is it that hungry and humble churches are joyous churches? It is because they are churches that are reviving and renewing their spirits and rethinking their ministry. In their humble surroundings, they see the words of Jesus come to life. They are willing to witness for righteousness and are grateful for the privilege to do so. Their people are disciples of Christ, not just members on the rolls. They experience meaning and joy through getting in touch with God's purpose for their lives. They become a part of the building of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

God is calling you to be hungry and humble. It won't make you number one in the world but it will make you the best Christian you can be. If you decide to respond to the Call today, I promise you **Joy** will come in the morning and for the rest of your life.



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### BUDGET FOR 2010 \$92,000

Amount Budgeted To Date:  
\$61,333

Amount Received To Date:  
\$37,186

#### A Note From Our Board of Directors:

As summer comes to an end, we find ourselves pleased to report that your love and support for our ministry ceases to amaze us. When summer comes, it is easy to forget others when we are thinking about vacations, rest and relaxation.

While you may have done the above, you have not forgotten the work of the Kimball Coburn Ministry. As August ends we have received \$37,186. We thank you for your many ways of affirming and supporting Kimball's commitment to do evangelism.

"Politicians win by going into the attack mode.  
Christians win by going into the serving mode."

Kimball Boyd Coburn

# EYE ON THE PRIZE



## *Hearing God's Call To Be The Church*

An Evangelism Event that will keep us focused on  
Building God's Kingdom

Led By

*Servant Evangelist, Kimball Coburn*

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## It's Harvest Time, Folks!



*It was said, "Having Kimball at our church was like a spiritual shot in the arm...we'll be reaping the harvest from this event for a long time!" As I thought about reaping the harvest, I thought, Kimball isn't a shot in the arm, he's more like fertilizer...the systemic kind.*

*One of the strengths of Kimball and Pam's ministry is that they don't have one, that is to say they come and blend in the existing ministry of the local church.. So when they leave, there isn't a vacuum, but rather the whole church is nourished. I support what Kimball and Pam do. They make a difference in the church ...just like good fertilizer!"*

These words from Alma Roberts, a teacher and active layperson in her church and our Conference, caused me to smile. I've never been compared to fertilizer BUT I kinda like the sound of being a systemic fertilizer – one that starts at the roots of faith moving up with nourishment for new life and new crops for harvesting. I'm no master gardener but I am a servant evangelist who wants to serve God and the Church....Use me.

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