Celebrating 80 Years of Life, Growth and Renewed Vision
Cedine 80th YEAR ANNIVERSARY Celebration

Cedine Report

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In gratitude to the Lord for 80 years of continuous ministry, we want to share these words from a 1996 Cedine Report when Cedine celebrated its 50th Jubilee Anniversary. But as you read fill in the empty blanks with the number 80.

As we review these past ___ years of the Lord's faithfulness and provision here at Cedine, several things come to mind immediately. It is certainly evident when viewed from any vantage point that Cedine belongs to the Lord, this is His work! He has brought us to where we are today…After ___ years of seed sowing and cultivating the Word of God through hard times and good times many children and adults have entered into the Cedine experience "To Know Him (Christ Jesus) and to Make Him Known."…Programs and facilities are continually being expanded. God's servants have faithfully partnered with us in prayer and financial support… We believe God wants us to move ahead NOW!

Come Celebrate with Us!

CEDINE'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING SERVICE

Saturday, August 8, 2026
10:30 AM

To register for Homecoming Day

Scan the QR code
or
Visit the Homecoming page at cedine.org

These words, written 30 years ago, are still as valid today as they were back then. That's why we still thank and praise God for the ministry that takes place at Cedine as well as for all those who have faithfully partnered with us in prayer and financial support down through the years.

For our 80th celebration we have a special day planned. The morning service will begin at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Come join us for worship, testimonies and special acknowledgements.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Robert Smith from Samford University Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL. Following the morning service there will be a delicious fellowship meal. Afternoon tours and fun activities are planned as well.

We look forward to seeing you there!

It's Summer Camp Time!

We are thrilled to be celebrating Cedine's 80th year and having another summer to invest in the lives of junior, middler, teen campers and families. We have great speakers, Bible studies and several fun activities planned. Join with us in praying for this to be an enriching experience for all. Also, pray for our Camp Director and summer staff. Pray also for camper safety, salvations, health and spiritual growth. Pray most of all that everyone coming this summer will go away with a greater desire to be ***"LOCKED-IN" "…fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith…"*** Hebrews 12:2






From The Director's Desk

We are praising the Lord for the 80 years of ministry He has given Cedine. We are blessed to have been a part of it for over half of that time. Martha and I have served on the staff of Cedine since 1980. We were summer staff the summer of 1980 and then accepted as missionary candidates in October of that year. My family has been connected with the ministry for 66 of those years as my parents came to serve in 1960. We are thankful to have been given this privilege.

We are working hard to be ready for summer camp. Registrations are ahead of last year at this time. We are looking forward to a great summer with the theme, "Locked In". Bro. Garry is working hard to have all the staff in place. We are still in need of a lead cook, horse wrangler, and some men cabin leaders. Please pray that the Lord will provide as He always has. We continue to make progress on the transition to the new registration software and other IT related challenges.

The work groups this spring were such a blessing. A much-needed curb replacement in front of Nash Hall was completed along with many other needed repairs. Bro. Jonie Neddo, a board member and son of former staff members, Francis and Hazel Neddo, has been working to repair the wooden fence that makes the hilltop more picturesque. The work group from Clarksville Bible got the fence repainted along with the swimming dock. We praise the Lord for all of those that have participated in maintenance this Spring. We are also praising the Lord for a retiree that has come alongside us to work with the maintenance department, Bro. Bill Black. We are excited about what he brings to the team.

The board continues to work on the leadership transition plan. Pray for wisdom for them as they seek to move the ministry forward for the glory of the Lord.

- Vernon Tannahill

Spring Happenings

Cedine held its first March Ladies' Retreat since the pandemic. 30 ladies came together and enjoyed a special, intimate time of fellowship, worship and encouragement from the Word of God. It was a blessing to delve into a greater understanding of how God reveals Himself to us through His Names. The 2026 theme – His Name is Near (Psalm 75:1)

150 men attended the March Men's Retreat. We praise God for how He used the speaker and workshop leaders to equip and challenge the men to be Christ-Fit in every area of their lives. (1 Timothy 4:8). The men enjoyed the Word and the fellowship with their brothers in Christ.

The April Ladies' Retreat continued with speaker, Nadia Terry once again giving the ladies an in-depth look into the meaning of God's names. 165 ladies attended and were inspired by the worship, workshops, prayer time and fellowship.

We praise the Lord for continuing to do His work in the hearts of the men and women who come our way.

It's not too late to join us this fall.

Couples Retreat - September 25-27
Speakers: James and Latrice Caligone

Ladies' Retreat #3 - October 9-11
Speaker: Nadia Terry
(October retreat is filling up fast)

Men's Retreat #2 - October 23-25
Speaker: Jordan Washington

Ladies' Retreat #4 - November 6-8
Speaker: Nadia Terry

2026 Summer Schedule

May 25-June 6 • Lifeguard & Summer Staff Training
June 8-13 • Junior Camp
June 15-20 • Middler Camp
June 22-27 • Teen Camp
June 29-July 3 • Family Camp *(ends on Friday)*

Our Mission

Cedine Ministries exists to honor God and His Word by partnering with the church in evangelism and discipleship training through quality camp, conference and outreach ministries with an emphasis on the underserved community.

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Position Announcement

Cedine Ministries is looking for an experienced General Director to lead the ministry into a new future by overseeing the ongoing operations in Spring City, TN. Cedine has been a place where people have encountered God for 80 years. It is a full-time salaried position that includes housing (if desired).

Please email your letter of introduction, resume and/or questions to:
Ray.schnickels4@gmail.com

Around Cedine

Leonard & Wanda Herman moved to Spring City to live with friends on March 7th. Pray for them as they adjust to the move.

The final Bible quiz of the season was held at Cedine on 28th. There were 150 people at the quiz and at the awards ceremony, we celebrated 7 graduating seniors. Next season we will be studying the Book of John. The first quiz will be October 17 in Blytheville, Arkansas.

East White Oak work group from Normal, Illinois arrived Sunday, March 29th and stayed through the week. On April 6th a workgroup from Clarksville Bible Church and a couple of men from Salem Bible Church, both groups from Michigan, came for the week to work. Much was accomplished and we are so grateful for work groups. Perhaps you might have a group that would be interested in coming as a work group. There are plenty of projects to be done. For more information contact Cedine and we will try to work out the details.

On April 27 – 30, Vernon and Martha attended the Association of North American Missions Board Meeting and Forum in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jeff White, husband of Jane White, passed away on April 30th. Pray for Jane and the rest of the family as they grieve. Jane worked as a part-time associate at Cedine for over 25 years.





Honor & Memorial Gifts

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Cedine Ministries Praise & Prayer

Summer 2026

1) Zechariah 4:6-"...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit says the LORD of hosts."

2) Bible Correspondence Courses-Praise for all who completed courses to come to camp. Pray for more people to participate in studying God's Word.

3) Bible Quizzing-Pray for new season preparations in the book of John. Pray for new church contacts that will result in Bible quiz involvement.

4) Follow-up Ministries-Pray for effectiveness in our follow up ministries.

5) Staff children-Pray that God will protect and work in the hearts of our staff children and give parents wisdom.

6) Our Government-Pray for our nation's leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

7) Ministry Partners-Praise for faithful prayer and financial partners.

8) Food Service-Pray for stamina and safety for summer kitchen help.

9) Summer Camp-Praise God for all staff and campers participating in camp this summer. Pray for souls to be saved!

10) Bill Lamarr-Praise for discipleship opportunities. Pray for health needs.

11) Work Groups-Praise for projects completed by spring workgroups.

12) Cedine Retreats and Conferences-Praise for the receptiveness to God's Word during spring retreats. Pray for fall retreat preparations.

13) General Director Search-Pray the Lord will send a General Director who desires to know and submit to God's heart for the future of Cedine.

14) Linda Minter-Praise for God's provisions through His people. Pray for my health, stamina and greater clarity as God leads and directs.

15) Retired staff -Burch & Mary Walker, Kim Yarger, Ken & Debbie Ore, Leonard & Wanda Herman – Pray for open doors of ministry, pray for wisdom and direction.

16) Retired staff-Gloria Ward, Jane White, Doris Bowman, Joan Zimmerman-Pray for constant reminders of God's care and comfort.

17) Endurance-Pray that we will stay the course and run the race set before us.

Cedine Ministries Praise & Prayer

continued

18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill-Praise for faithful support and prayers. Pray that we keep our eyes on Jesus, for busy summer weeks of camp, strength and wisdom for our next steps at Cedine.

19) Jerry and Janet Branscum-Pray for Janet's health needs, the horse program and summer maintenance.

20) Garry and Chabeli Griffin-Please pray for wisdom in leading summer camp and for a healthy and safe pregnancy for Chabeli, as we prepare to welcome our first baby boy.

21) Facilities-Pray for resources to do much needed upgrades around Cedine

22) 80th Anniversary-Pray for encouragement through the Word, fellowship and activities during the Homecoming Day celebration.

23) Staff needs-Continue to pray for staffing needs (see below)

24) Housekeeping Staff-Flora Gordon. Praise for God's strength during a full spring season. Pray for additional housekeeping staff.

25) Jake & Jen Warix-We praise God for the progress we are making in updating our digital systems. Pray for Jen as she recovers from a miscarriage.

26) Scott Thompson-Praise be to God that by this time next month I will have 20 credit hours completed on my Masters of Divinity.

27) Riley and Kimberly Peak-Praise for Annie growing well and being loved by her siblings. Praise for strength during a busy spring. Pray for good discipleship during summer ministry.

28) Office Staff-Resti Dangley, Denise Stacy. Pray for health and guidance.

29) Homecoming-Pray that celebration plans will glorify God and encourage all.

30) The Board of Trustees-Pray for discernment, unity and insight for the future according to God's purposes.

31) Cedine Bible Mission-Pray that our staff will look to Jesus for every need.

PERMANENT STAFF NEEDS

General Director
Conference Director
Business Office Manager
Camp/Conference Registrar
Maintenance Personnel

Stories from Cedine's History





As Cedine's camp attendance began to expand exponentially Paul Zimmerman realized the need for a larger space. He learned of a 100 acre farm for sale and believed this was God's answer to prayer. The purchase price was $2,000, funds that Bro. Paul did not have. Someone stepped forward to co-sign for a loan and the land was purchased. Through the sacrificial giving of others the loan was paid off in just four months. Soon buildings would replace army tents and God would provide even greater ministry opportunities despite upcoming trials and tragedies.

Not everyone caught the vision of what God was doing at Cedine. On Easter Sunday1957 an arsonist attack destroyed two buildings, but plans for summer camp would move forward. Once again, God provided. In just two months larger and improved facilities were built turning an evil deed into a blessing.

In the 60s, after school segregation was outlawed, Cedine lost many of its public school contacts, but God's work through Cedine grew even more. In response, the ministry launched correspondence courses and Bible clubs. Bible quizzing also became a significant outreach. Correspondence courses and Bible quizzing are still part of Cedine's ministry today.

Another area of growth was Cedine Bible Institute (CBI). Board discussions to create opportunities for Biblical training actually began in 1957 as plans were made to rebuild following the fire. Those discussions would resurface following a tremendous loss when Curtis Hodge tragically drowned while serving at Cedine the summer of 1962. Before the board even made an official decision about CBI, funding started coming in including a gift from Shirley Hodge in memory of her husband, Curtis. In October 1966, under the leadership of Dwight Zimmerman, now Cedine's General Director, Hodge Hall would welcome CBI's first students and become a vital training ground for missionaries, pastors and other Christian workers throughout its existence from 1966-1988.

Former CBI student, Greg Samuels, shares this -*" My fondest memories of Cedine revolve around my time as a student in the 1970s at Cedine Bible Institute. Under the guidance of the esteemed instructors at CBI, I was privileged to receive exceptional sound Biblical instruction. One of the remarkable aspects of CBI was the presence of numerous prominent preachers and teachers from across the nation who graced the institute as guest speakers. Their genuine challenges and insights profoundly impacted my journey with the Lord. It was here that I met my wife, Jackie, which was a blessing in disguise. She, too, was a Bible Institute student."* Greg and Jackie go on to share how Tom Florence, CBI dean and instructor, Bro. Neddo, the Maxwells, the Davis' and Esther Spieth were such a blessing in their lives. To read the entirety of the Samuel's story, visit Cedine's 80th Homecoming Page at cedine.org.

Throughout his years at Cedine Bro. Paul saw God grow something truly special on this 100 plus acreage that he believed God for decades ago. In 1973 Bro. Paul was called to his heavenly home. As the work at Cedine continued God would pave the way for so much more in the years to come. *(To be continued in the next Cedine Report)*