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

Cedine Report

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Joyful Celebration

August 8th was a special day as we honored the Lord during Cedine's Homecoming and 80th Anniversary. From near and far, 225 attended. Little ones, older ones and even a 105 year old special lady heard many memorable stories, testimonies, acknowledgements, worship and more. Leon Locke, former camper and Mayor of Spring City, TN gave congratulatory remarks. Dr. Robert Smith delivered a dynamic message that encouraged and challenged us all. It was a good day with plenty of delicious food and a wonderful time of fellowship among Cedine family old and new.

Special recognitions went to Leonard and Wanda Herman for their many years of service with Cedine. Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman were fondly remembered for their legacy as faithful stewards of God's work at Cedine. Cedine's Board presented a gift of appreciation to Vernon and Martha Tannahill in recognition of their retirement and years of service.

We can't thank God enough for the committee and the many volunteers who helped to make the day truly special. More importantly we praise the Lord for this milestone in ministry. We owe it all to Him.



Honor to Whom Honor is Due



Cedine Ministries announces the well-deserved retirement of Vernon and Martha Tannahill. For 46 years, Vernon and Martha have faithfully served the Lord as full time Cedine missionaries. Throughout those years they have invested themselves in the ministry and in the lives of countless individuals, families, churches and ministry partners who have been touched by Cedine's work.

Vernon has served as Cedine's General Director since 2001. Together he and Martha played an important role in shaping the ministry's direction and growth. Their commitment to God's Word, discipleship, hospitality and service has left a lasting legacy for which we are deeply thankful.
As Cedine enters this season of transition, we are also pleased to announce that Garry Griffin, Jr. is serving as Interim General Director. Garry has served with Cedine in various capacities since 2024. He brings valuable experience, familiarity with the ministry, and a heart for its mission.

We ask your continued prayers for Cedine's Board of Directors as we prayerfully continue the search for the ministry's next General Director. Pray also for Vernon and Martha as they enter this new chapter, for Garry as he leads during this interim period and for the Cedine staff.

Know that Cedine Ministries remains committed to serving the Lord and partnering with the Church in evangelism and discipleship. Not just decisions, but disciples for Christ.

- Lamont Price, Board Chairman

From The Director's Desk

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

As many of you know, Cedine is in a season of transition. During this season, some of our staff have stepped into new leadership roles, while other roles and responsibilities are being restructured. We are also updating many of our systems and processes so that we can serve more effectively and steward the ministry well.

While leadership and processes may change, our commitment to honoring God and His Word will remain the same. For 80 years, God has used Cedine to minister to generations of children, families, churches and communities. We look forward to His continued faithfulness.

We thank you for your patience, prayers and continued partnership as we walk through this season together and do the work necessary to position Cedine for the years ahead.

Visit us at cedine.org and on Facebook for more updates.

- Garry Griffin, Jr, Interim General Director



Around Cedine

Vernon and Martha attended the Baptist Fellowship Association conference July 12-17 in Detroit, MI.

Jerry and Janet Branscum, Riley and Kimberly Peak and family and Vernon and Martha Tannahill attended the ANAM Appalachian Regional Conference August 20-22 at Source of Light Ministries in Madison, GA.

It's a Boy!

Kace Terrance Griffin was born on July 31 to Garry and Chabeli Griffin. He made his entry at 11:30pm weighing 8lbs. 9oz.

We thank God for the entire Griffin family - parents and sisters, Kendri and Kru. He and mama are home and doing well.

Summer Highlights

Praise God for a great summer. Our summer staff and volunteers were awesome and dedicated workers. We are thankful for each and every one.

- 190 campers were served this summer
- Over 70 campers made decisions for Jesus Christ
- 159 attended the July 4th Family Camp week
- 3 generations of women - a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother arrived at camp together to bring their now 4th generation family member to Cedine.

Pray with us as we look forward to another great summer next year.



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:
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More Staff News

Scott Thompson completed his time of service with Cedine as of July 31. We thank God and appreciate all that Scott contributed to the team while he was here.

Bill Black has come aboard to help out in maintenance as a self-supporting volunteer.

In August Denise Stacy began transitioning into the role of Registrar for Cedine's retreats and summer camp.

Gloria Rader, former Cedine staff and longtime volunteer, recently joined the Cedine team as a part time office assistant.

Judy Lewis returned to help a few hours a week in housekeeping. Paul Lewis joins us part time to serve in housekeeping as well.

Cedine Board of Directors

The annual Board Meeting was held August 6 and 7th. Pray for wisdom and direction for the Board. Dr. Victor Clay retired from his position as Board Vice Chair and Board member and was appointed Board Member Emeritus in recognition of his almost 20 years of service on Cedine's Board of Directors. We are thankful for his many years of wisdom and guidance.

Honor & Memorial Gifts

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Cedine Ministries Praise & Prayer

Fall 2026

1) Scripture - Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

2) 80th Anniversary-Praise for a beautiful day of celebration that was honoring to the Lord.

3) Summer Camp-There were 77 decisions for Christ at camp this past summer. Please pray that each of them will continue growing daily in their walk with Christ.

4) Cedine Retreats and Conferences-Pray that the Word of God will make an impact in the lives of those attending our fall retreats.

5) Bible Correspondence Courses-Pray that the Word of God will impact the lives of those studying His Word.

6) Bible Quizzing-Pray for hearts of quizzers and coaches to be penetrated by the Word of God.

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

8) Staff children-Pray for a productive and safe upcoming school year.

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

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

11) Garry and Chabeli Griffin-We praise God for the arrival of our baby boy Kace Terrance Griffin. Please keep us in prayer as we serve in a new capacity in this season.

12) Riley and Kimberly Peak-Praising the Lord for the blessing of sharing Cedine with our church family this summer and fall. Pray for us in walking this fall with discernment.

13) Jerry and Janet Branscum-Pray for Janet's continued healing following her third stroke and surgery. Pray for wisdom in maintenance.

14) Linda Minter-Pray for wisdom while working through ministry transitions. Praise for new additions to the family due in October and January. Pray for my children.

15) Bill Lamarr-Praise for summer LIT program. Pray for health and wisdom.

16) Jake & Jen Warix-Pray for software training and refining this fall. Pray for unexplained symptoms that daughter Eva is experiencing and healing. Pray for Jen's ongoing health and strength.

Cedine Ministries Praise & Prayer

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17) Registrations-Pray for Denise Stacy who is moving into the role as Registrar for the ministry.

18) Facilities-Pray that God will send those with skilled hands and servant's hearts to help care for facilities.

19) Housekeeping Staff-Praise for God's strength during a full spring season. Pray for additional housekeeping staff for fall retreats.

20) Food Service-Pray for ministry opportunities through serving and for food service volunteers for fall retreats.

21) Office Staff-Pray for successful retention of information during this time of learning and taking on new responsibilities.

22) Volunteers-Praise and thanksgiving for those who gave of their time and talents during the summer season.

23) Vernon and Martha Tannahill-Pray for continued ministry opportunities, safe travels, Vernon's upcoming missions' trip and God's direction. Praise for everyone who continues to pray for and support us.

24) Retired staff-Burch & Mary Walker, Kim Yarger, Ken & Debbie Ore, Leonard & Wanda Herman–Praise for their heart's desire to serve as God leads.Pray for their continued health and strength.

25) Retired staff-Gloria Ward, Jane White, Doris Bowman, Joan Zimmerman-Praise for God's faithfulness. Pray for continued opportunities to share Christ.

26) Obedience-Pray that we will be doers of the Word and not just hearers.

27) Staff needs-Pray for God's wisdom, direction and provision for staffing needs.

28) General Director Search-Pray for the Lord's choice for Cedine's next General Director.

29) The Board of Trustees-Pray they will hear God's voice above all others and act with discernment and clarity.

30) Cedine Bible Mission-Pray for Board and staff unity as we work through this transitional period.

31) Proverbs 3:6 -"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

Stories from Cedine's History

"The Men's Retreat at Cedine has been a big event in my life for the past three years… There are a number of outstanding features about the retreat. I thoroughly enjoy the fellowship of other Christian men. I am impressed that so many men of my own age and background are interested in spiritual things as I am…I praise God for the efforts of Cedine Bible Institute toward being a blessing in the lives of men, women and children." by Gary C. Hickman (December 1980 Cedine Report)

For years Cedine had been holding 'retreats' on a limited basis in connection with the Bible Institute program. Once CBI officially closed the retreat ministry expanded. Nash Hall, Grace House and Hance House were converted to retreat housing. Speaker sessions were held in Zimmerman Building's lower chapel. Meals were served in the camp dining hall. Here are a few more memories that we'd like to share.





Pastor Robert Benson shares...

"Cedine Ministries has had a great impact on my life, beginning in 1978 when I was invited to a Men's Retreat. Brother Butch Upton was the speaker and the gathering was held in the Zimmerman building. I remember Brother Tom Florance playing the accordion for special music."

Davie Jamison shares...

"My first visit to Cedine was in 1982 when I attended a Ladies Retreat with my friend Joyce Townsend. Joyce was introduced to Cedine by Bettye Williams, a mutual friend, who had attended Cedine as a child...I loved the fellowship and the camaraderie of being with other Christian women. After my first visit, I was enthralled with the camp and continued to go back and take others."

As the retreat and conference ministry continued to grow, a larger facility was needed. In June 1996, Cedine's 50th Jubilee Anniversary, many gathered on the hilltop overlooking Watts Bar Lake to witness a special groundbreaking ceremony for the new food service building that we all know as the Jubilee Center. By September 1999 Jubilee was completed debt free and a dedication service was held.



Through the years Cedine's retreat and conference ministry has continued to impact lives. We praise God for the provisions He made to give men, women and families a place to learn of Jesus, grow in Christ and fellowship with other Christians.

Read more of the retreat stories on Cedine's 80th Anniversary page. *To be continued in the next Cedine Report.*