‘Not just decisions but disciples for Christ’ has been Cedine’s ministry motto from the beginning. Many changes have taken place since 1946 and those early days when Cedine staff held schoolhouse visitation in the public segregated schools, offering children who memorized 200 Bible verses a week free at summer camp. With integration of public schools in 1966 that chapter of our history started to come to a close. Our community workers sought other ways to reach out into those neighborhood communities.

Today, 72 years later, Cedine still has the passion of reaching out to those around us. In addition to a full ten week schedule of summer camps and conferences and nine weekend retreats, we continue to endeavor to ‘reach out’ in many different ways to those who may not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior as well as those who have made decisions to follow Him in a growing relationship.

Our desire is that adults and young people alike who attend a camp, retreat or conference will not go home without something to help them grow and mature in their Christian life. Cedine sends out hundreds of devotional guides bi-monthly. Your Daily Quiet Time is geared to adults.

The devotional Keys for Kids is sent to junior and middle age young people who attend camp.

A week after attending camp, attendees receive a postcard from their cabin leader. They also receive a postcard on their birthday encouraging them to continue in their commitment to live for Jesus.

Our Bible Correspondence Course ministry is another way Cedine reaches out to many. Cedine offers thirty-two different courses ranging from studies on books of the Bible to studies on practical Christian living. If you are four or ninety-four there is a correspondence course geared for you.

A Bible quizzing program has been a vital outreach ministry to children and youth for over sixty years. Every August teams assemble from all over Tennessee and surrounding states to begin to study a certain passage of Scripture. This year quizzers are studying I and II Corinthians. April 13-14 a quiz retreat and final quiz will be held here on Cedine property. Thousands of lives have been changed and challenged through the study of God’s Word in this unique format.

For many years one of our staff ladies has been responsible for a Bible study each Wednesday morning for the ladies of our community. She is often found ministering to these same ladies by visiting if they are in the hospital, taking food if they are sick, cleaning their house, etc. Each Thursday morning one of our men leads/teaches a men’s Bible study in his home. Another of our men holds weekly mentoring sessions for several young people. A couple lives in the Atlanta area recruiting for summer camp and reaching out to young men.

Our outreach ministries also include local church involvement as teaching and preaching, participation in missionary and other conferences, pulpit supply and ministering in nursing homes.

In recent years our staff has reached out to migrant workers who have moved to our area for employment during the summer and fall months.

Just being available as a friend and sharing Christ at every opportunity is our joyous privilege and responsibility.
Life in the Director’s chair has its ups and downs; it is exciting, challenging but never boring. A day can be planned but it seldom works out according to plan. A day may involve preparing reports for the board, working with a planning committee on retreat plans (since we don’t have a Conference Director to care for that), setting up a food service roster for a weekend retreat (since we don’t have a Food Service Director), writing a donor letter, working on the budget, tracking the ministries’ finances, answering phone calls about a retreat or from the insurance company and interacting with staff throughout the day.

The months of January and February are special as well as challenging as I take the time to meet with each staff member and review what God has done this past year, what might have slipped through the cracks (the personal quarterly newsletter for several) and what are the challenges we hope to conquer for this coming year. I am so encouraged by many of our staff, their love for the Lord and their passion to serve.

A joy of mine is to see how the Lord continues to provide for the needs of Cedine and our missionaries. We need additional donors for staff (especially the new ones trying to get here), general fund and capital projects. Please pray that the Lord will provide for us in this. We are grateful to the Lord for funds that have been provided to begin a project to put A/C in the camp chapel so the young people won’t be distracted from hearing the Word by the heat. Praise the Lord with us as you pray for His continual provision.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Would you believe Little Red Riding Hood, Uncle Andrew (Chronicles of Narnia), Cinderella, Belle, a tree and even the Cow that jumped over the moon were at Cedine? These and many other characters (aka Cedine volunteers) attended Cedine’s annual Volunteer Staff Retreat January 5-7.

Throughout 2017 they played a special part in our ministry; giving of their time and talent to do whatever we needed. It was our pleasure to give them a memorable weekend of relaxation, fellowship and fun. We had great sessions with Pastor Ryan McCammack. His messages prepared our hearts to serve our guests this year with unconditional and unbiased love.

Special awards were given to the following volunteers:

Volunteer of the Year-Elaine Vine; Rookie of the year-Judie Christensen; Timothy Award- Daniel Thomas; Prayer Warrior Award-Debbie Faulkner; Faithful Steward Award-Larry and Aleta Bray; Camp Volunteer of the Year-Charissa Harwerth; Conference Volunteer of the Year-Susan Moss; Bible Quiz Volunteer of the Year-Beverly Hamilton; Good Neighbor Award-Judy Lewis; Leader in Training Award-Uriah Kennedy; Counselor of the Year-Raven Pace and Jessica Zimmerman; Counselor-in-Training Award-Nickolas Pierson and Cameron Powell; Work Group of the Year-Immanuel Church of Holland, MI; and Best Costume went to “the Cow that jumped over the moon”, Lauren Goldston.

Join us in thanking God for all our volunteers. We couldn’t do what we do at Cedine without them. Will you be one of Cedine’s 2018 volunteers?

LOOKING AHEAD

FOR WOMEN
Theme: Family Feuds End with Jesus
Speaker: Melissa Jones
- March 9-11
- April 20-22

FOR MEN
Theme: No More Regrets
Speaker: Julius Malone
- March 23-25

FOR COUPLES
Theme: For Better For Worse
Speakers: Ted and Kimela Curtis
- May 25-27
The Institute for Cultural Communicators used our facilities for a conference January 10-15 with 171 attending.

Cedine Staff retreat was held January 23-25.

February 9 the 3rd Bible Quiz Tournament of the school year was held at Foster Chapel Baptist Church in Knoxville.

The Board of Trustees of Cedine Ministries met February 22-23 for its semi-annual meeting. We appreciate these faithful men who give direction and oversight for Cedine Ministries. The ANAM 5 year review committee gave their review report to the board and administrative staff on February 22.
Praise and Prayer Continued

• safety, good meetings and that we will glorify God. Pray for spring work groups.

20) Riley and Kimberly Peak—Pray as we work on developing partners for ministry. Pray as we navigate through Kimberly’s first pregnancy.

21) Intern-Scott Thompson needs our prayers as he works here with us this school year.

22) Jacques Hall—Pray for our children Nico and Jaya and child due in August. Pray for support raising opportunities and full camps this summer.


24) Jane White—Pray for my family. Pray that I will accomplish office tasks in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

25) Bible Quizzing—Pray for the coaches and students. Pray all will faithfully study the Word (I & II Corinthians) and allow it to change their lives.

26) Kim and Carol Yarger—Praise for a good report from our son Cory’s doctors. Pray for wisdom and strength as work groups arrive.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman—Pray that we will be God’s good helpers with all the family, church and ministry needs around us.

28) Board of Trustees—Pray for godly men of vision, who establish policy and give direction for the ongoing and future ministries of Cedine.

29) Appointees—Pray for God’s provision for those on deputation in anticipation of coming to Cedine to be a part of the ministry.

Bruce and Michelle Cook
Andrew and Faith Kliever
Paul and Judy Lewis

30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman—Praise for continued healing from accident. Pray for a faithful witness in all community contacts. Pray for strength as we minister in food service during retreats.

31) Cedine Bible Mission—Continue to pray for additional permanent camp and conference staff workers. See Matt. 9:37,38

PERMANENT STAFF NEEDS:

• Business Manager
• Conference Director
• Food Service Director
• General maintenance personnel

APPOINTEES NEEDING SUPPORT

• Bruce and Michelle Cook
• Andrew and Faith Kliever
• Paul and Judy Lewis

STAFF SNAPSHOTs

Ever wonder how many people met their spouses here at Cedine? Some met as campers. Others met as counselors and some as Bible Institute students.

Wanda Maxfield and Leonard Herman met in the dining room on the lower floor of the Zimmerman building during the days of the Cedine Bible Institute.

Wanda was born in Montezuma, Indiana to Robert and Eva Maxfield. She came to know the Lord when she was young. When Wanda was 13 her church had a revival meeting. She couldn’t sleep that night. She was afraid that if she died she would go to Hell. That night she asked the Lord to come into her life if He had not come in before. The Lord gave her peace.

After high school Wanda attended Moody Bible Institute graduating in 1960. While there Paul Zimmerman challenged Wanda to come to Cedine Bible Camp as a summer worker. She did come in 1960 and returned in 1961 as a permanent staff member.

Wanda served cheerfully and faithfully as a single worker for 18 years.

During the school year she ministered in public school visitation and led teen Bible clubs with Bible quizzing. She mentored a number of younger single ladies who worked along side her.

When camp started each summer Wanda was head counselor in the girls’ village. She also coordinated the Leaders-in-Training program for many years. Our current General Director and Director of Outreach were under her in that program. Although afraid of water when she first came to Cedine, Wanda not only learned to swim but also became a Water Safety Instructor.

Leonard was born and grew up on a farm in Northeast Iowa. His family was religious but it wasn’t until Leonard was past thirty years old that he realized church membership did not save him and he needed to be saved. He admitted his guilt and called on the Lord Jesus to save him.

Wanda and Leonard were married May 5, 1979. The wedding ceremony took place in the B.M. Nottage camp chapel with Dwight Zimmerman and J.C. Upton officiating.

In September 1979 Leonard and Wanda moved to Cleveland, TN working in community outreach. Each summer they moved to Cedine to help in the camping program. For many years they were responsible for the camp’s craft ministry.

Since 2001 Wanda has been responsible for the Bible Correspondence Course outreach. Leonard helps by grading some of the lessons. He also works in maintenance.

Leonard and Wanda are members at Spring City Baptist Church, Spring City, TN. Leonard is a deacon and teaches a Sunday School class. They weekly visit a nursing home where Leonard shares Scripture and leads singing.

When farm laborers from Guatemala, Mexico, and Haiti arrive in our area Leonard and Wanda seek to minister to them using tracts, Bible correspondence courses and Hispanic speakers.

Leonard and Wanda adopted their sons, Zack in 1986 and Daniel in 1988. They have one grandson, Dallas. The Hermans live in one of Cedine’s lakeside houses.

Praise the Lord with us for bringing Wanda to Cedine Ministries and then having Leonard join her.