

# Cedine Report

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It was Sunday, March 29th. The sun had come up. Birds were singing, skies were blue, and there was a gentle breeze blowing. One

would have thought that it was a typical spring morning at Cedine, but that day was far from typical! Just a few hours before, somewhere around 5:00 am, most of our staff were jolted awake. There was spectacular lightning and thunder with rain and hail. The severe thunderstorm brought with it dangerously high tornado like-winds.

Cottages, trailers and windows shook. Some of our staff experienced close calls with possible injury or worse. One couple had vacated their bed just before a tree came crashing into their home. Tree branches broke through their bedroom window; right over the head of their bed. One of our men had been out working his paper route and made it inside his home just as the storm hit - one minute before three trees came crashing down on the car he had been in. Later that morning, staff began emerging from their homes. We were overwhelmed by the sights in front of us. Cedine's grounds looked like a war zone.

The entry road and roads leading to staff homes were all impassable. Power line



## DAY OF DESTRUCTION

poles had snapped and crashed down to the ground leaving us without power from Sunday morning until Tuesday afternoon. The Farmhouse was without power until Friday.

The camp kitchen, Nash Hall and the Farmhouse all sustained roof damage from fallen trees. At Bethaven a downed tree damaged the garage roof. Upper Narnia sustained minor roof damage. Fallen trees also damaged vehicles; totaling four of them. It looked bad but the story doesn't end there.

This seeming day of destruction also opened the door for a display of brotherly love and Christian unity that far surpassed the discouraging sights before our eyes. God provided in ways we could not have imagined.

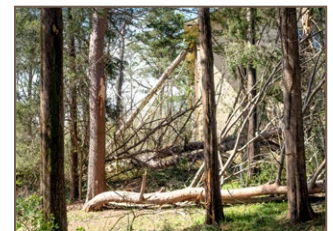
Our biggest praise to the Lord is that no one was hurt. Praise God for the Pine Grove Volunteer Fire Department with Fire Chief, Cory Yarger, and Colby Yarger with some of his crew. Because of their equipment and manpower things progressed much quicker than anticipated. In addition the Lord touched the hearts of so many of our neighbors and friends. They jumped in, doing whatever they could to help.

That afternoon, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, staff and volunteers gathered outside the maintenance building area. Lunch was prepared to show our deep appreciation to those who had worked long and hard all morning. By that time road blockages had been cleared, several trees had been cut and

piles of brush were all over the camp. Before being served, Susan Adams, our Food Service Manager, requested we sing the first stanza and chorus of the song, It Is Well. As our voices joined together, God's peace and presence were evident to us all.

Even though this spring has been one of many trials and loss due to COVID-19 and devastating storms, it has also been a time of blessing. We thank God for community volunteers who continue to faithfully give of their time to help with ongoing cleanup efforts. We also thank God for you, our faithful supporters and friends who continue to give, encourage and pray as we make adjustments and move forward.

Join us as we continue to look to the Lord with these heartfelt words and say, "It is well with my soul."



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Like most of you, I am sure this spring didn't look like anything we had planned and the summer is shaping up to be a casualty of the pandemic as well. As you have read in this issue, besides the challenges with the pandemic we also had the wind storm.

Despite the fact that the fees for camps and retreats normally produce about 40 percent of our income, we praise the Lord that to date our bills are paid. We have cut spending, partly because of not having events but also being careful about doing anything that isn't absolutely essential during this time. Please pray with us and if the Lord should lead, send a special gift to help us through this challenging time. We are so grateful to the many of you who have shown your concern by sending your words of encouragement and your gifts.

After much prayer and looking at all the data we could find, including a survey we sent to parents of campers from previous years, it

has been determined that we will cancel all of our scheduled summer activities unless the Lord supernaturally opens the door. We agonized over this decision but with the information we have at this time it appears this is how the Lord is directing us.

You may be wondering what we will do with our time. It seems for me, up to this time, I have had more to do in keeping up with government guidelines and seeking the Lord's mind each step of the way than functioning in normal operational mode. There are various things that we have often said we would love to do when we have time. We hope to tackle some of these in our effort to make Cedine the best tool we can be for our Master's use. We are spending time with people to encourage them in their walk with the Lord as He provides opportunity. I am planning to have a list of particular things to share with you in the fall.

## BIBLE QUIZZING



One of the disappointing cancellations during this shut down time has been our yearly quiz retreat and final tournament here at Cedine. Certainly keeping our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith and on the greater goal of Scripture memorization, we are hopeful of resuming Bible quizzing this fall. We will be studying the Book of Matthew. Pray for our coaches and quizzers that we will not lose our zeal for studying God's Word during this time. II Timothy 2:15 tells us when we study we are approved by God.



## WHAT OF TOMORROW?

**Plans** were prayerfully made and we at Cedine were prepared for the 200+ ladies registered for the retreat March 13-15. Beds were made and rooms readied. Food was ordered. Volunteer help scheduled. Speakers and workshop leaders were in place. But the retreat never happened. The other four retreats scheduled for March and April were all cancelled. Four scheduled work groups also could not come.

And you all know why.

**Pandemic** is a new word for us. It has changed our way of living, our plans of ministry but not our trust in the One Whom we serve.

**Prayerfully** waiting in uncertain times is His plan for us now. We don't know what the future holds. We plan, we pray, we wait for answers.

Join us in prayer. The timing of when we can once again go forward with our planned programming is uncertain.

For up to date information check:

**Cedine.org** or the

"Cedine Ministries" **Facebook** page (follow link from website)

**Precious promises** are found in His Word. "For I know the plans that I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

## Fall Schedule

### For Couples

*Speaker:* Donald Burlock

- September 11-13

### For Ladies

*Speaker:* Brenda Kirk

- September 25-27
- October 9-11
- November 6-8

### For Men

*Speaker:* Tyrone Curtis

- October 23-25

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## 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.



# AROUND CEDINE

## SERVANTS CALLED HOME

The Lord called Pastor Cleo Sanders Home on March 17, 2020. Cleo graduated from Cedine Bible Institute. From 1979 to February 2020 he faithfully pastored Grace Bible Church of Smithville, TN that was founded by Howard Tannahill. To Cleo's wife, Mary, and all the family who remain we extend our sympathy, love, and prayers.

On March 28, 2020 Miss Esther Spieth went to be with the Lord. From the early 1970's to 1993 Miss Esther taught English at the Cedine Bible Institute. Staff and students appreciated her quiet, patient spirit. At the time of her death she was affiliated with the Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, AZ.

About 100 church staff attended the Leadership Conference held March 5-7.

Thanks to the group from NewSpring Church of Kansas who ministered here the week of March 15.

Our correspondence course ministry continues as courses are graded, students questions are answered and new courses are sent. The Quiet Time devotional ministry continues to encourage people in their spiritual walk.

Telephone calls were made to the many who registered for the spring retreats.

The maintenance men are busy with every-day needs as well as continuing clean up from the storm. Staff who live nearby have been able to minister to neighbors. Staff on campus minister to those who come to help with clean up. Our Administrative Council has met for strategic planning.

# Praise & Prayer

Summer 2020

- 1) Bible Correspondence**-Pray for wisdom in correcting lessons and answering questions students ask.
- 2) Wayne and Doris Bowman**- Pray for wisdom and strength for our staff as we face the pandemic.
- 3) Andrew and Faith Kliever**-Pray for healing for Faith's back, wisdom for Christopher's health problems and wisdom for upcoming house repairs.
- 4) Children of Cedine Staff**-Pray for the families who are homeschooling their children.
- 5) Staff needs**-Pray for the need of godly, qualified people committed to serve here in the business office and in general maintenance.
- 6) Joan Zimmerman**-Praise for God's mercy and protection of life and property in recent storms. Thank you for praying.
- 7) Our Government**-Pray for our president, his cabinet and other national, state and local officials.
- 8) Leonard and Wanda Herman**-Praise that the correspondence school is still active. Pray for our family. Pray for the Guatemalan farm workers project that is on hold for right now.
- 9) Prayer and Financial Supporters**-Much praise for those who partner with us in regular prayer and financial support. Thank you!
- 10) Bible Quizzing**-We are hopeful of resuming Bible quizzing this fall, studying the Book of Matthew. Pray for our coaches and quizzers that we will not lose our zeal for studying God's Word.
- 11) David and Lucinda Lewis**-Praise for opportunity to help neighbors. Pray for wisdom in light of virus.
- 12) Susan Adams**-Praise for growth and progress of new grandbaby. Pray for continued protection during the virus for all family members.
- 13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences**-Pray for a much needed retreat and conference director. Pray for hearts to respond to the presentation of the Word.
- 14) Staff Administrative Council**-Pray that council members will have wisdom and discernment in directing the daily operations of Cedine Ministries.
- 15) Linda Minter**-Praise for God's protection and for His provision. Pray for me and my family.
- 16) Bill Lamarr**-Pray as I work on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary video.
- 17) Retired staff-Hazel Neddo and Burchon and Mary Walker**-Pray for those who care for Miss Hazel. Pray for Walker's ministry at Sweetwater Bible Church.
- 18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill**-Pray for wisdom in leading the ministry in these challenging days. Praise the Lord for his faithful care for us.
- 19) Ken and Debbie Ore**-Pray for health and strength to accomplish what the Lord puts before us to honor and glorify Him!
- 20) Paul and Judy Lewis**-We are grateful to experience anew God's sustaining and providing presence through both the arrival of our grand-daughter Susanna Joy and the Homegoing of our grandson Henry Alastair.

## HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Given by** ..... **In Honor of:**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roxsyn Paul Burrell. .... Mrs. Nancy Lewis  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jewell ..... Mrs. Hazel Neddo  
 Mr. Jim McCreight ..... Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kliever  
 Ms. Patricia Wallace. .... Mr. David Lewis

**Given by** ..... **In Memory of:**  
 Miss Martha Augspurger ..... Miss Esther Spieth  
 Ms. Ruth Brooks ..... Mr. Arkles Brooks, Sr.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roxsyn Paul Burrell. .... Ms. Nadine Gerwitz  
 Miss Geraldine Covell. .... Mr. Butch Upton  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jewell ..... Mr. Francis Neddo  
 Miss Betty Johnson ..... Miss Esther Spieth  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Lebeque ..... Mr. Duane Lebeque  
 Mrs. Clarence W. McCreight ..... Mrs. Mildred McCreight  
 Mr. Herman Dwayne Wilson. .... Noah & Sadie Parden  
 Mr. Darryl Wilson ..... Noah & Sadie Parden

**Memorial gifts were given by Leonard & Wanda Herman for:**

Mr. Howard Christensen                      Mr. Cleo Sanders                      Miss Esther Spieth  
 Mr. Ed Steele                                      Mr. Charles Taylor                      Elijah Zimmerman

## MY HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFT



Given by Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory/Honor (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an acknowledgment to:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Cedine Bible Mission, 333 Cedine Camp Road, Spring City, TN 37381-6132

## Praise and Prayer Continued

**21) Devotional Guide Ministry and Follow-up Ministry**—Pray that those receiving the devotional guide may be faithful in reading the suggested Bible portion and be willing to obey what the Word says. Pray for wisdom, steadfastness, and effectiveness in all our follow-up ministries.

**22) Jacques Hall**—Pray for my family. Pray for my ministry opportunities.

**23) Gloria Ward**—Praise for my son Gene and his care for me. Pray for my health and that I will know what God has for me in the next stage of my life.

**24) Jane White**—Pray the Lord will circumcise my heart and the heart of my descendants to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deut. 30:6)

**25) Camp Cedine**—Pray for wisdom during this time of COVID-19.

**26) Kim and Carol Yarger**—Praise for protection in storm and safety in cleanup. Pray for wisdom in ministry planning and for finances to cover ministry expenses.

**27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman**—Pray that we will be faithful in the opportunities of discipleship that the Lord has given 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.

Bruce and Michelle Cook  
Joshua Stevens

**30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman**—Praise for His faithfulness. Continue to pray for complete healing and needed strength of leg Dwight fractured.

**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

### APPOINTEES NEEDING SUPPORT

Bruce and Michelle Cook  
Joshua Stevens

## STAFF SNAPSHOTS



Hazel Kline Neddo was born and raised in the South Bend, Indiana area. She accepted Christ as her Savior when she was eighteen years old. During a revival service held in the church she regularly attended in South Bend she realized her need for salvation through Christ.

Her courtship with Francis Neddo began when they met on the shuffleboard court at Lake James Bible Camp in 1939. The courtship lasted through World War II and they were married on August 4, 1946.

While at Bryan College in Dayton, TN the Lord burdened their hearts for African American youth. They visited Cedine Bible Camp and accepted an invitation from Paul Zimmerman to minister as Bible Club Director for the ministry.

With three young children, a loaned four-room farmhouse with outhouse and a promise of \$5.00 monthly support they began their ministry. God provided in His way. In the next ten years the Lord added four more children to their family. The town of Sale Creek was home to them and there they reared their seven children.

Through the years Bro. Francis and Miss Hazel (as they were affectionately called) saw God supply their needs through deputation, through family and friends, through groceries left on the porch and through the prayers of many.

For many years Bro. Francis was the Director of Community Ministries and introduced Bible quizzing to Cedine. When there was an area quiz Miss Hazel was there to help keep score and tally the stats for awards.

Camp was always a big part of the Neddo’s ministry. In the early days of camp Miss Hazel was the laundress. Before dryers her little red wagon would go up and down the hill with laundry for the kitchen and cabins. Those linens smelled so sweet and clean from the fresh air and sunshine. While her children were young she served in the Kids Klub program (pre-camp age staff children were ministered to here). Some Sundays she helped Bro. Paul in the kitchen and learned the philosophy of “working until the work was done.” For many years Miss Hazel worked in the camp craft room,

always planning and leading children in making meaningful projects.

Miss Hazel found the twenty-two years of the Cedine Bible Institute rich and rewarding. Before graduation each female student was required to take a class she taught called Christian Charm. During this time Hazel was active in the Cedine Ladies Auxiliary, residing as president for several years. For many years Miss Hazel was the coordinator of the Ladies’ Retreats. When she turned this over to a younger staff member she still served on the Ladies’ Retreat committee and as the prayer leader for the retreats for a number of years.

Sale Creek Presbyterian Church was the Neddo’s field church. Miss Hazel taught a Sunday School class there for many years.

Bro. Francis went to be with the Lord March 4, 2006. Miss Hazel’s ministry with Cedine did not stop. Even in the years of ‘old age’ when it was difficult to get out and about she continued to have a faithful prayer ministry.

On their wedding day Bro. Francis and Miss Hazel made this vow: *O Jesus, we have promised to serve Thee to the end. Be Thou forever near us, our Master and our Friend. We shall not fear the battle if Thou art by our side. Nor wander from the pathway, if Thou wilt be our guide.*

We at Cedine Ministries are thankful for the faithfulness of Bro. Francis and Miss Hazel throughout the years. They were “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” This May 18<sup>th</sup> Hazel will celebrate her 100 birthday. She makes her home with one of her daughters at 1408 S Moore RD Chattanooga, TN.

# Cedine

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Clip out the prayer list and keep praying for us!