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YEARS

In 2021 Cedine will celebrate 75 years of continual ministry. Lord willing, the main event for our 75th will be **Homecoming Day** on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

The kick off will be in February. Each Monday in that month we hope to broadcast a virtual presentation for Black History Month. Feb. 27th there will be a morning panel discussion with an afternoon luncheon to honor some of the African Americans that have played key roles in Cedine's history. As time approaches, check our Facebook page for current and updated information.

In conjunction with the Power Walk Leadership Conference scheduled for March 4-6, 2021, we will host a Pastor's Appreciation banquet.

In the next issues of the Cedine Report look for more information about the year long celebration as we remember God's faithfulness to us through 75 years. Pray with us as we make plans for this special milestone in Cedine's ministry.

A SEED IS PLANTED

Someone has said, "It is easy to see the seeds in an apple but harder to see the apple in a seed." In the fall of 1946 a seed was planted in East TN. That seed would be multiplied again and again. This is the story of Cedine Ministries. It began in uncharted territory. This was a new venture but God was in it. One man had a vision. A seed was planted.

In the 1940's Paul Zimmerman was ministering in western Michigan where he met B.M. Nottage, a noted Black preacher from Detroit. With tears Bro. Nottage shared his burden for his own people. A seed was planted in the heart of Bro. Paul.

In 1945 Bro. Paul moved his family to Dayton, TN where he worked at Bryan College. The Lord used this step to introduce him to TN Mountain Mission. In 1946 he joined that mission and began a schoolhouse visitation. As he traveled from school to school in Rhea and Roane Counties he found great fulfillment in sharing the truth of God's Word. Segregation was the way of life here in the south. He soon observed that this ministry was entirely to White children. He was bypassing all the Black schools. But what about the Black children? He desired to share the Gospel with them also. He asked the leadership of the mission if he could hold weekly Bible classes in the Black segregated schools.

Written permission was granted with their blessing. What an opportunity was within Bro. Paul's reach! It all came about in October of 1946.

With joy and probably some trepidation Bro. Paul started Bible classes in the segregated schools. In many places, the interior as well as the outside was uninviting. To these places Bro. Paul went with the life-giving message of the Word of God. In every place he was received with warmth. The teachers welcomed him with open arms. The children responded heartily to the invitation

to memorize the Scripture. Many diligently learned verses. Some teachers helped by having the students recite the verses daily. The ultimate prize was a free week at camp.

That first year of ministering in the Black schools went by quickly. The children learned the verses, some enough to earn a free week at camp.

There was only one problem. One very big problem! The leaders of the mission told Bro. Paul that if any of the children earned a free week of camp he, Bro. Paul, would have to provide that camp. Remember the culture of that day? Everything was separate and camp location and facilities would be too. Bro. Paul didn't know how but he knew he would keep his word.

It seemed a big problem to Bro. Paul. But not to God! He knew the plans He had for a ministry that no one else could even imagine. In our next issue read how Bro. Paul kept his word and camp became a reality.

In the fall of 1946 a seed was planted. Remember the saying, "It is easy to see the seeds in an apple but harder to see the apple in a seed." The seed Bro. Paul planted would be multiplied again and again. Who would have seen that the small beginning of schoolhouse visitation would grow into the ministry that Cedine is in 2020?

The path Bro. Paul took in the south in the mid 40's was completely uncharted. There was no precedent for a pattern. In 2020 Cedine's way is also uncharted. With the pandemic still rearing its head there is no precedent for a pattern. We don't know all the Lord has for us. But He knows. Pray with us. Does the Lord have a bigger apple in the making?



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Well, aren't you glad our Lord is in control!! So many things that He does baffle us; we feel like the prophet Habakkuk when he believed God should judge the Israelites for their sin but couldn't fathom why God would use the Babylonians to do it. Like Habakkuk we cannot see the whole picture or understand the eternal plan. God wants us above all to learn to trust Him as "The righteous will live by his faith." – Hab. 2:4 Thank you for continuing to pray for us as we walk through this time.

We have been very busy continuing clean up from the spring storm, locating a water leak (that had us scratching our heads) and ministering to some migrant workers in our county. As mentioned in the adjoining article we had the wilderness program and virtual camp week. We also had a weekly virtual get together for some former camp staff.

The administrative staff spent much of the summer frequently meeting to evaluate where we are in a number of areas. We recognized that we were struggling in the area of keeping short accounts in relationships and we are putting some

things in place to help us make progress in this area.

The Board met August 6 and 7. They discussed many of the challenges moving forward and put together a reopening committee of Board and staff members; they also added Rev. Lamont Price to the board. Bro. Lamont has been involved with the ministry for a number of years, bringing campers and participating in men's and couples retreats. The board also approved the appointment of Bro. Paul Lewis as Conference Director. He has agreed to hold this position until we can find a long term replacement.

In the midst of the pandemic we have, as a country, suffered much unrest because of the unjust treatment of African Americans. Cedine published a statement on our website and on Facebook condemning the unjust treatment and speaking to the reconciliation that can only be found in Christ. We trust that God will allow us in this time to continue to work toward being a part of the solution to this challenge we face in our society.

COVID-19 CHANGES

Due to covid-19, this summer has been different than any other summer we have ever had. It's definitely been a lot quieter without our campers, but not altogether inactive.

This summer Cedine revived a wilderness camp program spearheaded by Joshua Stevens. A young man from Chattanooga was the first and only camper to give it a try. It was a five-day overnight camping trip down the Tennessee River. He had never done anything like it. Next summer he hopes to do the wilderness camp experience again, bringing some friends with him.

We definitely missed our campers this summer, but we are thankful that we could utilize the innovations of technology to reach out to many. A mountain backdrop was constructed for our week of virtual camp. Our theme for the week was Valleys and centered on Psalm 23:4. The speaker for the week was Jordan Washington. Virtual camp week included a skit based on the life of Joseph, worship time, and other online activities. Several camp staff from prior summers came to connect virtually with campers and their families and friends. The week ended with a panel discussion and Q&A.

Cedine is also reaching out to migrant workers from Mexico and Guatemala who are in our area. A very generous donation of dried and canned goods were set aside and delivered to the migrant workers along with packets that included portions of John and Romans, a song book, tract and Bible lessons, all in Spanish. Saturday evening times with the migrants will continue while they are in our area.

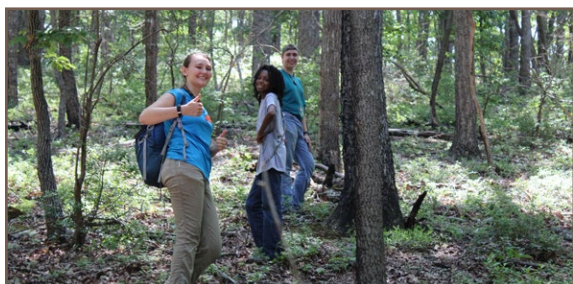
Even though our original plans and programming had to be put on hold, we praise God for the many opportunities given to reach out, serve and be served even in the midst of this global pandemic. God is still speaking, leading and giving us the charge to remain faithful even when it is challenging to do so. Please pray with us for eternal results.

UPDATE

Our September retreats and events were canceled due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19. Check our website for further updates regarding October and November retreats.



Perhaps you have been unable to attend church, Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowships or small group Bible studies due to the Covid virus. We encourage you and your family to take advantage of our **FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE LESSONS**. Send your mailing address to bstudy@cedine.org



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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

SERVANT CALLED HOME

Peter Thomas, a Cedine Bible Institute graduate, went home to Glory May 21, 2020. Peter met his wife Debbie here at Cedine. They have ministered faithfully in his country of Dominica. To Debbie and family we extend our sympathy, love, and prayers. His memorial service is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUPFuB4uqg>

Special thanks to Salem Bible Church, Salem, Michigan for the food drive given to the Cedine staff and their help on several projects while they were here.

Three generations of the Howard Tannahill family gathered during the second weekend in July for a family reunion. Later in the month the children and grandchildren

of Phil and Julie Zimmerman gathered together.

A work group from Eastside Baptist Church in Mooresville, NC was here July 18-22. A group from The Gathering in Chattanooga joined them that Saturday. August 1-8 we had a group here from Pine Ridge Bible Church in Goshen, IN. Nate Campbell, brother of Faith Kliever, and Nate Cook, son of Bruce and Michelle Cook, arrived in the spring and have been working with the maintenance crew. Ben Groom arrived later this summer to help. We are thankful for all the willing hearts and working hands.

This summer Cedine also was a place of respite for a few individuals/families that are connected to someone on our staff or our ministry.

Praise & Prayer

Fall 2020

- 1) Bible Correspondence**-Pray for wisdom in correcting lessons and encouraging students in discipleship.
- 2) Wayne and Doris Bowman**-Pray for our country and for us as we serve the Lord here at Cedine and in the community.
- 3) Andrew and Faith Kliever**-Pray for healing for Faith's back and Christopher's health needs. Pray as we home school our girls.
- 4) Children of Cedine Staff**-Pray for the families who are home schooling 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 that "...God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Tim. 1:7
- 7) Our Government**-Pray for our president, his cabinet, and other national, state and local officials.
- 8) Leonard and Wanda Herman**-Praise for opportunities to reach out to farm workers. Pray for the Lord's provision for Spanish speakers to share the gospel with them. Pray for a hunger for God. Pray for our family and our health.
- 9) Prayer and Financial Supporters**-Much praise for those who partner with us in regular prayer and financial support. Thank you!
- 10) Bible Quizzing**-Pray for wisdom in encouraging leaders and young people to be faithful in Bible Study even if we are not able to meet for our quarterly competitions.
- 11) David and Lucinda Lewis**-Praise God for His grace and strength. Praise for good strategic planning sessions. Pray for plans for next summer.
- 12) Susan Adams**-Praise for health and protection. Pray for salvation needs of children. Pray for work opportunities for both my husband Kenny and me.
- 13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences**-Praise for Bro. Paul Lewis stepping into the role of Retreat and Conference Director, short term. 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 love and mercy. Pray that I will be an extension of His love and mercy to all. Pray for wisdom for fall retreat season. Pray for my children.
- 16) Bill Lamarr**-Pray as I work on the 75th anniversary video.
- 17) Retired staff-Hazel Neddo and Burchon and Mary Walker**-Pray for those who care for Miss Hazel. Pray for Walkers' ministry at Sweetwater Bible Church.
- 18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill**-Pray for wisdom in leading the ministry through these challenging times. Praise the Lord for His provision and encouragement.

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Praise and Prayer Continued

19) Ken and Debbie Ore-Praise for privilege to serve our Lord. Pray for Ken's total knee replacement the end of October and a quick recovery.

20) Paul and Judy Lewis-In the Spring of 2020 the thought was, "will there be Fall events?" It is uncertain. Pray for wise, discerning and proactive leadership to navigate this fall's conference events.

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 a son who cares and for another year to serve Him. Pray for lower back and knee problems and for feelings of depression.

24) Jane White-Pray for my family and me that we will "fear the Lord" and "greatly delight in His commandments." Psa. 112:1

25) Camp Cedine-Pray as we plan for 2021 camps and as recruiting begins for volunteer summer staff.

26) Kim and Carol Yarger-Praise for the help during cleanup from storm damage. Pray for continued good health and for wisdom.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman-Pray that we will have clear direction in the coming days as to how the Lord would want us to minister in the midst of the crisis.

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. Continued prayer needed for complete healing and strength for Dwight's leg he 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

Bible Camp & Retreat Center

STAFF SNAPSHOTS



Quiet on the set! Camera rolling! Action! The man behind the camera was Bro. Bill Lamarr. From his youth he dreamed of one day making movies (and money). It wasn't his original plan to end up as a full time associate staff member of Cedine, but as we all know, God has a way of flipping the script.

William Dale Lamarr was born in New York City. When he was two his mother took him to Memphis, TN where he was reared. The spark that lit his passion for photography began at the age of 12 when he won second place in a Kellogg cereal coloring contest. The prize was a 3D stereo colorist camera.

As a boy he hated church but his Mom made him attend regularly, learning and reciting Scripture. Finally the day came when Bro. Bill could pursue his own interest. After graduating from high school he attended Memphis Area Vocational Technical School but at the age of 19 was drafted into the army. He spent 18 months in Germany. During this time profane ideologies enticed him to move even further away from what he had been taught. After the military he returned to Memphis and graduated from Lemoyne-Owen College with a major in education with minors in art and German.

For 32 years Bro. Bill taught school in Chattanooga. He began attending church again. He eventually became active, teaching Sunday School and telling the children's story each Sunday. Here he met Miss Gloria, a Cedine missionary. It was 1988. Miss Gloria asked Bro. Bill about coming to Cedine because they needed summer help. He said, "Yes", not knowing that God was setting up the next act in His script for Bro. Bill's life.

Upon arriving at Cedine Bro. Bill couldn't believe his eyes. He was totally impressed by the landscape, all the activities and a staff that showed a genuine concern for the lives of campers. One day he was invited to the Camp Director's home for dinner. Bro. Howard Tannahill asked questions and challenged Bro. Bill about his salvation. This led him to think deeper about his life. He began to realize that

going to church, singing, quoting Bible verses, telling children's Bible stories and directing choirs wasn't going to get him to Heaven.

The next day he took his campers down to the horse barn. There Bro. Jim Sutherland gave a clear presentation of the gospel. He learned that he needed to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When he left camp that week he realized he wasn't saved. But God was still working on him. He received Christ before he returned to Cedine the next week.

Back at Cedine he received encouragement from staff members who were examples of what it means to know, live for and share the love of Jesus Christ. He saw Bro. John Williams witness to a young man, a gang member, who transitioned from a violent and profane teen to a weeping, broken young man who in turn wanted his gang buddies to be saved. Bro. Bill had never seen anything like this. Seeing God work like that caused him to make the decision to go all the way with Christ.

Cedine became a safe place. Here he resolved his issues with God, the church and the issue of not having a father in his life. From his childhood the absence of a father in his life had bothered him. Now God was his father.

Over the years he assisted in the Cedine retreat ministry. He became our resident photographer during retreat events. Once he retired from teaching in the public schools, he transitioned to full time service at Cedine.

These days his priorities are discipling youth and working on Cedine commitments. He continues to expand his artistic talents and movie making skills. Where he once wanted to make movies in order to make money, he now desires to make movies that make disciples and glorify God. We are thankful that the Lord's script included sending Bro. Bill to us. His talents and his passion to honor the Lord with excellence has been a blessing to Cedine.

Clip out the prayer list and keep praying for us!