

# Cedine Report

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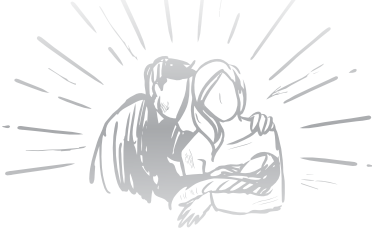
Spring City, Tennessee

SPECIAL

## Christmas Greetings

From the entire

**CEDINE STAFF!**



**Christmas is a reminder that...**

*In a world filled with despair, there is God's Wonderful Hope*

*In a world filled with sadness, there is God's Lasting Joy*

*In a world filled with unrest and war, there is God's Abiding Peace*

*In a world filled with hate and prejudice, there is God's Everlasting Love.*

May God's **HOPE, JOY, PEACE** And **LOVE** be yours this Christmas season as you look to Him who is the same yesterday, today and forever!

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

As 2021 approaches Cedine is preparing to enter a time of celebration. It's our diamond year; our 75th anniversary! Plans are in the works to commemorate this monumental occasion throughout the year.

The kick off for our anniversary year begins during Black History month. Throughout the month of February we invite you to tune in to Cedine's Facebook page for various video presentations centered on the Black church experience, African American heroes of the faith and more.

In addition Cedine will host a two part event on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The first part is a panel discussion that will take place Saturday morning, which will be held here at Cedine. For those who cannot attend in person, it will be streamed live on Facebook. Topics of discussion for panelists will be generated from the video presentations as well as other questions that will be submitted throughout the month.

The second part of February 27th is an afternoon luncheon celebrating Cedine's Black History.

During this time we will honor the contributions of several African Americans who played key roles throughout Cedine's history. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Here's a sneak peek into other events planned for our anniversary year.

April 15-17, 2021 is the new date of the Power Walk Leadership Conference. In conjunction with this there will be a Pastor's Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, April 15th. Cedine will also host Camp for a Day in May and a Community

Appreciation Banquet in the fall of 2021.

The main event for our 75th year is Homecoming Day which takes place Saturday, August 7, 2021. Our homecoming speakers are Dr. Paul Cannings and Pastor Pierre Cannings of Living Word Fellowship Church in Houston, TX. The theme, based on John 17:21, is **Unified in Christ**. "That they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."

Homecoming Day activities will include a Unity Walk which will include virtual participation.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook. More information will be provided as each date gets closer. Information will also be posted on Cedine's website and in subsequent Cedine Reports. Pray for us as we finalize plans and prepare to celebrate this milestone. Also mark your calendars and save the dates. You have been an integral part of Cedine's history and we look forward to celebrating with you.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We trust that this finds you well and preparing to celebrate our Lord's birth. This year has provided many challenges but despite those we are giving thanks for the way the Lord has provided and the opportunities that He gives us to serve even in the little ways. We are asking the Lord for wisdom in knowing how to move forward in these uncertain times. In Colossians 4:2 we are challenged to "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." Pray for us that we will be faithful in bringing our requests to the Lord with thanksgiving.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve our community by painting the buildings at our local fire department and for the opportunity to share a meal with the volunteers that helped us with the storm cleanup in the spring.

We are very grateful to the Lord for CCCA and the Thriving Boards Initiative

that several of our board members are participating in. We believe this training will assist our board in moving forward into the future. Four of our board members met at Cedine with me as we joined the training virtually. Because of the virtual nature of the training two other members were able to join from Nashville. I am very excited about what the Lord is going to accomplish through this time. There will be another training session in April along with a couple of sessions with a board mentor. Pray that the Lord's work will be done in each of our lives through this training.

As you will notice, we are moving toward our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We would love to have you join us sometime during this year if the Lord should so allow. Thank you for your interest and the part you have in making our ministry effective.



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## A SEED IS PLANTED

In 1946 a seed was planted. God's Word was taken into the segregated schools of Rhea and Roane Counties in Southeast Tennessee. 42 children learned the 200 Bible verses, earning the way to a 'free' week at a camp that didn't yet exist.

Bro. Paul Zimmerman would have to provide a place for a camp. But where would he look to rent or buy? Bro. Paul did not know the answer but he knew Who did. So he took it to the Lord in prayer. But when owners found out he wanted land for a camp for Black children no one wanted to rent or sell.

As he prayed, searched and inquired Bro. Paul was led to a Black community near Watts Bar Lake. Here he learned of John and Martha Hughes who had a farm by the lake. They were willing to rent 8 acres for \$8 for the year.

Bro. Paul, his 3 sons, and several others worked to clear the land that was very rocky with a thicket of weeds, briars, and cedar and pine trees. This was the beginning of the "Cedar Pine" Bible Camp. Later the name was changed to a contraction of these two words, and became the "Cedine" Bible Camp.

For three years, Camp Cedine was held on this rented land with no electricity and 11 miles from the little town of Spring City. Surplus army tents were housing. A tarp hung over poles for the dining room. A kitchen was made of sawmill slabs. Food was cooked on a wood stove.

In the summer of 1947, that first year, 36 of the 42 children who learned Bible verses actually went to camp. After 3 days of rain half of the campers wanted to go home. Bro. Paul said, "Tomorrow all who want to will be taken home."

Around the campfire that wet night, 13 campers confessed Christ as Savior and asked if they could remain. By the weekend they cried when they had to go home. What a memorable first year! 31 of the 36 campers went home professing to know the Lord Jesus! A seed was planted. Fruit was the reward.

*(Continued in the next Cedine Report)*

## Spring Schedule

### For Men

- March 26-28

### For Ladies

*Speaker:* Brenda Kirk

- March 12-14
- April 23-25

### For Teens

- April 16-18

### Power Walk Leadership Conference

- April 15-17

### For Couples

*Speaker:* Alton Hayes

- May 28-30

## 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

September 14-19 four men from Kansas spent the week ministering here at Cedine. We are thankful for all the work that was accomplished.

An appreciation banquet was held October 20 honoring all those in our community who helped with the clean up of our grounds following the straight-line windstorm last March. We are thankful for each one who gave of their time and effort.

The Pine Grove Firefighters spent much time helping during the March storm clean up. To say thank you to them in a tangible way the last week of September the Cedine staff painted the Pine Grove Fire Department buildings.

Cedine's Saturday outreach ministry to the farm workers who are in the area was extended through the month of November.

For updated information on retreats and conferences check: **Cedine.org** or "Cedine Ministries" **Facebook** page (follow link from website)

## WEDDING

November 1 associate staff member Joshua Stevens and Chaniel Minter, daughter of staff member Linda Minter, were united in marriage. A hay wagon shuttle took guests to the wedding site in the winter horse pasture overlooking the beautiful mountains in the distance. We extend God's richest blessing as Joshua and Chaniel begin life together.

## 2020 vs 2021 Charitable Giving

The benefits of giving in 2020 and saving on your income tax is certainly good stewardship. Cedine's ministries will benefit by additional gifts in the current year.

2021 will be a year of continuing ministry. We covet your prayers and gifts to encourage us in the task of reaching the unsaved and instructing the saved.

Commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ by Cedine staff, and your prayers and gifts until He comes, go beyond the tax laws and calendar years. May we each be faithful stewards.

# Praise & Prayer

Winter 2020

**1) Bible Correspondence & Quizzing outreach** Pray for wisdom in correcting Bible correspondence lessons. Pray for quiz teams meeting even though we may not be able to meet for tournaments.

**2) Wayne and Doris Bowman**-Pray for us as we serve in the community and help with projects at Cedine. Pray for our Ladies Day in February.

**3) Andrew and Faith Kliever**-Pray for us as we home school our girls. Pray for some health issues.

**4) Bruce and Michele Cook**-Pray for our family. Pray for permanent housing. Pray for partners to join with us.

**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**-Pray for wisdom from the Lord in discerning His plan for us in ministry opportunities. James 1:5

**7) Our Government**-Pray for our elected president and other elected officials. Pray we may lead a quiet and peaceful life for His honor and glory.

**8) Leonard and Wanda Herman**-Praise for faithful prayer warriors. Pray for our family and our health. Pray God will use the tracts and Spanish materials that were given to the migrant workers.

**9) Prayer and Financial Supporters**-Much praise for those who partner with us in regular prayer and financial support. Thank you!

**10) Diane Wassell**-Praise for safety from virus. Pray for continued good health.

**11) David and Lucinda Lewis**-Pray for recruitment as we seek His choice of workers for next summer amidst Covid-19. Pray for the planning of next summer's program and Bible studies.

**12) Susan Adams**-Praise for continued good health of granddaughter. Pray for Spiritual need of our children. Pray for continued work opportunities.

**13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences**-Pray we may be able to hold spring retreats and conferences.

**14) Staff Administrative Council**-Pray that council members will have wisdom and discernment in directing the daily operations of Cedine Ministries.

**15) Linda Minter**-Pray for Joshua and Chaniel as they start married life together. Pray that my heart will remain open, living out God's agenda not my own. Pray for all my children.

**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 a clear sense of the Lord's presence and wisdom in decision making and relationships. Praise the Lord for His provision and sustaining grace during these times of uncertainty.

**19) Ken and Debbie Ore**-Thank you for your prayers for Ken's knee surgery and recovery. Please continue

## HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS

<b>Given by</b> .....	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Ms. Edwina Toms .....	Miss Gloria Ward
<b>Given by</b> .....	<b>In Memory of:</b>
Ms. Carol Brinkman .....	Dr. & Mrs. Roger Andrus
Ms. Rose I. Carte .....	Mr. Frank Castello
Ms. Patricia Cleveland .....	Mr. Frank Castello
Ms. Erin Hancock .....	Mr. Frank Castello
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Hart .....	Mr. Frank Castello
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kurzyna .....	Mr. Frank Castello
Mr. Everett McCrary .....	Mr. Cleo Sanders
Mrs. Judy D. Shortt.....	Mrs. Janis Powers

## MY HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFT



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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Please send an acknowledgment to:

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

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

## Praise and Prayer Continued

to pray for our many unsaved loved ones, that they might see Christ in us.

**20) Paul and Judy Lewis**-We are attempting to navigate another form of cancer while recognizing God's sovereignty equally in both a cancer diagnosis or in a cancer free diagnosis.

**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**-Pray for my future plans. Pray for my health needs. Pray for my son and his family.

**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 for wisdom and guidance as we plan for 2021 camps.

**26) Kim and Carol Yarger**-Praise that Kim's Dad has come to live with us. Pray we will have the physical strength and wisdom we need to carry on the work to which He has called us.

**27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman**-Praise for continued ministry in home discipleship and church responsibilities. Pray for fruit in the Bible studies we do. Pray for wisdom as we help care for parent's health needs.

**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) Joshua Stevens**-Praise for bringing Chaniel into my life. Pray for us as we begin married life together.

**30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman**-Praise for those who partner with us. Pray in all we do that each of us will radiate the love of Jesus with a servant's heart.

**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



Paul and Judy Lewis both grew up in Christian homes. Though not more than twenty minutes from either side of Olean, NY, their paths did not cross until high school. Judy's early childhood days developed fond memories at Cherry Valley Ranch as a Camp Director's kid. Like Judy, Paul also grew up at the end of a dead-end road.

It was a Sunday School class at the young age of four that has been credited with the moment of Paul's salvation. While still a young child, as he later gained clarity on elements of the Gospel, he would, for example, tell God, "I'm not sure if I said I was a sinner. So I'm saying it now." Though growing up thinking she was saved, Judy yielded the control of her life to Christ during her first year of marriage.

Judy has an A.A. in Secretarial Studies from Cornerstone University. Paul's schooling involved a B. A. in Bible and Church Education at Baptist Bible College, M. Div. in Bible and Church Education at Grand Rapids Seminary. Currently, he is in doctoral studies for Church Revitalization at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Paul and Judy are high school sweethearts, about to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Thirty-two of those years were invested in their home church, Obi Community Church. They served and taught Kidzone together. Paul was on the leadership team and was the Minister of Education. Life was great; they were living the missional dream.

Obi was a big part of their three children's lives. (Their children are all married now and a granddaughter has been added to the family.)

Then God orchestrated a mid-course correction, part of which involved a phone

call from Paul's brother David, a Cedine missionary, with an invite to teach at Cedine's MAPS (Missionary Apprenticeship and Practical Studies) program. The move was made in 2014. Judy started helping with food service. Paul's involvement began in 2016. He now mentors interns, assists on leadership teams,

does staff and leadership development, and is the Conference Director. Through the conference's environments and experiences Paul sees Cedine's multi-ethnic guests turning hearts toward God in their communities. Marriages are salvaged and becoming stellar. Teens are growing in godliness. Church leaders are growing healthy churches. Men, women, and children are growing in their love for God, people, and serving. They are investing in others and inviting them to become mature, reproducing followers of Christ.

Paul is often heard saying that he has only one thing to do, turn hearts toward God. So, he talks about the essentials concerning the Christian's individual life and church life and the move from *disciple* to *discipl-er*, becoming reproducers of mature followers of Christ. Joining others who overcome sparse, limited beginnings, like growing up at the end of a dead-end country road,

Paul wants on his tombstone, "Still turning hearts toward God."

Paul and Judy make their home at 190 Hilltop Circle, Spring City, TN 37381. Judy's mother, who is 92 years of age lives with them. Please uphold them in prayer, as they trust the Lord these days, as Judy is in the midst of some critical health issues.

Rejoice with us for the Lord's provision in calling Paul and Judy to join us here at Cedine Ministries.

Clip out the prayer list and keep praying for us!

# Cedine

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