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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

As Cedine looks forward to celebrating our 75th year, we look back and see how far the Lord has brought us. In 1946 campers slept in tents, water was hauled in buckets and even more sobering, black children weren't welcome at the camps where white children attended. It's a hard reality to embrace and even more difficult to discuss even today, but it's the way things were. That's why Cedine was unique in its ministry. Through Paul Zimmerman and many other faithful staff, Cedine became a place where African American children could come and not be turned away.

For that reason we found it fitting that Cedine jumpstart it's 75th Anniversary celebration during February, Black History Month. Over the winter Covid continued to present a challenge and we had to rethink ideas that involved having large groups in attendance. Thankfully there were virtual options that allowed us to move forward with adjusted plans for Black History celebration. Throughout the month several former and current Cedine associates submitted videos. These were broadcast on Cedine's Facebook page. Videos included testimonies and stories from some of our past and current camp and retreat musicians. Other presentations

tackled difficult topics around the subject of racial, culture and social issues from a Christian perspective. We even added a few fun topics like Cedine valentines; highlighting some stories from married couples that met at Cedine.

Cedine's Black History month concluded on Saturday, February 27th. At 10:30 a.m. we hosted a panel discussion that was followed by a luncheon with time to remember some of the faithful men and women who served at Cedine in the early years and are now home with the Lord. All videos are still available for viewing on Cedine's Facebook page for any interested in watching them.

Happy 75th
HOMECOMING DAY
Saturday August 7, 2021
Unified in Christ – John 17:21
Speakers: Dr. Paul Cannings
 Pastor Pierre Cannings

Looking Ahead to Spring and Summer 2021

April 15-Pastor's Appreciation Banquet, will be held in conjunction with Power Walk Leadership Conference (April 15-17).

May 15-Community Camp for a Day

August 7-Homecoming Day Unity Walk (on site and virtual)

We are excited about this milestone in Cedine's history and pray that you will be able to join with us for these times of celebration.



J.C. UPTON

On December 12, 2020 John Coulvin (J.C.) Upton was escorted into the presence of Jehovah, his Savior, Whom he loved and faithfully served.

A graveside viewing, service and burial was held December 20 at Cedine's cemetery followed by a repast with family and friends at the Jubilee Center.

J.C.'s first experience as a Cedine camper came in 1956. As a teen he was involved in Cedine's Youth for Christ clubs. In 1957 he would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ at a Cedine sponsored Christmas Holiday Crusade.

Before J.C. graduated from high school, Paul Zimmerman, founder of Cedine, challenged him to attend one year of study at New Tribes Bible Institute. After a few years of preparation, he served as a missionary for four and a half years in Papua New Guinea.

In 1969 J.C. married Janice Sanderfur, whom he met during one of the summers he served as a counselor at Cedine. J.C. and Jan remained active at Cedine down through the years. During one period, J.C. served on Cedine's Board of Trustees. He also served on the Cedine Bible Institute staff as teacher, work program assistant and later as vice president. Along with Janice he worked with Cedine's Couples Retreat committee, taught workshops, taught courses on missions to MAPS students and invested in the lives of other missionaries that serve on Cedine's staff. Only eternity will reveal how many lives were impacted by J.C. His presence among us will be missed.

We are grateful for his many years of faithful service at Cedine, in the community and abroad. To Janice, his children, grandchildren, and all the family that remain we extend our sincere sympathy, love and prayer support. We pray that the God of all comfort will comfort each of them during the difficult days of change and adjustment ahead.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

– Psalm 116:15

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are so grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him and to be a part of the 75 years that the Lord has used Cedine to impact lives. My wife and I have served full time on Cedine's staff for over 40 years. Many of our staff have served a lifetime. We are asking the Lord to provide the next generation of missionaries and are thankful for those He has brought our way. We are grateful for Jacques Hall, Andrew Kliever and Joshua Stevens who are each men with exciting potential for the ministry. These are men who could be here long after the Lord has taken me home.

Wisdom for the future is one of the things we desire. Bro. Paul Lewis is serving as the Conference Director for the short term but would be willing to hand it off as the Lord provides someone with the burden for adult and church ministries. We are in conversation with a man about the possibility of serving as Business Manager and continuing to try to have a strong and

functioning board for the future. Be praying as a number of Board members will be participating in the Thriving Boards program with CCCA. This will take place in April and should include some follow up in August.

We would love to be able to get the new entrance road finished up this year but some of the funds that might have been used for it have had to be used for operations during the pandemic. We are grateful to the Lord for His provision. The logging group that came to help with clean up from the storm is also helping us harvest some of the mature trees on our property. This has provided a little extra income as well that we hope may help with some capital projects.

If the Lord allows, we would love for many of you to join in our 75th anniversary celebration either by attending an event or participating virtually. Be sure to check out the Facebook posts for Black History month if you missed them. Thanks for partnering with us to see lives changed.

A SEED IS PLANTED

For the first three years of its existence, Camp Cedine was held on rented land. In 1950 a 100-acre farm became available. Bro. Paul believed God was directing him to this site for the camp but a \$2000 cash deal seemed impossible. However, a mere acquaintance stepped forward as a co-signer. Four months and four days later the note was paid in full! Over several years, permanent facilities were developed.

April 21, 1957 two camp buildings burned to the ground and a third, in which arsonists' incendiaries failed to ignite, was spared. The Cedine Board of Trustees decided to rebuild and have camp as planned. Friends rallied, and bigger and better buildings were ready for the first campers in June. Man cannot destroy what God builds!

From 1946 to 1966 the schoolhouse visitation program expanded from the original two counties to more than thirty counties in three states. Cedine Ministries grew to include Bible clubs and classes, Sunday Schools and Bible churches.

In 1966 the years of fruitful ministry in the schoolhouse visitation came to a halt when integration came to our area. Although the majority of public schools were closed to Cedine workers the Bible memory program continued in homes and churches as children gathered after school to recite their Bible verses and hear a Bible story. For the first time Cedine offered a correspondence course to all those who memorized verses the year before. Thus began a ministry, which has expanded to include different correspondence courses for all age groups.

Yes, in the fall of 1946 a seed was planted. That seed was multiplied again and again. That was seen in 1966. When the Lord closes one door, He always opens another.

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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

The Volunteer Staff Retreat was held January 22-24, 2021. Rod Dewberry was the speaker.

February 2-4 the Cedine permanent staff held a retreat at Horton Haven Christian Camp near Chapel, Hill, TN. Pastor Victor Clay was the speaker. He is vice-chairman of the Cedine Board of Trustees. (See staff picture on facing page.)

The Board of Trustees of Cedine Ministries met February 25 & 26. We appreciate these faithful men who give direction and oversight for Cedine Ministries.

Covid-19 continues to factor into our plans for the year. Please check Cedine's **Facebook** page and our website **Cedine.org** for the most current and up to date information about our events for 2021.

Praise & Prayer

Spring 2021

- 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**-Praise that we can still give full time to keeping the grounds looking good. Pray we can get back to full time ministry with retreats and camp.
- 3) Andrew and Faith Kliever**-Pray for wisdom in dealing with Faith's back pain and Christopher's health needs. Pray for resources needed for re-shingling our roof next fall.
- 4) Bruce and Michele Cook**-Pray for love in leading our family and for grace to serve all day with excellence. Pray for additional support partners.
- 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 ministry among several bereaved families. Pray for God's clear direction in the coming months. Read Phil. 1:9 & 10.
- 7) Our Government**-Pray for our new president and other elected officials. Pray we may lead a quiet and peaceful life for His honor and glory.
- 8) Leonard and Wanda Herman**-Pray for witness to Hindi speaking service station personnel. Pray for new grandbaby girl due in July.
- 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 His goodness and grace. Pray for continued good health.
- 11) David and Lucinda Lewis**-Praise for good volunteer staff retreat. Pray for our effectiveness in our current culture. Pray for recruiting of summer staff and campers.
- 12) Susan Adams**-Praise He provides all our needs. Pray for continued health and Spiritual needs of family. Pray for ministry opportunities.
- 13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences**-Pray for wisdom in how to minister to people this spring and opportunities for virtual sessions for the men and ladies.
- 14) Staff Administrative Council**-Pray that council members will have wisdom and discernment in directing the daily operations of Cedine Ministries during these uncertain times.
- 15) Linda Minter**-Pray for committee as we continue plans for Cedine's 75th. Pray for my family.
- 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 wisdom, mercy & grace for the Walkers.
- 18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill**-Pray for wisdom for ministry opportunities while navigating Covid issues. Pray for some planned partner development in March and May. Praise for good health even though Martha tested positive in December for Covid.

HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS

Given by **In Honor of:**
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Burlock Miss Gloria Ward
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Green Miss Gloria Ward
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Given by **In Memory of:**
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The following gave gifts in honor of Mr. Sam Tannahill:

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The following gave gifts in honor of Mr. J.C. Upton:

Anniston Bible Church Mr. & Mrs. Silas Booker Ms. Cheryl T. Glover
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Praise and Prayer Continued

19) Ken and Debbie Ore-Praise Ken has completed knee therapy. Pray that Spring work groups can come as planned. Pray for unsaved loved ones.

20) Paul and Judy Lewis-We value your prayer cover as Judy adjusts to new lower energy levels and as Paul provides leadership for conferences, connects with area pastors and navigates studies.

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 ministry opportunities. Pray for my family.

23) Gloria Ward-Pray for my health problems. Pray I may know what God wants me to do for the future. Pray for my son Gene 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 for safety in tree removal/cleanup. Pray for wisdom in planning due to current Covid situation. Pray for physical strength.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman-Praise for good health. Pray for wisdom as we continue home Bible studies and teach Sunday School. Pray for wisdom for us as we serve at Cedine.

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 and Chaniel Stevens-Pray for us as we expect a little one in August. Pray for healthy pregnancy and baby, as well as needed additional support

30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman-Pray for a faithful witness in all local community contacts. Pray we will be 'vessels of honor' set apart and useful to God.

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

Joshua and Chaniel Stevens



Bible Camp & Retreat Center



STAFF SNAPSHOTS

Each of us has a story to tell. It's always exciting to see how God has brought each individual staff to minister here at Cedine.

Michelle Cook spent all her formative years in the same home in Argos, IN. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior when she was six.

Bruce Cook was born to missionary parents and lived in South America until he was nine. He also accepted Christ when he was six.

In 1983 Bruce and Michelle met while attending Appalachian Bible College, WV. That's where Michelle first heard of Cedine. Cedine missionaries visited ABC. Also Susan Adams, granddaughter of Paul and Ruth Zimmerman, and Michelle lived in the same girl's dorm.

After graduating in 1986 Bruce and Michelle immediately became involved in their church in Northern Indiana in youth ministry. This continued until they returned to ABC in 2004 for Bruce to obtain his degree in Christian Camp Ministry and his Master's Degree in Team Building and Outdoor Education.

While at ABC, Bruce served as an Adventure Guide (white water, rappelling, caving, high ropes, team building, hiking). Michelle regularly provided cookout meals for those guides.

Camp had been an integral part of both their lives. Growing up they had attended summer camps. Both had served as summer staff and counselors at these camps. Between 2010 and 2013 they were back at camp taking the roles of Summer Staff Directors at Whispering Winds Bible

Camp (MO) and Camp David of the Ozarks (MO) consecutively. While at WWBC they worked with Vernon Tannahill's niece, Kimberly Peak. Bruce became 'aware' of Cedine when Kimberly posted a beautiful fall picture on social media overlooking the lake near Grace House at Cedine.

In 2015 they began raising support to become full time missionaries with Cedine. They moved to TN in 2019. During this Covid era Bruce and Michelle have connected with summer staff via Zoom and other social media engagement. Michelle is on the 75th anniversary committee. They both help with retreats and conferences and are actively involved in the summer camps. They are developing a program to provide Sabbath rest for weary pastors and their families. They also are developing a Team Building ministry.

Bruce and Michelle's sending church is Grace Bible in Rolla, MO. Their home church here is Grace Bible, Dayton, TN where they serve as Grace Group leaders, Young Adult Teachers, Moms 4 Moms (Michelle), and the Worship Team (Bruce). Cedine founder, Paul Zimmerman in the mid 1940s, planted Grace Bible Church in Dayton.

Bruce and Michelle are currently living on Cedine property. They enjoy using their home as a hub to provide rest and refreshment. They have five children, one daughter in love and one grandson, with Kaitie and Cameron still living at home.

Praise the Lord with us for bringing Bruce and Michelle to join us at Cedine Ministries.

Clip out the prayer list and keep praying for us!