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Spring City, Tennessee



The book of Nehemiah chapter one begins with a report that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and the gates burned with fire

Nehemiah mourned the state of the Jerusalem wall so much, that He fasted and prayed to the LORD before asking King Artaxerxes for permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild. When we get to chapter six, Nehemiah 6:15 reads "So the wall was finished..." What did it take for the work on the wall to get done and what does that have to do with Cedine?

In reading past Cedine Reports or recent staff prayer letters, you probably already know that the number of active staff at Cedine has dropped significantly over the past year, especially in some very critical areas. While Cedine certainly does not lie in a state of total ruin like the wall and gates of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, we are currently in a place where we need to rebuild.

So, what is it going to take? The easy and quickest answer would probably be to secure more staff. We definitely need more workers to come alongside and help us continue the work. At the end of this article is a list of our current staffing needs, but staffing alone won't resolve everything. Before Nehemiah got busy with an action plan, he petitioned the God of Heaven with his whole heart. As you read along, we invite you to join us in laying the foundation

for rebuilding and growing Cedine through fervent prayer.

Pray that our staff will, with humility, take time to examine our own hearts as we ask the Lord to help us.

Pray that our board and leadership will come together in unity, with a clear vision of what the Lord wants to do and how He wants us to do it.

Pray that we will have thankful hearts and not overlook the blessings He has already provided in the way of additional help. Pray that God will give strength, stamina and wisdom to those who have taken on added duties.

Lastly, as Nehemiah learned, no work of God goes forth without opposition from the enemy. Pray that we do not get sidetracked by the enemy's tactics. Cedine is still involved in a great work. Pray that the Lord will help us to stand.



Our Current Staffing Needs

As you are praying, consider if the Lord might be burdening you or someone you know to come alongside and help.

General Director
Conference Director
Camp Director
Facilities Manager
Physical Plant Director
Maintenance Staff
Business Office Manager
Office Help
Housekeeping Coordinator

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 with an emphasis on underserved communities.



FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

We are facing many challenges as you can see through this Report but we praise God that we serve a God who is bigger than the challenges. Different members of the staff have visited 6 colleges or universities this spring recruiting for summer staff. Bro. Bill has been a real encouragement to me especially in the last few months. He traveled with me to visit several colleges and universities. He has also been recruiting friends and past acquaintances. Maybe you could do the same.

We have put together an ambitious schedule for this year considering the full time staff that we have. We continue to look for volunteers and short term and full time staff to fill the void. Please pray with us that the Lord would show Himself mighty to meet these needs. Pray that the Lord would touch the hearts of some of those we have talked to about the possibility of serving with us. We are grateful for some of those who have served with us in the past that are planning to help in summer camp but we need many more. We are seeking to be faithful in following up with the different prospects.

Five different groups will be helping with facility preparation and upkeep this March and April. We are praying that we will be able to make this a meaningful experience for them and accomplish much.

In October of this year I will turn 65 years of age. The board has officially started looking for my replacement. There have been some funds set aside so that the new director will not have to immediately raise support but will be able to focus on the needs of the ministry. I do not desire to leave ministry and have offered to help in several areas which will include helping my predecessor acclimate to the ministry and the responsibilities. My biggest prayer is that whenever this transition takes place that I will not get in the way of what God is doing. Pray that the Lord will give special wisdom to the board in this monumental task. - *Vernon Tannahill*

Summer Staff Needs

Activity Director

Waterfront Director

6-8 Male Counselors (cabin leaders)

6-8 Female Counselors (cabin leaders)

2 Cooks

2 Cooks Assistants

Dining Room Hostess

Program staff

Lifeguards

Activity leaders for swimming, fishing, canoeing, riflery, archery, biking, and crafts

Photographer



Looking Ahead

SPRING 2023

March 24-26: **Men's Retreat**

Theme: It's the Fourth Quarter

Speaker - Dr. Richard Allen Farmer

April 14-16: **Couples Retreat**

Theme: Building Blocks for a Successful Marriage

Speaker - Pastor Richard Turney

April 21-23: **Ladies Retreat**

Theme: Love is of God

Speaker - Joyce Bray

WORK GROUP SCHEDULE

March 12-18: Yordy group

March 25-31: East White Oak Bible Church

March 26-31: Salem Bible Church

April 2-8: Immanuel Church

April 2-8: Clarksville Bible Church

2023 Summer Camp Theme: STAND

May 29-June 10: Staff Training

June 12-17: Junior Camp

June 19-24: Middler Camp

June 26-July 1: Teen Camp

July 3-July 7: **Family Conference**

Theme: TBD

Speaker: Pastor Leon Brooks, III

Praise the Lord for the plans He has given. We'd love to have you join us for any of our upcoming events.

Around Cedine

December 5-8 Jacques Hall, David and Lucinda Lewis, Linda Minter, Lamont Price and Vernon Tannahill attended the CCCA National Conference held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.

David and Lucinda Lewis have resigned from Cedine Ministries. We are grateful for their time of ministry with Cedine and pray God's continued blessings.

Wayne and Doris Bowman have retired from active service at Cedine. They became permanent staff members of Cedine Ministries in December of 1992. Wayne was part of our maintenance crew. Doris worked in housekeeping and food service. In 1994 she began a weekly community Bible study that continues today. Although retired from active service at Cedine their address remains the same.
181 Cedine Camp Road
Spring City, TN 37381

We pray God's continued blessings as they continue to serve Him. We are grateful for their many years of faithful ministry.

January 10-16 the Institute for Cultural Communications used our facilities for their annual conference.

Feb. 4h the 3rd Bible quiz tournament of this school year was held at Foster Chapel Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. April 1 the final Bible quiz tournament will be held at Cedine.

The Board of Trustees of Cedine Ministries met February 23 & 24. We appreciate these men who give direction and oversight for Cedine Ministries.

Praise & Prayer

Spring 2023

- 1) **Bible Correspondence Courses** - Pray that those who have begun courses will be diligent and finish them in time to come to camp this summer. Pray for wisdom and strength in correcting the lessons.
- 2) **Summer staff** - Pray for the need for cabin leaders, activity leaders and support staff for summer camp. Pray that God will be preparing the hearts of those who will come and serve at Cedine this summer.
- 3) **Quizzing outreach** - Pray the quizzers will faithfully study the Word of God and allow it to change their lives. Pray that coaches will grow in the Word as they coach and teach. The final quiz will be held at Cedine on April 1.
- 4) **Follow-up Ministries** - Pray for wisdom, steadfastness and effectiveness in all our follow-up ministries.
- 5) **Staff needs** - Pray for the need of godly, qualified people committed to serve here. We need a General Director, Camp Director, Conference Director, Business Manager, Physical Plant Director, and maintenance men.
- 6) **Joan Zimmerman** - "...pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2b
- 7) **Our Government** - Pray for our president and other elected officials. Praise that the control of nations is in God's hands.
- 8) **Leonard and Wanda Herman** - Pray for the need for more Cedine summer and permanent staff. Pray for our country. Pray for our family.
- 9) **Prayer and Financial Supports** - Praise for those who stand with us on a regular basis in the support of Cedine's ministries.
- 10) **Praise** - "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22,23
- 11) **Bill Lamarr** - Pray for health and strength as I recover from tendon surgery and for opportunities to minister at Cedine
- 12) **Susan Adams** - Pray for salvation needs of family members. Pray for both my husband and me to be good witnesses where we work.
- 13) **Cedine Retreats and Conferences** - Pray for a clear presentation of the truth of God's Word at each retreat. Pray for a genuine lasting response to the presentation of the truth of God's Word.
- 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** - Praise for connections made while helping with summer staff recruiting. Pray for wisdom in carrying out additional responsibilities at Cedine. Pray for upcoming retreats and summer camp. Pray for my family.
- 16) **Retired staff** - Wayne and Doris Bowman and Gloria Ward - Pray for Doris as she ministers in the community. Pray for Miss Gloria's health needs.

Honor & Memorial Gifts

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Praise & Prayer

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17) Retired staff - Ken and Debbie Ore, Burchon and Mary Walker, and Kim and Carol Yarger-Pray for health needs and ministry opportunities.

18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill-Praise for daily guidance and strength. Pray for wisdom and vision for the future. Pray for deputation plans. Pray that we would be pleasing to God.

19) Janet Branscum - Pray as I continue learning in the business office. Pray for transportation needs. Pray for more people to partner with us.

20) Jonathan Armstrong - Pray for wisdom with my duties at Cedine. Pray I will reach out to the lost around me and that God will give me the words to say.

21) Devotional Guide 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.

22) Jacques Hall - Pray for my family.

23) Community Bible Studies-Pray for the Cedine staff involved in reaching out to the community through men's and women's Bible Studies.

24) Jane White - Pray that I will honor the Lord in all I do and say. Pray that my family would love and obey the Lord.

25) Camp Cedine - Pray for wisdom and guidance as plans are being made for 2023 camps and conferences.

26) Praise for volunteer workers - Pray for several church groups coming to minister for a week this spring.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman - Praise for fruitful Bible study ministry. Pray for God's leading and open doors for future ministry. Pray for boldness to speak the truth.

28) Board of Trustees - Pray for God's wisdom as they prayerfully seek His direction in the days to come.

29) Health and strength - Pray for all our Cedine Ministry missionaries and their health, physical as well as spiritual. We are all involved in a 'battle' and the evil one would like to have us defeated and discouraged.

30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman - Praise for a sense of His presence in our daily lives. Thank you for praying that Dwight will be a faithful witness in community contacts.

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

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Like Men of Issachar 1 Chronicles 12:32

Pierre Cannings is known and loved by those of you who have sat under his ministry either at Man Camp or at a Men's Conference. From the time he was born, the son of Paul and Everette Cannings, he heard of the One who loved him enough to die for him. At the age of five he realized that he was a sinner and he trusted Christ as His own personal Savior. As he grew so did his love for His Lord.

In high school he met Monica Fernandez. They were sweethearts in high school and still carry that title after being married seventeen years. They have three children, two sons and a daughter.

Graduating from high school Pierre attended and graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary. His next step was to attend Dallas Baptist University where he received his ThM and PhD.

Today he is an educator as Dean of Dallas Theological Seminary Houston. Not only is he an educator but he is a pastor.



He is an elder and assistant pastor at Living Word Fellowship Church.

He first heard of Cedine through his father, Dr. Paul Cannings, who directs the Power Walk Leadership Conference held at Cedine each spring. The dates for this year were March 2-4, 2023.

For a number of years Pierre has been a speaker at our Man Camp. Not only is he a good communicator as he shares the truth of the Word, but he also takes an active part in being involved in the lives of the campers with whom he shares the Word. He has also been a speaker at our Volunteer Staff Retreat and Men's Conferences.

He has served as a member of our Board of Trustees since 2015. We at Cedine are thankful for Pierre and his involvement with Cedine.



As one travels down highway 27 between Spring City and Rockwood, TN a new sign gives directions to Cedine Ministries. We are grateful to the work of **Alton Hayes** in getting the materials, helping with layout and putting up the sign.

Alton has been a member of the Cedine Board of Trustees since 2013.

Alton grew up in a Christian home in Ripley, TN. He accepted Christ as His Savior at the age of seven.

After high school he attended TN State University where he received a B.S. in Fine and Commercial Arts. He also received his M Div. From Lipscomb University.

He met Victoria McGee at TN State University. They also attended Friendship Baptist Church in Nashville together. On July 1, 1995 Victoria McGee became Victoria Hayes. Alton and Victoria have five children: Jazon, Jaron, Demetria, Isaiah, and James. They have one granddaughter.

John O. Williams Jr. invited Alton to the first spring men's retreat. In one way or another he has been involved with Cedine ever since. Occasionally he is a speaker at a conference, retreat or camp.

Alton is pastor of Unity M. B. Church and also works in graphic design and signage. Lately he has also shown an interest in writing.

We at Cedine are thankful for Alton and his involvement with Cedine.