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Camp Cedine - 2023

Ephesians 6:11 tells us to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to STAND against the schemes of the devil." Today, young or old, all need to stand strong in the truth. We are thankful for the 2023 camp speakers who truthfully and correctly taught the Word. Junior Camp speaker was Alton Hayes. Jordan Washington was the speaker for Middler Camp and Rod Dewberry challenged the Teen campers. Speaker for Family Camp was Leon Brooks.

This summer, for some, counseling was a family affair. It all started over 60 years ago when Bettye came as a camper. In time she met John Williams and together they had three sons. For many summers this family gave a part, and occasionally most, of the summer here at Cedine helping where they could. That was nearly 50 years ago. In His time the Lord called Bettye to Himself and the Lord gave Deborah to the family. (Note the article on the last page.)

Counseling as a family affair? For two weeks Adavia and Rachel Williams (cousins) were counselors. The second week Adavia's father, David, and Rachel's father, John Williams III, and her sister, Hannah, joined them. The third week of camp John Williams Jr. and his son, Daniel, were part of the counseling staff.

Support staff is also a vital part of our ministry. As the daughter of Artis and Carolyn Fletcher with Mendenhall Ministries, Cynthia grew up hearing of Cedine. She came as a camper but also served one summer as a counselor.

Married to Winfred Davis, Jr., Dr. Cynthia Davis is an information Specialist with the Department of

Defense Dependent School System and lives in Naples, Italy. For two weeks she was our dining room hostess while her son, Jacob, was a camper.

Some for a few days. Some for a week. Some for the entire summer. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for each individual whom He sent our way and to each for his faithful service. Thanks for your part in praying and giving.

Day Of Destruction

The morning of August 7th was a beautiful sunny day with a gentle breeze. Then came the forecast that the gentle breeze could be a strong wind. And it was just that! The middle of the afternoon the storm hit. In a few minutes it was over. But oh the destruction!

Many trees were down. Roads were blocked. Buildings damaged. Cabin 10 in the Pine Village (what most still think of as the girl's village) took the hardest hit.



Many who come to conferences and retreats enjoy sitting on one of the swings in the gazebo by Grace House. A huge 125-year old oak laid across the demolished gazebo.

Power lines snapped and crashed down to the ground leaving us without power for several days. But no one was hurt. For that we are most thankful! Clean up will continue for many weeks.



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

As you see through some of the articles, we are praising the Lord for the open doors and opportunities He has given and those He has provided to help with the work. We are trusting the Lord for His ongoing provision.

Some of you have asked what I will do when I retire. The plan at this time is not to retire but to step down from the director's position. I plan to continue to serve at Cedine in whatever capacity that is desired. I am hoping that may include some travel to visit some of our faithful donors and connect with some of you but that will be determined by the board and the new General Director.

The board's timeline as stated in the recent board meeting is taking applications for candidates through the end of September, doing interviews in October and announcing my replacement in November. I have been asked to continue until March in the role of Interim General Director to help get the new Director up to speed. Please be in prayer for this transitional time.

We are looking for people who can serve by leading the camp and conference ministries, someone to care for the finances and someone to be responsible for caring for the facilities. We are also in need for someone to be trained to take the responsibilities of Camp and Conference Registrar.

We are grateful for groups from Family Bible Church and Signal Mountain Bible Church that came to help clean up some of the trees that came down in the storm in August. There is still much to be done. Pray that the facilities will be ready for the events that are planned for the fall.

- *Vernon Tannahill*



Day of Destruction, Aug. 7, 2023



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Permanent Staff Needs

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Fall Plans

Cooler temps and autumn colors are just around the corner. As we move towards fall we are trusting the Lord to continue working in hearts through our fall Couples', Ladies', Men's retreats and our upcoming Bible Quiz. We have outside groups that will be our guests over the next few months as well.

Originally only two ladies' retreats were scheduled for 2023. In April attendance at the Spring Ladies' Retreat exceeded our expectations. That momentum hasn't seemed to slow down. At this writing, the October Ladies' Retreat is full with over 200 ladies registered. With more group leaders expressing a desire to bring ladies in October, the Ladies' Retreat Committee was asked to consider adding a November date. After much prayer and discussion, the general consensus was to make a November date available and see what the Lord wanted to do. We praise God that our October speaker, Kimela Curtis, was willing and available to come back in November. The majority of our committee will be able to return and before the end of the second week in August the Lord provided for the needed workshop leaders and a worship leader to serve for the November retreat. We ask you to pray that God will transform lives through all of our fall events this year and know that we would love to have you join us as well.

Upcoming Retreats

Couples' Retreat #2

September 29th - October 1st

Ladies' Retreat #2 (FULL)

October 6th - 8th

Bible Quizzing

October 14th in Blytheville, AR

Men's Retreat #2

October 20th - 22nd

Ladies' Retreat #3

November 3rd - 5th

Around Cedine

July 10-12 Vernon Tannahill and Steve Zimmerman attended the BFA (Baptist Fundamental Assoc.) Conference in Fort Wayne, IN.

July 15 Charity Yarger, granddaughter of Kim and Carol Yarger, became the bride of Nate Campbell. The wedding was held at the Jubilee Center.

The Cedine Board of Trustees met for their annual meeting August 10 & 11.

Nine of our Cedine staff attended the ANAM (Association of North American Missions) Appalachian

Regional Conference August 17-19 at Kentucky Mountain Mission at Beattyville, KY. Cedine has been a member of ANAM since the spring of 1956. Paul Zimmerman, founder of Cedine, was actively involved in its beginnings.

We are no longer able to get the Walk Thru the Bible devotional guide that we have made available to our friends for many years.

The first area wide Bible quiz tournament of this school year, over the book of Galations, will be held in Bytheville, AR on October 14.

Interesting Facts

- Campers and conference guests came from ten different states. Over half of these came from the state of Georgia.

- 282 camper weeks were recorded during the 2023 camping season... our 77th summer.

- The theme for the summer was STAND taken from Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

- Scholarships given this summer amounted to \$6,490.

- It rained almost every day of middler camp.

- Linda Atkinson came as a counselor in 1996 & 1997. She has served as our camp nurse since 1998. What a blessing she has been!

- We served Lenoir City multi-church youth camp the week of July 17-22.

Praise & Prayer

Fall 2023

1) Bible Correspondence Courses - Pray for wisdom and strength in correcting the lessons.

2) Psalms 33:22 - Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

3) Quizzing outreach - Pray for the quiz teams who are studying the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians this school year.

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 - Praise the Lord for His faithfulness through you. Pray for wisdom and strength for the challenges ahead this fall.

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 our ministry to the farm workers in our area. Pray for our family.

9) Prayer and Financial Supporters - Praise for those who stand with us on a regular basis in the support of Cedine's ministries.

10) Praise - Psalms 28:7-The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusted in Him and I am helped. Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices and with my song will I praise Him.

11) Bill Lamarr - Pray for health and strength as I continue to minister here at Cedine.

12) Susan Adams - Pray for all of us who minister in food service for the retreats and conferences. Pray for salvation needs of family members.

13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences - Pray for God's direction; and for guests who will join us for the scheduled fall events. Praise for many registering for fall retreats.

14) General Director Search - Pray for the Board as they seek the replacement for the General Director.

15) Linda Minter - Praise for God's blessing during spring retreats and summer camp. Pray that God will continue working in hearts during fall retreat season. Praise for my newest granddaughter and my first grandson. 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.

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

Memorial Gifts

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Praise & Prayer

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18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill - Praise for fruitful summer, and those registering to come this fall. Pray for volunteers and help for the fall and wisdom in preparing for leadership transition.

19) Janet Branscum - Pray for our health needs. Pray for opportunities to share the ministry of Cedine.

20) Jonathan Armstrong - Pray that I will have wisdom and direction for what the Lord has for me.

21) Devotional Guide Ministry - Pray that those who used this ministry will be able to find another devotional guide to meet their needs.

22) Grounds - Pray for wisdom, strength and help for the continued clean-up from the August 7th storm.

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 - Praise for the marvelous grace and peace that are abundant through the Lord Jesus. Pray that my children and grandchildren will know the Lord Jesus intimately and walk with Him in obedience to His Word.

25) Camp Cedine - Pray for the need of a Camp Director, wisdom in recruiting for next summer's staff. Pray that the Lord will continue His work in the hearts of those who made decisions this summer.

26) Praise for volunteers - Thank the Lord for all who came and ministered here this past summer.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman - Praise for our fruitful Bible studies held weekly. Pray for God's leading and open doors for future ministry opportunities.

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 - How we praise Him for our faithful support team. 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

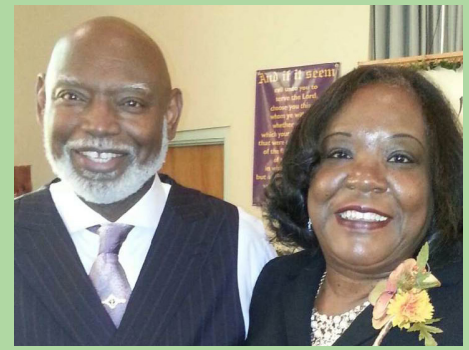
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Like Men of Issachar 1 Chronicles 12:32

John Williams, Jr was born in Moscow, TN. He grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Savior at age 13. Because of a speech impediment, he relied on his hands and his mind. After high school he graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in Animal Science. When a door opened to study Veterinary Science at Tuskegee University, he declined. In his heart he knew God had called him to be an evangelist.

For years John did evangelism work with Home Mission Outreach. His wife, Bettye, who went home to be with the Lord in 1994, loved Cedine and that impacted him. After touring Cedine in 1973, John saw great opportunities to evangelize and help people grow spiritually. In 1975 they returned to serve at camp. Because of his speech impediment he worked in maintenance. Bro. Walker noticed that John could articulate well, if he took his time. He asked John to serve as a camp counselor.

Over the years John has served in various aspects of Cedine's ministry



and is a favorite men's retreat workshop leader. Howard Tannahill invited John to join Cedine's Board of Trustees. When asked by some – What can he do? John replied "I can pray...If I can't help you that way, I don't how much I can do for you." He has been praying and serving on the board for over 30 years now. Since 1996 John has served as Board Chairman.

John is also pastor/teacher of Liberty Christian Bible Church in Nashville, TN. In 1995 God brought Deborah into John's life. They have been married for 28 years. They have 4 sons, 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

John offers Cedine this challenge - "Take an inward look...know who we are representing and who we are serving...continue to look up, be sold out to the Lord and let's finish well."



Over 20 years ago, John Williams asked **Eddie Echols** to consider serving on Cedine's Board of Directors. Eddie said, yes, because Cedine had blessed him and so many others.

Eddie was born in St. Louis, MO but was raised in Blytheville, AR. His uncle, Lee Echols, one of Cedine's first Cedine Bible Institute (CBI) graduates, led Eddie to the Lord when he was 11. Lee Echols also introduced Eddie to Cedine. Eddie first attended Camp Cedine in 1968. After graduating from high school, Eddie became a student at CBI. After graduating from CBI he attended Arkansas Bible College and has taken courses at Liberty University.

Cedine is also where Eddie met his wife, Cindie. She also attended CBI. They were married at Cedine in 1978. The Lord has blessed them with 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Eddie and Cindie loved Cedine's Bible Quizzing program. After marrying, it was the first ministry that he and Cindie started at their church. Initially, he drove students to and from quiz tournaments. He was amazed at how fast students learned the Word of God. From that point on he was hooked. He and Cindie have coached teams in the elementary, junior high and senior high divisions and pray that students will stay involved.

In April 2016, Eddie was appointed as Assistant Pastor of New Mt. Olive Baptist Church after serving 31 years as the Associate Pastor. Over the years he has also served faithfully in outreach and Christian education ministries in Blytheville.

We thank the Lord that Eddie said, yes, to serving on the board all those years ago. He shares these words as we look to the future of Cedine - "Love God, Love people and let's continue to move forward."

As a staff we are thankful for their leadership involvement with us here at Cedine.