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### Seasons Greetings

This Christmas Season

#### May we look back and see the manger

A baby who is fully man... fully God

A Babe sent to be our Savior

A Babe who is Emmanuel... God is with us!

#### May we look up and see Him on the Throne

Loving us unendingly Caring for us daily

Interceding for us!

#### May we look forward and see Him as King

Appearing in the clouds Coming in all His glory Taking us to be with Him forever!



Join us in true worship as we remember Him! Let us share the true meaning of this season with those who don't really know Him, Whom to know is life eternal.

### Christmas in Heaven

Carol Yarger went to be with her Lord on October 28, 2023. See back page for details



## **Autumn Happenings**

"This work on the mountain is transforming lives." Comments like this one, from our November Ladies' Retreat evaluations; remind us of why we do what we do.

It's not just about good ideas and plans; it's about coming together to serve in such a way that our guests experience God's love, enjoy their time here and most importantly are encouraged through the Word of God. From mid-September to the first weekend in November we served over 700 guests. That number included those that attended our retreats as well as several outside groups that held their events at Cedine.

September 15-17 Signal Mountain Church came with almost 175 in attendance for their annual family camp. The following weekend we hosted the St Mina Coptic group of

31 couples attended the Couples' Retreat September 29-October 1st. Ted and Kimela Curtis were the speakers. The biggest highlight of that weekend was welcoming a dear sister into the family of God.

October 6-8 was our largest retreat of the fall and of the year. We welcomed 191 ladies. Kimela Curtis was the speaker. A first timer, who acknowledged not being saved, shared how she made new friends and learned more about Christ.

80 men came together for the October Men's Retreat. Dr. Pierre Cannings was the speaker. Many of the men expressed how the retreat provided them with fellowship and an opportunity for spiritual growth.

The next weekend Lighthouse

Baptist Church held their Family Conference at Cedine; about 80 attended.

Our last retreat of the season, 62 ladies attended our overflow Ladies' Retreat. Again Kimela Curtis was the speaker. The ladies expressed having a wonderful and Spirit-filled time.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to co-labor with Him in His transforming work. It is because of His power, love, mercy and grace that lives are changed. Yet, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge those who sacrificially give of their time to come alongside and help.

One of our guests shared this comment -"Please tell the staff that they truly blessed me." And this one - "Your staff are outstanding displays of God's love and grace." These comments are referencing our wonderful volunteers.

Staff family members, young people from the community, volunteers from some of our outside groups and other long-time Cedine associates showed up week after week to fill in wherever they were needed. One young family came to volunteer during our largest retreat of the year when housing was completely full. They brought their tents and camped out in our RV area in order to be here to serve. All of our volunteers gave above and beyond. Each was an answer to prayer. Their involvement made a difference for our quests and our staff.

As we come to the end of another year, we give God glory for all that He has done. As we look ahead to a new year, pray with us that lives will continue to be changed for eternity.

### FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Ps 37:7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; Ps 27:14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! This is what the Lord continues to say to me as I desire to see who it is that will take my place. The Board has been at work with the process and as I understand it are doing some interviews. Please pray that the Lord's man will step forward and be obvious to all.

We praise the Lord for His provision throughout the fall ministries. We are grateful for all those who stepped forward and helped us through this time. We have just received word that some insurance money is forthcoming and the Lord has provided for a significant portion of the deductible so we are grateful that we should be able to move forward with some repairs in the near future. Pray with us that we will have wisdom in this and if you have a group of people with building experience that would like to come help us put things back together please get in touch with us.

I am grateful to the Lord for having the opportunity to serve Him at Cedine these 40 plus years and to serve as the General Director for 22 years. I am very thankful for those of you that have been prayer partners through all this time. The life change that has occurred can be attributed to your faithfulness in partnership with us. Thanks so much. I am looking forward to continued ministry with Cedine as the Lord allows.

- Vernon Tannahill

### **2024 Spring Events**

Power Walk Leadership February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ladies' Retreat #1
March 8th - 10th

Men's Retreat #1 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Quiz Finals @ Cedine April 6<sup>th</sup>

Couples' Retreat #1
April 19th - 21st

Ladies' Retreat #2 April 26th - 28th

Are you interested in helping out at Cedine for a day, a week, a weekend? There's always a need for volunteers or work groups to come help with all kinds of projects from painting to raking leaves to serving our guests.

Contact us at 423-365-9565 or visit www.cedine.org for more details

# Bible Quizzing Continuing on Through Generations

Eddie & Cindie Echols hosted our first Bible quiz of the year in Blytheville, Arkansas on Saturday, October 14th. We had 15 teams from 5 churches to participate. Eddie (current Board member) & Cindie have been involved with quizzing since the late 70's. Cindie was once a quizzer herself.

It's exciting to see grandchildren quizzing whose grandparents quizzed when they were kids. The Word of God has penetrated not just the hearts of the quizzers, but has impacted the coaches. Many of our coaches and officials were once Bible quizzers, themselves.

For generations Cedine Bible Quizzing has focused on getting the Word of God into the hearts and minds of young people. This year we are quizzing over the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Of the 503 verses studied 100 will be memory verses.

There are four quiz tournaments held each school year including the final quiz held at Cedine in April. We generally have 15-20 teams participate, representing 3 states and several churches.

Bible Quizzing is a fun competitive way to introduce youth from the ages of 8-18, to Bible study and memorization. If you are interested in having Bible quizzing in your area, please contact Phil@cedine.org for more information.

- Phil Zimmerman, Outreach Director

- Martha Tannahill

#### **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 under served communities.

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### Around Cedine

In addition to the four Cedine sponsored retreats, three other retreats were held this fall:

Sept. 5-7......Signal Mtn. Bible Church Oct. 27-29.....Lighthouse Baptist Family Sept. 2-24.....St. Mina Coptic Group

Linda Minter spent several weeks in the Washington D.C. area in October. She attended her son Jonathan's wedding. She also attended her daughter Alyse's Doctoral Defense. Congratulations to Dr. Alyse Minter.

The following families enjoyed our facilities during Thanksgiving week: Paul Lewis family, Neddo family, Piazza family

This Fall volunteers came from near and afar to help with maintenance, housekeeping and with retreats. Some came for a day, some for a week. Some came again and again. We appreciate the ministry of each one!

Vernon & Martha Tannahill attended the Christian Camp and Conference Association annual conference, November 28 - December 1.

MY HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFT

#### Cedine Ministries 2023 Year End Giving Options

As the end of the year approaches, it may be a great time to review your gift, estate and financial plans.

Cash Gifts - You may give by check or online. These gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to be tax deductible for the year.

Non Cash Gifts - gifts of property, publicly traded stocks or mutual funds are also great gifts. Check with your advisor about the benefits of donating to a charitable organization.

Retirement plan giving - for those of you who are 72 or older if you have an IRA you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to charitable interests. These are not taxed and count toward the annual Required Minimum Distribution.

We appreciate each of you and your faithfulness to Cedine Ministry. We pray God will continue to bless you and use you for His glory. Have a joyous Christmas!

### Year End Giving \* Praise & Prayer

- 1) Bible Correspondence Courses-Pray for wisdom and strength in correcting the lessons.
- 2) James 1:17-Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights.
- 3) Quizzing outreach Pray for the guiz 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
- 6) Joan Zimmerman Pray for wisdom for Cedine's Board as they select a new General Director. Please pray for God's man. Philippians 1:9-11
- 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 family. Pray for the farm workers now back in their own countries.
- 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 II Cor. 9:15-Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.
- 11) Bill Lamarr Pray for health and strength as I continue to minister here at Cedine.
- 12) Susan Adams Praise for His strength and guidance to complete fall retreat season. Pray for salvation needs of family members.
- 13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences -Pray for God's direction; and for quests who will join us for the scheduled spring events.
- 14) General Director Search Pray for the Board as they continue to seek the replacement for General Director.
- 15) Linda Minter Praise God for needs supplied during fall retreats. Pray for grace, wisdom and strength in carrying out ministry responsibilities. Pray for children and grandchildren.
- **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 Yarger-Pray for health needs and ministry opportunities. Pray for comfort for Kim Yarger and family.

### Memorial Gifts

Given by	In Memory of
Mrs. Vinnie E.Acklin	Rev. Clarence Acklin
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Bayles	Mr. Richard Corbin
Mrs. Carol Brandon & Family	Mr. Adolphus Bass
Mrs. Shirley Corbin	Mr. Richard Corbin
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### Praise & Prayer

18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill - Praise for strength for the busy fall season. Pray for wisdom in transition and leading through transition as the board appoints a successor. Wisdom in how to best continue ministering through this change.

19) Janet Branscum - Praise that Jerry's secular job allowed him time off to minister in Cedine's horse program. Pray for

continued health needs.

**20) Jonathan Armstrong** - Pray for wisdom as I work here at Cedine. Pray for clarity about what steps I am to take in the coming vear.

**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 the need of a physical plant director.

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

24) Jane White - Praise that we have God's Word that tells us how to think and how to behave. Pray that my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren would know the Lord and walk faithfully in His truth.

25) Camp Cedine - Pray for the need of a camp director. Pray for plans and staff for

the coming summer.

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

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman - Praise for our fruitful Bible studies held weekly. Pray that we will know God's direction in navigation of future changes here at Cedine.

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 for needed strength and wisdom to

serve Him faithfully each day.

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

#### Permanent Staff Needs

**General Director Business Manager Physical Plant Director Camp Director Conference Director** Maintenance Staff

### Like Men of Issachar 1 Chronicles 12:32

Rod Dewberry was born in Birmingham, AL and moved to Atlanta, GA when he was 12. He was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 7. After high school he earned a BA in Worldview and Apologetics from Luther Rice College and Seminary. His education also includes master level studies at Michigan Theological Seminary

He first came to Cedine in 1995 as part of a summer mission's project with Dwight Knight. In 2016 Jacques Hall invited him to speak at summer camp. Since then he has been a regular and sought after speaker at our youth

camps.

Summer of 1996 Rod served as a camp counselor at New Horizons Bible Camp in NY. Kerry Mcghie was the camp nurse. The two met, became friends and were married in August 1998. They have a daughter, Dorea and a son, Amman.



Rod sees the great value in camp ministry. He is convinced that youth benefit from early discipleship while being exposed to the Gospel and a Biblical worldview in an environment with fewer distractions. As a board member he wants to be part of creating these opportunities.

Rod has been on the board since August 2022. Rod is the Executive Teaching Pastor at Gospel Hope Church in Atlanta, GA. He also enjoys fishing off a bank, from a boat, bridge or deep sea. We at Cedine are thankful for Rod and his involvement with Cedine.

### Home With The Lord

Carol Yarger transitioned into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 28, 2023. It was she and Kim's 51st wedding anniversary. Family and friends gathered for a heartfelt Celebration of Life at the Jubilee Center on Saturday, November 11th. A private burial was at Cedine Cemetery with a repast following at Jubilee.

Kim, Carol and family came to Cedine in April of 1987. From the beginning Kim was involved in maintenance before becoming the Physical Plant Director. Carol started out cleaning cottages and served in the Book Nook for several years. Later she was asked to help in the business office and eventually became **Business Office Manager and** Housekeeping Manager. She faithfully served in those positions until she and Kim recently retired in 2022. Both she and Kim worked closely with many of the work groups that came to Cedine through the years.

Carol loved teaching children. She was the Sunday school teacher for the junior class at First Baptist of Evensville. She also taught in the Junior Church. She spent hours in preparation searching out videos and songs that would help her

students learn the Truth of God's Word. Carol also served faithfully as the church

Carol's love for her family was very evident. She often had her grandchildren help alongside her in the various areas where she served.

Psalm 27 was an integral part of Carol's testimony. Her faith and trust were in the Lord. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve with Carol as she allowed the Lord to use her at Cedine, her church and in her family. She will be missed. To Kim and all the family we extend our deepest sympathy, love and prayers. May the God of all comfort surround you in His loving care during this difficult time and in the days ahead.

