

# Cedine Report

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## Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

On Friday, February 28, Cedine's Board of Directors honored Bro. John Williams upon his retirement as Cedine's Chairman of the Board. Board members, staff, his wife Deborah and members from Liberty Christian Bible Church gathered at Jubilee for a special lunch where he was presented with a plaque for his 25 years of service as Board Chairman.

Since his first tour of Cedine back in 1973, Bro. John envisioned opportunities to evangelize and help others grow spiritually. Over the years his faithfulness and dedication to the work at Cedine definitely impacted many. Board members took time to share words of encouragement and appreciation. Throughout the afternoon staff members took time to talk with Bro. John in order to share their gratitude as well.

We praise God for the many years that Bro. John was charged with leading this ministry. Though he is retiring from our Board, he is not retiring from doing the Lord's work. He continues to serve as pastor of Liberty Christian Bible Church in Nashville, TN and is looking ahead to even more ministry opportunities within his congregation and community.



## Summer Camp is Here!

We are excited for another opportunity to serve and minister to campers this summer. It's taken months of phone calls, recruiting, meetings and prayer to bring us to this point. Our greatest

desire is for our staff, programming and activities to create an atmosphere where God's TRUTH will sink deep into the hearts of campers, families and staff alike. We invite you to join the excitement and join with us in prayer as we trust the Lord to make this a great summer.

### PRAY FOR:

- Camp Director, Garry Griffin, Jr
- Camper and staff safety
- Wise decision making
- Salvation and Sanctification
- Discipleship opportunities
- Health and stamina for all
- Spiritual growth
- Fun in a loving, Christ like atmosphere

### 2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 26-June 7 . Staff Training  
June 9-14 . . . . Junior Camp  
June 16-21 . . . . Middler Camp  
June 23-28 . . . . Teen Camp  
July 30-July 4 . . Family Conference



## From The Director's Desk

We continue to ask the Lord to "... give us this day our daily bread..." as we move into summer ministry. Bro. Garry has worked hard at recruiting and has a number of staff for the summer but we are still looking for a few key pieces. We are believing the Lord will provide. We are still in need of a Food Service Manager and we need camp office help as one of our key summer office volunteers has family responsibilities that will keep her at home this summer. We have been working on migrating the registration software and we have experienced a few setbacks but we are looking forward to having it active in the near future. Please pray for us as you think of this throughout the summer.

We also still need a Bookkeeper/Business Manager for the mission year round not to mention a General Director. Please pray that as we struggle through this challenging time that the Word of God will do its work and that many will be transformed by the Word of God.

The Farmhouse project is not complete but the Peaks were able to move in and are praying that it will be a place for much ministry going forward. We are also working on a couple more places and preparing for the Warix family to join us in the middle of the summer. Jake will be serving us as a self-supported volunteer in the IT and systems areas. We will tell you more about this in the future. We do praise the Lord for his provision in this area.

*- Vernon 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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## Spring Retreat Recap

Praise God for His wonderful works!

147 men attended the March Men's retreat. Almost half of the men in attendance were attending a Cedine Men's retreat for the first time. The men were challenged by the sessions and the workshops. Some are already planning to return next year bringing even greater numbers.



Our March Ladies' Retreat was cancelled again this year due to insufficient registrations. Pray with us as we determine whether or not the March Ladies' Retreat will remain on the calendar.

Covenant Keepers ministry in Chattanooga, TN sponsored 10 couples for the April Couples Retreat. All in all we had 26 couples in attendance. The couples had a great time and many were helped.



We had a full house for the April Ladies' Retreat. 183 ladies attended. We rejoiced as 6 women gave their lives to Christ on the first night. One of our committee members led another to the Lord on Saturday night bringing it to a total of 7 women who made a profession of faith over the weekend.



## Fall Retreat Schedule



**Couples Retreat #2** - September 26-28  
Dr. S. Evan Burrows, Speaker

**Ladies' Retreat #3** - October 10-12  
(almost full) Susan Moss, Speaker

**Men's Retreat #2** - October 24-26  
Pastor Roger Skepple, Speaker

**Ladies' Retreat #4** - November 7-9  
Susan Moss, Speaker

You're invited  
to join us  
for any of our  
upcoming  
fall retreats

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# Around Cedine

The end of March we had groups from Salem Bible Church in Michigan and East White Oak Church from Illinois here for a work week. The following week we had a work group from Hartford Bible Church in Michigan. We are so thankful for all who came to help!

The Bible Quiz Finals were held at Cedine April 5th. We had 16 teams present. Next year the quizzers will be studying I and II Corinthians.

April 14-17 Vernon & Martha Tannahill attended the Association of North American Missions Forum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Bro Dwight Zimmerman and his brother Titus celebrated their 90th and 85th birthdays respectively. There was a celebration held at Christian Fellowship Church in Grandview.

Pam Shelley, CPA was here the week of May 19 to conduct the annual financial audit of Cedine Ministries. A financial report is available upon request.

## Home with the Lord

Neville Sterling entered the presence of His Lord on April 26. Neville, his wife Joy and his daughters Hannah and Madison have been part of Cedine for many years. Neville and Joy served on the Family Relations Conference committee and Neville served on the Men's Retreat committee. We are thankful for his love and service with Cedine. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joy, the girls and family. Our love and prayers are with you always.

On May 8 Glenn "Coach" "Bill" Jamison went home to Glory. For several years he and his family attended Cedine's Family Bible Camp. Glenn and his wife, Davie also served on Cedine's Couples Retreat committee for many years. "Coach" loved Cedine and we are thankful for the years he was able to be part of Cedine. To Davie and family we offer our sincere sympathy, love and prayers.

# Praise & Prayer

Summer 2025

**1) Psalm 91:2** "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God in Him will I trust."

**2) Bible Correspondence Courses**-Praise for those who come to salvation while studying God's Word and for the young man sent to help us.

**3) Bible Quizzing**-Pray for preparations for 2025-2026 school year.

**4) Follow-up Ministries**-Pray for effectiveness in our follow up ministries.

**5) Staff needs**-Pray for the need of godly, qualified people committed to serve here.

**6) Our Government**-Pray for our nation's leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

**7) Leonard and Wanda Herman**-Praise God for teaching us to live godly and pray for others. Pray for health and clear thinking. Pray that our relatives will grow in God's grace.

**8) Ministry Partners**-Praise for those who regularly partner with us through prayer and financial support.

**9) Camp Cedine**-Pray for true heart changes in the lives of campers and staff this summer.

**10) Bill Lamarr**-Thankful for camp recruiting connections. Pray for completion of riflery range refurbishments, summer staff and LITs.

**11) Summer Staff**-Pray that our summer staff will work together to glorify God in all they are assigned to do.

**12) Cedine Retreats and Conferences**-Pray for wisdom as we prepare for the fall retreat season.

**13) General Director Search**-Pray for the Board as they continue to seek a replacement for General Director.

**14) Linda Minter**-Praise Psalm 107:8, Pray 1 Peter 4:10 and for my children and grandchildren.

**15) Retired staff**-Doris Bowman and Gloria Ward-Pray that the Lord will continue to meet their every need.

**16) Retired staff**-Ken and Debbie Ore, Burchon and Mary Walker and Kim Yarger-Praise for continued open doors for ministry. Pray for health and strength.

## Honor & Memorial Gifts

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# Praise & Prayer

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**17) Retired staff**-Jane White - Prayers for family. Joan Zimmerman - Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens. Lamentations 3:41

**18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill**-Praise for health and strength. Pray for wisdom in learning new computer software and for decisions and strength for summer needs.

**19) Janet and Jerry Branscum**-Praise for safety during retreats. Pray for horses for our camp program.

**20) Garry and Chabeli Griffin**-Praise God for His goodness and mercy! Continue to pray as we finish up preparation for camp.

**21) Grounds**-Pray for resources to do much needed upgrades around Cedine.

**22) Volunteers**-Praise for spring work groups and volunteers. Pray for additional volunteers to serve.

**23) Critical Needs**-Pray for repairs/ replacement of our office phone system and Jubilee chair lift.

**24) Flora Gordon**-Our minds are gardens. Our thoughts are seeds. We can grow flowers or weeds. Take every thought captive. 2 Cor. 10:5

**25) Jackie Jones**-Pray that we will know Him and make Him known.

**26) Scott Thompson**-John 4:36 Praise for God's grace towards those saved and seeking the gospel daily. Pray for my monthly student loan needs.

**27) Riley and Kimberly Peak**-Thankful for Farm House renovation and moving in. Pray for continued stamina as we do support raising later this summer.

**28) The 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 our staff to have renewed strength mentally, physically and spiritually.

**30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman**-Pray for continued healing for Phyllis's broken arm/shoulder and continued usefulness at Cedine (even in old age) Phil 4:13

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

## Meet the Men's Retreat Committee

Cedine's Men's retreats started in the mid to late 1970s. During the early years Brother Tom Florence worked diligently to secure speakers and work out the programming details for the Men's Retreats. From the early days until now men that eventually formed the committee have worked together to invite and challenge men to surrender their lives to Christ and to walk with the Lord as faithful men of God.

- **Vernon Tannahill** became involved with the Men's Retreat after coming on staff and while serving in Community Ministries. In the late 1990's and early 2000's he began serving on the committee and has served several stints as interim chairman; becoming the official chairman in 2012.
- **Gary Crawford** started attending Cedine in the early nineties. He loves working with the Men's Ministry and bringing brothers together for spiritual growth and development. He teaches workshops, currently helps to co-chair the men's committee and is an active member of the Cedine's board of directors.
- **John Williams** started working with Cedine in 1975. Though he doesn't remember the exact date or year when he started working with the Men's Retreat committee he says it continues to be a joyful experience year after year. It's his prayer that men will continue to sharpen men.
- **Greg Samuels** first came to Cedine as a Cedine Bible institute student in 1977. After retiring from the military in 2013 Greg and his wife Jackie served on staff for a short time. In 2013 Greg was appointed to the committee and continues to serve on the committee to this day.
- **Robert Benson** attended his first Men's Retreat in 1978; Brother Butch Upton was the speaker, and Brother Tom Florence played the accordion. In the late '90s, Brother Howard Tannahill asked Robert to serve on the Men's Committee, and he still serves by God's grace.
- **Garry Griffin, Jr.** joined Cedine's staff in February 2024. He currently serves as Cedine's Camp Director and has worked with the Men's Retreat committee since his arrival in 2024.
- **David Williams** has been affiliated with Camp Cedine for over 40 years as a Bible quiz participant, camper, Leader in Training, Maintenance/ Landscaping, Camp Counselor and Men's Retreat group leader. David has served with the Men's Retreat Committee since 2023.
- **Sean Moore** has served as a workshop leader for the Men's Retreat since March 2021. Sean says that getting to know and work with the committee members and those that retreat annually with Cedine has drawn him closer to God.
- **Ron Jacobs** has served with the committee 1 year. His group brought 75 men to the March Men's retreat. He also serves as a workshop leader.



We thank the Lord for the service of each of these men. Pray that they will continually challenge and mentor other men to go out and become faithful men who will not only make decisions but make disciples for Jesus Christ.