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Spring Happenings

For the past three years Cedine has been missing some very familiar sounds because Ladies' Retreats have been on hold. We needed to regroup following the backlash of Covid and needed time to rebuild the Ladies' Retreat Committee.

The ladies missed being here so much. Several had registered back in 2019 for 2020. When Covid shutdowns and restrictions caused us to have to cancel retreats, many of these ladies held out hope of returning and continued to transfer their registrations forward. Imagine what it was like on Friday, April 21, 2023 to finally hear the rumbling of arriving buses, to see smiling faces and to experience those long awaited hugs. The ladies were back and we were so happy to have them here.

There were 160 ladies in attendance. More than one third of those ladies were attending a Cedine Ladies' Retreat for the very first time. It was even a first timer that surrendered her life to Jesus Christ during the opening night icebreaker game. We praise the Lord for a wonderful start to a beautiful weekend.

Speaker, Joyce Bray, expounded on the theme "Love is of God" from I John 4:7-8. God used Joyce, our workshops leaders, committee staff and volunteers to help bring the theme alive for all involved.

Another special part of this weekend retreat was honoring Miss Gloria Ward

who for over 30 years served as the Ladies' Retreat committee chairperson. During the Saturday evening banquet Miss Gloria was showered with appreciation from former and current committee members. She was also publicly recognized as Chairperson Emeritus of the Ladies' Retreat Committee. We praise God for her many years of service in leading the committee and for her continued heart to share Christ with everyone the Lord sends her way.

It wasn't just the ladies that enjoyed a refreshing weekend at Cedine. March 24-26 we had 78 men gather together with their brothers In Christ. A bus driver for one of the church groups left this remark in his evaluation- "Never let this wonderful place close." Those were very encouraging words and we are thankful for Dr. Richard Allen Farmer who spoke from the theme "It's the 4th Quarter" and challenged the men to forget the things of the past and press toward the high calling in Jesus Christ.

The weekend of April 14-16 we had 27 couples attend the spring Couples' Retreat. Pastor Richard Turney spoke from Matthew 7:24 around the theme "Building Blocks for a Successful Marriage." We had one first time couple express this sentiment - "The gathering and fellowship was rich. Our marriage will be better as a result of this weekend."

We thank the Lord for all that was done during our spring retreats.



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

This morning I was reading Psalm 75:1, *We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare [that] Your name is near.* God's wondrous works have been seen through the retreats and conferences as well as the Bible quiz program this spring but that only tells part of the story.

Through the help of many hands that were part of the work groups from Kansas, Illinois, Michigan and West Virginia great progress was made on updating some cottages and bringing them back into service. Significant work was done on Fairhaven, Berea, Elim and Grace House. If you come and visit you will notice a marked difference on the inside; several still need some significant work on their "curb appeal". Hebron, where Dwight and Phyllis live, received new decking on both the front and back porches (there is some ongoing discussion as to which is which). Several of the crews worked at removing leaves from the camp area especially so that it is ready for summer.

Another real blessing was how the Lord provided to repair and seal the floor in the kitchen in Cedar Village (formerly the Guys' Village). I asked one of the group leaders about a member of his church who had done some floor work for us in the past. The next day this individual called about his possible involvement on their mission trip. He installed an epoxy floor covering both the kitchen in Cedar village and the men's restroom in the camp area. We are very grateful as the floors look great and the basement smell is gone in Cedar village kitchen.

Thanks to all who helped, the Lord has provided through a number of different volunteers and we are excited to see how He will supply for the summer and beyond. Continue to pray for the Board to have wisdom in their search for my replacement. Thank you for your prayers and partnership that allows for God's Word to go forth through us.

- *Vernon Tannahill*



QUIZZING MINISTRY

Cedine's quizzing program has been in existence since the late 1950's. We have seen many young people memorize verses from the Word of God and then go on to say, as an adult, how much memorizing these Scriptures has helped them in their later life. Through the years many challenges have been overcome.

During Covid we were unable to have Bible Quizzing. This was a difficult trial to endure. This past quiz year was the first complete year since before Covid.

On April 1st, a little over 100 people were on the grounds who not only enjoyed a day of quizzing but were able to enjoy some afternoon activities before going home.

Even children who have difficulty in speech or other learning issues excel at quizzing. It is a joy to see, and an affirmation that God is able to help anyone who wants to know more about the Bible.

Cedine holds 4 quizzes a year, one in October, December, February and the final one at Cedine in April. We would love to see more churches involved in Bible Quizzing. Interested? Please call and ask for more information and see how you could be involved in this vital program.

Looking Ahead

Summer Schedule

Staff Training
May 29th - June 10th

Junior Camp
June 12th - 17th

Middler Camp
June 19th - 24th

Teen Camp
June 26th - July 1st

Family Conference
July 3rd - 7th

Upcoming Retreats

Couples Retreat
September 29th - October 1st

Ladies' Retreat
October 6th - 8th

Men's Retreat
October 20th - 22nd



Permanent Staff Needs

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

Around Cedine

Sympathy is extended to Linda Minter in the Homegoing of her mother-in-law, Ada Minter.

CPA Pam Shelley was on campus April 24-28 to conduct Cedine's annual financial audit. A financial report is available upon request.

The ANAM (Association of North America Missions) Forum was held April 17-21 in Kansas City, MO. Vernon and Martha Tannahill represented Cedine.

In addition to those who came with a work group, we are grateful for the volunteers who ministered with us this spring. One couple came to help with the Couples' Retreat and stayed another week to minister in the Ladies' Retreat. A man came with a work group, saw the needs here and came back bringing his wife to help another week. A couple who bring their youth for a week of camp each summer have come for a day, then for several days and then for several weeks. A special thanks to all who ministered here. Some came for a day, some for a weekend and some longer.

Bro. Bill Lamarr was taking a walk on the evening of February 20th when he fell. One of our staff heard his cry for help and was able to get him up and to a hospital. He spent the next week in the hospital after surgery to repair a torn tendon. Three more weeks were spent in a rehab center. April 20th-May 1 found Bill back in the hospital with an infection. Continue to pray for Bro. Bill.

Praise & Prayer

Summer 2023

- 1) **Bible Correspondence Courses** - Pray for wisdom and strength in correcting the lessons.
- 2) **Summer staff** - Pray for staff still needed for camp this summer.
- 3) **Quizzing outreach** - Pray for plans being made for the 2023-2024 school year. Pray for wisdom and good involvement.
- 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 for good interaction with work groups. Pray for visits with some supporters this summer.
- 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 help in Bible Correspondence School. Pray for our family. Pray for Spanish speaking believers to minister to the migrant workers.
- 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** - "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation! Selah." Psalm 68:19
- 11) **Bill Lamarr** - Pray for health. See article on "Around Cedine."
- 12) **Susan Adams** - Pray for salvation needs of family members. Pray for strength and wisdom as I manage the food service ministry.
- 13) **Cedine Retreats and Conferences** - Praise for one soul saved during Ladies' Retreat. Pray for God's direction in planning for the fall retreats and conferences.
- 14) **General Director Search** - Pray for the Board as they seek the replacement for the General Director.
- 15) **Linda Minter** - Praise for faithful supporters. Praise for volunteer help during Ladies' Retreat. Praise for two more grandbabies due this summer. Pray for healthy pregnancies, births and healthy babies for both Christian and Chaniel.
- 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.
- 18) **Vernon and Martha Tannahill** - Praise for faithful support team. Pray for strength for long camp days. Pray for wisdom in transition of leadership. Pray for direction in scheduling events for 2024.

Honor & Memorial Gifts

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Praise & Prayer

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19) Janet Branscum - Praise my transportation need was met. Continue to pray as I learn what is needed to minister in the business office.

20) Jonathan Armstrong - Pray for wisdom with my duties at Cedine. Pray for my witness to unsaved friends.

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 possible continued involvement with Cedine Ministries.

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 prayers of God's people! Pray that I will honor the Lord in all I do and say. Pray that my family would know the Lord and walk faithfully with Him.

25) Camp Cedine - Pray that the messages given and the interaction between staff and campers will be used of God to bring salvation and growth in the lives of campers.

26) Praise for volunteer workers - Thank the Lord with us for the work groups and individuals who ministered with us this spring.

27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman - Praise for our fruitful Bible studies. 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 His faithfulness. Pray for safety as Dwight spends many hours on the camp mower.

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

Robert Earl Benson was born a twin to his sister Mrs. Lena Benson Samuels on February 24, 1953. His father and mother were Edward and Mary Alice Benson. Their mother died in 1955. Their grandparents, Cleveland and Mary Alvis, reared Lena and Robert in Linden, Alabama. They attended Friendship Baptist Church and were baptized at 12 years of age.

In 1971 he left home to attend Tuskegee (Institute) University where he met the ministry of the Navigators. Bro. Ed Wright approached him regarding his salvation and Robert made a commitment to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1973 he relocated with the Navigators campus ministry to Atlanta, Georgia where he set up ministry at colleges and universities in the Atlanta area.

Sister Winnie Douglas moved from New York City to join their ministry and they were married in 1976. The Lord blessed them with four beautiful children. They raised all of their children through the ministry at Cedine Bible Camp.



Victor Clay has been a member of the Cedine Board of Trustees for fifteen years. He grew up in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, until 13 years old when he moved to Florissant, Missouri where his parents still reside.

He grew up in what he would call a church going home. This provided a basic foundation, upon which Christ would build during his sanctification journey of salvation. He is thankful that his parents saw fit to guide the family to church.

At the age of twelve Victor went forward for salvation. He believes that he trusted Christ at that time, but at age 27, the commitment became deeper, and he has never been the same.

In college he received a B.S. in Busi-



ness Management. Upon responding to the Lord's call to ministry he received an A.A. from Carver Baptist Bible College as well as his B.A. in Biblical Studies. Victor also received a Master of Divinity and his Doctorate of Ministry from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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