

Happy 80th, Cedine

Cedine Ministries has had a great impact on my life, beginning in 1978 when I was invited to a men's retreat. Brother Butch Upton was the speaker, and the gathering was held in the Zimmerman building. I remember Brother Tom Florance playing the accordion for special music.

I remember meeting Brother Phil Davis, who encouraged my wife and me to consider serving at Cedine. My wife was a registered nurse, and I worked as a service technician. At that time, Cedine needed maintenance and a full-time nurse. This conversation led us to pray about being more involved with Cedine. We even prayed about applying to be full-time missionaries, but the Lord had other plans.

We continued to support Cedine financially and attended the family camp with our four children until they were adults. We were attending Elisabeth Baptist Church in Atlanta when we sent the first group of kids to summer camp. Elisabeth Baptist picked up the idea and began sending busloads of kids to camp for many summers.

When I became pastor of Southwest Christian Fellowship Church in Atlanta, we continued sending kids to camp. Brother Howard Tannahill asked whether Cedine could conduct yearly camp training at Southwest for others in the Atlanta area who wanted to work at Cedine for the summer. We continued the annual training at Southwest until Brother Howard stepped down as camp director.

At some point, Brother Howard asked whether I would be interested in joining the Men's Retreat committee. I joined the committee, where I still serve today. In 2005, Brother Vernon Tannahill asked whether I would be willing to serve on the Cedine Board of Trustees. I accepted the challenge, and I am still serving today by the grace of God.

It has been my pleasure to serve at Cedine and to witness many souls coming to the Lord, and to see the awesome impact Cedine has had on my life and family.
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