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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994
with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling
with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in
order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can
effectively disciple people through times
of spiritual and relational struggle.

***These objectives continue
to be our goals.***

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**Deeper Life Ministries' daily
operations are funded by
donations.** *Our buildings are
approximately forty years old
and in need of some upgrades.
Additional contributions are
needed for the larger projects.
We can use funds, materials,
or labor. For more information,
contact Dave Snyder at
614-873-1199.*

The Anchor is a quarterly
newsletter sent free of charge
to interested persons or
congregations. To receive it,
contact Deeper Life Ministries.
– Ben Waldner, Editor

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the Anchor

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ANCHORED IN CHRIST

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?

– Merle Gingrich

*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain
the whole world, and lose his own soul?
or what shall a man give in exchange for
his soul? (Matthew 16:26)*

In Genesis, we have record of God
taking the dust of the earth and forming
man. He then breathed into man's nostrils
the breath of life, and man became
a living soul. God was pleased with
His creation and found great delight in
conversing with this crowning jewel that
bore His image. But then, sin entered the
picture by way of man's disobedience
and the relationship was broken and
shattered.

The bliss of communion in the cool of
the day gave way to fear and anguish of
soul for all mankind. There was no place
for man to run and hide from His Creator.
There was no way to bridge the divide
and reconcile the relationship, until God
sent his Son to die upon the cross, as
a sacrifice for the sins of all humanity.
The shed blood of Christ paved the
way whereby spiritual intimacy could be
restored.

The eternal soul of man that God
imparted to us at birth, longs for that
restoration. In this day of grace, an
invitation is extended to anyone who
repents and confesses his sin, to accept
salvation's plan, and experience once
more the peace and joy of knowing our
sins are forgiven.

It is the condition of the soul that
determines our relationship with God

today and that relationship will forge our
eternal destiny. We have one life to live,
one never dying soul to guard and nurture
in preparation for our eternal home. We
have two options, either heaven or hell,
and Jesus implores us to consider the
seriousness of the matter, by asking the
question, what will you give in exchange
for your soul?

Will you allow some bitterness, an
unwillingness to say, I'm sorry, some
angry words, a secret sin, carelessness,
or simple neglect to affect your eternal
destiny? Will you allow some sinful habit
unchecked, an arrogant, selfish will, or
a disobedient spirit, to rob you of the
opportunity to sit at the feet of Jesus and
sing His praises for all eternity? Are you
willing to exchange that opportunity, for
an eternity in torment with the devil and
his angels, all for a measly morsel of
some earthly pleasure?

We may not consider those things
as an exchange for our soul, but in
essence that is exactly what they are.
Scriptures teach us that people who
harbor attitudes of bitterness and hatred
in their heart, people who are self-
centered and disobedient, people who
neglect to accept Christ as Lord, etc.,
etc., cannot enter the portals of heaven.
How foolish, we say, to throw away the
opportunity to redeem one's priceless
eternal soul. And yet, it continues to
happen every day.

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2022 SEMINARS

JUNE 24-26 – MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Belize, Central America

AUGUST 5-7 – SINGLE LADIES

OCTOBER 1 – FAITHFUL WOMEN

NOVEMBER – 12 FAITHFUL MEN

Attending? Please register. *We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for.*
PLEASE CALL 614-873-1199 OR EMAIL INFO@DLMOHIO.ORG BY:
JULY 22 – SINGLE LADIES • SEPT. 16 – FAITHFUL WOMEN • OCT. 28 – FAITHFUL MEN

Financial Report

October 1 – December 31, 2021

10/1/21 Beginning Balance.....\$278,453.69
12/31/21 Ending Balance.....\$361,629.11

Beginning Balance Project Fund.....\$248,733.60

OTHER INCOME

Gifts; Project Fund\$18,500.00

OTHER EXPENSE

Maintenance; Projects\$105.58

NET OTHER INCOME\$18,394.42

Ending Balance Project Fund\$267,128.02

Beginning Balance Operating Fund.....\$27,720.09

INCOME

Bookstore\$16,628.47

Farm Villa Support\$36,000.00

Donations\$40,119.96

Offerings.....\$52,808.91

Seminars\$8,337.00

Other Income\$184.50

OPERATING INCOME.....\$153,724.84

EXPENSE

Bookstore\$11,569.29

Food\$1,594.67

Fire Protection.....\$931.45

Insurance\$1,335.00

Maintenance.....\$8,227.87

Payroll\$35,437.36

Printing & Mailing.....\$5,952.14

Seminar\$6,072.64

Supplies.....\$1,743.72

Utilities.....\$7,014.62

Vehicle.....\$2,657.74

OPERATING EXPENSE\$82,536.65

NET OPERATING INCOME.....\$71,188.19

MISC\$6,407.19

Ending Balance Operating Fund\$94,501.09

DLM Staff Needs Secretary

If interested, please call Dave
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Begins ASAP

From the Desk of Tom Johnson



In Eph 4:12, Paul says the leadership positions given to the church by God have the purpose of “equipping the saints for the work of ministry...” to the end that all of the believers would attain unity of the faith, be mature, stable, and sound. This reminds me of what a coach does for his team. The coach makes sure that the team knows how to play the game, and play it well. The coach insures that the team gets the training, exercise, diet, and encouragement to play the game, and provides the strategy needed to execute their talents together well.

This is what good leaders should do with their people. But it seems that many churches do not have this concept of leadership. Instead they function like inverted sports teams, where only the coaches play the game, and the team members sit on the bleachers and cheer them on. It seems like once people are ordained to a ministry position, they are expected to perform all of the “church work,” which, according to Paul, belongs to the saints.

Maybe it’s time to reassess what roles church (team) members play in the life of a church and equip them for them. Maybe then we would see less overloaded ministers, and more saints that feel like they have a stake in the success of their church.

Feature Story Continued

As finite mortal beings we have no promise of tomorrow, or the next moments, and so may we grasp the urgency of the hour to make our calling and election sure. May we, along with the songwriter sense the importance of guarding our soul. May we watch, and fight, and pray, until this mortal clay lies on the threshold of death’s door. Then at last, we can claim that heavenly crown, and gather with our Savior to our eternal abode.

1. My soul, be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise,
And hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

2. Oh, watch, and fight, and pray,
The battle ne’er give o’er,
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.

3. Ne’er think the vict’ry won,
Nor once at ease sit down;
Thine arduous work will not be done
Till thou hast got the crown.

4. Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He’ll take thee at thy parting breath
Up to His blest abode.¹

¹George Heath

DLM is tentatively planning a PR Trip to Wisconsin and Minnesota, Fall 2022.

True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

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16 MINUTES LATER

\$10.45 Robert Stauffer

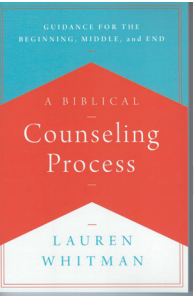
Whether hunting for deer on a frosty morning, making cabinets, or dipping sludge from an outhouse, Robert Stauffer finds ways to learn from his experiences. Here is a sampling of stories he shares in this book: “What was that noise?” I sat up in bed, instantly awake. It sounded like barbed wire being stretched through fence staples. Suddenly I heard my son yell, “There’s a bear in the beeyard!” I had never met Rodney, but a burden for his soul descended on me. I’m not that brave a man, but the next Sunday after lunch, I drove uninvited to Rodney’s house. His eyes were full of questions as he came out to meet me. Mission leaders decided it was unlikely we could get to the Port-au-Prince airport safely by road. Indeed, we heard gunshots frequently, and gang members guarded two roadblocks within sight of our compound. The mission decided to evacuate us by helicopter to the airport so that we could leave the country. This compilation of sixty-five stories and articles can be incorporated into family worship and school devotionals or read for personal inspiration. Softcover, 239 pages.



A BIBLICAL COUNSELING PROCESS: GUIDANCE FOR THE BEGINNING

Lauren Whitman | 12.99

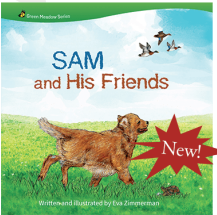
What makes counseling biblical? What does the biblical counseling process entail? What is the focus of each stage of the process? Lauren Whitman, an experienced CCEF counselor, addresses these questions and more in *A Biblical Counseling Process*, sharing a process from start to finish that will help guide counselors in reaching the hearts of their counselees and connecting them to Jesus, who brings hope and change. Although there is not a one-size-fits-all formula for biblical counseling, Whitman captures the scope of a counseling process and identifies two major tasks for the beginning, middle, and the end. Each of the chapters works together to explain, describe, support, and illustrate these tasks. The author also provides a case study that continues throughout the book, providing readers with an example of how to implement the process. As part of CCEF’s Helping the Helper series, *A Biblical Counseling Process* will equip counselors, pastors, and lay leaders to approach their counseling ministry intentionally so that their work faithfully points people to the Lord, considers who he is, his heart, and what he calls us to. Useful for new and seasoned counselors alike, this resource will equip helpers with a vision for what a progression of counseling looks like. Softcover, 112 pages.



SAM AND HIS FRIENDS

Eva Zimmerman | 9.49

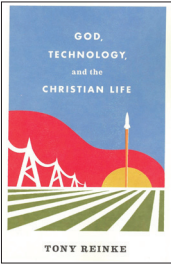
Sam was a friendly Golden Retriever with lots of friends. He enjoyed his friends and even tried to “talk” to them. Sam liked everyone and everyone liked Sam. Well, almost everyone. Fully illustrated. Hardcover, 32 pages.



GOD, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Tony Reinke | \$13.99

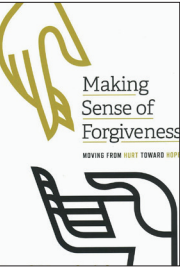
From smartphones to self-driving cars to space travel, new technologies can inspire us. But the breakneck pace of change can also frighten us. So how do Christians walk by faith through the innovations of Silicon Valley? And how does God relate to our most powerful innovators? To build a biblical theology of technology, journalist and tech optimist Tony Reinke examines nine key texts from Scripture to show how the world’s discoveries are divinely orchestrated. Ultimately, what we believe about God determines how we respond to human invention. With the help of several theologians and inventors throughout history, Reinke dispels twelve common myths in the church and offers fourteen ethical convictions to help Christians live by faith in the age of big tech. Softcover, 316 pages.



MAKING SENSE OF FORGIVENESS

Brad Hambrick | \$12.99

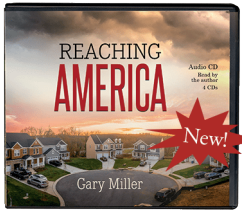
Clichés, glib answers, and quick solutions are shared all too often with those who are struggling to forgive or embrace forgiveness. We know Jesus calls us to forgive, but it can be hard to know what that looks like in complicated, messy relationships. Pastor and counselor Brad Hambrick helps readers to understand that forgiveness is the start of a journey that doesn’t erase the past, but honestly confronts hurt and clears the way for a hope-filled discussion on how to move toward healing. Softcover, 114 pages.



REACHING AMERICA Audio CDs

Gary Miller | \$18.99

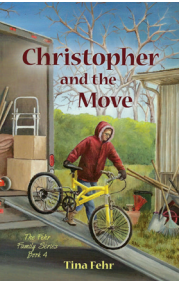
Why are so few of our neighbors joining our Anabaptist churches? Are we not passionately reaching out to them with the Gospel, or are they becoming increasingly indifferent? Does the problem lie with us or with them? To better understand our neighbors and learn how to reach out to them, the author reviews some of the calls received by Christian Aid Ministries’ Billboard Evangelism program. Read by the author, Abridged, Ring binder case. Length: 4.5hours, CDs.



CHRISTOPHER AND THE MOVE

Tina Fehr | \$6.49

“Moving shouldn’t be allowed,” Christopher growls. Everyone in the Fehr family except Christopher is happy about moving to their new home. To him, the only exciting part about moving is riding in the moving truck. Moving is hard work, and it doesn’t help that big brother Andrew teases Christopher about being lazy. Christopher misses their old house, even though it was smaller and didn’t have a “Study Box.” He misses Trouble Creek and romping in the woods. Christopher feels sorry for Great-Grandma when she must move too. Will the new place ever feel like home? Will Great-Grandma adjust to living in a nursing home? And how will Christopher overcome his reputation for being work-shy? Book 4 in the Fehr Family Series. Softcover, 106 pages.



Prayer Requests

- Pray for wisdom, grace, and protection during the renovation project.
- Pray for a secretary.
- Pray for the 2022 Seminars.

New Staff

We welcome David & Christine Martin, from Aroda, VA, to join the team at DLM. David & Christine will serve as marriage counselors.

Main Building Renovation Update

Phase 1 (of 3 phases) of the Main Building Renovation Project is underway. The project fund balance as of 2/22/2022 was \$274,534.79. The estimated cost is \$650,000. DLM has been offered a \$200,000 loan, but an additional \$175,466 is needed to complete the project. Donated supplies and volunteer labor reduce the cost and are greatly appreciated.