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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.***

## Deeper Life Staff

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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

DLM is an active arm of Midwest Mennonite Fellowship, with Board representation from Mid-Atlantic Mennonite Fellowship and Southeastern Mennonite Conference. Contributions are tax-deductible.

# 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 salvations 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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>George Heath

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

# True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

Available from our bookstore now! Order at [www.dlmohio.org](http://www.dlmohio.org) or call Deeper Life Bookstore 8AM - 5PM, Mon. - Fri. at 614-873-1199

\*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.75 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax. Shipping to Canada as quoted.

## 16 MINUTES LATER

\$10.45 Robert Stauffer

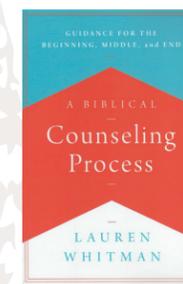
Whether hunting for deer on a frosty morning, making cabinets, or dipping sludge from an outhouse, Robert Stauffer finds ways to learn from his experiences. Here is a sampling of stories he shares in this book: “What was that noise?” I sat up in bed, instantly awake. It sounded like barbed wire being 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

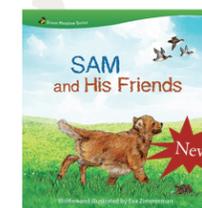
What makes counseling biblical? What does the biblical counseling process entail? What is the focus of each stage of the process? Lauren Whitman, an experienced CCEF counselor, addresses these questions and more in *A Biblical Counseling Process*, sharing a process from start to finish that will help 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

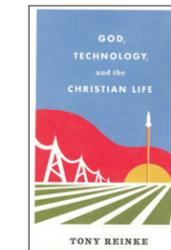
Sam was a friendly Golden Retriever with lots of friends. He enjoyed his friends and even tried to “talk” to them. Sam liked everyone and everyone liked Sam. Well, almost everyone. Fully illustrated. Hardcover, 32 pages.



## 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

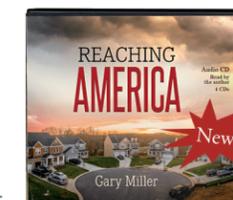
Clichés, glib answers, and quick solutions are shared all too often with those who are struggling to forgive or embrace forgiveness. We know Jesus calls us to forgive, but it can be hard to know what that looks like in complicated, messy relationships. Pastor and counselor Brad Hambrick helps readers 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

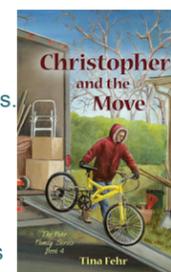
Why are so few of our neighbors joining our Anabaptist churches? Are we not passionately reaching out to them with the Gospel, or are they becoming increasingly indifferent? Does the problem lie with us or with them? To better understand our neighbors and learn how to reach out to them, the author reviews 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.