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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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CLEAN HANDS

"Remember to wash your hands" is a phrase we have all become very familiar with since the Covid-19 pandemic has affected our world. We have all seen the reminder signs, including instructions how to properly wash our hands. I know many people find it silly that we need step by step procedures how to wash our hands.

As I reflect on our current world situation and the effort people have put forth to keep from contracting the virus, my mind turned toward keeping my hands clean spiritually. We know all about keeping our hands clean physically, but what about keeping our hands clean spiritually?

Sin is a far more serious problem than the Covid-19 pandemic we are currently facing. While the death rate for those who contract Covid-19 is estimated to be 1% - 3%, the death rate for sin is 100%.

I was challenged recently in reading from Psalm 24:3-5:

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his Holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Psalmist, David, asks "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his Holy place?" Under the First Covenant in the Old Testament, the presence of the Lord resided in the Holy of Holies, the most Holy place inside the tabernacle. Entering that sacred room to offer a sacrifice for sin necessitated a consecrated priest; carelessness could result in instantaneous death.

As a child of God under the Second Covenant, I am extremely blessed to have the presence of God (Holy Spirit) within my heart and mind at all times. However, with that privilege comes the

responsibility to keep my heart pure, which keeps my hands clean. I need the daily washing of the Word to keep my heart clean.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began, many people have been vigilant in washing and disinfecting their hands. Why is that? Because they are concerned about contracting or transmitting the Covid-19 virus. But what about the sin problem we face? Are we just as concerned about contracting or transmitting that?

While all the soap and hand sanitizer in the world won't eliminate the problem of sin in our world, there is good news. There is a cure for sin! That cure is Jesus Christ. The answer to our sin problem is to repent of our sins and personally walk with Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The blood of Jesus Christ is a sufficient sacrifice for sins. The grace of Christ is available to help us in our daily walk of life. The grace we receive is the means by which Christ's blood cleanses our heart as we wash regularly with the water of the Word.

This figurative language becomes real when we live in obedience to the instructions He gave us. He loved us enough to give us simple ways to fight the sin that continually wants to infect our thoughts, words, and deeds. But we need to live them out in real life. To do this, He also gave us each other to help in our battle to remain clean. He tells us to fellowship with love, edify, wait for, admonish, bear with, be kind to, talk to, comfort, serve, restore, teach, exhort, warn, rebuke and speak truth to one another.

Health leaders have frequently reminded us of the value of social distancing to prevent infections. As believers, we do well to distance ourselves from sin and all the filth in our world. But it also important to draw near to God and find spiritual cleansing in Him when we do get defiled by sin (Heb. 10:22).

The Lord blesses with peace those who seek him with clean hands and a pure heart. There is so much unrest and uncertainty in our world. There is, however, rest and certainty in knowing Christ and serving Him. He offers us a peace that passes all understanding.

~ Ken Martin

~ UPCOMING SEMINARS ~

Due to the increase of Covid-19 in OH and our concerns of spreading the virus, DLM has cancelled the rest of the Seminars (Faithful Women and Faithful Men) for 2020.

We apologize for any disappointment this causes.

We appreciate your prayers on our behalf as we strive to serve in an uncertain season.

~ STAFF NEEDS ~

- **Secretary ASAP**
- **Marriage Counselor ASAP**

If either of these service opportunities are of interest to you, please contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.

PR OPPORTUNITIES & TRIPS

~ PR Trips ~

WEDNESDAY, 10/7
Living Hope Mennonite Church
Fulton, MO

THURSDAY, 10/8
Ozark Mennonite Church
Seymour MO

FRIDAY, 10/9
TBD

SATURDAY, 10/10
Plainview Mennonite Church
Auburn, KY

SUNDAY AM 10/11
Providence Fellowship
Auburn, KY

SUNDAY PM 10/11
Mt. Olive Church
Montgomery, IN

~ Farewell ~

We are grateful for the following individuals that faithfully served at DLM.

Estalee (Martin) Anderson, VA
(Single Lady Counselor — 10 years)

Ruth Raber, IN
(Domestics — 15 months)

Chelsea Miller, MO
(Secretary — 17 months)

~ Welcome to ~

Valerie Steiner, OH
(Single Lady Counselor)

Angela Yoder, VA
(Domestics)

Financial Report

April 1 – June 30, 2020

4/1/20 Beginning Balance\$194,768.34

6/30/20 Ending Balance.....\$186,020.71

Beginning Balance Project Fund.... \$184,905.77

OTHER INCOME

Gifts; Project Fund\$2,000.00

OTHER EXPENSE

Maintenance; Projects\$24,331.25

NET OTHER INCOME-\$22,331.25

Ending Balance Project Fund..... \$162,574.52

Beginning Balance Operating Fund....\$9,862.57

INCOME

Bookstore\$3,911.91

Donations\$45,930.59

Offerings.....\$25,417.90

Seminars.....\$1,200.00

Other Income\$139.38

OPERATING INCOME.....\$76,599.78

EXPENSE

Bookstore\$3,791.47

Food\$50.82

Insurance\$1,093.00

Maintenance.....\$4,600.55

Payroll\$32,170.17

Printing & Mailing.....\$4,272.81

Real Estate Tax.....\$5,863.25

Seminar.....\$1,363.93

Supplies.....\$1,071.35

Utilities.....\$6,874.05

Vehicle.....\$297.77

OPERATING EXPENSE\$61,449.17

NET OPERATING INCOME.....\$15,150.61

MISC\$1,566.99

Ending Balance Operating Fund\$23,446.19

From the Desk of Tom Johnson



Deeper Life Ministries just made the painful decision to cancel the Single Ladies Seminar. That's the third cancelled seminar for us this year due to COVID 19. We can't escape the changes. Considering such things as a world-wide pandemic, economic upheaval, shifts in national ideology and resulting civil unrest, political viciousness that affects even "separated" people, upcoming election discord and other changes affecting us, here are three things to keep in focus.

1) Remember who our God is. Our god is not national well-being or righteous political policies. It is not wellness, nor safety. We are here to serve God in a war zone, patriots to Christ's kingdom. Our life and breath are His concern.

2) Another is to realize the temporary nature of nations. Job said this about God: "He makes nations great, then destroys them; he enlarges nations, then leads them away" (Job 12:23). Even though we have enjoyed great freedoms in this nation, they are not guaranteed. We must not rely on them for our inner peace.

3) Finally, remember what our responsibility to each other is. We have an obligation as believers to "protect and serve" our neighbors. Let's keep these in focus as the world around us changes this 2020.

True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

Available from our bookstore now! Order at 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.

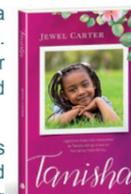
TANISHA

by Jewel Carter | Softcover, 304 pages | \$8.99

The social worker warned that this foster child would bring extra challenges due to the trauma and neglect she had experienced. But when little Tanisha arrived, beautiful, charming, and eager to please, Twila's fears vanished. Tanisha fit right in and seemed to adjust well.

Then things started to go wrong. No one could explain Tanisha's blank, uncooperative moods, her unyielding antagonism toward Mother, and her seeming delight in causing trouble and hurting others.

Exhausted, and sometimes misunderstood, Twila and her family set out on a journey to find help and hope. How will God bring healing not only to the small wounded newcomer, but also to Twila and the rest of the family?



UNDER A SILENT SKY

by Claudia Lehman | Softcover, 337 pages | \$9.99

Under a Silent Sky is a historical fiction story set in Germany in the 1200s. Defying the state church, Jurian has dedicated his life to translating Scripture into the people's dialect. Now the powerful and ruthless Konrad von Marburg is on the prowl for heretics, and Jurian's time is running out. Only God can save him and the Work. But where is God as Marburg closes in?



A MAMA FOR MONICA

by Sherilyn J. Zehr | Hardcover, 25 pages | \$9.99

Sherilyn shares A Mama for Monica, born of her own personal experience of losing her mother at almost 14-years-old. This book will help children visualize what life is like after losing a parent, as well as be a support for those who have known the pain, adjustment, and joy.

This book portrays that second marriages can and do work, and that children can love both their deceased and step-parent.



REDEMPTION CD by Grace*ful | \$14.99

A beautiful, harmony-filled and inspiring women's a cappella cd from the group Grace*ful.

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| 1. Let The Redeemed Say So | 8. Will The Circle Be Unbroken |
| 2. Song Of My Father | 9. Rivers Of Babylon |
| 3. Always Forgiven | 10. Coming Down |
| 4. God Is In Control | 11. Be Still My Soul |
| 5. I Have Been Redeemed | 12. Peace Prayer |
| 6. Behold | 13. We Are Not Alone |
| 7. I Got Saved | |



GOD IN THE CARIBOU FIRE

by Sheila Bontrager | Softcover, 251 pages | \$10.99

That fire was coming HERE. Time was fast running to get our families and a few of our belongings out of its wide path of destruction.

Living in the intensity of the day, it was difficult to pray beyond the quick, short prayers of crying out. "Help us, Lord!", "Show us what to do!", "Strengthen me!", "Protect us!"

At a time of need like this, we have assurance that our Lord is carrying us. Because we have a personal relationship with Him, His Presence is there. He is comforting, guiding, and giving Grace for the moment.

This is the story of a few of the lives and moments of those who lived through this fire and the rebuilding afterwards. An account of how God was faithful through the moments and days of challenge.



THE MISSING INVITATION

by Tina Fehr | softcover, 93 pages | \$6.49

Megan noticed that each of her friends was holding a pink card. "What's that?" she asked.

"It's an invitation for a special singing practice," Valerie explained. "All the girls are joining in. Isn't it exciting?"

"Yes," was all Megan could say. Why hadn't she received an invitation? Tears stung her eyes, and she hurried away. It was just as she thought: the girls were leaving her out. They didn't want to be friends with her anymore.

When a new girl comes to church, Megan wants to be her friend. Can Megan and her friends learn to share the gift of friendship with everyone?



2019 FAITHFUL MEN SEMINAR

is now available in Pocket Seminar Booklets!

\$19.99 for the complete of 5 booklets or \$4.49 each booklet

Theme: Rebuilding

1. Disaster Strikes - Tom Johnson
2. Picking Up the Pieces - Denver Yoder
3. Operation Rebuild - Dave Snyder
4. Pornography and Masturbation - Ben Waldner
5. Technology in the Home - Dave Snyder

CREATED TO DRAW NEAR

by Edward T. Welch | Softcover, 221 pages | \$10.99

In this book, Edward T. Welch shows us the purpose for which we were created: to be brought near to God as a kingdom of priests. He traces the priestly identity throughout the entire Bible, showing us how holiness leads to closeness to God. Through the blood of Jesus, God extends his invitation for all to draw near with open arms. And in his presence, we discover what it means to be truly human: known, unashamed, and wise, full of meaning, purpose, and abundant life.



HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED SEMINAR POCKET SEMINAR SERIES

Abuse in the Anabaptist Culture

Individual book: \$4.49 Complete set: \$52.49

- Misled Worship? - Tom Johnson
- Misplaced Values? - Tom Johnson
- Misguided Morals? Dave Hochstetler
- Pursuing God? - Dave Hochstetler
- Profiles of an Abuser - Tim Weaver
- Understanding an Abuser - Dave Snyder
- Ongoing Effects on the Abuser - Bryan Fleagle
- Church Safety Protocols - Phil Helmuth
- Foundational Principles - Bryan Fleagle
- Looking Back: What Happened - Ben Waldner
- Looking In: Personal Effects - Ben Waldner
- Looking Forward: Facing Future - Phil Helmuth
- Case Study—The Victim's Cry



THE TIME KEEPER 2021 \$14.99

Designed by a busy stay-at-home mom of four, The Time Keeper Household Planner is a beautiful way to organize and manage your busy days all in one place.

The Time Keeper includes all the basics you need—calendar, organizer, shopping lists—without the extras that might overwhelm and discourage you, or even make you feel guilty. Instead, you'll find joy in a well-kept life



Update on House 6015 Project

The renovations on House 6015 are completed! We are grateful for your prayers, physical labor, and financial support for the renovation projects we have undertaken in the last 3 years.

Renovation of Main Building

DLM is planning to proceed with obtaining prints, permitting, and quotes for renovating the main building. We are hoping to begin the project by the beginning of 2021. Initial estimates for the renovations is \$320,000. The Main Building Renovation Project Fund currently has \$160,000. We appreciate your financial and prayer support in this endeavor.