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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.

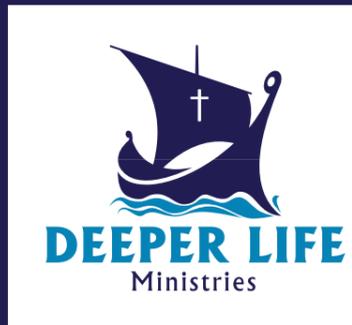
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Staff Opportunities

Deeper Life Ministries has service opportunities available for both a Domestic/Housemom and a Single Ladies Counselor. If these service opportunities interest you, give us a call at 614-873-1199.

Current Needs

1. Domestic/Housemom
2. Roof Replacement Volunteers - A crew of men to replace shingles and install fascia and soffit on a staff house.
3. 3 Bedroom Sets - for staff dorms.



Fear This!

I'm sure many of you have seen this slogan, and its counterpart, NO FEAR.

Recently I have been pondering fear and its effects: What happens when I am fearful? How will it shape my thoughts and actions? Should I focus on not being fearful? Is all fear wrong? Does fear cause greater faith or increased doubt? Which slogan should I follow?

Fear is a common emotion we experience. It is a natural response to danger, either real or imagined. Sometimes fear is an overreaction to circumstances that are not dangerous, but are undesirable. One example is seeing a mouse and responding by screaming. Most of us agree that this fear is unfounded since there is no way such a small creature could cause harm to a person who is far superior in weight and strength. However, the rush of adrenalin and desire to flee when one sees a grizzly bear helps us avoid danger liable to result in death.

Other circumstances where we are fearful but the objects of, or reasons for, our fear are less obvious are situations of fearing people or fearing what God may, or may not do for me.

Youth are often cited as examples of people who fear their peers' opinions of them. In reality, most of us can identify with this fear; we don't outgrow it with age. Our natural response to this fear is to do what we think will please others and gain their acceptance, for even a moment, even if we later regret our actions.

Recently I identified my own fear about what God would or would not do for me. When we received payment for a

door we manufactured and delivered to clients, parts of the check were cut off, rendering it of no value. My first reaction was anger that they would be so inconsiderate as to not pay us for services rendered. After examining my feelings, I recognized my main problem was fear of not getting the money. Ultimately I lacked trust in God to provide for me whether I received the money or not.

Whether it's mice or grizzlies, people or God that we're afraid of, a natural response to avoid fear's control is to tell ourselves, "I am not going to be afraid." It's the "No Fear" slogan made flesh. It's an attempt to be self-sufficient people in a world where we desperately need God. And it gets us nowhere, except exhausted, anxious, angry, and estranged from God as we attempt to live without Him.

The best response is to cast all our cares on God. He truly cares for us and wants what is best for us. Many instances in His Word show us his care. Notice God's care when Hagar was in the desert waiting for Ishmael to die: "And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, ... 'fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.'"

Upcoming Seminars

Single Ladies Seminar, August 4-6, 2017

THEME: An Honest Look at Singleness

Friday Evening, August 4, 2017

Perceptions about Singleness – Elona Martin, Richland Center, WI

Saturday, August 5, 2017

The Challenges of Singleness – Estalee Martin, Plain City, OH

Small Group Sharing

The Advantages of Singleness – Estalee Martin, Plain City, OH

Formal Banquet

Single in a Couples' World – TBA

Small Group Sharing

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Purposes in Singleness – Rhoda Martin, Rochelle, VA

Single No More – Laura Mae Hoover, Reinholds, PA

Faithful Women Seminar October 7

THEME: Life, My Expectations, and Pleasing God

Faithful Men Seminar November 11

THEME: Purity in an Age of Perversion

2017 Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Ben Waldner & Dave Snyder

CD Set: \$28.95, Individual CD: \$4.95

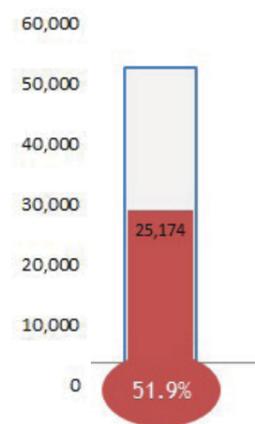
- Marriage God's Way – Dave Snyder
- Appreciating Our Differences – Ben Waldner
- The Understanding Husband – Ben Waldner
- The Supportive Wife – Dave Snyder
- Cultivating Purity – Dave Snyder
- Effective Communication – Ben Waldner
- Cherishing Your Spouse – Dave Snyder



Attending? Please register. We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for. Please call 614-873-1199 or email info@dmlmohio.org by July 21 for the Single Ladies Seminar, September 23rd for the Faithful Women Seminar, and by October 28th for the Faithful Men Seminar.

2018 Heating Upgrade Fund

Progress
 Project Cost
 Funds Received
 On Track Target



Financial Report

January – March 2017

Beginning Balance – 1/1/17

Operating Fund..... \$ - 4,005.63
Fire Alarm Fund..... \$ - 4,115.00
Project Fund..... \$ 49,407.46
Balance Total..... **\$ 41,286.83**

INCOME

Bookstore\$ 10,579.33
 Donations\$ 19,899.35
 Gifts; Project Funds.....\$ 15,817.00
 Offerings\$ 12,841.06
 Seminars\$ 3,709.00
 Other Income.....\$ 1,075.22
 Rent\$ 4,630.00
TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 68,550.96
OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 68,550.96

EXPENSE

Bookstore\$ 6,555.96
 Food\$ 1,600.33
 Fire Protection\$ 6,444.98
 Insurance\$ 1,031.00
 Maintenance\$ 2,589.20
 Maintenance; Projects... \$ 13,783.97
 Payroll.....\$ 26,401.01
 Printing & Mailing\$ 3,673.85
 Real Estate Tax\$ 5,476.06
 Seminar\$ 572.17
 Supplies\$ 1,274.11
 Utilities\$ 10,765.04
 Vehicle\$ 659.11
TOTAL EXPENSE\$ 80,826.79
MISC. LIABILITIES\$ 2,160.57
Ending Balance – 3/31/17

Operating Fund..... \$ -13,837.48
Fire Alarm Fund..... \$ -10,559.98
Project Fund..... \$ 51,247.89
Balance Total..... **\$ 26,850.43**

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.

“Fear This” Continued

When Peter stepped out of the boat to walk on the water toward Jesus, he did fine until he became afraid. Imagine his thoughts: “It’s impossible to walk on water!” Being a fisherman, he knew the consequences of being overcome by water. In the end, his fear of drowning overcame his trust in the Lord. The beautiful part is that Jesus reached out in spite of Peter’s fear and saved him.

So, how do we handle fear? God’s word tells us that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Or, “Fear This!”—Fear the Lord. When we fear the Lord we have a reverential awe of Who He is and what He is able to do. We learn to know Him as our Savior, Sustainer, and Comforter. We learn that all situations are within His control and according to His will; they are all smaller and less powerful than He is. As we fear Him and learn to know Him, we will run to Him with our fear and He will replace our fear with peace.

Are you casting your cares on the Lord? Are you growing in the fear of the Lord? Which is it: “Fear This!” or “No Fear?”

– Roger Schrock

Completed Electrical Project



Maintenance Projects Needs

4. Volunteers for 2018 Heating and A/C Project – 8-10 men (2-3 with experience to install and setup).

Please mark your donation “DLM work project.” Excess funds will be applied to future projects.

Deeper Life Makes a Difference

Testimonies

“My time at Deeper Life Ministries was a time of pruning and growing in my relationship with the Lord. My prayer is that I could live my life with eternity in mind.”

–Kim Beachy, Free Union, VA

“Life is a journey and I feel thankful that God made it possible for me to pause and spend time at Deeper Life. With God’s unfailing love, and mercy, and the teaching of truth along with the concern and compassion of my counselor, a light now shines at the end of the dark tunnel I was living in. Praise the Lord for His goodness! The staff at DLM need our prayers and support!”

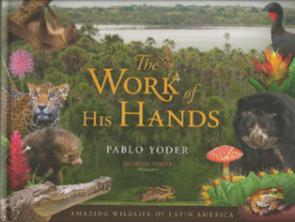
– Client Testimony

True to Life Books that will Inspire You

THE WORK OF HIS HANDS
 Amazing Wildlife of Latin America

Pablo Yoder; Photographer, Jacinto Yoder
 Hardcover, 270 pages, Christian Light Publications.\$24.49

Sometimes nature shouts like the thunder of waves on a rocky shore. Sometimes it whispers like autumn leaves that dance from the treetops to the forest floor. Always it carries a message. God has spoken clearly through the work of His hands.

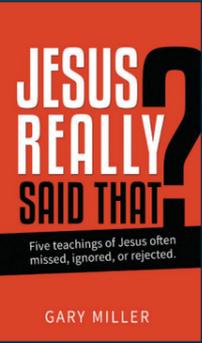


Pablo Yoder treats us to another amazing tour of plants and wildlife in Central and South America in *The Work of His Hands*, a companion to his earlier book, *The Work of Thy Fingers*. From a two-toed sloth to the giant Amazon water lily to a lumbering hippopotamus, each chapter is brimful of joyful enthusiasm for God’s creation. Gain a deeper appreciation for God’s handiwork through stories, facts, and photographs that display His might, creativity, and magnificence.

JESUS REALLY SAID THAT?

Gary Miller Softcover, 86 pages. \$3.99

Jeremy and Alicia enjoy attending Lakeside Believers Fellowship. The sermons are gripping, the programs exciting, and the worship team is second to none. Without questions, Lakeside is the place to be! But there is one problem: Jeremy and Alicia have never paid much attention to what Jesus actually taught.



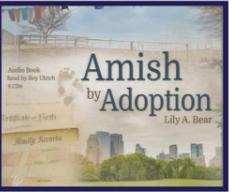
Many people think they understand Christianity. They believe that a man name Jesus came to earth a couple thousand years ago, died on a cross, and then rose from the dead. They believe that accepting these facts makes them Christians and allows them to go to a place called heaven when they die.

That is what Jeremy and Alicia thought Christianity consisted of too ... until they began to look at what Jesus really said.

AMISH BY ADOPTION | Audio Book

Lily A. Bear, read by Roy Ulrich 4 CDs, 5 hrs. \$14.99

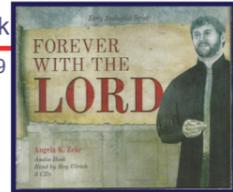
“How does my mother look? Who is my father?” Andy King wrestles with all the normal questions of an adopted child, even as he finds a sense of belonging in his adoptive parents’ home and hearts. Eventually his search for his roots leads him to a few biological relatives, but Andy knows that no feelings for his birth family can take precedence over the love and thankfulness he feels for Dad and Mom King. This true story will fascinate not only those who have adopted children or have been adopted, but all readers, as they see God at work and learn how Andy became . . . *Amish by Adoption*.



FOREVER WITH THE LORD | Audio Book

Angela K. Zehr, read by Roy Ulrich 3 CDs, 3 hrs. \$13.99

What would it be like to be an Anabaptist? Ursula knows the Anabaptists are hunted, captured, and sometimes killed. Yet her sister Margaretha and her husband Michael Sattler find joy as they join the Anabaptists in their search for truth. Their joy remains even when they face persecution. One of Ursula’s brother starts sneaking away at night and begins behaving mysteriously. Is he attending the Anabaptist’s meetings too? Ursula is full of questions. How will these changes affect her family and their traditions? How can she know whether the Anabaptists are living the way the Bible teaches? Join Ursula, a young girl in sixteenth-century Switzerland, as she faces these questions.



Available from our bookstore now! Order at www.dlmohio.org, or call the Deeper Life Bookstore between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday at 614-873-1199.

DLM Sleeping Quarters

Please pray for the board members of DLM as they discern the future use of the sleeping quarters in the main building at DLM. Due to laws in the State of Ohio, sleeping quarters at DLM are not compliant, and therefore, decisions need to be made how to best use the facility and the resources entrusted to our care.

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

– Editor, Ben Waldner

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.