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### Address Service Requested

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.

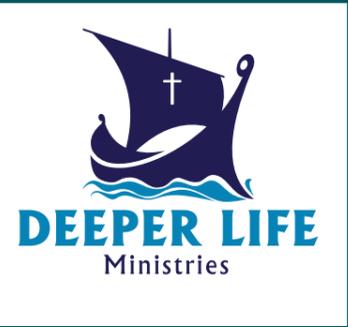
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### Urgent Staff Need

- Domestic housekeeper - Now
- Secretary - June.

If these service opportunities interest you, give us a call at 614-873-1199.

### Current Needs

1. 3x Bedroom Sets – for staff dorms.
2. 10x 8-foot Lifetime Tables
3. See Maintenance Project needs page 2.

### Maintaining Purity

A quick look at the calendar reveals that another year is past. Where did it go? What was it like? The news in 2017 was filled with debauchery, tragedy and turmoil. The presidency of Mr. Trump revealed deep and intense political animosity that threatens to divide this country. On October 1, Stephen Paddock opened fire on a concert killing 59 people and leaving approximately 500 injured before shooting himself. We read reports about a drug epidemic raging in the US that left an estimated 64,000 people dead in 2016. There have been numerous articles written about the immoral lifestyles of many “cultural elites.” General society claims the freedom to openly promote and practice all kinds of sexual perversions is a constitutional right. It cries true freedom can only be found when all moral restraints have been removed and tolerance is extended to all. According to cultural values, practically living out Christian principles automatically makes one a bigot. There’s more.

According to current statistics, only fifty-one percent of American adults are married compared to seventy-two in 1960. A May 2015 Pew Research survey revealed that fifty-seven percent of Americans believe same-sex marriages are morally acceptable, up from thirty percent in 2009. Seventy-six percent of 18 – 31 year old American couples consider living together before marriage to be acceptable according to a USA Today national survey. One more: forty percent of American adults believe viewing pornography is acceptable. The list goes on. The story they tell is mind numbing. But that is out there; it is not like that in Anabaptist circles, is it?

Let’s check. A private survey reveals that statistics for Anabaptists aren’t much different. Twenty-two percent of the individuals surveyed were currently involved in porn and forty-eight percent admitted to viewing it in the past. Twenty-five percent confessed of a current struggle with masturbation while fifty-five percent spoke of past struggles with it. Overall, fifty percent of the men surveyed were currently involved in some form of sexual immorality. Perhaps the extent of immorality in our midst is surprising, but it shouldn’t be in light of how innumerable

forms of immorality have saturated modern cultures. What should we do? What can we do?

As I considered these questions, a verse in Scripture caught my attention, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Ps.11:3) Why would David ask this question? Psalm 11:3 provides the answer. There he states that evil men were plotting to overthrow and destroy the righteous (my translation). It appears they had previously rejected God along with the moral principles He gave. Doesn’t this sound familiar? Indeed it does. So, what does David say the righteous should do?

- Trust God. Trust means “to place confidence in.” But why should we trust Him? David gives several reasons why God is trustworthy. He reminds us that God is holy, sees everything, examines everyone, is just, and He will judge all things. Another thing he mentions is that God hates evil, but loves good. Armed with this knowledge we can rest assured that God will allow righteous people to be tested, but ultimately, at some point, He will judge all evil men and deliver those who are righteous and fear Him.

## Upcoming 2018 Seminars

### March 23-25, Plain City, OH

#### Marriage Enrichment, Friday Evening

The Gift of Marriage — Ben Waldner

#### Saturday Morning

Qualities of a Godly Husband — Dave Snyder

Qualities of a Godly Wife — Ben Waldner

#### Saturday Afternoon

Clean Heart, Clean Hands — Dave Snyder

Cultivating Friendship — Denver Yoder

#### Sunday

The Art of Forgiveness — Dave Snyder

A Three-Fold Cord — Ben Waldner

### April 13-15 Arthur Mennonite Fellowship, Arthur, Ontario: Marriage Enrichment, (Repeat of Seminar at DLM)

### August 3-5, Single Ladies, Plain City, OH

### October 6, Faithful Women, Plain City, OH

### November 10, Faithful Men, Plain City, OH

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:

- March 2 for Marriage Enrichment Seminar,
- July 20 for Single Ladies,
- September 21 for Faithful Women
- October 26 for the Faithful Men.

## Financial Report

October – December 2017

Beginning Balance – 10/1/17

Operating Fund.....	\$ -10,725.59
Fire Alarm Fund.....	\$ -10,682.54
Project Fund.....	\$ 52,790.86
<b>Balance Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 31,382.73</b>

### INCOME

Bookstore.....	\$ 12,460.99
Donations.....	\$ 24,895.53
Offerings.....	\$ 32,159.16
Other Income.....	\$ 100.00
Seminars.....	\$ 7,615.00
Rent.....	\$ 1,500.00

**OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 78,730.68**

**Gifts; Project Funds.....\$ 16,000.00**

**TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 94,730.68**

### EXPENSE

Bookstore.....	\$ 5,948.48
Food.....	\$ 1,929.79
Fire Protection.....	\$ 951.45
Insurance.....	\$ 1,044.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 4,390.09
Payroll.....	\$ 29,920.59
Printing & Mailing.....	\$ 5,453.42
Seminar.....	\$ 3,779.90
Supplies.....	\$ 1,631.78
Utilities.....	\$ 9,017.82
Vehicle.....	\$ 1,993.50

**OPERATING EXPENSE.....\$ 66,060.82**

**TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$ 81,765.15**

MISC. LIABILITIES..... \$ 3,942.29

**Ending Balance – 12/31/17**

Operating Fund.....	\$ - 1,883.31
Fire Alarm Fund.....	\$ -10,682.54
Project Fund.....	\$ 52,971.82
<b>Balance Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 40,405.97</b>

## Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



Have you had your toes stepped on lately? I did—literally. One of our sons scroll sawed a rabbit from a

piece of ¾ inch pine and laid it on the kitchen counter. After shifting it around a few times, I set it on the china cabinet for display. Thinking it looked precarious on its perch, our 18-year-old daughter questioned its stability, and proceeded to test her hypothesis by jumping on the floor. For some odd reason, the heel of her shoe found the last 3 toes of my left foot, and I ended up doing a balancing act for a few seconds and demanding an explanation.

I've heard people describe similar experiences but with figurative intent. A convicting sermon. A private conversation that exposed an area that needed attention. A reminder of a broken promise. Toe-stomping experiences can leave us inwardly dancing and demanding explanations. However, fruitfulness from having our toes stepped on requires humility. Pride is ever ready to point out similar faults in others or justify reactions, but the humble receive a reminder, instruction, correction, or rebuke graciously. Humility also makes us approachable and teachable. Finally, when our toes are stomped on accidentally, humility helps us remember that we are not always on target either.

## Feature *Continued*

So, what can we do to limit the perverting influence of modern culture? Let's begin with establishing a daily time of prayer and Bible Study. Take time to memorize Scriptures, especially verses that speak into personal areas of struggle. Take time to study the holiness of God. Evaluate the reading materials you allow in your home. Allow only materials that are free from morally suggestive advertising or articles. This eliminates newspapers, most hunting, trucking, auto, and mail order catalogs. At a minimum, review all magazines and remove all ungodly material. Fill your home with reading materials that promote and encourage the values we hold dear. Carefully monitor all internet access. For personal computers, create login passwords and only give them to trusted people. For smart phones, I prefer an iPhone. iPhones allow you to turn on password protected restrictions for apps that are used. Purchase an internet filter like Covenant Eyes for computers and smart phones and develop an accountability structure for all users. One additional safeguard: work diligently to maintain close relationships with family members and fellow believers.

Why should we do all this? To follow God's command to be holy like He is (1 Pet. 1:15-16).

— Dave Snyder

## True-Life Books that will Inspire You!

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

### LIVING TABERNACLE

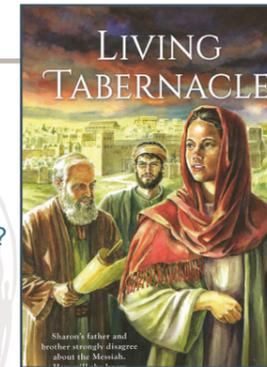
Rebecca Martin

Softcover, 224 pages - \$8.49

Who should Sharon believe? Father warns that Jerusalem and its temple are destined for destruction. But her brother Adam declares that God will never let His temple fall. Is Adam right? Or does Father speak truth when he says that believers are now God's living tabernacle?

Set in the time of the apostles, this story vividly portrays both the turmoil and the deep peace devout Jews experienced as they grappled with the reality of Jesus the Messiah.

A sequel to *Fountain of Life*.



### A DROP OF MERCY

Becky McGurrin

Softcover, 144 pages - \$7.49

Heinrich glared at the soldier, pity draining from his heart. "You killed a good man," he said at last.

The soldier looked at him uncomprehendingly. "Have mercy, sir. I'm so thirsty."

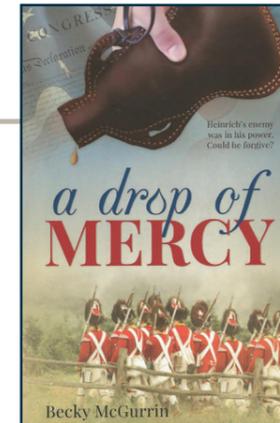
"Is this what you want?" Heinrich asked, holding up his cider skin.

The soldier's face lit up. "Aye. Bless you for it."

Heinrich spat. "Not even a drop. Here's your mercy." He turned the skin upside-down and squeezed every last drop of cider onto the ground.

Heinrich walked away from the wounded soldier, but he could not get away from the wretchedness he felt in his heart. How could God show him mercy when he had been so ruthless?

Set in the American Revolution, *A Drop of Mercy* is the story of a young man finding his way – and finding hope – through the smoke and confusion of a war that crashed into his own backyard.



### REDEEMING LOVE

Hope Singers 2016

\$13.49

1. Pilgrim's Hymn
2. Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied (Sing to the Lord A New Song)
3. Alleluia
4. Pan dobery jest (*The Lord is Good*)
5. Sing Praise to God
6. spasěniye sodělal yesi (*Salvation is Created*)
7. Gdy sie Chrystus rodzi (*When Christ is Born*)
8. Dzisiaj w Betlejem (*Today in Bethlehem*)
9. How Deep the Father's Love For Us
10. Adoramus Te, Christe (*We Adore Thee, O Christ*)
11. Sizohamba Naye
12. Waitin' On You
13. Blind Bartimaeus
14. Come Ye Sinners
15. Great Is Thy Faithfulness
16. Shine On Us
17. E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
18. I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace
19. Rozpal ogien Panie (*Lord, Ignite A Fire In Me*)



### HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

SEMINAR *Various Speakers*

CD Set: \$48.95, Individual CD: \$4.95

1. God's Design for the Church – *Ben Waldner*
2. Differences: Uniting or Dividing – *Dave Snyder*
3. Interpersonal Relationships in the Brotherhood – *Bryan Fleagle*
4. Reconciling Differences in the Church – *Phil Helmuth*
5. Be Ye Holy – *Dave Snyder*
6. Sin & Repentance – *Virlin Yoder*
7. Pride & Humility – *Bryan Fleagle*
8. Brokenness & Surrender – *Ben Waldner*
9. Enabled By Grace – *Tim Weaver*
10. Rejection – *Ben Waldner*
11. Anger – *Virlin Yoder*
12. Depression – *Denver Yoder*
13. Helping Others – *Phil Helmuth*



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.

## Maintenance Projects Needs

**Window & Door Install – Spring, 2018**

Paint trim (2-4 People), Install trim (4-6), Trim work (2-4)

**HVAC - Staff Houses – Spring, 2018**

Experienced Heating/Cooling Technicians (2-4), Willing Workers (4-6)

**Interior Renovations – Project Time Frame – TBD (Continued Next Column)**

### 5997 Duplex

Bathroom - (demo: 2 People - 2 days), (remodel: 2 People - 4 days)

Install Doors & Trim (2-4 People - 2 days)

Painting (1-2 People - 2 days)

### 6015 House

Bathrooms - (demo: 3-4 People - 3 days), (remodel: 2-3 People - 4 days)

Install Doors & Trim (4-6 People - 3-5 days)

Painting - (doors & trim: 4-6 People), (interior: 4-6 People - 3-5 days)

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

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