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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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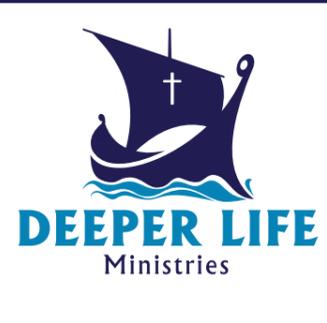
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Urgent Staff Need

- 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.



Cultivating Friendship in Marriage

We all enjoy having friends. Friends have things in common, enjoy times together, help each other, and are committed to each other. Solomon observed that to have friends we must be friendly, or friendly natured (Pro. 18:24a). No one enjoys being around a grump. Solomon also observed that some friendships are stronger than family ties (Pro. 18:24b). Applying the principles of friendship to marriage, what are qualities that enhance bonds of friendship? What are attitudes and activities that friends cultivate in marriage? What are practices that undermine and ruin friendships? Following are several friendship principles to practice in your marriage.

Friends communicate. Can you imagine a friendship without verbal communication? Communication is vital to establishing and maintaining a friendship. Friends communicate their likes, dislikes, preferences, views, and opinions because of the bond that exists between them, and to strengthen it. Friendship in marriage is enhanced by setting aside adequate time to communicate. Ask your spouse about what the Lord is teaching them, their dreams and disappointments, and how they're affected by life circumstances, and share the same about yourself.

Friends pray for each other. While friend-sharing-with-friend has certain benefits and blessings, reciprocal prayer takes friendship to the next level. Invoking the blessing of God on a friend, and having a friend do the same on your behalf, empowers that friendship with invisible and supernatural support. Sincere prayer also deepens and nourishes marital friendship. Love's expression is manifest by fervent prayer. When a friend faces spiritual or physical trials, prayer is the weapon that one friend wields on behalf of the other.

Friends are loyal. Sexual fidelity strengthens both marriage and friendship bonds. Proverbs 5:15-19 admonishes couples to protect marital inti-

macy by engaging in regular sexual relations. All others must be excluded from this intimate friendship. Colossians 3:19 instructs husbands to love their wives and not be bitter against them. Friends should provoke each other unto love and good works by safeguarding against unfaithfulness, which results in anger, jealousy, and bitterness.

Friends look out for each other's well-being. The friendship of David and Jonathan gives two examples of this. When David was pursued by jealous and angry Saul, Jonathan warned David of the evil planned against him. David fulfilled his promise to not harm Jonathan's descendants, and cared for Jonathan's crippled son. Each sought the welfare of the other. In marriage, the proof of friendship is measured by our actions, not simply our words. Treatment of our spouse indicates our real character. Joking about, belittling, or mistreating our spouse is not befitting of healthy friendship. True friends will defend their friends, not exploit them (Pro. 17:17).

Friends celebrate special occasions. Birthdays and anniversaries are occasions to remember and celebrate your marriage friendship. A private outing, flowers or small gifts can be meaningful ways to remember special days or

Upcoming 2018 Seminars

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

Friday Evening
8:15-9:00 | Daughters of the King | Jen Miller, Plain City, OH

Saturday Morning
9:30-10:20 | Create In Me A Clean Heart | Valley Mobley, Shippensburg, PA

Saturday Afternoon
1:50-2:30 | Gracefully Feminine | Estalee Martin, Plain City, OH

3:00-3:45 | Relating to Men | Erma Beachy, Plain City, OH

Sunday Morning
9:30-10:20 | Relating to Women | Gloria Stutzman, London, OH

10:50-11:45 | Transforming Relationships | Karen Conley, Lancaster, PA

Registration for Single Ladies Seminar is limited.

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:

- July 20 for Single Ladies
- September 21 for Faithful Women
- October 26 for the Faithful Men

Financial Report

January – March 2018

Beginning Balance – 1/1/18

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

INCOME

Bookstore.....	\$ 12,573.82
Donations.....	\$ 23,134.88
Offerings.....	\$ 23,264.87
Seminars.....	\$ 6,100.02
Other Income.....	\$ 1,049.49
Rent.....	\$ 1,500.00
OPERATING INCOME.....	\$ 67,623.08
Gifts; Project Funds.....	\$ 140,672.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 208,295.08

EXPENSE

Bookstore.....	\$ 6,525.69
Food.....	\$ 901.15
Insurance.....	\$ 1,044.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 1,690.46
Payroll.....	\$ 30,185.04
Printing & Mailing.....	\$ 4,192.58
Real Estate Tax.....	\$ 5,932.47
Seminar.....	\$ 1,256.31
Supplies.....	\$ 1,656.36
Utilities.....	\$ 11,464.82
Vehicle.....	\$ 2,149.46
OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$ 66,998.34
Maintenance; Projects.....	\$ 29,957.06
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$ 96,955.40
MISC. LIABILITIES.....	\$ 441.14
Ending Balance – 3/31/18	
Operating Fund.....	\$ - 2,191.07
Fire Alarm Fund.....	\$ - 10,559.98
Project Fund.....	\$ 164,055.56
Balance Total.....	\$ 151,304.51

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.

Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Estalee Martin



What do you come back to?
Some days, or weeks, or seasons of life are particularly hard. The news you

hear is more shocking, the days darker, the troubles more plentiful, the losses greater, and the evil more horrific. Energy wanes, strength seeps away, and desire to get out of bed disappears. Somehow you have to keep going, but what gets you up in the morning? What do you come back to for strength and comfort? Maybe it's that morning cup of coffee, that daily piece of chocolate, an escape into a good book, or an opportunity to share with a sympathetic listener. Those things have their place, and are things I enjoy. But to live well in this broken world, I need something—Someone—more than all of that. Here are some things I come back to: Jesus is not surprised by troubles, and has overcome them (John 16:33). God is at work, even in the worst circumstances, to bring about good for those who love Him (Rom. 8:28-32). These difficulties, though severe, are temporary and will someday give way to eternal glory (2 Cor. 4:16-18). What gets me up in the morning, and keeps me going on hard days, is a Person: the Source, not only of comfort and strength, but also of hope and joy.

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fond memories. Even healthy marriages can benefit from an extended time alone when the focus is solely on your spouse. Your honeymoon doesn't need to end two weeks after the wedding.

Friends are transparent. Solid marriages have no room for secrets. If our spouse is our best friend we have no need to fear transparency. When we live honestly before God and man we are free with nothing to hide. Hiding, covering, withholding information, and lying hinder transparency. Transparency of our deepest thoughts and feelings is the doorway to deep and lasting friendships and marriages.

The friendship of marriage will eventually end, and there will be a time of reaping, but the nature of the harvest is up to you. If you don't like the results of your current friendship, plant seeds of a different nature. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8). God grant grace to each married individual so that when the time comes to stand by the casket of their spouse, they can truly say, "This was my dearest friend."

– Denver Yoder

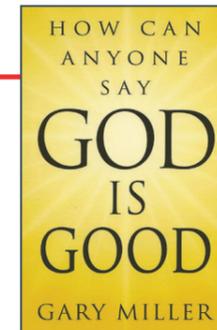
True-Life Books that will Inspire You!

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.

HOW CAN ANYONE SAY GOD IS GOOD *Gary Miller*

Softcover, 96 pages - \$3.49

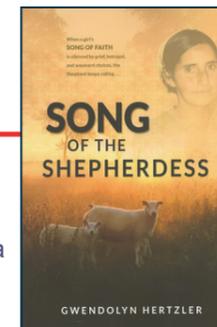
Nick is fed up with life and aggravated by the simple-minded people who believe in a supreme being in spite of all the agony and chaos around them. How can they have the audacity to say their God is good? Written in story form and ending with the author's personal journey, this book is a good gift for an agnostic or atheist friend. It can also be used to strengthen the faith of a Christian believer.



SONG OF THE SHEPHERDESS *Gwendolyn Hertzler*

Softcover, 400 pages - \$12.99

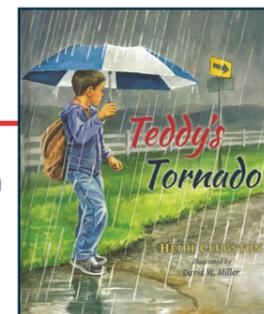
A heart-wrenching story of the tragedy of sin and the great love of a Shepherd who tirelessly seeks His wandering sheep. Luisa struggles to break free from a background of witchcraft, alcoholism, and poverty after receiving the truth brought to her by Mennonite missionaries in Guatemala. Her journey is marked by cycles of defeat and relentless searches for truth and fellowship. Will she ever surrender and return to God and His people?



TEDDY'S TORNADO *Heidi Clugston | Illustrated by David W. Miller*

Hardcover, 62 pages - \$11.99

When Teddy went to sleep in his room beside the kitchen, Mommy always sang his favorite song. She left the door open so light would shine on his pillow.



Then one frightening evening a tornado smashed Teddy's bike and destroyed his house. Teddy's

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mommy didn't have enough money for a new house. What would they do? Would anyone help them?

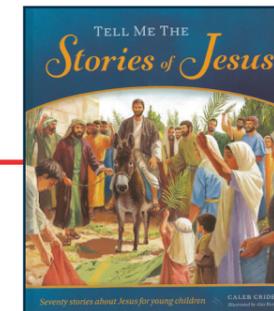
Some kind people came to help, and Teddy and his mommy discovered that God cared for them. As their new house was being built, they learned a new favorite song to sing at bedtime. Full-color illustrations.

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS *Seventy Stories about Jesus for young children*

Caleb Crider, Illustrated by Alex Brover

Hardcover, 145 pages - \$19.99

Jesus loved People. He blessed children. He told stories, taught lessons, and stretched gentle hands to heal. These simple stories and vivid illustrations help young children see Jesus as a real person who did real things. *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* will begin to form in children's minds the outlines of a picture that will be filled in as they grow—the picture of Jesus as a caring, understanding, and trustworthy Friend.



2018 MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Various Speakers

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

- The Gift of Marriage – Ben Waldner
- Qualities of a Godly Husband – Dave Snyder
- Qualities of a Godly Wife – Ben Waldner
- Clean Heart, Clean Hands – Dave Snyder
- Cultivating Friendship – Denver Yoder
- The Art of Forgiveness – Dave Snyder
- A Three-Fold Cord – Ben Waldner



Maintenance Projects Needs

Window & Door Install – Summer, 2018

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

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

Deeper Life Makes a Difference

5997 Duplex – Summer, 2018

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 – Winter, 2018

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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