



## Contact DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

5123 Converse Huff Road  
Plain City, OH 43064

Ph: 614-873-1199  
E: info@dlmohio.org  
Web: www.dlmohio.org

*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 continue to be our objectives.**

## Deeper Life Staff

**Dave Snyder**  
Administrator

**Tom Johnson**  
Assistant Administrator

**Ben Waldner**  
Marriage Counselor

**Valerie Steiner**  
Single Ladies Counselor

**Maria Byler**  
Secretary

**Angela Yoder**  
Domestics

## Deeper Life Board

**Willis Horst**  
Chairman – Midwest

**John D. Miller**  
Assistant - Midwest

**Roger Schrock**  
Secretary – Midwest

**Fred Byler**  
Midwest

**Kenneth Martin**  
Midwest

**Merle Gingrich**  
Mid-Atlantic

**Ellis Beery**  
Southeastern

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
LEBANON, PA  
PERMIT NO. 146



## Contents

Feature Article .....Pg. 1-2  
 Financial Report ..... Pg. 2  
 Counselor's Thoughts ... Pg. 2  
 New Books ..... Pg. 3  
 Seminars ..... Pg. 4

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 do you NEED?



As people, we are designed to require certain things to maintain life. The easiest ones to identify are physical needs such as air, water, food, clothing and shelter. Beyond that there are other, more difficult things to define as needs. A difficulty we have as humans is the tendency to confuse desires for needs. It permeates the societies we live in. It is so prevalent that it has become commonplace to understand the problems we face and the things we reach for to solve those problems as a result of unmet needs. We have coined this the "Needs Theory." Following are two primary ways it shows up in our attempts to understand and address problems.

First, suppose a person grows up missing something important in his relationship with one or more family members. That lack in his life could likely impact him in significant ways. But, the Needs Theory would put emphasis on that unmet need, and then either point to Jesus or someone or something as the way to get that need fulfilled. This sounds good, but notice the emphasis is upon the unfulfilled need. By implication, that need is considered to be something vital, without which life (spiritual, emotional, relational, etc.) cannot continue. That then puts the substitute provider of

that need in the place of becoming an idol to the needy person.

Second, the Needs Theory suggests that various commands in the Bible to love, respect, obey, submit etc. are there to satisfy the "needs" others have for those same things. It implies that the fact that God commands them proves that they are a legitimate need. People are then counseled to provide those things for others so that the others will be motivated to provide them in return. The problem with this thinking is that in essence it removes God from the picture except to say that God created everyone with certain "needs." After that it is essentially a "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" situation, and again puts others in the place of being idols. They, as a result, tend to be controlled and manipulated to provide what is "needed." This approach offers no solution to situations where people are unwilling or unable to reciprocate. In other words, there are two simple problems with the Needs Theory. One is considering certain desires to be essential for life. The other is looking to the wrong sources to supply those things. The things we provide for others should not be connected with what they can or

## UPCOMING 2021 SEMINARS

### AUGUST 6-8 – SINGLE LADIES

#### Theme: THRIVE

- T**he Will of God—Lorraine Schrock, Rochelle, VA
- H**andling Finances—Karla Good, Logan, OH
- R**elating to the Church—Lanette Steiner, Fredericksburg, OH
- I**ndignities with Dignity—Rosemary Troyer, Plain City, OH
- V**ictorious Amidst Desires—Bettina Yoder, Honey Brook, PA
- E**xcellent in Spirit—TBD

### OCTOBER 2 – FAITHFUL WOMEN

#### Theme: Diapers, Attitudes, and Me

- Topics: Walking with God—Lilly Bear, Elida, OH • The Littles—Sylvia Yoder, Somerset, OH
- Teens and Young Adults—TBD • In Community—Faye Shaum, Orrville, OH

### NOVEMBER 13 – FAITHFUL MEN

#### Theme: Restoring the Heart of Anabaptism

- Topics: What Have We Lost? —Tom Johnson, Plain City, OH
- Establishing a Clear Vision—Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH
- Loving Like the Master—TBD
- Equipping for Service—Ben Waldner, 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@DLMOHIO.ORG BY:

JULY 23 – SINGLE LADIES • SEPT. 17 – FAITHFUL WOMEN • OCT. 22 – FAITHFUL MEN

## Financial Report

January 1 – March 31, 2021

1/1/20 Beginning Balance .....	\$257,958.78
3/31/20 Ending Balance.....	\$295,314.97
Beginning Balance Project Fund .....	\$216,832.28
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Gifts; Project Fund .....	\$20,024.82
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>	
Maintenance; Projects .....	\$1,373.50
<b>NET OTHER INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$18,651.32</b>
Ending Balance Project Fund .....	\$235,483.60
Beginning Balance Operating Fund .....	\$35,483.46
<b>INCOME</b>	
Bookstore .....	\$4,019.96
Donations .....	\$29,364.19
Offerings.....	\$48,241.07
Other Income .....	\$1,978.15
<b>OPERATING INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$83,603.37</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Bookstore .....	\$2,462.93
Food .....	\$881.94
Insurance.....	\$1,108.00
Maintenance.....	\$4,503.85
Payroll .....	\$33,483.51
Printing & Mailing.....	\$3,815.97
Real Estate Tax.....	\$6,729.74
Seminar .....	\$571.02
Supplies.....	\$1,611.95
Utilities.....	\$10,618.93
Vehicle.....	\$89.84
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$65,877.68</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$17,725.69</b>
MISC .....	\$6,622.22
Ending Balance Operating Fund .....	\$59,831.37

## From the Desk of Valerie Steiner



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thes. 5: 16-18, NKJV). These instructions seem refreshingly relevant for us. To choose joy, prayer and gratitude is not naïve denial of difficulty, but rather shows a strong confidence in our Heavenly Father, whatever the circumstances. It brings hope to recall that God is good, trustworthy, and on His throne!

Watchman Nee, a Chinese brother, spent his last 20 years in prison for his Christian faith. In a letter shortly before his death, he wrote, “I have learned how to maintain my joy.” While persecuted and frail in body, Mr. Nee was rejoicing in spirit. \*(177) Let us also find hope in our King!

\*adapted from “Stories that Open God’s Larger Window” Fromke, DeVern, Knoxville, TN; Sure Foundation. 2002. Print.

**DLM Staff Needs Secretary**

---

If interested, please call Dave  
**614-873-1199**  
Begins ASAP

## Feature *Continued*

should provide for us. We should love others because God loves us, and commands us to love them. This does not depend on whether or not we receive anything back from them. If we expect our “need” to be met by people, then we make those people bigger than God. This then hinders our ability to love them and receive God’s help.

Living in a fallen world subjects us to less than ideal circumstances that may or may not change. God does not guarantee that any of our perceived needs will be fulfilled in this life “And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise” (Heb 11:39). He does, however, guarantee grace, strength and wisdom to endure difficult circumstances. “...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness...” (2 Cor. 12:9). Our peace rests on our love for God, our obedience to do what He says to do, and our trust in Him. Freedom comes from surrendering the unfulfilled “need” to God, letting it go, and thriving in the circumstances He gives us.

--Tom Johnson

# 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.

## BUILDING BRIDGES

Julie Lowe \$23.49

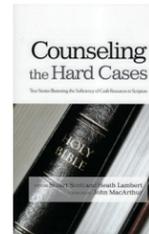
Knowing how to approach children and teens in counseling can be a challenge, but this practical workbook of expressive exercises will help counselors and other caring adults to build meaningful connections. *Building Bridges* allows counselors to enter a young person’s world by engaging them in biblically wise and creative activities and includes reproducible resources. Softcover, 199 pages



## COUNSELING THE HARD CASES

Stuart Scott & Heath Lambert \$18.99

Biblical counselors have worked for decades to demonstrate that God’s resources in Scripture are sufficient to help people with their counseling-related problems. In *Counseling the Hard Cases*, editors Stuart Scott and Heath Lambert use the true stories of real patients to show how the truths of God’s Word can be released to bring help, hope, and healing into the lives of those who struggle with some of the most difficult psychiatric diagnoses.



From pastors and academics to physicians and psychiatrists, a world-class team of contributing counselors share accounts of Scripture having helped overcome bipolar, dissociative identity, and obsessive compulsive disorders, postpartum depression, panic attacks, addiction, issues from childhood sexual abuse, homosexuality, and more.

The book also shows how the graces of Christ, as revealed in the Bible, brought powerful spiritual change to the lives of such people who seemed previously burdened beyond hope by mental and emotional roadblocks.

Contributors include John Babler, Ph.D., Kevin Carson, D.Min., Laura Hendrickson, M.D., Garrett Higbee, Psy.D., Robert Jones, D.Min., Martha Peace, RN, Steve Viars, D.Min., and Dan Wickert, M.D.

Softcover, 318 pages

## DISCOVERING THE JOY OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Christopher Ash \$9.99

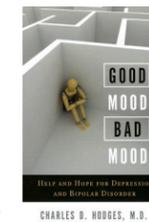
Is such joy possible without self-righteousness or even self-deception? Christopher Ash argues that it is, wonderfully possible, through the good news of Jesus Christ. Here is an invitation to rediscover your conscience and what the Bible has to say about it. Ash examines what the conscience is, what a guilty conscience tells us, the choice our conscience presents us, and the conscience’s role as a guide, to offer us the pure joy of a clear conscience day after day. Softcover, 205 pages



## GOOD MOOD, BAD MOOD

Charles Hodges, M.D. \$14.49

Depression and bipolar disorder are two of the most common diagnoses made in medicine today. Are we in an epidemic of bad moods or is there another explanation? *Good Mood, Bad Mood* examines whether it is an epidemic or if we have simply changed how we label depression. While medical treatment is now the commonly accepted way to deal with pain and sadness, its promise has not been fulfilled. Dr. Charles Hodges offers an explanation to help the reader see the importance of sadness and the help and hope that God gives us in His Word. Softcover, 192 pages



## FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

(SHARON SINGERS 2020)

Conductor: Samuel Heatwole \$13.95

Song titles:

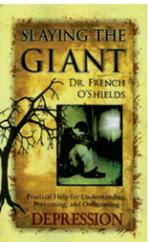
Let All the Nations Praise the Lord	Highest Place
We Come	He is Faithful
By His Hand	I Believe
I Trust in You	Because He lives
In Christ Alone	God Gives Us a Future with Hope
Blind Bartimaeus	The Love of God
Heart with Loving Heart United	The Gift of Love
Love Never Fails	Our Rock and Our Salvation



## SLAYING THE GIANT

Dr. French O’Shields \$11.99

*Slaying the Giant* takes you on an imaginary journey to the world of the depressed. Through Dr. O’Shields training and personal experience with depression, he tells you how you get there, what it is like, and best of all - how to return. Overcoming depression is a formidable task. So is slaying a giant. Yet, David, the shepherd boy, did it using simple weapons God provided. Using God’s weapons, you can overcome depression! This book tells you how. Softcover, 180 pages

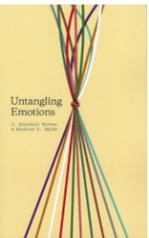


## UNTANGLING EMOTIONS

J. Alasdair Groves & Winston T. Smith \$10.49

How do you feel about how you feel? Our emotions are complex. Some of us seem able to ignore our feelings, while others feel controlled by them. But most of us would admit that we don’t always know what to do with how we feel.

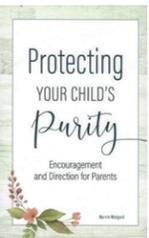
The Bible teaches us that our emotions are an indispensable part of what makes us human—and play a crucial role in our relationships with God and others. Exploring how God designed emotions for our good, this book shows us how to properly engage with our emotions—even the more difficult ones like fear, anger, shame, guilt, and sorrow—so we can better understand what they reveal about our hearts and handle them wisely in everyday moments. Softcover, 225 pages



## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD’S PURITY

Marvin Wengerd \$4.49

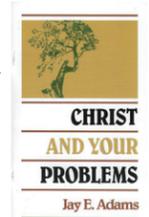
*Protecting Your Child’s Purity* offers direction and encouragement to parents as they consider the often difficult task of guarding their child’s purity. This book provides a fast, easy-to-read format that allows any parent to begin practicing protection today. Now. The prayer is that this book will be another small push toward a tomorrow where our world will have zero tolerance for sexual abuse. One child abused among us in the next hundred years is one child too many. Softcover, 37 pages



## CHRIST AND YOUR PROBLEMS

Jay E. Adams \$3.39

Do you have problems that seem too great to bear? Do you wonder if there is any way out of the mess you are in? This helpful booklet was written to put such problem cases in perspective. Showing first that no one’s problems are unique, Jay Adams offers genuine hope based on God’s promise in 1 Corinthians 10:13. Readers will gain the courage needed to take responsible action, knowing that a real solution is to be found in God’s way. Softcover, 30 pages



## Prayer Requests

- Staff needs - secretary
- Upcoming seminars
- Funds/wisdom for the renovation project
- Counselees would grow in love for Christ and develop a Biblical self-image
- That staff would maintain a clear vision of and commitment to the ministry objectives

## Main Building Renovation Update

The project fund balance as of 3/31/2021 was \$235,483.60. The estimated cost is \$400,000 - \$450,000. We are hoping to start the renovation project sometime in 2021.