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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. – 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.

Are You Equipped?

Our DLM Bible study time often results in interesting discussions. Currently we are studying Colossians chapter 3, which focuses on the change that is possible in our lives because of what Christ has done. Paul discusses this process of change, which we summarize as putting off old habits and putting on new ones. We call this process sanctification. As we have progressed through the chapter, we've discussed a number of practical applications of this.

A particularly interesting verse is 16. The NRSV puts it this way: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." This verse is packed with practical direction, but let's focus on the phrase, "teach and admonish one another in all wisdom." It is interesting to note who does the teaching and admonishing and to whom it is done. Paul says one another. That's you and me! That's all of us, not just the elders or pastors or intellectuals. That's an awesome challenge! Paul also tells us how to do it: with wisdom. We need to learn how to teach and admonish with wisdom, and to receive them with wisdom. It goes both ways.

But, if you are like me, it's easy to see that this is something few of us know how to do well. We really don't know what it looks like, either. So, if we don't really know what it looks like, maybe we can tell what a lack of it looks like. In other words, what are some of the symptoms of practicing one-anothering poorly? Some significant ones are an increasing dependency on standards and rulemaking for sanctification, more shallow conversations, hurting members

going unnoticed, lack of transparency and involvement, increasing criticisms, and an increase in counseling centers.

Whoa! Did you notice the last one? An increase in counseling centers. Think about that a moment. If you are inclined to disagree with this, consider some things good counseling centers do for those they help: They love them, seek to know them personally, seek to know their circumstances in life, show them affection, show them kindness, accept them, bear their burdens, tell them the truth in love, teach and admonish them, encourage them, exhort them, provoke them to love and provoke them to good deeds. These things are all done intentionally and wisely. The interesting part of this is that every one of the things listed here are described by Paul in his writings as things to be done by and for one-another in the Church. They need to be done on purpose. They don't just happen.

All people experience problems to one degree or another. Some need intentional help to deal with them. Often though, for a variety of reasons, they don't get that help at home. Why not? Circumstances differ of course, but Paul, in Romans 15:14, compliments the Roman church

~ UPCOMING SEMINARS ~

August 2nd - 4th • Single Ladies Seminar

Theme: Commissioned • Held at Deeper Life Ministries, Plain City, OH

TOPICS:

- For What** – Elona Martin, Richland Center, WI
- Preparing** – Lorraine Schrock, Aroda, VA
- In Jerusalem** – Rhoda Martin, Aroda VA
- To Samaria & Beyond** – Beth Gingerich, Plain City, OH
- A Missionary Speaks** – "Miss Nancy" Coblentz, Belle Center, OH
- The Message** – Jen Miller, Plain City, OH

October 5th • Faithful Women Seminar

Theme: Walking Alongside • Held at Deeper Life Ministries, Plain City, OH

TOPICS:

- Relationships that Nurture** – Clara Byler, Mt. Eaton, OH
- Barriers and Blessings, Part 1** – Lucy Miller, Guys Mills, PA
- Barriers and Blessings, Part 2** – Michelle Knox, Cable, OH
- Embracing Nurturing - Panel Discussion** – Jen Miller, Clara Byler, Lucy Miller, Michelle Knox, Thelma Beachy & Others

November 9th • Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: Rebuilding • Held in Paradise, PA (Hosted by Free Indeed)

ATTENDING? Please register. We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for. Please call 614-873-1199 or email info@dilmohio.org by:

SINGLE LADIES, JULY 19 & FAITHFUL WOMEN, SEPTEMBER 20.

Full program schedules are available from DLM.

Financial Report

January 1 – March 31, 2019

1/1/19 Beginning Balance	\$98,994.91
3/31/19 Ending Balance	\$20,117.90
Beginning Balance Project Fund	\$119,338.55
OTHER INCOME	
Gifts for Project Fund	\$10,191.38
OTHER EXPENSE	
Maintenance & Projects	\$57,005.57
NET OTHER INCOME	-\$46,814.19
Ending Balance Project Fund	\$72,524.36

Beginning Balance Operating Fund - **-\$20,434.64**

INCOME	
Bookstore	\$7,481.26
Donations	\$20,538.62
Offerings	\$10,149.88
Seminars	\$5,170.61
Other Income	\$1,022.67
OPERATING INCOME	\$44,363.04

EXPENSE

Bookstore	\$4,279.03
Insurance	\$1,058.00
Maintenance	\$2,646.44
Payroll	\$39,931.78
Printing & Mailing	\$4,300.47
Real Estate Tax	\$5,954.94
Seminar	\$6,258.40
Supplies	\$2,234.99
Utilities	\$10,617.28
Vehicle	\$590.82

OPERATING EXPENSE **\$77,872.15**

NET OPERATING INCOME **-\$33,509.11**

Ending Balance Operating Fund

-\$52,406.46

MISC **\$1,446.29**

Note – The Operating Fund is borrowing from the Project Fund for operating expenses. Money borrowed from the Project Fund will be repaid as soon as possible.

Apprenticeship Testimony



I recall a question I read on a blog last year that asked its reader what question they have regarding Christianity. I was rather startled to realize that my honest answer was whether it is possible for God's Word to provide answers for human problems. Does it help in working through personal pain or in resolving conflict in relationships?

I was thrilled to find out that Deeper Life offers an apprenticing program that combines book learning with on-site training to help bring clarity to these questions.

My week on campus in counseling sessions was both good and hard. I connected with the questions the counselee asked regarding God's role in the pain and suffering we face in our world. Perhaps these are questions we all feel within us but never quite know how to verbalize. However, whereas at one point in life I would've felt a sense of hopelessness due to the magnitude of suffering I see all around me, I now realize that the Biblical narrative that Deeper Life draws from, both in example and instruction, gives answers that guide us in understanding our own stories and our responses to them in light of the Biblical message of repentance and redemption. We are not left without hope!

~ Kelly Kauffman

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in their ability to do this very thing. We know they had the heart for it, since Paul says they were full of goodness. We know they knew how to do it, since Paul says they were filled with all knowledge. We know they did this kind of work because Paul says they were able to admonish one another. We know they did it well because Paul took the time to give them this compliment. How did they get to that point? I believe it's because they, in part, did what Paul said to do in Eph 4:11-13. The Church equipped itself to do this kind of ministering. Since God gave assignments to some in the Church to see that it happens, it's reasonable to assume that it does not come naturally for most people.

My point is this: We all need to be equipped to minister to one another. It is possible. Done wisely and regularly, two things can result. One is that the local Church may be able to handle their problem situations. Second, and perhaps more important, is that some of those situations may be prevented. So, why not become equipped to one-another in your church? You can do it!

~ Tom Johnson

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.

DESTINATION AFRICA

by Marcellus Beachy | Hardcover, 96 pages, \$17.99

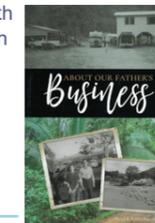
Into the Vast Savanna... Join Marcellus Beachy on an African safari to see many animals up close through exceptional photography often seen only in expensive magazines. Also learn facts about each animal and marvel at the variety of God's creation.



ABOUT OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

by David and Nancy Stutzman | Softcover, 261 pages, \$10.99

When David and Nancy's friendship began in 1968, the path they took led them from the cornfields of Iowa to the foreign mission field. Being about their Father's business meant raising a family, building His Church, and facing numerous challenges at home and abroad. The pages in this book cover about twenty years of their eventful story, and each chapter offers us insights on how to faithfully be about our Father's business every day of our lives.



WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

by Emily Steiner | Hardcover, 368 pages, \$14.99

Caught in the vortex of the Great Depression, the Hess family needs to work and sweat and pray for every mortgage payment on their Ohio farm. Their savings disappear when the bank fails, and prices for farm goods drop ever lower. Disaster sweeps across an entire nation, and no one knows when -or if- things will get better.



But even when life seems hopelessly out of control, fourteen-year-old Annie finds that God is still the unchanging and eternal source of true riches. This is a story of faith and trust, of loving and sharing, of giving and receiving.

STORIES FROM INDIA

by Jacob Andrews Ressler | Softcover, 149 pages, \$8.99

Glimpses Into Hearts and Lives of the Poor in India In this fascinating first-hand narrative of Mennonite missionary, Jacob Andrew Ressler, you will be inspired by the courage with which they set forth to establish the first Mennonite mission in India in the year 1899. While written many years ago to stir the hearts of fellow Anabaptists to help in the work of meeting the great spiritual and physical needs of the poor in India, you too will feel stirred as you experience with them the challenges of poverty, spiritual darkness, sickness, and dangers. Will God meet their many needs? Will He hear their earnest prayers? Will the Indian people respond to the Gospel message? Can He spare the missionaries' lives from the many physical dangers they face - from the snakes, tigers, and the hyenas?

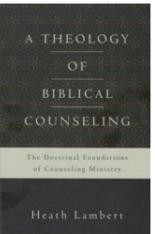


A THEOLOGY OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING

by Heath Lambert | Hardcover, 335 pages, \$23.49

For more than four decades, leaders in the biblical counseling movement have argued that counseling is a ministry of the Word, just like preaching or missions, and as a ministry it must be defined according to sound biblical theology rather than secular principles of psychology.

A Theology of Biblical Counseling is a landmark new book that unpacks the core theological convictions that underlie sound counseling and offers practical wisdom for counseling today. Dr. Heath Lambert guides readers through the various categories of theology, showing how each one addresses the day-to-day concerns that counselors address. Rich, theological insights are illustrated through powerful stories from within the walls of the counseling room.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR 2019

6 CD Set, \$28.95

1. God's Purpose for Marriage - Ben Waldner
2. Servant Leader - Denver Yoder
3. The Well Dressed Wife - Ben Waldner
4. You want, I want... Now What? - Dave Snyder
5. Walking Together Through Adversity - Joseph and Melissa Jones
6. Love Speaks Many Languages - Dave Snyder
7. Priorities of a Godly Marriage - Denver Yoder

CDs may be purchased individually for \$4.95 each.



2018 FAITHFUL MEN SEMINAR POCKET SERIES ASSEMBLY PACK - SHEPHERDING YOUR FLOCK

Various Authors | \$16.49

Any Christian man who has someone he is responsible for, particularly a father in the home, is a shepherd. He works for the Great Shepherd. As an under-shepherd, he has certain responsibilities and challenges. This pocket seminar series explores the calling the Lord has placed on us as shepherds of our flocks.

These topics were given at the Faithful Men Seminar hosted at Deeper Life Ministries on November 10, 2018.

Titles in this series include:

1. Following the Shepherd
 2. Managing the Fold
 3. Purity in the Fold
 4. Shepherding Your Flock
- Booklets may be purchased individually for \$4.49 each.



2018 SINGLE LADIES SEMINAR POCKET SERIES ASSEMBLY PACK - SANCTIFIED SINGLENESS

Various Authors | \$24.49

How do single ladies set themselves apart for their relationship with Jesus? What does it look like to live a sanctified Christian life as a single woman in today's American society?

These topics were given at the Single Ladies' Seminar hosted by Deeper Life Ministries on Aug. 3-5, 2018.

Titles in this assembly pack:

1. Daughters of the King
 2. Create in Me a Clean Heart
 3. Relating to Men
 4. Gracefully Feminine
 5. Relating to Women
 6. Transforming Relationships
- Booklets may be purchased individually for \$4.49 each.



2018 Project Report

Staff Housing - HVAC Phase 1 & 2 - Completed

House 1 & House 2 Interior Renovations - Completed

Window & Door Replacement - Completed

5997 Duplex Renovations - Completed

Fall of 2019

6015 House Renovations

CANADIAN PR TRIP

September 26-30, 2019

Thursday 9/26 - Woodlawn Mennonite Fellowship

Friday 9/27 - Arthur Mennonite Fellowship

Saturday 9/28 - TBD

Sunday 9/29 AM - Donegal Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday 9/29 PM - Countryside Mennonite Fellowship



Gratefulness We are grateful to the individuals that donated 10 Lifetime tables, the bedroom furniture for the staff dorms, and those who contributed to the projects and operating fund for the ongoing work of DLM. *May God bless your generosity!*

Prayer Requests

- Finances for the Operating Fund & Renovation Project
- Wisdom, strength, and humility for ministering to people
- Planning, preparing, and presenting seminars

Staff Needs

A Single Lady Counselor