



## Rev. Paul Gennett Jr. Shares His Ministry Maker Experience

(excerpt from his Banquet Challenge)

I began giving monthly to Oasis Ministries in 2005. Some years I was able to give more, some a little less, but every month I wrote that check in gratitude for the never ending, always surprising, gifts I have received from being part of Oasis Ministries. Then we introduced **Ministry Makers** in 2009 and this was an easy connection for me to continue. Now my monthly gift is just taken off my debit card from my bank account. What does being a Ministry Maker mean to me? It means I am a sustainer to the work and service in the Spirit that Oasis programs are providing now *and* to our future in a world that is not working real well.

Annie Lamott wisely has said, “*Everyone of the world is addicted to something.*” With so many divisive, dangerous, and deadly events surrounding us, we might be the 12 steps of recovery of the Spirit of peace, wholeness, community, and compassion. This work through Oasis continues because of generous gifts of many, in many different ways. I encourage you tonight to prayerfully consider becoming a Ministry Maker to Oasis Ministries. It is easy to do! Our Director, Glenn Mitchell, our Administrative Assistant, Betsy Keller, or our Operations Manager, Michelle Hopkins, will gladly help you get started. Give what you can give in gratitude!!!

For example -- \$25 a month = \$300 per year for one person. If we have 50 people giving at this level, we now have \$15,000 operating funds we did not have before tonight. Take a minute to think of what you spend \$25 on per month? I can think of a few things, but most \$25 expenditures for me just happen! You can always & easily change the amount you give as you need - upward is my invitation - but as needed and as you can.

Our marketing team for the Oasis Board – Mike Mumma, Mary Jane Kistler, Margo Walter, and I – have set a goal to increase our Ministry Maker contributions to **\$50,000** by the end of this fiscal year June 30, 2018. Is that challenging – YOU BETCHA!! However, we count on all of you to share this good news and invitation to others that you know. Consider this like your local PBS pledge campaign – except our airwaves are that of the Spirit’s work through us!!

In addition to participating as a Ministry Maker sustainer – there are many ways to serve through Oasis Ministries:

1. Consider becoming involved as a Board Member
2. Offer leadership for a day retreat for Oasis (and perhaps donating your time for this offering)
3. And prayers, always prayers are gratefully accepted.

If you are Ministry Maker now, THANK YOU! If you are not yet, prayerfully consider this opportunity! If you know someone who may be blessed by Oasis programs and desiring to support us, let them know how to do this or let us know and we will connect with them in gratitude! For by doing so, you will bless by being a blessing. With your financial support, leadership, service, and prayers, the programs Oasis offers, with quality wisdom teachers like Nancy Bieber, will continue. And by doing this, we can save the world one soul at a time!

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!**

*Contact the Oasis office at 717-737-8222 or visit the Oasis Ministries website for more information or to get started to becoming a Ministry Maker:*

*<http://oasismin.org/donate>*