



Dear Oasis Community,

Ever since the birth of Oasis Christian Fellowship in Meigs County we have made every effort to be faithful stewards of the finances of the church—how they are used to help accomplish the mission of God's kingdom through Oasis. The best way for the church as a collective community to be good stewards of its finances is to ensure and encourage the individual families of the church to be good stewards of their personal finances. What happens with Oasis as a collective people (the church) is a direct consequence or blessing from the stewardship of each and every individual family in the church. **Stewardship** is literally the term used to define *one who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs*. As believers in Christ we recognize Him as the owner of all things, including our personal property, finances, time, etc. And God has given us an incredible task, both in our families as well as in the church. As I know that it is your desire to be a good steward in your own family, it is also my desire for Oasis as a church to be a good steward of His property, finances, and affairs.

With this letter I want to share with you some of the vision and goals that are ahead of us as we continue in ministry together during the year 2009. With this letter are three additional documents:

- **An explanation of the 2009 budget and a brief explanation of the vision for each item**
- **A pamphlet with some practical information about giving to God's work through Oasis Christian Fellowship**
- **A Faith Commitment card to help each family set a pattern of giving for 2009**

If you are unfamiliar with what God's Word has to say regarding how a church receives and uses money; or if you have ever been confused about what God desires of his followers in the area of finances, hopefully these documents will help answer some of your questions. After reading, if you have any further questions or if you would like to speak to me personally about such things, feel free to contact me and we will set a time to get together.

One of the things the elders of any church are charged by God to do is to spend significant time thinking ahead in order to cast vision for the church. Sometimes thinking ahead means we think about what the church will look like in one year. Sometimes we think about three years ahead. And sometimes we think of five years and even ten years ahead. As, not just the planter of this church, but as one of your elders/pastors, whenever I have contemplated the future of our church, several things are always very encouraging to me. One thing that excites me is the fact that several young families are finding Oasis to be a community they can relate to and fellowship with. This is very important for the future life and growth of the church. Another aspect that I find encouraging is a hunger for the Scriptures that produces a desire for truth and God-centered, Bible-saturated maturity. This is exciting because our future must be built on the foundation of God's Word. Anything and everything we do must be rooted in the knowledge of Him that we receive from His Word. We live in a world and culture today with so many different perspectives. And we are often forced to consider all perspectives as truth, or at least different versions of truth, depending on your perspective. But the litmus test for all truth is the Scriptures. Our opinions and perspectives must be tested against the Word of God in the Bible. Likewise, our lives and church must be shaped by the Word of God in the Bible.

One thing you can always count on at Oasis is that we will be very careful in how we handle the teaching and preaching of the Scripture. In the coming years of Oasis we will continue to position ourselves to be shaped more by God's Word and less by cultural opinions. Recognizing the culture in which we live and speaking to it appropriately has always been a major value of Oasis, and it always will be a value. But there are times when the Bible collides head-on with cultural opinion, and in those instances the Bible must always reign supreme. I believe that it *is* possible to be a God-centered, culturally relevant church. And I believe that in doing so we will bear much fruit, which is the ultimate goal of the Gospel and the church on earth—that we would in fact be used as missionaries to bring the Gospel to those who are disconnected from God.

The last thing I want to say in this letter is "thank you" for your partnership in the Gospel. We are not just fellow servants—we are friends. We are brothers and sisters. We are family. What's mine is yours. Belonging to a church means that we belong to one another. Even if that is all we have in common, it's enough. Jesus loves us and wants us to continue growing together in this journey of being his disciple. Thank you for choosing to walk the journey with Oasis. As you continue to support the work of Oasis I know God is going to produce a harvest of growth and maturity through your gifts—and all of southeastern Ohio will be blessed. *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:6).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Stewart".

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An Explanation of the 2009 Oasis Working Budget

One of the tasks the Oasis elders and deacons have been called to consider and determine is the stewardship of Oasis Christian Fellowship. One vitally important aspect of ministry is how the church utilizes the money it receives from its members. God's Word goes to great lengths to describe how the church ought to use money. During the next two weeks we will be studying the biblical principles for giving in our Sunday gathering as well as discussing the future vision of Oasis Christian Fellowship. If you are encouraged by what God is doing through Oasis, and you are sensing a desire to continue fellowship with the church, we strongly encourage you to participate in this study.

The Oasis elders and deacons are a group of men and women who were originally appointed by Chris, and some by the existing team of leaders, to serve in a role of prayer and accountability in decision-making for the church, and to oversee the ministry and service of the church. During 2008 Oasis officially made the transition from having an "advisory team" of leaders to the biblical mandate of a plurality of elders and deacons. The elders of Oasis are responsible for the teaching, shepherding, protection, counsel, and overall vision of the church as being led by Christ, who is the Chief Shepherd and Senior Pastor, in all of those areas themselves. The deacons of Oasis are responsible to see that the various ministries of Oasis are being carried out. Collectively, the elders and deacons are charged with organizing and seeing that every member of the church is involved in the life of the church, utilizing the gifts God has given them to edify and build up the fellowship.

Each year this team of leaders comes together to discuss and pray about a budget for the Oasis church that reflects what we believe God is calling us to do during the coming year. Each year these leaders and their families also consider their own personal commitments to the church and meditate on what God is challenging them to do and give in the coming year, in order that they might lead the fellowship by example. Likewise, one responsibility of leaders is to challenge everyone in the church to consider their own commitment for the year, and invite you to "write it down" on a *Faith Commitment* card. That card may then be placed on your file cabinet, computer desk, bill rack, or whatever you regularly use to make the payments you are committed to making on behalf of your family each month. The purpose for the *Faith Commitment* card is to serve as a reminder, and to help each church member to be diligent and consistent in your commitment to God.

In the paragraphs below you will see a breakdown of each individual item in the 2009 budget, along with a brief explanation for each item. Our desire is full and complete disclosure in how every penny of the money given to Oasis is used.

Another addition you will see throughout the 2009 year is regular communication of what we as a church *need* in order to meet our budget, and a comparison of what we have *received* in offerings to date. It is our conviction that God will provide each of us with the means to fulfill the commitments we each make regarding giving in the year 2009.



This is a brief explanation of each area of the 2009 budget. If you have any further questions regarding our church budget after reading the following paragraphs please feel free to contact me (Chris). I would be glad to connect with you and answer any questions you may have. The total amount of the proposed 2009 Oasis budget is \$60,671.42. Here is how it breaks down:

- ◆ **Pastor Expenses** – As a church you have supplement me financially as your planting pastor ever since the first day we received an offering. It has always been very special and a great blessing to know that in the earliest days of this church it was decided to lay a foundation of pouring a large portion of resources into people rather than programs or buildings. Not that programs or buildings can't be important or useful. We certainly desire to include those things in our budget as well. But the value of pouring our resources into people is much greater for long-term growth and maturity. Therefore, the pastor's expense portion of the budget is greatly appreciated.

It has been our conviction recently that Chad Dodson should begin receiving financial supplementation from Oasis. For the past 5 years I (Chris) have been praying and asking God for a "partner" in ministry, one whom I could bring up beside me as a fellow "staff member" and sharer of the ministry service. During the past year I intentionally stepped away from several of the "upfront" roles I held solely on my own, in order that Chad might be tested in those areas. Chad desires to go the extra step in his ministry and he has proven to be a man of biblical integrity, diligence, love, and grace. And it is my recommendation that he begin receiving a part-time salary with benefits from the members of Oasis.

As I am sure you are well aware, a decision like this does not come without its challenges. But if we hope to grow and mature as God would have us, then we must welcome the stretching of our faith. As a fellowship we need things such as this to be put before us in order that we might experience the growth that God has in store for us. It has never been our intention to remain a stagnant family that only serves itself year in and year out. We hope that God will continue to grow us up in works, in maturity, in strength, in knowledge, in people, and in paid staff for many years to come.

Pastoral salaries are determined much like other job salaries are determined. In addition to the congregation's desire to bless the paid pastor, other determining factors are: (1) years of experience, (2) education, (3) family size, (4) job content, (5) inflation, etc. The work schedule and activities of a pastor are typically difficult to measure, but they are especially difficult for Oasis, as we are a church that does not have a building, or an office, thus no "office hours" and set scheduling. In order to better understand the activities and scheduling of a pastor of Oasis, I have included a list of many of the activities I have regularly performed as a pastor of Oasis. Most of these are weekly activities, although some of them only occur on demand or an as-needed basis. Therefore I have included percentages as an estimate for the time spent on each activity.

- 40% Personal study (sermon preparation and personal growth)
- 10% Personal administration (phone calls, letters, emails, etc.)
- 5% Church administration (meetings, instruction, etc.)
- 10% Counseling (marriage, church members, etc.), weddings, funerals
- 10% Intercession (praying for) church and church members
- 15% Teaching/Preaching
- 5% Preparing & conducting church gatherings
- 5% Leading worship

One of the difficulties in "measuring" a pastors' work and activities is the fact that pastors are called by God more to BE something than they are to DO something. It is harder to measure "being". "Doing" is easily measured. You look at what tangible things a person has accomplished and determine whether or not they are satisfactory. "Being" is difficult to measure, because a pastor's value to the church is not always seen in tangible ways. It is my conviction that Oasis is at a place in our life where we must take this important step of faith and include Chad on the church payroll. He has not only proven to be capable at doing ministry, but he has shown that he is a man of excellence in what he does, and he has a deep and growing love for the kingdom of God.

Here is how the pastors' expenses portion of the 2009 budget breaks down:

	<u>Chris (15 years)</u>	<u>Chad (beginning 1st year)</u>
▶ Base Salary:	\$32,491.42	\$12,000.04
▶ Insurance:	\$4,200.00	(We desire to grow toward providing
▶ Professional Expenses:	\$1,200.00	benefits for Chad in 2010.)
	<i>(Professional expenses include mileage, conferences, and personal study aids.)</i>	

- ◆ **Computer Supplies & Equipment (\$900.00)** – In 2003 Oasis purchased a laptop computer that has been used on a daily basis. The computer has always been an extremely important piece of equipment to the church. Nearly 100% of Chris' pastoral study is done on the computer. Most of our communication is done via internet and email. We also host a web site for the church. The computer item of the budget goes to cover any maintenance expenses that arise with the computer, plus the regular expenses of internet access, web site hosting, security, software and programs, etc. The need has arisen for a new computer, so Chris has recently purchased a new MacBook as a personal expense (not with church funds). Our desire is to eventually have the ability to provide staff members with their own computers. We have not budgeted for this in 2009, but we hope to grow into that capability.
- ◆ **Phone (\$840.00)** – Our church office is a "mobile office", and therefore our phone is a "mobile phone". This item pays for AT&T wireless service. The church phone is on Chris at all times and can be reached at 591-4605.
- ◆ **Miscellaneous Office Expenses (\$240.00)** – Oasis does not rent or own office space, therefore our office has always been run out of Chris & April's home, and as of now that is where it will continue to be. Office expenses include things such as: printing, ink, paper, and miscellaneous office supplies that you would find in any business office.
- ◆ **Youth & Children's Ministry (\$2,400.00)** – The funds in this budget will go toward providing curriculum and any purchases toward youth events or activities. Oasis Youth & Children's ministry will be taking on some new looks and structure during the year 2009. Our vision is to provide a full-scale worship experience for the children on Sunday mornings. Additionally, we are planning a number of activities, retreats, trips, etc. to help teach, mature, and grow all

Oasis children toward a relationship with Jesus Christ. This area of the ministry is vital for the growth and health of Oasis.

- ◆ **Musical Supplies & Worship (\$800.00)** – We believe worship is the highest priority of God’s creation. Therefore we always have a desire at Oasis to learn how to better worship Him in all we do. We also believe in the idea that beauty and art should be given a place in the worship of God. The funds budgeted toward worship go toward the purchase of software, hardware, musical equipment, music, maintenance, or any expenses that should arise which have the potential to enhance or facilitate worship among God’s people.
- ◆ **CPA (\$600.00)** – Oasis has hired the services of a local CPA to handle the balancing of the church books, the paying of salaries, and the figuring of quarterly and monthly taxes for the church and the pastors’ salaries.
- ◆ **Liability Insurance (\$1000.00)** – Oasis has an extensive insurance policy through Church Mutual Insurance, which covers all of our possessions and all aspects of who we are as a church. Church Mutual specializes in covering churches, and this policy is very comprehensive because of all of the various ministries the church is involved with.
- ◆ **Movable Equipment (\$600.00)** – This area of the budget is designated for the expense of any equipment such as tables, chairs, or building supplies that will be used for Oasis meetings and gatherings. This is also designated for any expense related to the church trailer.
- ◆ **Public Relations/Business Expenses (\$300.00)** – This item is used for any advertisement, publicity, newspapers, magazines, etc. that the church purchases, and honoraria or gifts given to guest speakers at our gatherings.
- ◆ **Outreach Projects (\$1,250.00)** – Outreach and evangelism must be a high priority of every church. Often outreach can be accomplished by the church through organized projects, events, parties, etc. (I have elaborated more on our idea of “outreach” in the Mercy Ministry section below). As a church we continually wish to pour ourselves into the community and the neighborhoods in which we live, serving them and reaching out to them in many different ways.
- ◆ **Leadership Development (\$1,250.00)** – This item is used for things such as books, curriculum, retreats, etc. that pertain to adult classes such as Men’s Bible Studies and Women’s Bible Studies. It includes anything that we do as a church that aids in the developing leadership in its people.
- ◆ **Building Fund/Future Facility (\$2,600)** – We are never certain of when it will be, but we do realize that one day we will be recognize the need and God’s timing of obtaining a facility or property that will be able to better host the ministry vision of Oasis. This process of course must begin in prayer as the central focus, asking God to give us wisdom and clarity in how He is leading us toward obtaining our own building/property. Along with prayer is the practical search for potential facilities or properties that could one day be the location where Oasis Christian Fellowship gathers and hosts a variety of ministries. It is important that we begin preparing for that future day right now. Perhaps one day we will purchase a building, or land on which to build, or perhaps we will rent a facility. Whatever it is the Lord is preparing for us in the future, we want to plan to be ready. Therefore we will set aside a set portion of our offerings (\$50 per offering), which will be put into a separate bank account, in order to begin investing in that day.

PERCENTAGE ITEMS

There are some areas of ministry that we believe we must always commit to supporting regardless of the income of Oasis. Therefore they are percentage items—items that will receive a given percentage of every Oasis offering. Percentage items will not be locked into a certain figure, but have the ability to increase as our faith and collective giving increases. These are areas that we feel are important for us to plant seeds into as a family. They begin here at home, with local Mercy Ministry, and extend to our neighbors throughout all of southeastern Ohio, and even beyond our nations borders to Bulgaria, where fellow church members are serving as missionaries for the Gospel and partners in Oasis ministry. We also look to the future here at home by planning for a future facility for Oasis.

Very simply, this is how percentage items work. As you, in faith, increase your individual giving, the result will be that this area of the budget will too be increased. The ultimate result will be that everyone is blessed even more. How does that happen? Because Mercy Ministry, Good Works, Travis & Emilie Jones, and Future Facility are not fixed budgeted items, but rather, percentages of the total Oasis offerings. Each week, 5% of our total offerings will go toward Local Mercy Ministry, 5% will go to Good Works Inc. of Athens, 5% will go toward Travis & Emilie Jones in Bulgaria, and 5% will go

toward a future facility for Oasis Meigs. These items will be an altogether separate portion of the Oasis account. We separate it this way for a couple of reasons: (1) because that way it cannot be touched. Of whatever a given offering is, the above percentages will always go to Mercy Ministry, Good Works, Bulgaria, and Future Facility; and (2) because we will be giving back to and blessing our community as well as the community abroad (the larger Church) based on our faith for what God can and will do from our seeds (our offerings)—meaning, our Mercy Ministry account, and how we can bless Good Works, Travis & Emilie Jones, and how we can prepare for the future will be a direct result of our faith as a church.

We believe it is absolutely impossible to out-give God. Whenever we make a commitment to give more—even when (or especially when) we don't know where the money is going to come from—God always takes the seeds of our faith and multiplies it. As a result, you are blessed, the recipient is blessed, and the whole Kingdom of God is blessed.

- ◆ **Local Mercy Ministry** – “Mercy Ministry” is just what it sounds like, a ministry of mercy. Giving freely to those who are in need, first in our church, and then the local community at large. For Oasis Local Mercy Ministry is Acts 4:34-35 in action in our own context: *There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.* We believe it is very important to meet any *known* need that is present in our fellowship. But we cannot meet it unless it is known, so you can help in this way. We are committed to this as a major example of BEING the church.
- ◆ **Missionaries** – The “missionaries” portion of the budget is a special partnership we share with others who are serving God's kingdom in locations outside of our own. We presently support two missionaries:
 - ▶ **Good Works, Inc.** – For the past three years we have partnered with Good Works, Inc. in Athens by supporting their ministry efforts to the rural homeless, as well as volunteering our time in serving with them from time to time. We, as a fellowship will continue to benefit from the ministry of Good Works and learn how to better serve our local community through our partnership with them.
 - ▶ **Bulgaria: The Gospel for the Roma (Travis & Emilie Jones)** – Last year Travis, Emilie, and their daughter Melilla stepped forth in faith to begin a missionary journey they had long hoped to take. They have been preparing to make the move to Bulgaria, where they will bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Roma, a gypsy people group. Their vision has inspired us, and as fellow members of Oasis we are committed to partnering with them in their mission. We are glad to say that we have an extension of our Oasis family beyond our nation's borders.

So how does all of this apply to each of us as we consider our commitment to give in 2009? Like this. **In order to meet the budget needs we must receive at least an average of \$1,155.22 per weekly offering (\$5,005.96 monthly) throughout 2009.** I believe we can do that and even more. I believe that with our faith and trust in God, Oasis can shine brightly in our community as a beacon of hope even in the midst of economic uncertainty and financial despair. It is no secret that Appalachia and particularly southeastern Ohio are continually battling trying financial times. With our nation's economic difficulties it makes our locale even more trying. When so much around us is dying, businesses are shutting down, buildings are being torn down and nothing built in their place, I believe we as a church have an opportunity to be an example of great faith and hope. As we pour into God's work and trust Him for the resources in the meeting of our families' needs, we will be a lighthouse of HOPE for a new generation of southeastern Ohio residents.

How will we do this? Through God using the offerings you give in faith.

Seek the Lord in the coming days. Ask Him to teach you and to stretch you through giving. If you have not yet done so, ask Him to show you a specific amount that He wants you to commit to the ministry of Oasis. Plead with Him to show you the vision and the plans He has for you. And if His plans are not in line with *your* plans, make the adjustments necessary to align with Him. Trust Him. He is faithful.

Finally, as with everything in our ministry as a church, in the area of finances we will remain flexible according to how the Holy Spirit leads us and directs us throughout the year. That is why we always call it a “working budget”, because we want to leave room for the potential of sudden growth and change. Let's commit to walk through this year with great expectation and FAITH in God's plan for our lives!

A Commitment to Make Consistent Offerings is a Declaration of Worship

As with any commitment we make, it is always a good idea to have healthy reminders now and then regarding our giving, which then serve to encourage us to press on and trust God with what we have believed in Him to provide. Throughout 2009 we will communicate either by email news or by a printed newsletter the updates and present standings of the vision for the church and how we stand financially.

My prayer for all of us this month is that we will take a very serious look at this aspect of our worship. Worship, by its very definition, is sacrifice. It is no secret throughout the Bible that God uses our finances and our offerings to accomplish His purposes in the world and in the church—subsequently He uses our finances and our offerings to accomplish a great work in us, as individuals and as families. Many people do not realize the fact that worship and giving are directly linked to one another. If your worship has felt empty, cold, or distant, then one place to begin searching for the answer to *why* is in your giving. *How am I trusting God and pouring into His work through the church?* That is a very good place to start.

Likewise, if you have desired to grow and mature in your faith and understanding of God, but you feel like you aren't getting anywhere, a very good place to start in discovering *why* is in a simple question about your giving. *How am I trusting God and pouring into His work through the church?*

Radical faith is needed in 2009. I know that we love Jesus. And I know that our greatest desire is to glorify Him in all we do. Let's commit together in the spirit of Romans 12:4-5. *We are one body with many different members. But all are individually members of one another.* What this means is that everything you do directly affects me and everything I do directly affects you, whether positive or negative. That is what it means to be joined to a body.

So my challenge to all of us is this. Pray. Meditate. Then step in faith and make a commitment. And finally, keep your commitment regardless of what may come.

Pray for God to give you wisdom, and for God to increase our faith and our means and our generosity. Then meditate (reflect, consider, evaluate). Meditate on your own giving, your own faith. Then step out and trust Him by making a commitment. Finally—and this is the toughest part, but it is absolutely necessary for maturity to come—keep your commitment regardless of what may come. Uncertainty. Tough times. Adversity. Blessing. Prosperous times. In all times we must be diligent to keep our commitment. King Solomon gives us this wisdom in Ecclesiastes 4:4, *"When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow."* It is impossible to please God if we do not keep our commitments.

When we are each individually following these same principles, then the church as one body is built stronger and stronger.

I love you Oasis. Thank you for your partnership in bringing the Gospel to Meigs County.

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Oasis Facts

Related to Tithes & Offerings

- During the past 3 months we have had an average of 62 people in Oasis Sunday gatherings
- The lowest attended Sunday in the past 3 months had 33 people in attendance
- The highest attended Sunday in the past 3 months had 87 people in attendance
 - Approximately 26 of the people in attendance are under the age of 18
 - Approximately 17 of the people in attendance are under the age of 12
 - Approximately 19 of the people in attendance are between ages 18-35
 - Approximately 17 of the people in attendance are over the age of 35
- Of the avg. 62 people in attendance, there are approximately 21 different family units who regularly attend Oasis
- In June of 2008, 18 families turned in Membership Agreements and indicated their commitment to Oasis as their church home.
- In November of 2007, 14 people (or families) turned in *Faith Commitment* cards, which totaled \$43,000.00 to be committed in tithes and offerings for the year 2008.
- In 2008 we received just over \$42,500.00 in tithes and offerings
- In 2008 our average weekly offering was \$818.00.

Some Things to Consider

- In Meigs County:
 - The average household income in the year 2004 was \$28,859.00
 - The average family income in the year 2004 was \$33,000.00
 - The median of those two figures is \$30,929.00
- If Oasis reflects the demographics of Meigs County:
 - \$30,929.00 – 10% (tithe) = \$3,092.90
 - If all 18 members of Oasis committed to tithe a minimum of 10%, then $\$3,092.90 \times 18 = \$55,672.20$ would be the minimum of 2009 offering totals (“minimum” because it would not consider growth and additional giving throughout the year)
 - If all 18 members of Oasis committed to tithe a minimum of 10%, then the weekly offerings would be at least \$1,070.62
- Some additional concrete figures to help various families who desire to start a commitment to give
 - If your family committed to tithe 10% of each paycheck, then here is what your offerings would be
 - If your household income is:
 - \$25,000.00 → \$48.00 per week, \$208.00 per month
 - \$40,000.00 → \$77.00 per week, \$333.00 per month
 - \$50,000.00 → \$96.00 per week, \$416.00 per month
 - \$75,000.00 → \$144.00 per week, \$625.00 per month

Looking at the Numbers Even More Practically

- According to ChurchBiz Online, a website that provides statistics for churches to see where they stand in relation to average congregations in similar populations of the country, the average church of 65 people (men, women, and children of all ages) will give roughly \$65,000.00 in tithes and offerings during the year, which comes to \$1,000.00 per person for the year.
- We have typically 18-20 families who attend Oasis gatherings weekly, with approximately 62 people in attendance.
- If we compare to the average rural church in America, we could expect an offering total of \$62,000.00 on the year.
- Our church budget for 2009 is \$60,071.46.
- \$60,000.00 is just a little less than \$1000.00 per person; it is \$80 per person per month; it is \$18 per person per week.
- Lets look at it one more way, in relationship to the number of adults (or people with regular income) at Oasis
 - For 35 people with income, \$60,000.00 is \$1,715 per person (yearly giving)
 - \$1,715 is \$143 per month
 - \$1,715 is \$33 per week
- Practically speaking, if 35 people gave \$33 per week, we would easily meet the 2009 budget

Will you take part in God's vision for Oasis by partnering with us in 2009?



Faith Commitment 2009

Complete and keep this page for your own record and to be a reminder of your faith commitment.

Because I/we desire to be faithful to God's Word in the stewardship of my/our finances, and because I/we believe in the mission of God through Oasis in Meigs County, I/we have made a faith commitment, a promise, to give of the "first-fruits" of my/our earnings to God by supporting the ministry of Oasis. Having prayerfully considered this, I/we have decided to commit the following amount for 2009:

_____ in weekly offering

<OR>

_____ every two weeks offering

<OR>

_____ in monthly offering

Our projected total household offering for the year 2009 is:

Date _____