

**Proceedings of the 2013 Spring Session
Moark Presbytery of General Baptist**

The purpose of the MoArk Presbytery is to assist the Churches of MoArk Association by providing and maintaining standards of ordination for those who minister within our body and to ensure that there are adequate opportunities of ministry training and leadership development made available for members of the Presbytery.

March 22, 2013

Attendance 73

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kennett General Baptist Church. Welcome by Bro. Frank Brown, deacon. Congregational singing led by Bro. Kenneth Hargrave accompanied by Sis. Lisa Hargrave. Devotional and prayer by Moderator Bro. Todd Milburn. The moderator called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2014 – Charles Richardson
Vice Moderator 2014 – Mark Walker
Clerk/Treasure 2014- Danny Dortch
Assistant Clerk 2014 – Mark Book

Appointed by the Moderator

See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2013 – Shawn Parker
Parliamentarian 2013 – Bryan Johnson
Finance Committee 2013 – Frank Brown, Lavone Smart and Mark Walker
Resolutions Committee 2012 – Jeff Smart, Dale Walker and Mark Book

Correspondence

Kennett requested that Bro. John Kruger be dropped from the Presbytery roll. Granted
Kennett requested that Bro. Jeff Bralley be dropped from the Presbytery roll. Granted
Sunnyvale requested that Bro. Bob Taylor and Bro J. C. Venable be placed on the honorary deacon's roll.
Granted

Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to perform an informal audit annually of the financial records submitted by the clerk/treasurer of the Presbytery.

**Moark Presbytery
2012 Finance Report**

Balance as of 1/1/12		3081.33
Receipts (Dues) 2011		721.00
Bethany	21.00	
Blue Cane	7.00	
Blue Cross	21.00	
Call's Chapel	21.00	
Campbell	42.00	
Cappadocia	14.00	

Corning	14.00	
Forest Grove	14.00	
Grace United	35.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	63.00	
Hopewell	21.00	
Johnson's Chap	21.00	
Kennett	28.00	
Lynn Oak	35.00	
Malden 1st	70.00	
Maple Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	14.00	
Morris Chapel	0.00	
Mt. Zion	7.00	
Open Door	7.00	
Piggott	35.00	
Rector	70.00	
South Canaan	14.00	
Southaven Comm.	7.00	
Stanfield	35.00	
Sunnyvale	28.00	
Trailer's Chapel	35.00	
Union Home	14.00	
BALANCE		3802.33
EXPENSE		
Check # 1021	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2012)	200.00
Check # 1022	Moark Ass'n (Web site 2013)	150.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2012		3452.33

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved we give the officers of the Presbytery a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be it resolved we pay our Clerk \$200.00 for his services.
3. Be it resolved that we read only the report of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee and not the request from the candidate.
4. Be it resolved that we ask each church to pay \$7.00 dues for each ordained member of the presbytery, payable to the presbytery.
5. Be it resolved that the Resolutions and Finance Committees be appointed 6 months in advance by the incoming moderator at the fall presbytery.
6. Be it resolved that incoming moderator appoint a reading clerk and a parliamentarian in advance of the spring presbytery.
7. Be it resolved that in light of current circumstances we encourage our pastors to lead our churches to conduct special prayer services for our nation and its leaders on at least two occasions during the coming year.
8. Be it resolved that the presbytery pay one half of the cost of Moark's web site.

First reading, March 22, 2013, of purposed change to article 18 of the constitution which will eliminate the August meeting of the presbytery. Second reading will be at the August 16, 2013 meeting. A vote is expected

to be taken at the March 21, 2014. Article 18 will then read: The spring sitting of the Presbytery will be on Friday Night at 7.00 P.M., before the fourth Sunday in March. The exception being when Easter falls on the fourth Sunday we will meet on Friday night before the third Sunday.

REPORT OF THE DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee is to examine all candidates coming into the MoArk Presbytery as members and assure that all credentials are maintained in accord with the guidelines expressed both in the Constitution of the MoArk Association and Presbytery and as noted in the Policy Manual of the Doctrine and Credential’s Committee. For more details see the D & C Manual available online at www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org

A report from the Doctrine and Credentials Committee on the following individuals was read and the following action was taken:

Spring 2013

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Piggott	Chris Brantley	Membership M	Granted
Trailer’s Chapel	Loran Johnson	License M	Granted

Bro. David Blalock was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.
 Bro. Steve McElwrath was elected to fill the term of Bro. Jeff Bralley on the Doc. and Cred. Committee.

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- [2018] David Blalock, 613 Stevenson St. Malden, MO 63863 [573]276-5823
- [2017] Marston Carpenter, 140 Ballard St. Rector, Ar 72461
- [2016] Steve McElwrath 3501 Biscayne, Kennett, MO 63857 [573]888-6492
- [2015] James Hamlett, 1000 County Hwy 246, Parma, MO [573]396-5606
- [2014] Kenneth Hargrave, P.O. 243, Rector, Ar 72461 [870]595-4933

The Doctrine & Credentials committee recommended that in the next three years [2011, 2012, and 2013] we transition our requirements for ministers and deacons to the Lamp Leadership Program through the Pastoral Ministries Dept. at Poplar Bluff. This will be more effective for each candidate and this committee and the books will be more accessible. Deacons should complete the Basic Course 100 series and ministers should complete series 100, 200 and 300. Motion and second to accept. Granted

Worship Service

Congregational singing. Message by Bro. Mark Walker. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Marston Carpenter.

MOARK MINISTERS HOME STUDY BOOKS

List of books for required reading and reporting to the mentor assigned by the Doctrine and Credential’s Committee.

Ministers Books

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| 1. The Heart of Hebrew History | Hester |
| 2. The Heart of New Testament History | Hester |
| 3. Christ Tasted Death for Every Man | Randy Mills |
| 4. General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook | |
| 5. Why a Sermon Outline | James Dortch |
| 6. What About God | James Dortch |
| 7. The Master Plan of Evangelism | Coleman |
| 8. Basic Principles of Biblical Counseling | Larry Cobb |
| 9. The Purpose Driven Church | Rick Warren |
| 10. The God of Our Fathers | Craig Shull |

All of these books are to be purchased for the individual's personal library with the exception of the "General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook" which is a gift from the Presbytery.

Deacon's Books

1. Now That You Are A Deacon Foshee
2. General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook
3. Study the By-Laws and Constitution of the Moark Presbytery and Association
4. Partners in Ministry (video series)

HONORARY MINISTERS

LICENSED MINISTERS

Loran Johnson

HONORARY DEACON

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, MO 63863
Virgil Blansett, Rt. 1 Box 134, Senath, MO 63876
Morris Bradley, 1701 Merritt, Malden, MO 63863
R.L. Hill, 501 N. 2nd St. Marmaduke, AR 72443
Mabrey Loafman, 42802 State Hwy H, Campbell, MO 63933
Orville Nelson, 43749 County Rd. 119, Malden, MO 63863
Delano Sandefer
Bob Taylor, 17002 South Co. Circle Drive, Bernie, MO 63822
Jay C. Venable, 39623 Kent Blvd, Malden, MO 63863
Garland White, 1104 Stokelan Dr. Malden, MO 63863

MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESS

Darren Baker, 102 Meadow Ct. Puxico, MO 63960
Devon Black, Campbell, MO 63933
Mark Book, 541 W Lakewood Dr. Piggott, AR 72454
Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd. Piggott, AR 72454
Chris Brantley, 614S. Garfield Street, Piggott, AR 72454
Kenny Burns, 604 E. 4th St. Rector, AR 72461
Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, AR 7261
Marston Carpenter, 140 Ballard, Rector, AR 72461
Jack Cole, 1129 W. North St. Piggott, AR 72454
Jim Cowsert, 203 Beckwith, Malden, MO 63836
Don Dingus, 2800 Trowbridge Dr. Paragould, AR 72450
Randy Dalton, 2329 Cr 347, Piggott, AR 72454
Anthony Dowdy, Rector, AR
Otis Dunn
Harold Fisk, 4913 Guy St. Paragould, AR 72450
Donnie Gregory, 166 Fawn Cove, Hernando, MS 38632
Martin Goode, 106 Gregory St. Malden, MO 63863
Kenneth Hargrave, PO Box 243, Rector, AR 72461
George Haygood, PO Box 173, Marmaduke, AR 72443
Jim Hillyer, 1794 CR 730, Jonesboro, AR 72401
Denver Jackson, 2548 St. Hwy. 153, Parma, MO 63879
Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd. 102, Campbell, MO 63933
Ryan Mason, 108 Pinecrest, Paragould, AR 72450
Todd Milburn, 2575 State Hwy F, Cardwell, MO 63829
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4th Ave. Piggott, AR 72454

Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454
Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29th St. Paragould, AR 72450
Mike Scott, 919 W. 4th, Rector, AR 72461
Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, AR 72430
Shane Stovall, 415 West Highland St., Paragould, AR 72450
Mark Trout
James Turner, 109 S. Stewart St. Rector, AR 72461
Boyd Wicker, 77 CR 453, Piggott, AR 72454
Davey Winberry, 720 W. Kay, Piggott, AR 72454
Ted Winberry, 376 N Monroe, Piggott, AR 72454
Randol Wiseman, 39414 Kimber Dr. Malden, MO 63863

CONSTITUTION OF MOARK PRESBYTERY

**Last change
March 26, 2010**

1. The Moark Presbytery shall be composed of the ordained ministers and deacons who shall be in good standing with their respective churches. A quorum shall consist of the ministers and deacons representing six (6) or more churches of Moark Association.

2. The Presbytery, when properly organized, shall consist of a moderator, vice moderator, and clerk/treasurer, who shall be chosen by the affirmative vote of the members present. The moderator, vice moderator, clerk/treasurer, and committees appointed by the moderator shall serve for one year after being elected in the spring session of the Presbytery.

A. Moderator

1. Shall keep the Presbytery in order, state all questions fairly, and take the vote thereon.
2. Shall have liberty of speech as other members provided his seat be filled,
3. Shall have no vote unless it be in case of a tie, in which case he may cast the deciding vote.
4. Shall appoint all committees unless directed otherwise by the body. (Board members are to be elected.)
5. Shall be responsible for the program of the Presbytery, such as speaker, music and anything else he deems necessary.

6. Shall serve as a member of the Association's Executive Board.

B Vice Moderator

The duty of the vice moderator shall be to serve as moderator automatically, if for any reason the moderator is unable to serve

C. Clerk/Treasurer

1. Shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings.
2. Shall keep financial records of all receipts and disbursements.
3. Shall submit the financial records for an informal audit annually by whomever the Presbytery selects for this task.

4. Shall serve as a member of the Association's Executive Board.

3. There shall be a board composed of five (5) men for (5) year terms, one being replaced each year at the spring presbytery, for the Purpose of examining ministers and deacons and shall serve as the Doctrine and Credentials committee. They shall be available to give guidance and help to members of this body in any matter involving personal or church affairs. Ministers and deacons are to be examined before the sitting of each Presbytery.

4. No officer or board member shall serve on more than one board at a time or more than five (5) consecutive years on any one board or in any office of this presbytery. Exception being the clerk-treasure is not limited to the (5) consecutive years.

5. All ministers and deacons desiring membership into our fellowship from other Presbyteries shall be required to furnish a letter of request from his church, a letter of recommendation from his Presbytery and be recommended by the Doctrine and Credentials Committee after they have examined him as to his moral financial and' educational qualifications. If he is found to be deficient in the educational requirements of Moark Presbytery he shall be required to meet the standards before he be received as a member of this Presbytery. We shall receive no minister or deacon into our fellowship who has been excluded from any Presbytery or conference for immoral conduct unless he has made an honest effort to make reconciliation with the offended Presbytery or conference.

6. When a church has a minister or deacon whom they wish dropped from the Presbytery roll, they shall send a written request to the Presbytery requesting that his name be dropped.

7. Any member of this body shall have the right to request a committee be appointed to investigate any improper conduct of a member of this Presbytery as to morals, doctrinal teaching, belief, or social image.

8. Moark Presbytery will not ordain or receive into membership anyone who does not believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

9. In the event that a candidate for licensing, membership, or ordination has been married and divorced, special consideration will be given to his examination. All sin being equal, divorce and remarriage prior to conversion are forgiven as is all other sins. If the divorce occurs after one's conversion each case must be investigated and decided upon its own issues and merits, and only then will any recommendation be made to the clerk for further action by the entire body of the presbytery. (Other qualifications of the Presbytery must be met.)

10. Churches having prospective candidates for office of deacon should send them to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within 30 days of their being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. They should place them in their church to serve in this capacity for at least six (6) months prior to making the request for ordination, except that they are not to serve communion and they are to complete the Moark Home Study Course. Any church desiring the ordination of a deacon shall make formal request to the presbytery for its approval. If the Presbytery approves, he MAY be ordained at that setting. **If the local church so request, he may be ordained at the local church.**

11. Churches having prospective candidates for Licensing of a Minister should send their candidate to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within thirty 30 days of being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. He will then be sent to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee for licensing at the next regular session of the Moark Presbytery and his license may be renewed each year as necessary until he has met the necessary requirements for ordination. He should appear before the Doctrine and Credentials Committee on an annual basis for encouragement and examination of his progress. We will ordain a licentiate that has been called into the ministry of the gospel providing he has met the requirements of the presbytery.

12. Each candidate for ordination shall be voted on separately by the Presbytery.

13. Each member of the Presbytery shall pay a membership fee annually.

14. If any member is found teaching or practicing the alien doctrine of "a second definite work of grace" or that of "speaking in tongues," he shall be investigated by the moderator and clerk, and if grounds be true, the person shall be asked by the Presbytery at the next meeting to resign his offices in a General Baptist church and to return his credentials to the body. If he refuses to do so, he shall that day be charged and cited to trial at the next session of the Presbytery.

15. Any member or group of members of this body must seek the approval, guidance, and cooperation of the Moark Home Mission Board before starting a new mission work in the Moark area.

16. We agree to do all business by a majority vote except reception of new members or changing this constitution. A three-fourths majority vote of the members voting shall be required to receive members and change the constitution, if any member becomes dissatisfied with any part of this constitution or with the Statements of Faith. He shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal if he is in fellowship with his own church. If he remains a member and his dissatisfaction becomes irreconcilable, he shall be subject to dismissal.

17. This body shall be guided by the General Baptist Doctrine and Usage and Worker's Handbook where no rules are found within the framework of this constitution.

18. The spring sitting of the Presbytery will be on Friday Night at 7.00 P.M., before the fourth Sunday in March. The fall sitting will be the Friday Night before the third Sunday in August at 7:00 p.m.

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION SERVICE

1. The candidates be assembled in a special place
2. The charge be given to the candidates.
3. The presbytery body be called to encircle the candidates.
4. Singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
5. Conclude with prayer of dedication during which the Presbytery members shall be called to lay hands on the candidates.
6. Opportunity be given to the entire congregation to congratulate the newly ordained ones.

ORDINATION SONG "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Presbytery clerk- Danny Dortch, 1981 Greene 807 Rd. Rector, Ar 72461 email dandortch@gmail.com

LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED

March 2013 Total membership 121

Corrections to this list should be addressed with a letter to the presbytery.

BETHANY

DEACONS

Mabrey Loafman (H)

Lannie Blake

R. J. Riddle

MINISTERS

Bryan Johnson

BLUE CANE

DEACONS

Danny Dortch

MINISTERS

BLUE CROSS

DEACONS

Gerald Gregory

MINISTERS

George Haygood

CALLS CHAPEL

DEACONS

MINISTERS

James Turner

CAMPBELL

DEACONS

Bill Willis

Jim Hampton

Milton Ladyman

Coy Penrod

Scott Blackburn

MINISTERS

Darren Baker

Jack Cole

CORNING

DEACONS

Doug Fowler

MINISTERS

Don Dingus

FOREST GROVE

DEACONS

John Prince

Mike Matheny

MINISTERS

Todd Milburn

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Wells

MINISTERS

Royce Schanda

Harold Fisk

Shane Stovall

Mark Walker

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book

Ted Winberry

HITTS CHAPEL

DEACONS

Linuel Tate

Jerry Causey

Preston Davis

Mike Lambert

Rex Smart

Mark Crawford

MINISTERS

Charles Richardson

Shawn Parker

Ryan Mason

Mark Book

Kim Hellebusch

HOPEWELL

DEACONS

Don Poole

Houston Fry

MINISTERS

Boyd Wicker

JOHNSON CHAPEL

DEACONS

Virgil Blancett (H)

Tommy Joe Harris

Virgil Lee Blancett

Brian Hufford

MINISTERS

Lavone Smart

KENNETT

DEACONS

Frank Brown

Dan Carlisle

J. D. Ferrell

Steve McElwarth

MINISTERS

LYNN OAK

DEACONS

Sam Richardson Jr.

Carol Blanton

Jim Richardson
Connie Nuckles
Kenny Wilson
J. T. Moody

MINISTERS
Randol Wiseman

MALDEN FIRST

DEACONS

Garland White (H)
Orville Nelson (H)
Kent Luke
David Blalock
Delano Sandefer (H)
Howard Winberry
Morris Bradley(H)
Lee Bennett
Steve Cook
Chuck Provance
Wayne Blalock (H)
Leroy Stracener
Charles Johnson
Doug Geohagan
Tommy McCoin
Jon Johnson
James Odom
Ronnie Shipman

MINISTERS
Jonathan Rice
Denver Jackson

MAPLE GROVE

DEACONS

MINISTERS
Jim Cowsert

MARMADUKE

DEACONS

Thomas McCrory

MINISTERS
Kenneth Hargrave

MORRIS CHAPEL

DEACONS

MINISTERS

MT. ZION

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Martin Goode

OPEN DOOR

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Kenny Burns

PIGGOTT

DEACONS

James Featherston

Jim Poole

Trent Holcomb

Rick Haywood

MINISTERS

RECTOR

DEACONS

Jim Mabrey

Buell Shelton

R.L. Hill (H)

Jeff Smart

Stephen Dement

Lowell McKinney

Mike Dowdy

MINISTER

Ron Byrd

Randy Dalton

Marston Carpenter

Mike Scott

Anthony Dowdy

SOUTH CANAAN

DEACONS

Steve Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Devon Black

SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY

DEACONS

Donnie Coker

Mike Maine

MINISTERS

Don Gregory

STANFIELD

DEACONS

Carroll Randolph

Bobby Grissom

Junior Hargraves

Joe Woolverton

MINISTERS

SUNNYVALE

DEACONS

J.C. Venable[H]

Glen Baugas

Bob Taylor[H]

Mike Elder

Gene Laferney

MINISTERS

James Hamlett

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