

## **Proceedings of the 2014 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 21, 2014**

Attendance 132

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Malden 1st General Baptist Church. Welcome by the moderator Bro. Charles Richardson. The moderator led the Presbytery in special prayer for Bro. James Turner, who was diagnosed with cancer this week. Congregational singing led by the Malden Church Praise Band The moderator called the meeting to order.

### **Visitors**

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

### **Business Elected Officers**

Moderator 2015 – Mark Walker  
Vice Moderator 2015 – Bryan Johnson  
Clerk/Treasure 2015 - Danny Dortch  
Assistant Clerk 2015 – Mark Book

### **Appointed by the Moderator**

Prior to the meeting. See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2014 – Mark Book  
Parliamentarian 2014 – Bryan Johnson  
Finance Committee 2014 – Kenny Burns, Jeff Smart and James Turner  
Resolutions Committee 2014 – Randol Wiseman, Kim Hellebusch and Don Gregory

### **First item of business was action on the proposed change to article 18 of the Constitution.**

First reading was March 22, 2013, of the proposed change to article 18 of the constitution which will **eliminate the August meeting** of the presbytery. Second reading was at the August 16, 2013 meeting. A vote was taken at the March 21, 2014 meeting to change Article 18 to 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.

**Motion and second to accept this change. The vote was unanimous.**

In response: If the presbytery body votes to eliminate the fall meeting we, [Doc. and Cred Committee] recommend the following: In order to continue to ordain in a timely fashion the Doctrine and Credentials Committee be given the authority to approve the ordination of deacons and ministers. This will be in co-operation with the Moderator and sending Church unless they choose to wait until the Spring sitting. Any ordination held other than in the spring would be at the sending church. The Doctrine and Credentials committee would also be given authority to receive new incoming ministers and deacons. Respectfully submitted, David Blalock, Steve McElwrath, Kenneth Hargrave, Marston Carpenter, and James Hamlett

**Motion and second to accept this recommendation. The vote was unanimous.**

This will be printed below the Purpose Statement of the Doc. & Cred. Committee.

### **Correspondence**

Malden requested that Bro. Jonathan Rice be dropped from the Presbytery roll. Granted  
Rector requested that Bro. Jim Mabrey be dropped from the Presbytery roll. Granted  
Grace United requested that Bro. Jim Kersey be placed on the Honorary Deacon roll. Granted

Malden 1<sup>st</sup> requested that Bro. James Odom and Bro. Ronnie Shipman be dropped from the Presbytery 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 2013 Finance Report

Balance as of 1/1/13		3452.33
Bethany	21.00	
Blue Cane	7.00	
Blue Cross	21.00	
Call's Chapel	7.00	
Campbell	56.00	
Corning	14.00	
Forest Grove	21.00	
Grace United	28.00	
Gravel Hill	28.00	
Hitt's Chapel	63.00	
Hopewell	21.00	
Johnson's Chap	28.00	
Kennett	28.00	
Lynn Oak	35.00	
Malden 1st	119.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	14.00	
Morris Chapel	0.00	
Mt. Zion	7.00	
Open Door	7.00	
Piggott	42.00	
Rector	63.00	
South Canaan	14.00	
Southaven Comm.	0.00	
Stanfield	28.00	
Sunnyvale	28.00	
Trailer's Chapel	28.00	
Union Home	14.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS DUES		749.00
BALANCE		4201.33
EXPENSE		
Check # 1024	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2013)	200.00
Check # 1023	Stinson Press (Certificates)	18.11
Check # 1025	Moark Ass'n (Web site 2013)	150.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013		3983.22

#### 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 **prior to the presbytery meeting by the incoming moderator.**

6. Be it resolved that a reading clerk and a parliamentarian be appointed **prior to the presbytery meeting by the incoming moderator.**

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.

**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](http://www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org)

**Added as voted in on March 21, 2014**

If there is a need between the spring settings of the presbytery, the Doctrine and Credentials Committee is given the authority to approve the ordination of deacons and ministers. This will be in co-operation with the Moderator and sending Church unless they choose to wait until the Spring sitting. Any ordination held other than in the spring would be at the sending church. The Doctrine and Credentials committee would also be given authority to receive new incoming ministers and deacons.

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

**Spring 2014**

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Rector	Brad Gilbert	Membership M	Granted
Malden 1 <sup>st</sup>	Brandon Gough	Ordain M	Granted
Southaven	Brian Misel	Ordain D	Granted
Southaven	Danny Holley	Ordain D	Granted

Bro. Misel and Bro. Holley will be ordained at their church on Sunday March 30.

Bro. Todd Milburn was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.

**DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

- [2019] Todd Milburn, 46 Sundale Paragould, AR 72450 [870]476-1680
- [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]990-7253

**Ordination Service**

Congregational singing led by Malden’s Praise Band. Charge given by Bro. Denver Jackson. Singing of ordination song led by Bro. Bryan Johnson. Laying on of hands and prayer at the alter. The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended by the congregation. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted

**MOARK MINISTERS REQUIRED STUDY COURSE**

The Lamp Leadership Program series 100, 200 and 300

**MOARK DEACON’S REQUIRED STUDY COURSE**

The Lamp Leadership Coures 100

**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](mailto:dandortch@gmail.com)

**HONORARY MINISTERS**

**LICENSED MINISTERS**

**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  
James Kersey, 312 Shane Dr. Paragould, AR 72450  
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, 407 E. Grand Ave Campbell, MO 63933  
Mark Book, 541 W Lakewood Dr. Piggott, AR 72454  
Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd. Piggott, AR 72454  
Chris Brantley, 614 S. Garfield Street, Piggott, AR 72454  
Kenny Burns, 604 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rector, AR 72461  
Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, AR 7261  
Marston Carpenter, 140 N Ballard, Rector, AR 72461  
Stewart-Allen Clark, 601 Barrett Dr, Malden, MO 63863  
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  
Bradley Gilbert, 519 McNabb St., Rector, AR 72461  
Donnie Gregory, 166 Fawn Cove, Hernando, MS 38632  
Martin Goode, 106 Gregory St. Malden, MO 63863  
Brandon Gough, 18401 St. Hwy J, 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  
Loran Johnson, PO Box 47, Pollard, AR 72456  
Ryan Mason, 108 Pinecrest, Paragould, AR 72450

Todd Milburn, 46 Sundale, Paragould, AR 72450  
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Piggott, AR 72454  
Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454  
Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, AR 72450  
Mike Scott, 919 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 in bold print**

**March 21, 2014**

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 exception being when Easter falls on the fourth Sunday we will meet on Friday night before the third Sunday.**

**LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED**

March 2014      Total membership 124

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

Davey Winberry

**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

William Sabin

MINISTERS

Todd Milburn

**GRACE UNITED**

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Kersey {H}

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

Marston Carpenter

**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

MINISTERS

Stewart-Allen Clark

Denver Jackson

Brandon Gough

**MAPLE GROVE**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Jim Cowsert

**MARMADUKE**

DEACONS

Thomas McCroy

MINISTERS

Kenneth Hargrave

**MORRIS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

**MT. ZION**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Martin Goode

**OPEN DOOR**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Kenny Burns

**PIGGOTT**

DEACONS

James Featherson

Jim Poole

Trent Holcomb

Rick Haywood

MINISTERS

Chris Brantley

**RECTOR**

DEACONS

Buell Shelton

Jeff Smart

Stephen Dement

Lowell Mckinney

Mike Dowdy

MINISTER

Bradley Gilbert

Ron Byrd

Randy Dalton

Mike Scott

Anthony Dowdy

**SOUTH CANAAN**

DEACONS

Steve Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Devon Black

**SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY**

DEACONS

Donnie Coker

Mike Maine

Brian Misel

Danny Holley

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

Otis Dunn

**TRAILORS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

Gerald Runyon

MINISTERS

Loran Johnson

James Hillyer

Mark Trout

**UNION HOME**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Futrell Butler