

**Proceedings of the 2015 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 20, 2015

Attendance 55

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany General Baptist Church. Welcome and prayer by the pastor Bro Bryan Johnson. The moderator called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2016 – Bryan Johnson
Vice Moderator 2016 – Mike Scott
Clerk/Treasure 2016 - Danny Dortch
Assistant Clerk 2016 – Mark Book

Appointed by the Moderator

Prior to the meeting. See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2015– Mark Book
Parliamentarian 2015 – Bryan Johnson
Finance Committee 2015 – Lavon Smart, Davey Winberry and Brian Hufford
Resolutions Committee 2015 – Brad Gilbert, Steve Grimes and Charles Richardson

Correspondence

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 2014 Finance Report		
Balance as of 1/1/14		3983.22
Receipts (Dues) 2014		707.00
Bethany	21.00	
Blue Cane	7.00	
Blue Cross	14.00	
Call's Chapel	21.00	
Campbell	42.00	
Corning	14.00	
Forest Grove	28.00	
Grace United	14.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	63.00	
Hopewell	21.00	
Johnson's Chap	28.00	

Kennett	28.00	
Lynn Oak	35.00	
Malden 1st	112.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	14.00	
Morris Chapel	0.00	
Mt. Zion	7.00	
Open Door	7.00	
Piggott	28.00	
Rector	63.00	
South Canaan	14.00	
Southaven Comm.	7.00	
Stanfield	28.00	
Sunnyvale	35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	28.00	
Union Home	00.00	
BALANCE		4662.22
EXPENSE		
Check # 1026	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2014)	200.00
Check # 1025	Moark Ass'n (Web site 2014)	150.00
Check # 1027	Stinson Press – Deacon cards	12.98
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014		4327.24

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

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 2015

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Grace United	Josh Carpenter	Membership M	Granted
Corning	Jeff Crain	Membership M	Granted

Bro. Mark Walker was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- [2020] Mark Walker
- [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

Worship Service

Congregational singing led by Bro. Kenneth Hargrave accompanied by Sis. Lisa Hargrave at the piano. Prayer and message by Bro. Todd Milburn. 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 Courses 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

HONORARY MINISTERS

LICENSED MINISTERS

HONORARY DEACON

- Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, MO 63863
- Virgil Blansett, Rt. 1 Box 134, Senath, MO 63876
- Mabrey Loafman, 42802 State Hwy H, Campbell, MO 63933
- Orville Nelson, 43749County 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 AveCampbell, 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. 4th St. Rector, AR 72461
 Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, AR 7261
 Josh Carpenter, 1000N. 75th St. Paragould, AR 72450
 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
 Jeff Crain
 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 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
 Mark Walker,
 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 it's 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 2015 Total membership 123

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

Brandon Gough

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

Jeff Crain
Don Dingus

FOREST GROVE

DEACONS

John Prince
Mike Matheny
William Sabin

MINISTERS

Todd Milburn

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

MINISTERS

Josh Carperter

Royce Schanda

Harold Fisk

Shane Stovall

Mark Walker

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book

Ted Winberry

Randy Daulton

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

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
Lee Bennett
Steve Cook
Chuck Provance
Wayne Blalock (H)
Leroy Stracener
Charles Johnson
Doug Geohagan

Tommy McCain
Jon Johnson

MINISTERS
Stewart-Allen Clark
Denver Jackson

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
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