

**Proceedings of the 2016 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 18, 2016**

Attendance 106

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grace United General Baptist Church. Opening song Victory in Jesus. Welcome by the moderator Bro Bryan Johnson. Prayer and welcome by pastor Bro. Josh Carpenter. The moderator called the meeting to order.

**Visitors**

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business  
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2017 – Mike Scott  
Vice Moderator 2017 – Jeff Crain  
Clerk/Treasure 2017 - Danny Dortch  
Assistant Clerk 2017 – Mark Book

**Appointed by the Moderator**

Prior to the meeting. See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2016– Mark Book  
Parliamentarian 2016 – Kenneth Hargrave  
Finance Committee 2016 – Kim Hellebusch, Jeff Smart and William Sabin  
Resolutions Committee 2016 – Todd Milburn, Mark Walker and R. J. Riddle

**Correspondence**

Bro.Devon Black has joined Western Union Presbytery and request that his name be remove from Moark roll. Granted

Johnson’s Chapel request that Bro. Tommy Joe Harris be placed on the Honorary Deacon roll. Granted

Forest Grove request that Bro. John Prince be removed from Moark roll since he has resigned as deacon. 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 2015 Finance Report		
Balance as of 1/1/15		4327.24
Receipts (Dues) 2015		714.00
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	28.00	
Gravel Hill	28.00	

Hitt's Chapel	63.00	
Hopewell	21.00	
Johnson's Chap	28.00	
Kennett	21.00	
Lynn Oak	35.00	
Malden 1st	105.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	14.00	
Morris Chapel	0.00	
Mt. Zion	7.00	
Open Door	7.00	
Piggott	28.00	
Rector	56.00	
South Canaan	00.00	
Southaven Comm.	21.00	
Stanfield	35.00	
Sunnyvale	35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	28.00	
Union Home	0.00	
BALANCE		5041.24
EXPENSE		
Check # 1029	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2015)	200.00
Check # 1028	Moark Ass'n (Web site 2015)	150.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015		4691.24

#### **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](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 2016**

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Grace United	Shannon Jackson	Ordain D	Granted
	Bill Hatton	Ordain D	Granted
	Brian Brown	Ordain D	Granted
	Jonah Carpenter	License M	Granted
	Jacob Richardson	License M	Granted
	Tyler Feller	License M	Granted
Corning	Don Herrin	Ordain D	Granted
	Service will be at Corning April 10, 2016 at 2:00pm		
Call's Chapel	Jerry Carnett	License M	Granted
Walnut Corner	Wayne Simpson	Membership D	Granted
	Lawrence Tedder	Membership D	Granted

Bro. James Featherston was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.

**DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

- [2021] James Featherston
- [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

**Ordination Worship Service**

Congregational singing. Prayer and charge to the deacons by Bro Jeff Crain. Laying on of hands by the ordained with a prayer of consecration. Singing of ordination song and Christian hand of fellowship extended to the candidates by the congregation. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted. Dismissed with prayer.

**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**

Jerry Carnett  
Jonah Carpenter

Tyler Feller  
Jacob Richardson

#### **HONORARY DEACON**

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, MO 63863  
Virgil Blansett, Rt. 1 Box 134, Senath, MO 63876  
Tommy Joe Harris  
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  
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  
Josh Carpenter, 1000N. 75<sup>th</sup> 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, 547 Greene Rd 620, Paragould, AR 72450  
Don Dingus, 2800 Trowbridge Dr. Paragould, AR 72450  
Randy Dalton, 2303 Cr 347, Piggott, AR 72454  
Anthony Dowdy, Rector, AR  
Otis Dunn, 200 N. Almar St. Malden, MO 63863  
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  
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 2016 Total membership 120

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 CROSS**

##### **DEACONS**

Gerald Gregory

##### **MINISTERS**

George Haygood

**CALLS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Davey Winberry

**CAMPBELL**

DEACONS

Bill Willis

Jim Hampton

Milton Ladyman

Coy Penrod

Scott Blackburn

MINISTERS

Darren Baker

Jack Cole

**CORNING**

DEACONS

Doug Fowler

Don Herrin

MINISTERS

Jeff Crain

Don Dingus

**FOREST GROVE**

DEACONS

Mike Matheny

William Sabin

MINISTERS

Todd Milburn

**GRACE UNITED**

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Featherston

MINISTERS

Josh Carperter

Royce Schanda

Harold Fisk

Shane Stovall

**GRAVEL HILL**

DEACONS

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book

Ted Winberry

Randy Dalton

**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 [H]

Virgil Lee Blancett

Brian Hufford

MINISTERS

Lavone Smart

**KENNETT**

DEACONS

Dan Carlisle

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 McCoin  
Jon Johnson

**MINISTERS**

Stewart-Allen Clark  
Denver Jackson  
Jim Cowsert

**MAPLE GROVE**

DEACONS

**MINISTERS**

Otis Dunn

**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

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

**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

**TRAILORS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

Gerald Runyon

MINISTERS

Loran Johnson

James Hillyer

Mark Trout

**UNION HOME**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Futrell Butler

**WALNUT CORNER**

DEACONS

Wayne Simpson

Lawrence Tedder

MINISTERS

Mark Walker