

**Proceedings of the 2017 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 24, 2017

Attendance 65

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Recior First General Baptist Church. Welcome by Bro. Lowell Mckenney. Opening song led by Sis. Jennie Essman accompanied by Bro. Andrew Cavaness. Prayer by Bro. Lavon Smart. The moderator called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2018 – Jeff Crain
Vice Moderator 2018 – Marston Carpenter
Clerk/Treasure 2018 - Danny Dortch
Assistant Clerk 2018 – Mark Book

Appointed by the Moderator

Prior to the meeting. See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2017– Shawn Parker
Parliamentarian 2017 – Byran Johnson
Finance Committee 2017 – Lavon Smart, Kenneth Hargrave and Kenny Burns
Resolutions Committee 2017 – Lowell Mckenney, Shannon Jackson and Kim Hellebusch

Correspondence

Bro. Ted Winberry has joined the New Hope Baptist Church in Pollard and request that his name be dropped.
Granted
Forest Grove request that Bro. Mike Matheny be dropped from the roll. Granted
Piggott request that Bro. Trent Holcomb and Bro. Rick Haywood be dropped from the roll. Granted
Rector request that Bro. Brad Gilbert be dropped from the roll. Granted
Malden request that Bro. Jon Johnson, Bro. Tommy McCain, Bro. Denver Jackson be dropped from the roll.
Granted
Malden request that Bro. Charles Johnson be placed on the Honorary 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 2016 Finance Report		
Balance as of 1/1/16		4691.24
Receipts (Dues) 2016		693.00
Bethany	28.00	
Blue Cross	7.00	
Call's Chapel	7.00	
Campbell	42.00	

Corning	21.00	
Forest Grove	21.00	
Grace United	42.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	63.00	
Hopewell	14.00	
Johnson's Chap	35.00	
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	14.00	
Rector	49.00	
South Canaan	7.00	
Southaven Comm.	21.00	
Stanfield	35.00	
Sunnyvale	35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	28.00	
Union Home	7.00	
BALANCE		5384.24
EXPENSE		
Check # 1031	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2016)	200.00
Check # 1030	Moark Ass'n (Web site 2016)	150.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2016		5034.24

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 2017

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Grace United	Tyler Feller	Ordain M	Granted
Lynn Oak	Stephen Watkins	Membership M	Granted
South Canaan	Mark Odle	Membership M	Granted
Walnut Corner	Steve Bolick	License M	Granted
Ordained as Deacons at the Piggott General Baptist Church on Oct. 30, 2016 were:			
Piggott	Darrell McCrillis	Ordain D	Granted
Piggott	Matt Mobley	Ordain D	Granted

Bro. Charles Richardson was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.

A motion and second for the Doctrine and Credentials Committee to review their Policy Manual and recommend updates if needed at the 2018 Presbytery. Granted

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- [2022] Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454 [870]598-3279
- [2021] James Featherston
- [2020] Mark Walker, 245 Greene 800 Rd. Marmaduke, AR 72443 [870]476-1838
- [2019] Todd Milburn, 46 Sundale Paragould, AR 72450 [870]476-1680
- [2018] David Blalock, 613 Stevenson St. Malden, MO 63863 [573]276-5823.

Ordination Worship Service

Congregational singing and special by Sis. Jennie Essman. Prayer and charge to the minister by Bro Josh Carpenter. Laying on of hands by the ordained with a prayer of consecration. Singing of ordination song and Christian hand of fellowship extended to the candidate by the congregation. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Josh Carpenter.

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

HONORARY MINISTERS

LICENSED MINISTERS

Jerry Carnett
Jonah Carpenter
Steve Bolick
Jacob Richardson

HONORARY DEACON

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, MO 63863
Charles Johnson
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. 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, 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. AlmarSt. Malden, MO 63863
Harold Fisk, 4913 Guy St. Paragould, AR 72450
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
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
Mark Odle, 901 Speedway St. Campbell, MO 63933
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
Mark Walker, 245 Greene 800 Rd. Marmaduke, AR 72443
Stephen Watkins, 404 E. Hwy 162, Clarton, MO 63837
Boyd Wicker, 77 CR 453, 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 2017 Total membership 114

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 CROSS

DEACONS

Gerald Gregory

MINISTERS

George Haygood

CALLS CHAPEL

DEACONS

MINISTERS

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

William Sabin

MINISTERS

Todd Milburn

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Featherston

Shannon Jackson

Bill Hatton

Brian Brown

MINISTERS

Josh Carperter

Royce Schanda
Harold Fisk
Shane Stovall

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book

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 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

Stephen Watkins

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[H]
Doug Geohagan

MINISTERS

Stewart-Allen Clark
Jim Cowsert
Brandon Gough

MAPLE GROVE

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Otis Dunn

MARMADUKE

DEACONS

Danny Dortch

MINISTERS

Kenneth Hargrave

MORRIS CHAPEL

DEACONS

MINISTERS

MT. ZION

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Martin Goode

OPEN DOOR

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Kenny Burns

PIGGOTT

DEACONS

Jim Poole

Matt Mobley

Darrell McCrillis

MINISTERS

Chris Brantley

RECTOR

DEACONS

Buell Shelton

Jeff Smart

Stephen Dement

Lowell Mckenney

Mike Dowdy

MINISTER

Mike Scott

Anthony Dowdy

SOUTH CANAAN

DEACONS

Steve Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Mark Odle

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

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