

# Minutes from the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the MoArk Association of General Baptists

When convened March 22, 2014 at Hitts Chapel General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR  
Mark Book, Moderator • Kenny Burns, Vice Moderator  
Lisa Hargrave, Clerk • Bryan Johnson, Assistant Clerk

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## **Minutes of the 2014 MoArk Association**

On Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. the MoArk Association meeting opened with a welcome by the 2014 Moderator, Mark Book. A live feed carried a greeting from Christina Massey, General Baptist Missionary in the Honduras.

The theme of the morning workshops was "Strong and Courageous Kids, Youth, and Churches." Guest presenters included Laurie Wall and Tyler Feller, Genesis Church, and Dr. Franklin Dumond, Director of Congregational Ministries, General Baptist Ministries. At the conclusion of the workshops, the worship message was delivered by Josh Carpenter, Pastor of Risen Church, Dexter, MO.

At the conclusion of the worship service, the noon meal was served by the Hitts Chapel General Baptist Church.

After lunch, the MoArk Memorial Presentation was shown honoring those who passed in 2013.

The 2014 business session was called to order by Moderator, Mark Book. The written reports of the committees of the MoArk Association were reviewed.

- A motion and second was made to accept all written reports excluding the MoArk Missions report. This was carried.
- At the disbanding of the Cappadocia General Baptist Church, the church gave ownership of the building, contents, and property to the MoArk Association. Following the by-laws of the MoArk constitution, a motion and second was made to accept the property. This was carried.
- The MoArk Executive Board recommended to the Association body that the ownership of the Cappadocia General Baptist Church property be given to the congregation of the Hope Community Church, Rector, AR. There was discussion concerning the details of the recommendation. A motion and second was made to accept the recommendation of the MoArk Executive Board. This was carried.

Following the business session, oral reports were given by Roger Levan on Camp Allen, Don Gregory on Arkansas Home Missions, Dr. Franklin Dumond on General Baptist Ministries, and Jim Pratt on behalf of Oakland City University. A motion and second was made to accept each report. Each was carried.

Bro. Mark Book passed the gavel to the incoming moderator, Bro. Kenny Burns. Bro. Burns dismissed the Association in prayer.

## **THE CONSTITUTION OF MOARK ASSOCIATION**

1. This association, when properly organized, shall have a moderator, vice moderator and clerk/treasurer, who shall be chosen by vote of the members present. The duty of the moderator shall be to keep the association in order, state questions fairly, and take the vote; to have liberty of speech as other members provided his seat be filled; to have no vote unless the members be equally divided in which case, he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the vice moderator shall be to serve as moderator, automatically, if for any reason the moderator is unable to serve. The duty of the clerk/treasurer shall be to keep a fair and accurate record of all proceedings of the association and to take care of all association monies for which he/she is assigned responsibility and to give an annual report. A second vice moderator shall be elected along with the other officers to become vice moderator at the end of the session.
2. This association shall be composed of all ordained persons and such delegates as shall be chosen from the churches to represent them in the association.
3. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates. A quorum shall consist of the delegates representing six (6) or more churches of MoArk Association.
4. Letters from the churches sent to the association shall contain the following information: (1) the number of members presently in fellowship, (2) the number received, (3) the number baptized, (4) the number dismissed, (5) and the names of the deceased since the last regular meeting of the association. Other information may be requested by the association.
5. We agree to do all business by vote of the majority of the members present, except in the reception of members, which shall be unanimous. Since the association is made up of churches, the vote of one delegate may not prevent the reception of a church into membership. A majority of the delegates of one church may prevent acceptance of a new member. In case of a negative vote, the association has the right to require that a reason be given. It has the power to determine the validity of that stated reason. The association may override the negative vote if it determines that an injustice is about to be done.
6. This association shall mother a Presbytery consisting of ordained persons of the member churches and we suggest it meet twice a year.
7. We shall receive no church into fellowship with us who has been excluded from any association until the church has made an honest effort to satisfy the offended body.
8. In a situation where a difference arises between two members in a church and the church acts upon it and settles it, further action by the association is prohibited. However, in the event that any party be aggrieved, that party shall have the right to ask permission of the church to bring the matter to the association for settlement.
9. Any member in good standing shall have the right to act as moderator of the association, when elected by the body.

10. Any minister coming from another association and accepting the pastorate of General Baptist church or churches that belong to this association shall at the first regular session of the Presbytery thereafter have his credentials endorsed by said Presbytery, except in case of loss or destruction, in which case the Presbytery may extend time for recovery of credentials or the securing of a reissue from the ordaining Presbytery or some other Presbytery to which the applicant has subsequently belonged. In case of neglect or persistent refusal to comply with the provision, he will be considered out of order and his work rejected.
11. Any church desiring the ordination of a minister must make application to the Presbytery in writing with recommendation of the same.
12. 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 sitting.
13. Each church that represents in the association shall annually pay per member the amount of dues set by this association.
14. This constitution may be altered by a majority vote of three-fourths of the member composing this body. Any member church that becomes dissatisfied with any part of this constitution or with the Statements of Faith shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal.
15. This association will meet annually on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March at 9:00 a.m. The exception being when Easter falls on the fourth Sunday in March. In this case the Association will meet on the Saturday before the third Sunday in March. (This provision may be changed by a resolution at any sitting of MoArk Association.)
16. The Executive Board of the MoArk Association of General Baptists shall operate in lieu of the Association when it is not in session to transact business on behalf of the Association. The Association shall have the right to vote on the dissolution of all or substantially all of the assets of the Association and the acquisition of real property and related indebtedness.
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.

## **MOARK ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS**

1. Be it resolved that we ask each church to pay out of its treasury \$6.00 per member association dues for its total attendance and that the Clerk send a letter of reminder that the churches have their reports, dues and \$20.00 for meals sent in before the first week in March. In that letter the Association Clerk will advise the various Church Clerks where this money shall be sent. Any church desiring the Association or Presbytery should make that request in writing to the Association Clerk.
2. Be it resolved that the printing of the Association minutes will be at the discretion of the Executive Board regarding number and format, in order to improve efficiency.
3. Be it resolved that we pay the Associational Clerk/Treasurer \$800.00 for his/her services.
4. Be it resolved that we encourage all churches in the MoArk Association to contribute 2% of church income to Camp Allen (if at all possible). This is to be sent to Junior Burnett, HC 1 Box 1590, Greenville, MO 63944.
5. Be it resolved that we encourage each church to pay all or at least one-half of the tuition for each camper attending Camp Allen.
6. Be it resolved that we encourage each church to invite a representative from Oakland City University to come and share their college activities.
7. Be it resolved that we give our host church a standing vote of thanks for their splendid work in entertaining the Association, and that the Moderator name the host church.
8. Be it resolved that we give the officers and all who participate in today's program a standing vote of thanks for their faithful service.
9. Be it resolved that the delegation of each church bring to their church leaders or church business meeting a request to support MoArk Home Missions with 2% of church income (if at all possible). Send contributions to Joyce Hughes, 18979 St Rt J, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-7170.
10. Be it resolved that we encourage all churches in the MoArk Association to use Stinson Press for all Literature purchases and printing needs, if cost effective.
11. Be it resolved that we recommend that our MoArk churches become involved in a "Mission Blitz" ministry in each church's community.
12. Be it resolved that the presiding moderator of the Association will be the alternate delegate for the Council of Association MoArk representatives, and the presiding vice moderator of the Association will be the alternate delegate for the Camp Allen Board MoArk representatives.

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
June 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.  
at First General Baptist Church, Kennett, MO**

The following were in attendance:

Mark Book, Moderator/CE Board Rep  
Wanda Britt, Member at Large  
Frank Brown, Member at Large  
James Turner, Member at Large  
Todd Milburn, Presbytery Moderator  
Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk  
Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

The meeting was called to order and members welcomed by Moderator Mark Book.

Opening prayer was given by Mark Book.

The minutes of the previous meeting were examined. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as presented. This was carried.

The financial report of the MoArk Association was examined. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.

**Old Business:**

- No old business.

**Board Reports:**

- A motion and second to accept the written Nominating Committee report. This was carried.
- The written Presbytery report was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Christian Education Board presented a written report to the Executive Board. This report was examined. An oral report was also given regarding current plans for a Fall workshop. A motion and second was made to accept the reports as presented. This was carried.
- The MoArk Missions report was examined. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Council of Associations representative submitted a written report to the Executive Board. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.

- Oral report given for Camp Allen. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund written financial report was submitted. A motion and second was made to raise the reimbursement amounts by an additional \$50 for each level. A motion and second was made to accept the written report. This was carried.

**New Business:**

- The Christian Education Board offered to coordinate with the Executive Board to help secure training and presenters for the Annual Association in lieu of the CE Board's Spring workshop. A motion and second was made to accept this offer for the 2014 Association. This was carried.
- The Association will be celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2014. The moderator shared ideas for the meeting. The moderator opened the floor to ideas for the Association meeting.
- The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.
- A motion and second was made to adjourn. This was carried.
- Closing prayer was given by Todd Milburn

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**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
at First General Baptist Church, Rector, AR**

The following were in attendance:

Mark Book, Moderator/CE Board Rep  
 Kenny Burns, Vice Moderator  
 Bryan Johnson, Assistant Clerk/Bill Haynes Chair  
 Frank Brown, Member at Large  
 James Turner, Member at Large  
 Wanda Britt, Member at Large  
 Charles Richardson, Presbytery Moderator  
 Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee  
 Joyce Hughes, MoArk Missions Rep  
 Marston Carpenter, Council of Association Rep  
 Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk  
 Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

The meeting was called to order and members were welcomed by Moderator Mark Book.

Opening prayer was given by Mark Book.

The minutes of the previous meeting were examined. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as presented. This was carried.

The financial report of the MoArk Association was examined. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.

**Old Business:**

- No old business.

**Board Reports and New Business:**

- A motion and second to accept the written CE report. This was carried.
- The written MoArk Missions report was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- MoArk Mission Board recommended that the MoArk Association give the property of the former Cappadocia General Baptist Church property to Hope Community Church. This recommendation will be brought to the general association body in the 2014 Association meeting.
- The Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund written financial report was submitted. A motion and second was made to accept the written report. This was carried. A motion and second was made to raise limit for reimbursement for the LAMP program to \$1,500. This was carried. A motion and second was made to reimburse pastors and deacons desiring to complete the Lamp program. This was carried. A motion and second was made to reimburse Todd Milburn's expenses incurred for already completing the Lamp program.
- A motion and second was made to accept the nominating committee report. Discussion about dissolution of Nominating committee. Motion for the nominating committee to request names from Executive Board at quarterly meetings and to request names at the Association for candidates for MoArk Association offices and boards.
- The Council of Associations representative submitted a written report to the Executive Board. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried. Items were presented to the Executive Board for consideration of Association voting desires for the C of A representatives. A motion and second was made to direct our C of A representatives to vote for the current merger and that the position always be filled with an experienced pastor, and with the stipulation that if this is not available then pastoral care be reinstated.
- The written report given for Camp Allen. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.

- A request was received from the Malden First General Baptist Church to host the Spring Presbytery. A motion and second was made to accept Malden's offer for Spring Presbytery. This was carried.

The Executive Board meeting was closed in prayer.

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**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
February 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
at First General Baptist Church, Kennett, MO**

The following were in attendance:

Mark Book, Moderator/CE Board Rep  
Kenny Burns, Vice Moderator  
Frank Brown, Member at Large  
Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk  
Charles Richardson, Presbytery Moderator  
Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee  
James Turner, Member at Large  
Kim Hellebusch, MoArk Youth Director  
Wanda Britt, Member at Large  
Joyce Hughes, MoArk Missions Rep  
Kevin True, Council of Associations Rep  
Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

The meeting was called to order and members welcomed by Moderator Mark Book.

Opening prayer was given by Mark Book.

The 2013 financial report of the MoArk Association was examined. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were examined. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as presented. This was carried.

Mark Book gave an update on the plans for the 2014 Association meeting.

**Old Business:**

- No old business.

### **Board Reports and New Business:**

- A motion and second to accept the written CE report. This was carried.
- The MoArk Youth written report was reviewed. Kim Hellebusch gave additional information concerning the activities of the MoArk Youth. A motion and second to accept the written Youth report. This was carried.
- A request was presented to the Executive Board for an increase in the percentage of funds allocated to the MoArk Youth. The request was discussed. A motion and second was made to increase the Youth allocation from 15% to 20% of the church membership funds. This was carried.
- The Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund written financial report was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the written report. This was carried.
- A motion and second was made to accept the nominating committee report. This was carried.
- The written report given for Camp Allen. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- Per the request of the Camp Allen Board to select alternates for the board members in the event that members cannot attend, we have already put two alternates in place to serve in this capacity. Those members are Jeannie Price and Michelle Smart. The progress of the Coin Can Fundraiser was discussed.
- No reports from the Presbytery.
- The written MoArk Missions report was reviewed. Discussion was held concerning the Hope Church property. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Council of Associations representative submitted a written report to the Executive Board. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.
- A motion and second to give 10% of 2014 church dues received as a gift to Camp Allen.

The Executive Board meeting was closed in prayer by Kenny Burns.

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MoArk Financial Report  
January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount	
		Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2013			\$17,526.34
1/29/2013	DEP	Church Dues	Church Dues	\$2,202.00	\$19,728.34
2/5/2013	485	Drury Hotels	Jeff Smith Assoc. Speaker	-(80.44)	\$19,647.90
2/9/2013	486	Clerk Reimbursement	March 2012-March 2013	-(800.00)	\$18,847.90
2/12/2013	DEP	MoArk Presbytery	1/2 Website Fee	\$150.00	\$18,997.90
2/12/2013	DEP	Church Dues	Church Dues	\$6,318.00	\$25,315.90
3/15/2013	DEP	Church Dues	Church Dues	\$2,262.00	\$27,577.90
3/20/2013	487	MoArk Missions	19% Disbursement	-(2,048.58)	\$25,529.32
3/20/2013	488	MoArk Christian Education	15% Disbursement	-(1,617.30)	\$23,912.02
3/20/2013	489	MoArk Youth	15% Disbursement	-(1,617.30)	\$22,294.72
3/20/2013	490	Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund	2% Disbursement	-(215.64)	\$22,079.08
3/20/2013	491	Camp Allen	Gift 10% Dues	-(1,078.20)	\$21,000.88
3/22/2013	492	General Association	Dues 1797 members x .75	-(1,347.75)	\$19,653.13
3/22/2013	493	Jeff Smith	Assoc. Speaker Honorarium	-(500.00)	\$19,153.13
3/27/2013		Bank error	Ck 487 processed as 2048.48	\$0.10	\$19,153.23
6/19/2013	DEP	Clay Co. Electric	Refund	\$43.02	\$19,196.25
11/23/2013	494	My Church Website	Association Website Fee	-(309.00)	\$18,887.25
12/26/2013	495	United States Postal Service	Postage	-(17.64)	\$18,869.61
December 31, 2013 Ending Balance					<u>\$18,869.61</u>

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The following are the nominees for 2014-2015:

Vice Moderator: Kenny Burns

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator: Christ Brantley

Clerk/Treasurer: Lisa Hargrave

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Bryan Johnson

Executive Board Members at Large: Frank Brown, Wanda Britt, Mary Beth Haywood

Nominating Committee Members: James Turner (5 year term expiring 2019)

MoArk Mission Board: Charles Richardson (5 year term expiring 2019)

MoArk Christian Education Board: Todd Luke (3 year term expiring 2017), Bryan Johnson (3 year term expiring 2017)

Council of Associations: Kevin True (3 year term expiring 2017)

Auditing Committee (standing): Kevin True, Susan Richardson, Terry Owens

Associational Youth Director: Kim Hellebusch

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Kenneth Hargrave 2014

Frank Brown 2015

Paula Richardson 2016

Shawn Parker 2017

John Prince 2018

## **MoArk Mission Board Written Report**

We continue to implement the plan of reducing support to the Open Door per their request at a rate of \$2500 per year.

We continue our monthly support of the Arkansas Home Mission Board of \$200.

We continued our support of Hope Church. It has been the desire of the church to be financially independent as quickly as possible. At this time our only financial support has been to pay the premium for content insurance as they have assumed responsibilities for utilities and any other expenses as they come up. It should be noted that the church as has made significant investments in the facilities through sound equipment and an overhead projection system.

We met with Bro. Anthony Dowdy, pastor of Hope Church, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Kennett GBC. At that meeting he shared that the church's average weekly attendance was 51, average weekly income was \$650, and they had \$12,000 in the bank. Furthermore, since their inception on February 10<sup>th</sup> they'd had 51 first time guest, 8 conversions and 12 baptisms. It had been previously decided (in our spring meeting) to meet with Bro. Dowdy in the fall to assess the health of the church and discuss a timeline for when they would be ready to receive the property. After sharing the statistics, Bro. Dowdy also expressed to us that it was the desire of the leadership and body of the Hope Church to take possession of the property at this time. The board agreed to the request and voted to recommend to the Executive Board to release the property to the Hope Church at its next regularly scheduled meeting in October.

It was revealed at the Executive Board Meeting in October however, that the Executive Board could not in fact receive or release real properties without the approval of the MoArk Association at its annual meeting. We the Mission Board would add our request to the Executive Board's that the delegates of the spring sitting of the MoArk Association vote to release the properties of the former Cappadocia GBC to the Hope Church.

Submitted by Charles Richardson



## **MoArk Christian Education Report to the MoArk Association**

The MoArk Christian Education Board met on February 5, April 23, July 30, and October 16, 2013. Members serving in 2013 were: President, Bryan Johnson; Vice-President, Steve McElwrath; Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Book; Kim Hellebusch, Mary Beth Haywood and Kent Luke.

The Board hosted Dr. Stan Toler for a seminar based on his book “Vibrant Church” on April 6, 2013 at the Rector First General Baptist Church. The attendance was small with an estimated 42 attending. The April date and conflicting events were mentioned at the April meeting as reasons for the low attendance. The group discussed possible other methods of presenting workshops that would encourage attendance and whether we are trying to offer too many different training sessions during the year. The surveys from the “Vibrant Church” seminar were reviewed. Responses were overwhelmingly positive from those who attended for the presenter, material, length of presentation, etc. The workbook was mentioned as helpful by several respondents.

Brother Bryan had provided a copy from the organizational draft during the April meeting for the MoArk CE board as a reminder of our purpose as “to plan, promote and execute programs, or opportunities for the total enrichment of the churches” during the April meeting. The Board reviewed past workshops offered by the Board since 2009. Noting that the first seminar was the best attended and that the attendance has decreased since that time. Brother Kent shared about the Landmark Leadership Conference he attended on April 20, 2013 at Cross Point Church in Ava MO. He had the program and copies of the front cover as an idea source for future advertisements for MoArk training. He shared about how well attended the conference had been and that it was actually the associational meeting for the participating churches. The group discussed the possibility of working with the March MoArk Association meeting as an opportunity to present training rather than having an event in February. Brother Mark was asked to present this to the MoArk Executive Board since he is moderator for the March 2014 meeting.

The MoArk Christian Education Board met on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Brother Bryan reported that Rick Hector of the Real Life Church of Springfield, Illinois had agreed to come as a presenter about the church’s small group/Christian education system. He reported that a Missouri representative for “My Hope for America”, David Claybrook, had agreed to present for the meeting, as well. He gave a written and oral report of workshops he had attended at the Mission and Ministry Summit in Tampa in July. A motion was made and carried to proceed with the workshops at the Kennett First General Baptist Church from 7:00 to 8:30 on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Brother Mark reported that the MoArk Executive Board had accepted the CE Board offer to work with Brother Mark to coordinate training for the 2014 Association.

During, the September meeting the board voted to increase the speaker honorarium to \$250.00 plus mileage and paying for motel stays.

The Christian Education Fall workshop was held at the Kennett church on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. About 70 people attended the workshops for the “My Hope for America” evangelism campaign and the “Turning Your Sunday School class into a Growth Group”. Surveys completed by those who attended show both workshops were favorably received.

The Board chose to work with the MoArk Association moderator, Mark Book, toward scheduling the speakers and training to present for the March 2014 session. This cooperative effort was done in lieu of a February CE training in an attempt to get workshop information to more people in one setting.

## **2013 MoArk Christian Education Financial Report**

\$5118.67-2013 First of year balance

- \$42.78 – Toler Seminar postage

- \$1250.00 – Honorarium

- \$692.37 – Travel reimbursement

- \$65.88 – Motel

- \$251.96 – Food

- \$246.82 – Books

+ \$755.00 – Book sales and fees –Toler Seminar

+ \$1617.30 Associational allotment

- \$46.00-Fall 2013 seminar postage

- \$487.30- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association donation-for David Claybrook presentation Travel

Reimbursement

- \$336.06 – Rick Hector – travel reimbursement

- \$250.00 – Rick Hector –Fall 2013 seminar- Honorarium

- \$142.32 – Motel rooms –Fall seminar

+ \$20.00 Book sales – Deposits

End of year balance: \$3699.48

Submitted by Mark Book, CE Board Secretary/Treasurer

## 2013 MoArk Youth Report

Beginning Balance			2,153.18
Checks #	Date	Description	Amount
3030	3/16/2013	Jason Jordan Retreat Speaker	200.00
3031	3/16/2013	Unfinished Projects Retreat Worship	350.00
3032	3/16/2013	Camp Allen Retreat Staff Tuition	165.00
3033	3/15/2013	Camp Allen Tuition Scholarship	55.00
3034	3/22/2013	Kim Hellebusch Retreat Supplies Reimbursement	55.94
3035	11/12/2013	Kim Hellebusch Director Expense	1,200.00
Other Debits	4/1/2013	RR Donnelley Check Orders	9.65
Deposits	3/20/2013	MoArk Dues	1,617.30
End Balance			1,734.89

## Youth Report

2013 was a great year for MOARK Youth. Our association churches participated in Youth Rallies at the following churches: Hitts Chapel, Bethany, Piggott, and Malden. Each church was responsible for the program that was presented and the refreshments. This ongoing arrangement within our association has worked out well with the youth of our churches getting to experience the fellowship of other youth throughout MOARK. A theme for 2014 has been set focusing on Being the Church. We believe there is more to faith than simply going to church. Thank you MOARK Association for your continued support.

2014 Schedule of events:

- January 29 Youth Rally at Grace United
- April 30 Youth Rally at Hitts Chapel
- July 30 Youth Rally at Piggott FGBC
- October 29 Youth Rally at Rector FGBC
- January 28, 2015 Youth Rally at Lynn Oak

Our annual Spring Retreat will be hosted at Camp Allen March 14-16, 2014.  
Respectfully Submitted, Kim Hellebusch, MoArk Youth Director

## **Bill Haynes Scholarship Report 2013**

The Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund has been turned over to the oversight of the MoArk Executive Board after the resignation of Brother Randy Rogers and by recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Brother Bryan Johnson is presiding over the account as the MoArk Association's Assistant Treasurer, as approved in the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Executive Board. (Caption of the minutes noted below)

"The Nominating Committee recommended to the Executive Board that the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund Committee be dissolved and that the Executive Board will assume the responsibilities of this Committee and these funds. The Association Clerk, Lisa Hargrave, or Assistant Clerk, Bryan Johnson, will oversee the accounts of the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund. A motion and second was made to accept this recommendation. This was carried."

The board has reimbursed two men who have taken the L.A.M.P. program as required by our directives:

1. Bill Sabin (Deacon of Forest Grove General Baptist Church, ordained on August 16, 2013 at the Forest Grove General Baptist Church while the MoArk Presbytery was in session). He completed level one as required and was reimbursed \$150.00 (Check # 4954)
2. Loran Johnson (Pastor of Trailer's Chapel General Baptist Church, ordained on August 16, 2013 at the Forest Grove General Baptist Church while the MoArk Presbytery was in session). He completed levels 1, 2 & 3 as required for ordination as a minister and was reimbursed \$1,200.00 (Check # 4955)

All disbursements are made from the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund held in Certificate of Deposits (Certificate # 3589) at General Baptist Ministries, with the General Baptist Investment Fund (G.B.I.F.) and mailed from their office to the candidate as directed by Bryan Johnson.

The board has reimbursed one pastor in accord with revised guidelines approved in the October 29, 2013 of the MoArk Executive Board. The reason for this change is to offer continuing education possibilities to our church leadership who may not be able to attend Seminary or Bible College but desires to better themselves. (Caption of the minutes are noted below)

"A motion and second was made to reimburse pastors and deacons desiring to complete the Lamp program. This was carried. A motion and second was made to reimburse Todd Milburn's expenses incurred for already completing the Lamp program. This was carried."

1. Todd Milburn, Pastor of the Forest Grove General Baptist Church, having completed level one and providing the certificate of proof of completion, was reimbursed, \$150.00 (Check # 5124). Disbursements are made from the CD Fund (Certificate # 3589) held at General Baptist Ministries, with the General Baptist Investment Fund (G.B.I.F.) and mailed from their office to the candidate as directed by Bryan Johnson.

Two changes were made to our guidelines for disbursement this year as approved by the MoArk Executive Board of General Baptists, both due to the rising cost of books and materials in the L.A.M.P. program as required for ordination by the MoArk Presbytery.

1. A motion and second was made to raise the reimbursement amounts by an additional \$50 for each level. A motion and second was made to accept the written report. This was carried. (June 24, 2013 – Executive Board Mtg)
2. A motion and second was made to raise limit for reimbursement for the LAMP program to \$1,500. This was carried. (October 29, 2013 – Executive Board Mtg.)

NOTE: If you are interested in more information in terms of the funds provided to our MoArk membership in accord with the directives authorized by the MoArk Association, please go to our Associational Website: [www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org](http://www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org) and click on the tab at the top, “Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund.”

## Financial Report January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

All monies of the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund are held with the General Baptist Investment Fund (G.B.I.F.) headquartered at General Baptist Ministries in Poplar Bluff, MO. We hold two (2) Certificate of Deposits, one is “on demand” which allows us to reimburse those completing the Ordination Requirements within the MoArk Presbytery and / or Pastor / Deacons furthering their education through the Leaders Advancing Ministry Program (L.A.M.P.) and the other CD left untouched, to collect interest allowing the principal to grow with interest until which time it’s deemed necessary to utilize it.

**CD Certificate #3589 (on demand certificate) 2.25% / no penalty for early withdrawal / Interest paid out on January 7<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

Date	Explanation	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
January 1, 2013	Balance to Date			\$10,638.27
January 7, 2013	Interest on CD	\$134.07		\$10,772.34
March 26, 2013	Association Allotment	\$215.64		\$10,987.98

July 7, 2013	Interest on CD	\$135.08		\$11,123.06
July 11, 2013	Reimbursement/Bill Sabin	\$150.00		\$10,973.06
July 11, 2013	Reimbursement/Loran Johnson		\$1,200.00	\$ 9,773.06
December 11, 2013	Reimbursement/Todd Milburn		\$150.00	\$ 9,623.06
December 31,2013	Balance at end of year			\$ 9,623.06

**CD Certificate #3590 3.100% interest rate / matures 7/7/14 / Interest paid out on January 7<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Withdrawal</b>	<b>Balance</b>
January 1, 2013	Balance to Date			\$23,251.56
January 7, 2013	Interest on CD	\$363.36		\$23,614.92
July 7, 2013	Interest on CD	\$363.02		\$23,977.94
December 31, 2013	Balance at end of year			\$23,977.94

Respectfully submitted:  
 Bryan Johnson, MoArk Assistant Treasurer

## Auditing Committee

March 3, 2014

To the General Assembly of MoArk Association of General Baptists:

The following financial reports and other supporting documents have been submitted by the noted individuals to the auditing committee of MoArk Association of General Baptists for the calendar year ending 12/31/13.

MoArk Missions Financial Report	submitted by Joyce Hughes
Christian Education Board Financial Report	submitted by Mark Book
MoArk Youth Financial Report	submitted by Kim Hellebusch
Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund	submitted by Bryan Johnson
MoArk Association General Fund	submitted by Lisa Hargrave

The financial reports and supporting documentation have been reviewed and examined by the auditing committee of MoArk Association of General Baptists. No material discrepancies or reportable conditions were noted during the review and examination.

Therefore, the auditing committee of MoArk Association of General Baptists reports to the general assembly that the financial reports submitted as indicated above, should be accepted without reservation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin True, Chairman  
Auditing Committee

## Letter from Camp Allen

February 5, 2014

Dear Association Clerk:

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Allen. In 2013, Camp Allen hosted over 2,700 campers from across the country and over 200 campers accepted Jesus as their Savior. That is the Life Changing Experience possible through Camp Allen. We need your help to continue our efforts to reach the lost for Christ.

Camp Allen is owned by eleven associations that have ultimate financial responsibility for the camp. Within the eleven associations there are 157 churches; however in 2013 only 71 churches made donations to Camp Allen. Many churches continue to fund their camper's fees for attending Camp Allen but these fees typically don't cover the cost for hosting a week of camp. Camp Allen depends heavily on donations above and beyond the camper's registration fees. Additionally, Camp Allen receives NO financial support from the General Baptist Headquarters or from Unified Giving.

As of December 31, 2013, Camp Allen has a debt of \$333,193.74. This debt originated in 2000 with a \$75,000 loan for the construction of the swimming pool, Edgewood Cabin and water and sewer improvements. In 2003, an additional loan of \$315,000 was added for the construction of the Benjamin Avery Chapel, which included new dorm rooms below the new chapel. In 2011, the last loan was incurred in the amount of \$75,000 for the installation of a new well/water system, replacement of carpet and tile and other improvements.

In 2014, a new project will begin to add additional living quarters for Summer Staff. This much needed addition was made possible by the very generous donation of anonymous donors and will be completed without incurring any additional debt.

Also in 2014, we have begun a new fundraising campaign to pay down the debt and assist with upkeep and maintenance of the camp. This fundraiser is a simple way for each person, young or old, in your church to help out. Each church will be distributed a supply of Coin Bank Cans to be distributed to church families, placed in the foyer or in Sunday School classrooms. You simply fill out the label, insert it into the can and fill it up with loose change. Once the cans are filled they will be collected by the members of the Camp Allen Board. We are very excited to see how the Lord will bless this new project.

It is very important for each association to elect two board members that are interested in serving at Camp Allen and are able to attend the meetings of the Camp Allen Board. Too often, members are elected and never attend a meeting. Roger Levan, the current Program Director and Maintenance Supervisor is available to attend association meetings and visit churches in order to promote Camp Allen. We ask that you please invite him to share with you how God is changing lives at Camp Allen. Accurate communication between Camp Allen, the Board of Directors and the eleven associations is vital to insure the continued success of building God's kingdom through the camp.

The Camp Allen Board is requesting the following:

1. Elect 2 Camp Allen Board members that are interested in Camp Allen and can attend the meetings.

2. Elect 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> alternates to service as board members in the event that either of the elected board members is unable or unwilling to serve.
3. Provide a list of the elected members and alternates
4. Provide a list of active churches in the association
5. Provide the address and phone number of the Association Clerk
6. Date, time and location of next Association Meeting

Please provide as much of this information as possible to the Camp Allen Board Secretary, Kevin True and the Camp Allen Administrator, Junior Burnett at the addresses listed below by February 26, 2014. Please update this information if any changes are made at your next association meeting. The next Camp Allen Board Meeting is Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9:30 at Camp Allen. The Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of January, March, June and September each year.

The Camp Allen Board is also requesting the following:

1. Please pray for Camp Allen that we may continue to reach campers each year for Christ
2. Please share this letter at your next association meeting and make it available to your churches.
3. Support our new COIN BANK fundraiser. Each one can do a small part to help in this ministry.
4. Consider making a monthly or yearly donation as an association and encourage individual churches to do the same. The continued success of Camp Allen is dependent on these donations, as registration fees do not cover the operating cost of the camp.

Thank You again for your support of Camp Allen in your prayers and with your donations.

Sincerely,

Camp Allen Board

Kevin True, Secretary  
Camp Allen Board  
406 HWY 25  
Holcomb, MO 63852  
573-792-3321

Junior Burnett, Administrator  
Camp Allen  
HC 1 Box 1590  
Greenville, MO 63944  
573-224-3826

Roger Levan, Program Director  
Maintenance Supervisor  
HC 1 Box 1590  
Greenville, MO 63944  
573-429-2018

## **2014-2015 MoArk Association Committees**

### **Nominating Committee Members**

Frank Brown, Term expiring 2015  
Paula Richardson, Term expiring 2016  
Shawn Parker, Term expiring 2017  
John Prince, Term expiring 2018  
James Turner, Term expiring 2019

### **MoArk Missions Board Members**

Joyce Hughes, Term expiring 2015  
Kenny Burns, Term expiring 2016  
Gerald Gregory, Term expiring 2017  
Frank Brown, Term expiring 2018  
Charles Richardson, Term expiring 2019

### **MoArk Youth Director**

Kim Hellebush, Director

### **MoArk Executive Board Members-At-Large**

Wanda Britt, Term expiring 2015  
Frank Brown, Term expiring 2015  
Mary Beth Haywood, Term expiring 2015

### **Council of Associations Representatives**

Marston Carpenter, Term expiring 2015  
Kevin True, Term expiring 2017

### **Christian Education Board Members**

Kent Luke, Term expiring 2015  
Jeff Smart, Term expiring 2015  
Steve McElwrath, Term expiring 2016  
Mark Book - Term expiring 2016  
Todd Luke, Term expiring 2017  
Bryan Johnson, Term expiring 2017  
Kim Hellebush, Associational Youth Director

### **Auditing Committee**

Kevin True  
Terri Owens  
Susan Richardson

### **MoArk Camp Allen Board Members**

James Turner, Term expiring 2015  
Kevin True, Term expiring 2015

## **2013 Church Obituary Reports**

**Bethany: Lois Mills, Ruben A. White, Lucille Cross, Mary Lou Moody, Louise Whitehead**

**Blue Cross: Edward Merrell, Bobby Gregory**

**Campbell First: Mattie Pleasant, Margie Bagwell**

**Forest Grove: Frank Marrett**

**Grace United: Lavada Campbell**

**Hitts Chapel: Opal McKenney**

**Kennett First: Alberta Ferrell**

**Lynn Oak: Brian Richardson**

**Maple Grove: Edd Beasley**

**Marmaduke First: Rachel Clayton, Clint Carter**

**Morris Chapel: Jean Sutfin**

**Piggott First: Marie Piland, Edith Green, Armenda Boyd, Frances McElvoy**

**Rector First: James E. Martin, R.L. Hill, Janette Winchester, Pearl Lamb, J.T. Cobb, Willie Mae Dooley**

**Southaven: Rachel Tettleton**

## **2013 COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS (C/A) SUMMARY**

### **Council of Associations (C/A) Meeting Oakland City University—May 6, 2013 9:00 am**

**Interim Executive Director Clint Cook** spoke about visions and the vision God has given him. He is a third generation General Baptist preacher and started preaching at the age of 16 and started pastoring at the age of 22. He shared Joshua 22:10-28 and how the 2 ½ tribes built an altar and explained they built the altar as a witness, to their children and the other tribe's children, connecting them to God. We should consider sending a message to the generations after us to connect them to God. He recommended that we should write down our spiritual journey for future generations.

Rev. Cook went on to say he has seen God take a church from 50-1000. He knows there will be a day when we do not have to see any General Baptist Churches close but stay open for future generations to serve God. We are General Baptist and commissioned by God to reach the generations. The Church is alive and well!

Rev. Cook went on to say he wants to promote a movement of young leaders from the General Baptist movement. He will be calling some young leaders to offer them a chance to work for God. He went on to talk about the National Youth Conference and Generation Next Conference. Generation Next Conference will target young leaders ages 18-35. He wants the General Baptist movement to be known in hell.

**Dr. Franklin Dumond** reported the response to the Messenger has been very positive. This has been a primary means of communication with our General Baptist people. The projections of the rate of growth for the Messenger mailing list have been met and bypassed. The current mailing list is between 18 and 19 thousand people. This causes our production costs to be much higher than anticipated so this causes a problem. We cannot dedicate someone to the Messenger due to all of the funds going to production cost. Projected intense recruitment to sign up to receive the Messenger is on hold.

**Chairman Oren Alcorn** reported from the Executive Council. He had the following motions on behalf of the Executive Council:

- A motion was made that this body affirm the Executive Council's decision to continue the Flex-time agreement as it relates to the office of the Executive Director. The motion received a second. Motion carried.
- A motion was made that this body approve the recommendation of Clint Cook to the next setting of the General Association of General Baptists at the Mission & Ministry Summit in July 2013 for election to the office of Executive Director. The motion received a second. Motion carried.
- A motion was made that this body approve the 2014 Budget to be approved in its final stage in November. The motion received a second. Motion carried.
- A motion was made that a correction to the General Baptist Investment Fund, Inc. Constitution and By-laws be approved as printed and corrected in the minutes of the Executive Council meeting on April 8, 2013. The motion received a second. Motion carried.

**Administrative/Financial Officer Linda McDonough** shared our involvement with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). She explained that we have numerous resources available to

us through the ECFA. If you are interested in learning about these resources, please contact Linda at [linda.mcdonough@generalbaptist.com](mailto:linda.mcdonough@generalbaptist.com). These resources are too numerous to list here in this report. You can also go to the ECFA website at [ECFA.org](http://ECFA.org).

**Ministry Evaluations Committee Chairman Joey Graves** reported the committee's findings with the following recommendations:

- No recommendations were made to Congregational Ministries or the Administrative/Financial Department.
- A recommendation was made to International and National Missions to formulate in print the current ministry philosophy and missions strategy for marketing and public relations purposes.
- A recommendation was made to formalize and properly define the flex-time position of the Executive Director.
- A recommendation was made to properly define the organizational hierarchy of the departments, specifically either formalizing the Chief of Staff position or operating by the Bylaws directly accountable and reporting to the Executive Director.
- A recommendation was made to empower the Executive Director to lead and manage the departments to work towards a holistic denominational goal in conjunction to their departmental goals.

These recommendations were made to the departments and not to the C/A.

**2013 Mission & Ministry Summit Moderator Gary Baldus** reported the facility for this Summit is very nice and nothing like we have ever had before. He talked about the three keynote speakers, Judah Smith, David Murrow, and Larry Osborne. David Murrow wrote a book called "Why Men Hate Going to Church." Larry Osborn has written books on how to close the back door of the church. Judah Smith is a dynamic speaker who connects well with young people. Rev. Baldus went on to say the break-out sessions will be hands on training not just telling. Next Level Coaching will be highlighted this year during the break-out sessions.

**Progress Committee Chairman Dr. Danny Dunivan** submitted the following report.

#### **Report of the Progress Committee**

This committee has been charged with carrying out a self-study of denominational effectiveness and structures. At the Council of Associations meeting in November, we submitted a proposal for a change to the C/A Constitution: Article VI—Officers, Election, and Duties, A.1. Those changes have not yet been undertaken by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. We would like the following wording to be considered by that committee:

- **President:** The executive director of the denomination shall serve as president of the corporation with the usual and specific powers authorized by the Council of Associations and common to such office. In the event the office of the executive director is vacant or the executive director is unable or unwilling to fulfill designated responsibilities, ~~the chairperson of the Council of Associations shall function as~~ **the Executive Council upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee shall appoint an Interim Executive Director who shall serve as** president of the corporation until a successor is named or the issue is resolved.

Also at the November meeting, we conducted a set of listening sessions on the following topics:

- Council of Association membership
- Concerns about a quorum at the Council of Associations' meetings

- The relationship between General Baptist institutional ministries and the Council of Associations

As a result of those listening sessions, the Progress Committee re-evaluated the proposals surrounding at-large membership. To address concerns about Council of Association quorums, we propose the following changes to the C/A Bylaws, Article I—Meetings:

- The council shall establish two regular meeting dates each year and shall be subject to called meetings. A quorum shall be constituted when **a majority of all representatives registered** ~~one representative of one-half of all associations that have registered their representative(s) with~~ the office of the executive director are present.

To clarify the relationships between General Baptist Institutional Ministries and the Council of Associations, we propose the following changes to the C/A Bylaws, Article VI, B:

**B) The Institutional Ministries Shall Be:**

Institutional Ministries shall be those General Baptist institutions that function to aid, assist, and support Basic Ministries in their efforts to build up God's Kingdom through the Church. **A regular memo of understanding shall define the specific ways each institution performs these functions.**

Each Institutional Ministry may be incorporated, ~~but shall be subordinate~~ and **shall remain** accountable to the General Association of General Baptists through its Council of Associations. These ~~shall~~ **might** include ~~but not be limited to colleges and universities, nursing homes, Compassionate Care, General Baptist Investment Fund, and Stinson Press~~ **institutions of higher education, health care ministries, adoption and family service ministries, financial service agencies, and publishing/printing houses.**

1. ~~All of the~~ Institutional Ministry boards ~~may will~~ function as subsidiary corporations to the parent corporation. In order to prevent a duplication of services, formal working agreements will be negotiated between the Institutional Ministries and ministry departments regarding the funds or services provided to General Baptist people.
2. Board members serving the Institutional Ministries elected at the annual meeting of the General Association shall be responsible to and report to the General Association through the Executive Council of the Council of Associations and remain in a communication relationship with the executive director **as detailed in the memo of understanding.**
3. Articles of incorporation and constitutions and bylaws, including all future amendments and changes, shall be **disclosed to the** ~~in compliance with denominational policies and shall be approved by the Council of Associations~~ **prior to ratifying the memorandum of understanding.** ~~The delegates to the annual meeting of the General Association of General Baptists shall review these memoranda as part of the annual report of the Council of Associations.~~
4. Corporate officers and directors shall be nominated by the respective ministries in compliance with denominational policy. ~~Ministries may nominate Council of Associations members, but are not restricted thereto. Such nominees shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Council of Associations for observation pertaining to such things as duplicate nominations and term limits.~~

5. The Institutional Ministry corporate directors will select and employ their directors, president, and health care administrators, ~~subject to the approval of the delegates of the General Association.~~
6. Directors, presidents, and administrators of the Institutional Ministries will function as a part of the Leadership Team **at the invitation of the executive director** as follows:
  - a. The long-range planning and visioning sessions.
  - b. Meetings where issues are being discussed, reports are being coordinated, and decisions are being made that relate to their ministries.
  - c. When the Basic Ministries and service units are developing contractual or other agreements related to joint or contracted ventures aimed at meeting needs of the General Baptist people at large.
  - d. Meetings when the expertise of the leadership of Institutional Ministries may be needed.

The General Association Bylaws, Article IV, C.2 will also require a mirrored change.

The Progress Committee plans on making recommendations at the November Council of Association meeting concerning the following topics:

- The structure and alignment of strategic planning, evaluation, and assessment loops
- The shape of ongoing self-study within the Council of Associations and the end of the committee's work.

These recommendations are made to the Constitution and By-laws Committee of the Council of Associations.

**National Missions Director Donald Key** reported there will be a church planted in Cookeville, Tennessee in the fall of 2014. He went on to say National Missions has had three men attend the Assessment Center in Johnson City, Tennessee. Irv Ryder will be serving as an intern for one year with Carl Nichols and Relevant Church in Locust Grove, Georgia and plant a church in 2014. Josh Hearnin feels led to plant a church in Springfield, Tennessee and Dennis Amaral is looking to plant a church in Arkansas.

**Women's Ministries Director Patti Thornton** reported that last November, Women's Ministries (WM) met with women from all over the denomination and talked about where WM needed to go in its ministry. Over the last ten years, General Baptists have given to and through WM almost \$4 million. Doing together what we cannot do alone is not just a slogan for WM, it's who they are. Mrs. Thornton went on to say that the women at this meeting decided to move forward with whatever God has for them to do. The 4th Annual Inside Out event is scheduled for September 27-29 at Deer Run Retreat near Franklin, TN. Tammie Head will be speaking at the 2013 Missions & Ministry Summit.

**Administrative/Financial Services Director Linda McDonough** reported the 1st Quarter Financials finished in the black. Unified Giving is above the goal at this time. The Pension and Foundation are doing well with the market being kind during the 1st quarter.

**International Missions Director Sean Warren** reported on his most recent trip to India and visiting a church there that had been torn down seven times and the pastor had rebuilt seven times. He went on to announce that God has provided a unique opportunity to General Baptists to serve on the board of

The International Training Alliance, the governing board of Leadership Matters Course. This organization provides leadership training to pastors.

**Congregational Ministries Director Franklin Dumond** reported he has been striving towards providing opportunities for networking. There are five of these opportunities planned for this year with the first being the Ministers Retreat, May 28-30. The National Youth Conference will be June 21-23. The 2013 Mission & Ministry Summit will be held July 15-17. Dr. Dumond went on to say the Senior Adult Retreat, September 3-5, already has several people registered. The newest of opportunities available to young leaders ages 18-35 is the Generation Next Conference, October 18-19 in Evansville, IN.

**Interim Executive Director Clint Cook** reported he believes our best days are ahead of us. There will be another round of Next Level Coaching starting this fall. He is looking into ways of streaming these sessions. Rev. Cook went on to say he would like to help turn around 200 General Baptist churches through Next Level Coaching.

**Special Offering at the 2013 Mission & Ministry Summit** – Special offerings will be received for International Missions and Women’s Ministries at the Summit.

**A Motion was made by Jack Boyer** that the language included in the Evaluation Committee’s report *“which supports and agrees with the vision, plans, and leadership of our Executive Director”* be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for consideration for inclusion in Bylaw V.6.

**Council of Associations (C/A) Meeting  
Fellowship General Baptist Church—November 4, 2013 9:00am**

**Council of Associations Chairman David Kelley** opened the meeting by inviting Rev. Ryan Stead to give a devotion and prayer.

The meeting of the Council of Associations was called to order with thirty-eight of fifty-four Associations represented and fifty-nine of eighty-four C/A representatives present.

A motion and second were made to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Permission to deviate from the agenda was given.

Twelve new members were recognized and General Baptist lapel pins were given to those present.

**Executive Director Clint Cook** said that it is exciting to be a General Baptist and said he has the coolest job in the world. He has enjoyed being in several association meetings and enjoyed Founders Day at Oakland City University. He went to the Philippines for the first 360 Leadership Training last year, and said it was an honor to meet our people there. He went on to say he was able to go to Honduras and meet a great group of our pastors there. Rev. Cook said the Ministers Conference was great this year. He gave pastors a book, *Sun Stand Still*, for those pastors to read and make notes in to hand off to the young leaders that would attend the GenerationNext Conference 2013. The GenerationNext Conference had 155 young leaders in attendance. He said it was a great time and he spoke with several of these

young people, feeling the call to plant churches. He had a great time meeting some of our youth at the National Youth Conference. Rev. Cook said he heard people say the Mission & Ministry Summit in Florida was one of the best we have ever had and he is looking forward to next year when the Summit will be in Springfield, IL. He said he was privileged to hang out with our church planters on several occasions over the past year. His prayer is that more funding will be found so that more churches can be planted and reach even more lost souls. He has had opportunities to preach at several churches this year and enjoyed meeting the people at these meetings. Next Level Coaching has started again and God has been moving through the churches of those pastors that have been attending these sessions. Rev. Cook shared the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15 saying this is a message to the church, that we are not supposed to act like the older son when the prodigal son comes home. The Father has accepted ALL of us by grace. He went on to ask for prayer for all the leaders at the General Baptist Ministries office.

**National Missions Director Donald Key** directed everyone to his printed report. Rev. Key said he has given his resignation and he went on to talk about his wife. He asked for prayer that a godly person will be sent to serve with the church planters. He said he has been blessed to get to hang out with our General Baptist church planters.

**Stinson Press President Dwayne Foster** reported he has been visiting numerous churches. He said his job is to meet the changing needs and changing times for the churches as a publisher. He went on to say Stinson is looking at different helps for General Baptist churches and wants to use more General Baptist writers in the future. Rev. Foster asked that everyone give him feedback on Sunday school materials so he can make needed changes. He would love to hear from the General Baptist people. He wants to make sure the materials have passion and meet the needs.

#### **Executive Council**

Chairman Oren Alcorn brought attention to the written report of the Executive Council and its' committees. He went on to say a lot of work has been done but there is more still to do. Rev. Alcorn recognized Executive Director Clint Cook who then made an announcement concerning International Missions. It follows:

*The Personnel Committee of the Executive Council is pleased to announce the appointment of an interim Director of International Missions Department, Jim Schremp.*

*Rev. Schremp has served General Baptists for over 52 years in various positions: including pastor, MVP team member to Honduras, Clerk of the General Association, Stinson Press bookstore manager and representative to the Council of Associations and Executive Council.*

*Rev. Schremp has graciously agreed to assist General Baptists in this capacity as we seek to determine God's direction in our International Missions Department. He will begin his tenure on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 and will be working closely with the Personnel Committee and Executive Council to insure a smooth transition for our IM staff and IM missionaries in the field. Bro. Jim has a heart for the lost and advancement of the Kingdom's work across the globe. Please pray for Bro Jim and his wife Sue as they undertake this important position for our movement.*

Rev. Jim Schremp then spoke and said he thanked the Personnel Committee for its confidence. He appreciates everything that Rev. Sean Warren has done and hopes to carry forward this ministry.

Rev. Alcorn went on to draw attention to further Executive Council work, that of a motion and second to appoint an ad hoc committee of the Executive Council, to develop the wording for the bylaw changes required for the new model of operation needed for the Missions Department. The committee members are Oren Alcorn, Josh Carpenter, Joey Graves, Jeff Smith, Danny Dunivan, and Jim Schremp. Rev. Alcorn pointed out that a motion and second was made that there will be no new hires in this organization without the approval of the Executive Director with the exception of those stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws.

A motion and second were made to accept this report. Motion carried.

A reception in honor of Rev. Sean Warren and Rev. Donald Key followed.

**International Missions Director Sean Warren** reported the second annual 360 Leadership Forum in the Philippines was just completed. There were approximately 150-160 in attendance. The students and staff sent greetings to Rev. Clint Cook. Recently several pastors returned from China where they met with English Language Institute/China (ELIC). Rev. Warren went on to say he is very grateful for the four and a half years that he has had the privilege to serve with General Baptists.

**Administrative/Financial Services Director Linda McDonough** thanked the support staff that she works with. She went on to say that working for General Baptist Ministries has helped her increase in her faith; even in the face of a bad economy she has always been able to balance the denomination budget because of faithful givers.

#### **Election of General Baptist Council of Associations, Inc., Corporate Officers**

In the matter of corporate officers, a motion and second were made to elect Rev. Clint Cook as president and Kelly Copeland as secretary of the General Baptist Council of Associations, Inc. Motion carried.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

- ☑ C/A Chairman – Josh Carpenter (SEMO)
- ☑ C/A Vice Chairman – Tracy Burnett (Union)
- ☑ Pension Trust Board – Tammy Scheller (Liberty)
- ☑ Foundation/Stewardship Board – Kevin True (Moark)
- ☑ Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Ron Wallace (Generation)

A motion and second were made to accept this report and elect in one block. Motion carried.

**Oakland City University (OCU) President Ray Barber** reported that for the first time OCU was recognized in the USA News & World Report as one of the top 100 schools in the Midwest. OCU was also recognized by the state of Indiana as being the fourth safest school in the state. Dr. Barber went on to report on repairs and additions being made on campus. Bill Gaither of the *Gaither Vocal Band* recently contacted Dr. Barber and asked that the OCU choir join the band on December 13, 2013 for the *Bill Gaither Homecoming Christmas Celebration* in Evansville, Indiana. OCU has been allowed back into eight prisons in Indiana and one juvenile facility with online programs. He went on to say that the Governor of Indiana recognized Oakland City University with the *Outstanding Correctional Educational Service*

*Award.* The university has new programs and online studies. OCU is being challenged to have diverse professors, by the state of Indiana, in order to have accreditation. Dr. Barber asked that the university be kept in our prayers. He received a standing support from everyone present.

**Women's Ministries Director Patti Thornton** started her report talking about the circle of influence Women's Ministries has. She further talked about the Inside Out conference where women from all over the denomination came together for a wonderful experience. Mrs. Thornton went on to report about the Women's Mission One Team to India. This was a small team of seven that was able to take the hope of the one true and living God to the ladies of India, building the circle of influence.

**General Baptist Investment Fund (GBIF) President Steve Naff** reported that this ministry is to assist churches in reaching more people for Christ. He reported a church plant has paid off its loan and is on the second loan to expand the ministry. He went on to say that GBIF is able to offer an interest rate at 2 ½ percent now. He thanked every church that has borrowed from GBIF and he thanked those that had made deposits.

**Executive Council Election** – The new additional members are: Carl Masters (Freedom), Floyd Holland (Illmo), Ron Jagers (Florida), Oren Alcorn (White River), Ron Wallace (Generation), Mark Powell (New Liberty State), Larry Treadway (Portland), Jim Sanders (Poplar Bluff Area).

**Evaluation Committee Chairman Joey Graves** highlighted the printed report: The committee met on October 7th, 2013 for the purpose of evaluating the ministry goals for 2014. Ministry planning arrows were submitted in advance for review and evaluation. Meetings took place with the General Baptist Basic Ministries department leaders. In addition to goal evaluation, permission was given by Executive Director Clint Cook to evaluate the departments of the exiting directors and overall organizational health. Findings and recommendations are as follows:

#### **Departmental Goal Reviews**

**Executive Director** The Executive Directors Departmental Master Planning Arrow for 2014 is in line with the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws.

**Congregational** The Congregational Ministries Departmental Master Planning Arrow for 2014 is in line with the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. A point of order revisited is the embodiment of organizational functions outside of Congregational Ministries stated purpose. However, as stated in the last report, "this seems to be the product of lean staffing, yet is not the role of this ministry as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws" (Evaluations Report May 6, 2013).

**Administrative/Financial** The Administrative/Financial Departmental Master Planning Arrow for 2014 is in line with the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws.

**International Missions** No Master Planning Arrow was given for the International Missions Department and no transition plan was discussed.

**National Missions** No Master Planning Arrow was given for the National Missions Department and no transition plan was discussed.

**Basic Ministries - Support Services** No Master Planning Arrow was given by the General Baptist Women's Ministries and no discussion took place with Patti Thornton due to the previously established direction of the committee. "Women's Ministry is accountable to the Executive Director and ultimately to the Women's Ministries Board of Directors, it is not the Evaluations Committee's prerogative to evaluate this ministry." (Evaluations Report May 6, 2013)

**Institutional Ministries** No Master Planning Arrows were provided from the Institutional Ministries of General Baptist. As previously stated, "it is the finding of the Evaluations Committee that we are not professionally qualified to evaluate the Institutional Ministries, and therefore would give uneducated review and ill formulated recommendations." (Evaluations Report May 6, 2013)

## **Departmental Evaluations**

**National Missions Evaluation** With the exit of Don Key from our organizations employment (due to his spouses health), it was deemed necessary to enter into the evaluation process of the department. Don discussed some of the wins and potential future needs of the department along with an update of staffing and existing planters in the pipeline.

### **Wins**

- ☑ An established partnership with STADIA for church planter assessment.
- ☑ The reestablishment of the church planters into a network.
- ☑ Increased involvement with MVP stateside.
- ☑ Continued success with the "high impact / fast growing" church plant model.

### **Potential Future Needs**

- ☑ More individuals with a calling to reach America through church planting.
- ☑ Possibly a deputy director, or an assistant, who could devote time to growing MVP Stateside.
- ☑ Additional revenue streams to increase the number of church planting.
- ☑ The adoption of more models than just "high impact / fast growing" especially ethnic options.
- ☑ The development of more accountability in church planter coaching.

### **Staffing**

- ☑ Currently there are two employees inside the office and 3 church plant coordinators across the nation.

### **Planters**

- ☑ Dennis Amarael has been formally accessed and waiting further instruction from the National Missions Department.
- ☑ Dustin Thompson has relocated, consummating his contract, and began the prelaunch phase of planting Refuge Church.
- ☑ Carl Nichols severed the internship agreement with Irv Ryder, citing philosophical differences; however Director Key suggested continuing to pursue the launch of Echo Church with Irv Ryder in 2014/2015.
- ☑ Additional potential planters have expressed interest but with the upcoming transition no immediate plan of action has begun.

**International Missions Evaluation** With the exit of Sean Warren from our organizations employment due his resignation, it was deemed necessary to enter into the evaluation process of the department.

Director Warren discussed some of the wins and potential future needs of the department along with an update of staffing and our mission fields.

### **Wins**

- ☒ The reestablishment of detailed missionary assessment aiding in equipping the called.
- ☒ The establishment of key strategic partners to assist in our fulfillment of our mission.
- ☒ Increased involvement with the MVP program rebranded as Mission One Teams.
- ☒ Continued success with our overseas organizations, Faith Home and General Baptist Bible College.

### **Potential Future Needs**

- ☒ Increased funds as we strive to maintain/advance our missions department with the increasing cost of foreign markets.
- ☒ The prioritization of fields to invest resources (staff, equipment & funds) with a sustainability plan with native involvement.
- ☒ A stronger presence in our National Missions church plants.

### **Staffing**

- ☒ Currently there are two employees on site and one employee operating on a flex-time basis between the ministries building and a home office.

### **Missionaries**

- ☒ Currently all fields are stabilized & have been communicated about the director's exit from our organization.
- ☒ The Stead Family is in deputation awaiting upcoming culture training, before deployment to Faith Home, Honduras.
- ☒ No transition plan has been communicated to our on field missionaries leaving them unsettled and fearful during this time of transition.

**General Baptist Organization** During the course of the day, organizational health was discussed. First, with the Executive Director and subsequently (and with his permission), with each Basic Ministry Director, several departmental staff, and all exiting personnel. With the goal of advancing the mission (and agenda) of our movement, great effort was put forth to rightly divide personality conflicts, potential disgruntlement, and organizational weaknesses. With that criteria in place, several weaknesses continually presented themselves.

Leadership Team – Common perception is that the leadership team no longer exists, rather, a leadership hierarchy. Directly quoted by multiple staff members was “the Leadership Team no longer exists as it once did”. It is the opinion of this committee that if the current operational structure is preferred, that it will be necessary to change the organizational leadership structure through our governing documents.

Departmental Accountability - For both accountability and communication purposes, no consensus was given with whom employees report to. Highlighted in our last report concerning “the chief of staff” position “the current system seems to put tension into the organization due to the lack of formally approving the position. Employees have confusion with whom they are accountable to and the management structure.”

(Evaluations Report May 6, 2013) With our acceptance of a flex time executive director as a shift from our modus operandi, it is necessary to clarify and formally state our new operating procedures. If it is the desire of this body to have in-office leadership, while our executive director is out of the office, this needs to be formalized and adopted into the leadership structure. This will help to remove tension and promote organizational health and success. This will require a change to current governing documents.

Organizational Health - Currently there are some challenges to our organization's overall health. It is still questioned internally (and externally) if a flex time position will be able to meet the needs of our organization. The lack of formally positioning our chief of staff has left him perceived internally as compulsive or overreaching. While organizationally, the chief of staff has offered leadership and oversight needed in the absence of our executive director while he performs his duties as a lead pastor, pastor's coach, and off site family man. The departments continue to focus on singular objectives and agendas. And with the perceived abandonment of the leadership team structure, no agenda harmony is in sight. With the lack of agenda harmony, resources continue to be underutilized, mismanaged and potentially wasted. **This committee believes, rectifying our organizations health and rebuilding trust (both internally and externally) is the single greatest need of our movement.**

Organizational Structure - The above listed organizational weaknesses appear to be based in a discussion of our organizational structure. The structure is not being operated as defined in our governing documents. This is causing confusion in the headquarters office, our associations and churches. **We recommend amending our governing documents to adjust to the current realities of our organization.**

Respectfully submitted for consideration,

Tracy Burnett

Carl Masters

Dustin Thompson

Floyd Holland

Joey Graves

A motion and second were made to accept this report. Motion carried.

**Working Session** – The council broke into 6 groups to discuss the work of the Ad-hoc Committee of the Executive Council. There were some concerns with the organization of the missions department. Executive Director Clint Cook gave an explanation of why this committee was created by saying that General Baptists have a unique opportunity with both International and National Missions' directors leaving. There is some consideration to having one mission's director with two deputy directors for each International and National Missions. The Ad-hoc Committee will be doing its homework and will report to the Executive Council. This committee cannot make any changes and any final decisions will be made by the General Association. A member of the ad-hoc committee was at each table for discussion. There were just as many pros as cons which means this was a healthy working session.

**Progress Committee Chairman Dr. Danny Dunivan** reported that the concerns left for this committee to consider are the same issues the Ad-hoc Committee of the Executive Council will be working on. The Progress Committee would like to allow this further work to be done by the Ad-hoc Committee.

A motion and second were made to accept this report. Motion carried.

**Constitution Committee Chairman Oren Alcorn** gave the following report:

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following amendments to the bylaws of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. Constitution Article VI—Officers, Election, and Duties, A.1.

## **Article VI - Officers, Election, and Duties**

The Council of Associations, Inc., shall elect a president and a secretary; the council shall also elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Such elections shall be done at the first regular meeting following the General Association.

A. The officers of the corporation shall be:

**1. President:** The executive director of the denomination shall serve as president of the corporation with the usual and specific powers authorized by the Council of Associations and common to such office. In the event the office of the executive director is vacant or the executive director is unable or unwilling to fulfill designated responsibilities, the chairperson of the Council of Associations shall function as **the Executive Council upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee shall appoint an Interim Executive Director who shall serve as** president of the corporation until a successor is named or the issue is resolved.

A motion and second were made to refer this to the General Association for adoption. Motion carried.

Bylaws, Article I—Meetings:

The council shall establish two regular meeting dates each year and shall be subject to called meetings. A quorum shall be constituted when **a majority of all representatives registered** one representative of one-half of all associations that have registered their representative(s) with the office of the executive director are present.

A motion and second were made to adopt this change to the Bylaws and forward to the General Association for approval. Motion carried.

C/A Bylaws, Article VI, B:

### **B) The Institutional Ministries Shall Be:**

Institutional Ministries shall be those General Baptist institutions that function to aid, assist, and support Basic Ministries in their efforts to build up God's Kingdom through the Church. **A regular memo of understand shall define the specific ways each institution performs these functions.**

Each Institutional Ministry may be incorporated, but shall be subordinate and **shall remain** accountable to the General Association of General Baptists through its Council of Associations. These shall **might** include **but not be limited to** colleges and universities, nursing homes, Compassionate Care, General Baptist Investment Fund, and Stinson Press **institutions of higher education, health care ministries, adoption and family service ministries, financial service agencies, and publishing/printing houses.**

1. All of the Institutional Ministry boards **may** will function as subsidiary corporations to the parent corporation. In order to prevent a duplication of services, formal working agreements will be negotiated between the Institutional Ministries and ministry departments regarding the funds or services provided to General Baptist people.

2. Board members serving the Institutional Ministries elected at the annual meeting of the General Association shall be responsible to and report to the General Association through the Executive Council of the Council of Associations and remain in a communication relationship with the executive director **as detailed in the memo of understanding.**

3. Articles of incorporation and constitutions and bylaws, including all future amendments and changes, shall be **disclosed to the** in compliance with denominational policies and shall be approved by the Council of Associations **prior to ratifying the memorandum of understanding**. The delegates to the annual meeting of the General Association of General Baptists **shall review these memoranda as part of the annual report of the Council of Associations**.

4. Corporate officers and directors shall be nominated by the respective ministries in compliance with denominational policy. Ministries may nominate Council of Associations members, but are not restricted thereto. Such nominees shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Council of Associations for observation pertaining to such things as duplicate nominations and term limits.

5. The Institutional Ministry corporate directors will select and employ their directors, president, and health care administrators, subject to the approval of the delegates of the General Association.

6. Directors, presidents, and administrators of the Institutional Ministries will function as a part of the Leadership Team **at the invitation of the executive director** as follows:

a. The long-range planning and visioning sessions.

b. Meetings where issues are being discussed, reports are being coordinated, and decisions are being made that relate to their ministries.

c. When the Basic Ministries and service units are developing contractual or other agreements related to joint or contracted ventures aimed at meeting needs of the General Baptist people at large.

d. Meetings when the expertise of the leadership of Institutional Ministries may be needed.

The General Association Bylaws, Article IV, C.2 will also require a mirrored change.

A motion and second were made to adopt these changes to the Bylaws and forward to the General Association for approval. Motion carried.

**Congregational Ministries Director Dr. Franklin Dumond** reported that back in 2006 the process began toward change. Dr. Dumond invited some pastors to discuss how to change the national meeting in order to lead our denomination toward change. He went on to say that because of the Summit, local churches are beginning to see remarkable transformation. Churches are using the DVDs from the Summit main sessions as teaching tools on Sunday night and Wednesday night meetings. Dr. Dumond went on to tell about the National Youth Conference where about 1000 teens and their sponsors gather. The impact of this youth conference has been immeasurable. He went on to say that we do not want to be leaders on a journey by ourselves; we want to be leaders with lots of followers who are headed for the same task.

**2014 M&M Summit Moderator and Host Jeff Smith** reported plans are moving along with guest speakers and breakouts are being planned. He went on to say this is the biggest gathering we do every year. This is the moment. This is the time where the family gathers together. The time of year that we all gather together collectively, to unify and link arms together to do 'Greater Things,' John 14:12. Something new this year will be panels in workshops with 2-3 presenters tag team style. Registration starts January 1, 2014.

#### **Other**

Rev. Byron Beck said he had a great opportunity to go to China a few weeks ago. He spoke highly of English Language Institute, China (ELIC) and its ministry in China. He went on to say ELIC is looking for more people to go to China to teach the English language.

### **Organization of Executive Council**

The Executive Council met for reorganization following the C/A meeting.

Oren Alcorn as chairman. Rick Sellers as Vice Chairman. Dean Trivitt as Member-at-large to the Executive Council.

Elected Joey Graves and retained Larry Treadway and Ron Jagers on the Personnel Committee.

Elected Ron Wallace and Carl Masters and re-elected Mark Powell to the Budget Committee.

Jim Schremp requested a Leave of Absence from his duties on the Executive Council while fulfilling his appointment as Interim International Missions Director.

The committees met and organized as follows:

**Personnel Committee:** Jack Boyer as Chairman. Larry Treadway as Vice Chairman. Carletta Evans Steele as Secretary. **Budget Committee:** Russell Collins as Chairman. Kevin True as Vice Chairman. Dale Hartlein as Secretary.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin True

Council of Association Representative

## 2013 Church Growth Reports

Church	Total Members Last Year	Conversions	Baptism	Deaths	Total Members This Year	Worship Attendance
Bethany	104	3	3	5	103	85
Blue Cane	14	0	0	0	13	13
Blue Cross	25	0	3	2	21	30
Calls Chapel	9	5	5	0	18	14
Campbell First	90	1	3	2	87	100
Corning First	55	6	6	0	55	70
Forest Grove	90	2	0	1	76	66
Grace United	144	9	11	1	132	146
Gravel Hill	10	0	0	0	10	10
Hitts Chapel	136	6	8	1	107	135
Hopewell	30	0	0	0	30	23
Johnson's Chapel	62	0	0	0	63	31
Kennett First	41	3	2	1	38	43
Lynn Oak	76	3	3	1	80	82
Malden First	140	12	11	0	130	163
Maple Grove	19	0	0	1	18	19
Marmaduke First	56	0	0	1	55	26
Morris Chapel	16	0	0	1	15	9
Mt. Zion	21	0	0	0	19	16
Open Door	41	76	36	0	43	73
Piggott First	116	7	5	5	130	130
Rector First	213	6	4	4	201	141
South Canaan	55	2	2	0	59	39
Southaven	45	7	4	1	43	67
Stanfield	43	6	6	0	35	43
Sunnyvale	99	7	3	2	109	116
Trailers Chapel	21	2	0	0	20	21
Union Home	26					

## 2013 Church Financial Reports

Church	Dues	Sr. Pastor Pay Package	Christian Education	Evangelism	Missions	Unified Giving	Other Expenses	Total Expenses	Total Income
Bethany	618.00	\$42,762.10	\$11,137.29	\$25,060.83	\$11,570.76	\$3,151.00	\$96,170.53	\$189,852.51	\$179,011.17
Blue Cane	78.00	\$6,650.00	\$419.00	\$2,200.00	\$7,700.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,280.00	\$21,049.00	\$21,119.00
Blue Cross	126.00	\$7,200.00	\$1,313.53	\$0.00	\$812.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	\$9,429.53	\$19,670.37
Calls Chapel	108.00	\$10,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$10,342.00	\$21,942.00	\$20,758.00
Campbell First	522.00	\$38,606.00	\$5,236.11	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,342.12	\$59,237.65	\$105,721.88	\$105,189.86
Corning First	330.00	\$15,405.00	\$6,045.00	\$500.00	\$2,081.00	\$4,826.00	\$22,276.00	\$51,133.00	\$54,830.00
Forest Grove	456.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,144.31	\$0.00	\$2,066.00	\$2,729.90	\$27,803.99	\$47,744.20	\$40,382.42
Grace United	792.00	\$15,400.00	\$6,218.51	\$6,944.98	\$1,200.00	\$11,521.90	\$76,676.52	\$117,961.91	\$165,213.73
Gravel Hill	60.00	\$6,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,331.00	\$16,335.80	\$25,291.80	\$15,506.00
Hitts Chapel	642.00	\$38,019.00	\$9,523.31	\$12,737.15	\$21,099.00	\$8,524.00	\$72,218.15	\$162,120.61	\$171,884.26
Hopewell	180.00	\$9,275.00	\$1,502.73	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$11,343.94	\$22,971.67	\$22,720.68
Johnson's Chapel	378.00	\$18,200.00	\$5,064.72	\$4,223.97	\$10,156.34	\$5,799.34	\$27,084.69	\$70,529.06	\$64,022.48
Kennett First	266.00	\$21,600.00	\$2,433.67	\$1,330.60	\$3,946.00	\$6,101.95	\$23,679.16	\$59,091.38	\$64,758.19
Lynn Oak	480.00	\$31,502.00	\$4,204.00	\$1,200.00	\$20,771.61	\$15,972.14	\$1,432.45	\$75,082.20	\$135,139.43
Malden First	780.00	\$70,426.00	\$17,719.00	\$1,584.00	\$3,777.00	\$5,275.00	\$96,367.00	\$195,148.00	\$195,148.52
Maple Grove	108.00	\$3,500.00	\$644.28	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,852.98	\$2,836.85	\$13,334.11	\$20,010.23
Marmaduke First	330.00	\$7,800.00	\$1,266.53	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$22,824.70	\$34,891.23	\$30,778.14
Morris Chapel	90.00	\$5,800.00	\$426.00	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$9,076.00	\$15,052.00
Mt. Zion	114.00	\$15,600.00	\$793.39	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$991.62	\$0.00	\$18,385.01	\$39,664.78
Open Door	258.00	\$40,542.00	\$2,184.00	\$15,301.00	\$5,745.00	\$1,505.00	\$84,314.00	\$149,591.00	\$151,264.00
Piggott First	780.00								
Rector First	1,206.00	\$29,077.63	\$8,038.97	\$3,126.56	\$17,290.97	\$6,000.00	\$88,624.12	\$152,158.25	\$151,741.46
South Canaan	354.00	\$20,875.00	\$658.86	\$250.00	\$159.00	\$3,449.35	\$24,638.41	\$50,030.62	\$52,362.02
Southaven	258.00	\$43,182.00	\$2,420.00	\$278.00	\$570.00	\$1,400.00	\$100,994.00	\$148,844.00	148,844.00
Stanfield	210.00	\$19,300.00	\$681.63	\$2,608.92	\$0.00	\$2,057.37	\$0.00	\$24,647.92	\$41,148.00
Sunnyvale	654.00	\$42,000.00	\$3,667.00	\$1,250.00	\$9,059.00	\$18,177.00	\$20,000.00	\$94,153.00	\$194,320.00
Trailers Chapel	120.00	\$9,200.00	\$805.16	\$0.00	\$335.06	\$1,798.98	\$4,737.68	\$16,876.88	\$16,753.21
Union Home									

## 2014 Church Directory Reports

### **Bethany**

- Pastor:** Bryan Johnson, 17904 CR 102, Campbell MO 63933, (573) 276-7400, (573) 276-2513, [bryanj44@bpsnetworks.com](mailto:bryanj44@bpsnetworks.com)
- Clerk:** Sherry King, 2284 State Hwy H, Bernie, MO 63822 (573) 276-3050 [kingfarms@bpsnetworks.com](mailto:kingfarms@bpsnetworks.com)
- Youth Director:** Mike Vipperman, 40313 CR 111, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 421-8849
- S.S. Supt:** R.J. Riddle, 17586 CR 527, Bloomfield MO 63825, (573) 934-3144, [srddlrj60@hotmail.com](mailto:srddlrj60@hotmail.com)
- Treasurer:** Michele Mittag, 17745 CR 102, Campbell, MO 62933, (573) 281-5304, [mittagm@helenachemical.com](mailto:mittagm@helenachemical.com)

### **Blue Cane**

- Pastor:** James Dortch, 810 W. 7th, Rector AR 72461, (870) 595-4102
- Clerk/ Treas:** Danny Dortch, 1981 Greene 807 Rd., Rector, AR 72461 (870) 595-4101, [dandortch@gmail.com](mailto:dandortch@gmail.com)
- S.S.Supt:** Leroy O'Neal, 311 N. Ash, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 595-3001

### **Blue Cross**

- Pastor:** George Haygood, 106 W. Franklin, P.O. Box 173, Marmaduke AR 72443, (870) 450-2802
- Clerk:** Sandy Merrell, 245 Gr. Rd 536, Marmaduke AR 72443, (870) 597-2940
- Youth Director:** Amy Roush, Kimberly Gregory, PO Box 244, Paragould AR 72451, (870) 450-9536, [amydroush@hotmail.com](mailto:amydroush@hotmail.com)
- S.S. Supt:** John Grony, 1208 Daniel Dr., Paragould AR 72450, (870) 236-2899
- Treasurer:** Patsy Gregory, P.O. Box 244, Paragould AR 72451, (870) 239-5114

### **Calls Chapel**

- Pastor:** James Turner, 109 S. Stewart St., Rector, AR 72461, (870) 595-2459, (870) 545-4216
- Clerk:** Shirley Ward, 13002 Hwy 90, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 522-3265
- S.S. Supt:** Miles McCluskey, 2935 CR 533, Greenway, AR 72430, (870) 275-3664
- Treasurer:** Francis Parrish, 698 Frisco Lane, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3214

### **Campbell**

- Pastor:** Darren Baker, 102 Meadow Ct., Puxico, MO 63960, (573) 222-3335, (573) 776-3423
- Clerk:** Dawn Hogan, 615 N. Main, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 246-3228, (573) 785-4930, [dawn.hogan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawn.hogan@sbcglobal.net)
- Youth Director:** Terry Jackson, 309 Woodlawn, Campbell MO 63933, (573) 344-5819
- S.S. Supt:** Terry Jackson, 309 Woodlawn, Campbell MO 63933, (573) 344-5819
- Treasurer:** Shirley Armstrong, 1114 E. Haynes, Campbell MO 63933, (573) 246-2079

### **Corning**

- Pastor:** Don Dingus, 2800 Trowbridge Dr., Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 240-8222, (870) 335-5925, [prchdon1@yahoo.com](mailto:prchdon1@yahoo.com)
- Clerk:** Shelby Burkheart, 1109 5th St, Corning, AR 72422, (870) 215-3590, [dsb-burk@yahoo.com](mailto:dsb-burk@yahoo.com)
- Youth Director:** Shelia Fowler, 88 CR 1461, Corning, AR 72422, (870) 857-6585, (870) 323-1140, [doug290@centurytel.net](mailto:doug290@centurytel.net)
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- Treasurer:** Cynthia Coleman, 308 Crafton St., Corning, AR 72422, (870) 857-6627, (870) 215-1082, [rlcoleman@centurytel.net](mailto:rlcoleman@centurytel.net)
- Sr. Adult Ministry:** Randal Coleman, 308 Crafton St., Corning, AR 72422, (870) 857-6627, (870) 926-2785, [rlcoleman@centurytel.net](mailto:rlcoleman@centurytel.net)

### **Forest Grove**

- Pastor:** Todd Milburn, 46 Sundale, Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 476-1680, [ToddMillburn44@yahoo.com](mailto:ToddMillburn44@yahoo.com)
- Clerk:** Wanda L. Lee, PO Box 293, Cardwell, MO 63829 (573) 654-3483
- Youth Director:** Angie Ellington, 1647 County Rd. 607, Cardwell, MO 63829, [bljmom@hotmail.com](mailto:bljmom@hotmail.com)
- S.S. Supt:** Rick Watkins, 801 Baywood, Paragould, AR 72450 (870) 240-3195
- Treasurer:** Pat Vaughn, 1156 U.S. Hwy. 412, Cardwell, MO 63829 (573) 654-2188

### **Grace United**

- Pastor:**
- Assoc. Pastor:**
- Clerk/Treas:** Shannon Jackson, 684 Greene Rd. 810, Marmaduke, AR 72443, (870) 273-6137, (870) 268-7806, [sjackson@teleflora.com](mailto:sjackson@teleflora.com)
- Youth Director:** Brian & Dusty Brown, 3403 Friendship Road, Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 476-1279, (870) 476-5757, [bbrown21644@hotmail.com](mailto:bbrown21644@hotmail.com)
- S.S. Supt:** Jeannie Price, 3503 Friendship Road, Paragould, AR 72450 (870) 236-2313, (870) 476-2313, [office@graceunitedgbc.com](mailto:office@graceunitedgbc.com)
- Sr. Adult Ministry:** Kaye Grimes, 306 Shiloh Road, Paragould, AR, 72450, (870) 236-7177, (870) 476-1820, [kayegrimes0648@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kayegrimes0648@sbcglobal.net)

### **Gravel Hill**

- Pastor:** Randy Dalton, 2303 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3601
- Clerk/Treas:** Vernell Bradshaw, 1115 N. 4th Ave., Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-2322
- S.S. Supt:** Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd., Piggott, AR 72454 (870) 598-3609

### **Hitts Chapel**

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