

**Proceedings of the Spring Session  
Moark Presbytery of General Baptist  
March 14, 2008  
Attendance 75**

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 14, 2008, at 7:00P.M. at the Piggott General Baptist Church. Welcome, devotional and prayer by Bro. Joe Payne pastor of Piggott Church. Congregational singing directed by Sis. Brandy Palmer accompanied by Bro. Ken Renshaw. The moderator, Bro. Marston Carpenter called the meeting to order.

**Visitors**

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business  
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2009 - John Prince  
Vice Moderator 2009 - James Hamlett  
Clerk/Treasure 2008 - Danny Dortch  
Assistant Clerk 2008 - John Kruger

**Appointed by the Moderator**

See resolutions 7 and 8

Reading Clerk 2008 - Kenneth Hargrave  
Parliamentarian 2008 - James Hamlett  
Finance Committee 2008 - Randy Daulton, Kim Hellebusch and Steve McElwrath  
Resolutions Committee 2008 - Shawn Parker, Randy Wiseman and Aaron Speer

**Correspondence**

Letter from South Canaan church requesting that deacons Billy Joe Griggs and Dennis Holsten be dropped from the deacons roll. Granted.

Moark Presbytery 2007 Finance Report		
Balance as of 1/1/07		1958.18
Receipts (Dues) 2007		721.00
Bethany	42.00	
Blue Cane	14.00	
Blue Cross	21.00	
Call's Chapel	14.00	
Campbell	42.00	
Cappadocia	21.00	
Corning	00.00	
Forest Grove	14.00	
Grace United	35.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	42.00	

Hopewell	28.00	
Johnson's Chapel	28.00	
Kennett	21.00	
Lynn Oak	14.00	
Malden 1st	119.00	
Malden 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	21.00	
Morris Chapel	7.00	
Mt. Zion	28.00	
Piggott	00.00	
Rector	77.00	
South Canaan	14.00	
Southaven Comm.	14.00	
Stanfield	00.00	
Sunnyvale	35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	21.00	
Union Home	14.00	
White Oak	00.00	
BALANCE		2679.18
EXPENSE		
Check # 1006	Moark Ass'n (Minutes 2006)	233.34
Check # 1007	Moark Ass'n (Minutes 2007)	364.51
Check # 1008	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2007)	200.00
Check # 1009	General Baptist Messenger (Honorary Minister and Deacon Sub)	30.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2007		1851.33

#### **REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

1. Be it resolved we give the officers of the Presbytery a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be it resolved we pay our Clerk \$200.00 for his services.
3. Be it resolved that, if a local church so request, deacons to serve that local church may be ordained at the local church.
4. Be it resolved that we read only the report of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee and not the request from the candidate.
5. Be it resolved that we ask each church to pay \$7.00 dues for each ordained member of the presbytery, payable to the presbytery clerk.
6. Be it resolved that the clerk send each church a letter to remind them of the time if any deacons are ordained in their church.
7. Be it resolved that the Resolutions and Finance Committees be appointed 6 months in advance by the incoming moderator at the fall presbytery.
8. Be it resolved that incoming moderator appoint a reading clerk and a parliamentarian in advance of the spring presbytery.
9. Be it resolved that in light of current circumstances we encourage our pastors to lead our churches to conduct special prayer services for our nation and its leaders on at least two occasions during the coming year.
10. Be it resolved that we adopt the following as our statement of purpose: The purpose of the MoArk Presbytery is to assist the Churches of MoArk Association by providing and maintaining standards of ordination for those who minister within our body and to ensure that there are adequate opportunities of ministry training and leadership

development made available for members of the Presbytery.

11. Be it resolved that each committee compose a written statement describing its responsibilities and functions for standing inclusion in our published minutes.

12. Be it resolved that as the Moderator of the Presbytery serves on the Association's Executive Board he will ensure that there are adequate opportunities of ministry training and leadership development made available for members of the Presbytery.

### **REPORT OF THE DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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

<b>Spring 2008</b>			
Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Malden 1 <sup>st</sup> Rector	Jonathan Rice	Membership Minister	Granted
	Todd Milburn	License	Granted

Bro. Kem Hellebusch was recommended for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee and elected.

We recommend that we replace the book "**History of General Baptist**" written by Ollie Latch with two other books that have been updated and are being used by our General Baptist University. "**Christ Tasted Death for Every Man**" by Randy Mills, and "**The God of Our Fathers**" by Craig Shull. Granted.

### **DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

- (2013) Kim Hellebausch, P.O. Box 132, Holcomb, Mo 63852 (573)792-3399
- (2012) Kevin Abbott, 123 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450 (870)565-8741 pastor@graceunitedgbc.org
- (2011) John Prince P.O. Box 264, Cardwell, MO 63829 (573)654-2366 jandvprince@sbcglobal.net
- (2010) Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd 102. Campbell, Mo. 63933 (573)276-4045  
bryanj44@bpsnetworks.com
- (2009) Royce Schanda 1801N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450 (870)215-0657 royces@grnco.net

Motion and second to print the list of deacons in the minutes. Granted.

### **Worship Service**

Congregational song directed by Sis. Brandy Palmer accompanied by Bro. Ken Renshaw. Message by Bro. Jim Cowsert. Congregational prayer at the altar. Announcements. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Jonathan Rice.

### **MOARK MINISTERS HOME STUDY BOOKS**

List of books for required reading and reporting to the mentor assigned by the Doctrine and Credential's Committee.

#### **Ministers Books**

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| 1. The Heart of Hebrew History                 | Hester       |
| 2. The Heart of New Testament History          | Hester       |
| 3. Christ Tasted Death for Every Man           | Randy Mills  |
| 4. General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook |              |
| 5. Why a Sermon Outline                        | James Dortch |
| 6. What About God                              | James Dortch |
| 7. The Master Plan of Evangelism               | Coleman      |
| 8. Basic Principles of Biblical Counseling     | Larry Cobb   |
| 9. The Purpose Driven Church                   | Rick Warren  |
| 10. The God of Our Fathers                     | Craig Shull  |

All of these books are to be purchased for the individual's personal library with the exception of the "General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook" which is a gift from the Presbytery.

### **Deacon's Books**

1. Now That You Are A Deacon                      Foshee
2. General Baptist Doctrine and Usage Handbook
3. Study the By-Laws and Constitution of the Moark Presbytery and Association
4. Partners in Ministry (video series)

### **HONORARY MINISTERS**

### **LICENSED MINISTERS**

Mike Scott        Rector  
Dwayne Foster    Rector  
Todd Milburn     Rector

### **HONORARY DEACON**

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, Mo 63863  
Manuel Eaton, 739 E. 4th St. Rector, Ar 72461  
J.D. Ferrell, Rt 1, Kennett, Mo 63857  
R.L. Hill, 501 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Marmaduke, Ar 72443  
Mabrey Loafman, 42802 State Hwy H, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Orville Nelson, 43749 County Rd. 119, Malden, Mo 63863  
Donald Smart, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Ruben White, 17773 Maria Drive, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Garland White, 1104 Stokelan Dr. Malden, Mo 63863  
Herman Luke, Rt 2 Box 182, Malden, Mo 63863

### **MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES**

Kevin Abbott, 123 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450  
Darren Baker, Rt 1 Box 1029-A, Qulin, Mo 63961  
Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Sam Book, P.O. Box 95, St. Francis, Ar 72464  
Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, Ar 72461  
Marston Carpenter, 140 Ballard, Rector, Ar 72461  
Jack Cole, 1129 W. North St. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Jim Cowsert, 203 Beckwith, Malden, Mo 63836  
Mark Cowsert, 1953 Acacia Club Rd. Holister, Mo 65672  
Don Dingus, Hoelscher Ln, Pocahtontas, Ar 72455  
James H. Dortch, 810 W. 7th, Rector, Ar 72461  
J.D. Ellis, 455 N. Scurlock, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Harold Fisk, 4913 Guy St. Paragould, Ar 72450  
Donnie Gregory, 7371 Chippendell Dr. Southaven, Ms 38671  
Kenneth Hargrave, 814 W. 7<sup>th</sup>, Rector, Ar 72461  
George Haygood, Box 173, Marmaduke, Ar 72443  
Jim Hillyer, 1794 CR 730, Jonesboro, Ar 72401  
Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd. 102, Campbell, Mo 63933  
John Kruger, 804 Pruitt St. Kennett, Mo 63857  
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Jonathan Rice, 601 Barrett Dr. Malden, Mo 63863  
Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450  
Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, Ar 72430

Ronnie Stevens, 905 W. Unity Rd. Paragould, Ar 72450  
James Turner, 1386 CR 481, Rector, Ar 72461  
Boyd Wicker, 5278 Hwy 49, Greenway, Ar 72430  
Don Willingham, 614 S. Locust, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Davey Winberry, Rt 2, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Ted Winberry, 376 N Monroe, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Randol Wiseman, 39414 Kimber Dr. Malden, Mo 63863

## CONSTITUTION OF MOARK PRESBYTERY

March 24, 2006

1. The Moark Presbytery shall be composed of the ordained ministers and deacons who shall be in good standing with their respective churches. A quorum shall consist of the ministers and deacons representing six (6) or more churches of Moark Association.

2. The Presbytery, when properly organized, shall consist of a moderator, vice moderator, and clerk/treasurer, who shall be chosen by the affirmative vote of the members present. The moderator, vice moderator, clerk/treasurer, and committees appointed by the moderator shall serve for one year after being elected in the spring session of the Presbytery.

A. Moderator

1. Shall keep the Presbytery in order, state all questions fairly, and take the vote thereon.
2. Shall have liberty of speech as other members provided his seat be filled,
3. Shall have no vote unless it be in case of a tie, in which case he may cast the deciding vote.
4. Shall appoint all committees unless directed otherwise by the body. (Board members are to be elected.)
5. Shall be responsible for the program of the Presbytery, such as speaker, music and anything else he deems necessary.

B Vice Moderator

The duty of the vice moderator shall be to serve as moderator automatically, if for any reason the moderator is unable to serve

C. Clerk/Treasurer

1. Shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings.
2. Shall keep financial records of all receipts and disbursements.
3. Shall submit the financial records for an informal audit annually by whomever the Presbytery selects for this task.

3. There shall be a board composed of five (5) men for (5) year terms, one being replaced each year at the spring presbytery, for the Purpose of examining ministers and deacons and shall serve as the Doctrine and Credentials committee. They shall be available to give guidance and help to members of this body in any matter involving personal or church affairs. Ministers and deacons are to be examined before the sitting of each Presbytery.

4. No officer or board member shall serve on more than one board at a time or more than five (5) consecutive years on any one board or in any office of this presbytery. Exception being the clerk-treasurer is not limited to the (5) consecutive years.

5. All ministers and deacons desiring membership into our fellowship from other Presbyteries shall be required to furnish a letter of request from his church, a letter of recommendation from his Presbytery and be recommended by the Doctrine and Credentials Committee after they have examined him as to his moral financial and educational qualifications. If he is found to be deficient in the educational requirements of Moark Presbytery he shall be required to meet the standards before he be received as a member of this Presbytery. We shall receive no minister or deacon into our fellowship who has been excluded from any Presbytery or conference for immoral conduct unless he has made an honest effort to make reconciliation with the offended Presbytery or conference.

6. When a church has a minister or deacon whom they wish dropped from the Presbytery roll, they shall send a written request to the Presbytery requesting that his name be dropped.

7. Any member of this body shall have the right to request a committee be appointed to investigate any improper conduct of a member of this Presbytery as to morals, doctrinal teaching, belief, or social image.

8. Moark Presbytery will not ordain or receive into membership anyone who does not believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

9. In the event that a candidate for licensing, membership, or ordination has been married and divorced, special consideration will be given to his examination. All sin being equal, divorce and remarriage prior to conversion are forgiven as is all other sins. If the divorce occurs after one's conversion each case must be investigated and decided upon its own issues and merits, and only then will any recommendation be made to the clerk for further action by the entire body of the presbytery. (Other qualifications of the Presbytery must be met.)

10. Churches having prospective candidates for office of deacon should send them to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within 30 days of their being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. They should place them in their church to serve in this capacity for at least six (6) months prior to making the request for ordination, except that they are not to serve communion and they are to complete the Moark Home Study Course. Any church desiring the ordination of a deacon shall make formal request to the presbytery for its approval. If the Presbytery approves, he MAY be ordained at that setting

11. Churches having prospective candidates for Licensing of a Minister should send their candidate to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within thirty 30 days of being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. He will then be sent to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee for licensing at the next regular session of the Moark Presbytery and his license may be renewed each year as necessary until he has met the necessary requirements for ordination. He should appear before the Doctrine and Credentials Committee on an annual basis for encouragement and examination of his progress. We will ordain a licentiate that has been called into the ministry of the gospel providing he has met the requirements of the presbytery.

12. Each candidate for ordination shall be voted on separately by the Presbytery.

13. Each member of the Presbytery shall pay a membership fee annually.

14. If any member is found teaching or practicing the alien doctrine of "a second definite work of grace" or that of "speaking in tongues," he shall be investigated by the moderator and clerk, and if grounds be true, the person shall be asked by the Presbytery at the next meeting to resign his offices in a General Baptist church and to return his credentials to the body. If he refuses to do so, he shall that day be charged and cited to trial at the next session of the Presbytery.

15. Any member or group of members of this body must seek the approval, guidance, and cooperation of the Moark Home Mission Board before starting a new mission work in the Moark area.

16. We agree to do all business by a majority vote except reception of new members or changing this constitution. A three-fourths majority vote of the members voting shall be required to receive members and change the constitution, If any member becomes dissatisfied with any part of this constitution or with the Statements of Faith, he shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal if he is in fellowship with his own church. If he remains a member and his dissatisfaction becomes irreconcilable, he shall be subject to dismissal.

17. This body shall be guided by the General Baptist Doctrine and Usage and Worker's Handbook where no rules are found within the framework of this constitution.

18. The spring sitting of the Presbytery will be on Friday Night at 7.00 P.M., before the fourth Sunday in March. The fall sitting will be the Friday Night before the third Sunday in August at 7:00 p.m.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION SERVICE**

- 1.The candidates be assembled in a special place
- 2.The charge be given to the candidates.
- 3.The presbytery body be called to encircle the candidates.
4. Singing "A Charge to Keep Have I."
- 5.Conclude with prayer of dedication during which the Presbytery members shall be called to lay hands on the candidates.
- 6.Opportunity be given to the entire congregation to congratulate the newly ordained ones.

## ORDINATION SONG

A charge to keep I have,                      Help me to watch and pray,                      To serve this present age,  
A God to glorify,                                  And on Thy self rely                                  My calling to fulfill,  
Who gave his Son my soul Assured, if I my trust betray,                      O may it my powers engage  
to save And fit it for the sky.                      I shall forever die.                                  To do my Master's will.

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### LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED

March 2008      Total membership 140

Corrections to this list should be addressed with a letter to the presbytery.

#### **BETHANY**

##### DEACONS

Mabrey Loafman (H)  
Ruben White (H)  
Lannie Blake  
Johnny Grindstaff  
R. J. Riddle

##### MINISTERS

Bryan Johnson

#### **BLUE CANE**

##### DEACONS

Danny Dortch

##### MINISTERS

James H. Dortch

#### **BLUE CROSS**

##### DEACONS

Gerald Gregory  
Edward Merrell

##### MINISTERS

George Haygood

#### **CALLS CHAPEL**

##### DEACONS

Ray Carr

##### MINISTERS

#### **CAMPBELL**

##### DEACONS

Bill Willis  
Jim Hampton  
Milton Ladyman  
Coy Penrod

Scott Blackburn

##### MINISTERS

Darren Baker  
Jack Cole

#### **CAPPADOCIA**

##### DEACONS

Max Nelson  
Aaron Speer

##### MINISTERS

Ronnie Stevens

#### **CORNING**

##### DEACONS

Doug Fowler

##### MINISTERS

Don Dingus

#### **FOREST GROVE**

##### DEACONS

John Prince

##### MINISTERS

Shawn Parker

#### **GRAVEL HILL**

##### DEACONS

Dale Grimes  
Vernal Bradshaw

##### MINISTERS

Otis Book  
Ted Winberry

#### **GRACE UNITED**

##### DEACONS

Steve Grimes  
James Wells

##### MINISTERS

Royce Schanda  
Harold Fisk  
Kevin Abbott

#### **HITTS CHAPEL**

##### DEACONS

Linuel Tate  
Donald Smart (H)  
Jerry Causey  
Burl Haley  
Preston Davis  
Mike Lambert  
Rex Smart

##### MINISTERS

Charles Richardson

#### **HOPEWELL**

##### DEACONS

Don Poole  
Houston Fry

##### MINISTERS

Boyd Wicker  
James Turner

**JOHNSON CHAPEL**

DEACONS

Virgil Blancett  
Tommy Joe Harris  
Virgil Lee Blancett

MINISTERS

Lavone Smart

**KENNETT**

DEACONS

Frank Brown  
Dan Carlisle  
J. D Ferrell (H)  
Steve McElwarth

MINISTERS

John Kruger

**LYNN OAK**

DEACONS

Sam Richardson Jr.  
Carol Blanton  
Jim Richardson  
Connie Nuckles  
Kenny Wilson  
J. T. Moody

MINISTERS

Randol Wiseman

**MALDEN FIRST**

DEACONS

Garland White (H)  
Orville Nelson (H)  
Kent Luke  
Herman Luke (H)  
David Blaylock  
Delano Sandefer  
Howard Winberry  
Morris Bradley  
Lee Bennett  
Steve Cook  
Chuck Provance  
Don Smothers  
Wayne Blaylock (H)  
Leroy Stracener  
Charles Johnson  
Doug Geohagan  
Tommy McCoin  
Jon Johnson  
James Odom

MINISTERS

Jonathan Rice  
Mark Cowsert

**MAPLE GROVE**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Jim Cowsert

**MARMADUKE**

DEACONS

Thomas McCrory

MINISTERS

Kenneth Hargrave

**MORRIS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

Earl Neely

MINISTERS

**MT. GILEAD**

DEACONS

James Dale  
Marvin Gaither

MINISTERS

**MT. ZION**

DEACONS

Earl Walker  
Doyle Gray

MINISTERS

Chuck Pipkins

**PIGGOTT**

DEACONS

Wayne Featherson  
James Featherson  
Jim Poole  
Trent Holcomb  
Rick Haywood

MINISTERS

J. D. Ellis  
Joe Payne

**RECTOR**

DEACONS

Winfred Seals  
Jim Mabrey  
Steve Carpenter  
Bud Shelton  
R.L. Hill (H)  
Jeff Smart  
Stephen Dement  
Lowell McKinney  
Mike Dowdy  
Manuel Eaton (H)

MINISTERS

Kenny Burns  
Randy Dalton  
Marston Carpenter

**RIDGEVUE**

MINISTERS

Ryan Mason

**SOUTH CANAAN**

DEACONS

Phillip Russom  
Steve Bradshaw  
Kim Hellebusch

MINISTERS

Don Willingham



**SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY**

DEACONS

Donnie Coker

Mike Maine

MINISTERS

Don Gregory

Mike Higgins

**STANFIELD**

DEACONS

Carroll Randolph

Bobby Grissom

Junior Hargraves

Joe Woolverton

MINISTERS

**SUNNYVALE**

DEACONS

J.C. Venable

Bob York

Glen Baugas

Bob Taylor

MINISTERS

**TRAILORS CHAPEL**

DEACONS

Gerald Runyon

Loran Johnson

MINISTERS

James Hillyer

Mark Trout

Sam Book

**UNION HOME**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Futrel Butler

Davey Winberry

**WHITE OAK**

DEACONS

MINISTERS

**MALDEN SECOND**

DEACONS

Glen Harris

Ira Babcock

Gail Kirkpatrick

MINISTERS

Dale Price