

Minutes of the 102nd Annual Session of the MoArk Association of General Baptists

Convened March 19, 2016 at the First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR
Chris Brantley, Moderator • Josh Carpenter, Vice Moderator
Lisa Hargrave, Clerk • Bryan Johnson, Assistant Clerk

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Minutes of the 2016 MoArk Association

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Bro. Chris Brantley opened the MoArk Association meeting with a welcome to the 85 registered attendees and with prayer. The business session was opened with the presentation of Nominating Committee's recommendation for incoming officers for 2017, Kenneth Hargrave 2017 Vice Moderator, Lisa Hargrave 2017 Clerk/Treasurer, and Bryan Johnson 2017 Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. A motion and second was made to accept these nominees. This was carried. A motion and second was made to accept the written reports from the MoArk Committees. This was carried.

The next item of business was a recommendation from the MoArk Executive Board to grant MoArk membership to the Walnut Corner General Baptist Church, Light, AR. A motion and second was made to accept Walnut Corner General Baptist Church into membership of the MoArk Association. This was carried.

There was no further new business. The 2016 business session was closed.

The remainder of the morning session was worship service with messages by Chris Vaught and Tyler Feller. Music for the day was provided by the Praise and Worship Band of First General Baptist Church of Piggott. A noon meal was served. The afternoon session resumed with the 2015 Obituary Video presentation by Bro. Bryan Johnson. Bro. Josh Carpenter gave a report on Oakland City University. Bro. Charles Richardson presented reports from General Baptist Ministries and Missions.

The day closed with Bro. Chris Brantley passing the gavel to incoming Moderator, Josh Carpenter. The meeting was closed with 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 \$35.00 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 Camp Allen, 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.

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
June 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
at First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR**

The following members were in attendance:

Chris Brantley, Moderator
Mark Book, CE Board Rep
Bryan Johnson, Presbytery Moderator, Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund Treasurer
Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk
Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee
Marston Carpenter, Member at Large
Wanda Britt, Member at Large
Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

Bro. Chris Brantley opened the meeting reading from the book of Luke. Prayer requests were received. Bro. Chris Brantley led the opening prayer. The meeting was called to order and members welcomed.

Board Reports and Business:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were examined. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as presented. This was carried.
- The current financial report of the MoArk Association was examined. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.
- The Christian Education Board presented a financial report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The MoArk Mission board presented an oral report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Nominating Committee reported it is desirous to receive names from churches of individuals willing to serve on committees.
- A motion and second was made to accept the written Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund report. This was carried.
- A written report was presented from the Council of Associations representative. A motion and second was made to accept the C of A report. This was carried.

Old Business:

- Review of the Walk Thru The Bible seminar at the 2015 Association

New Business:

- First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR requested to host the 2016 Association. A motion and second was made to accept the invitation. This was carried.

- Grace United General Baptist Church, Paragould, AR requested the 2016 Presbytery. A motion and second was made to accept the invitation. This was carried.
- Grace United General Baptist Church, Paragould, AR requested the 2017 Association. A motion and second was made to accept the invitation. This was carried.
- A motion and second was made to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the moderator to use in planning the program for the 2016 Association. This was carried.
- The next meeting was set for October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Piggott First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR.
- Motion and second to adjourn. This was carried.

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
October 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
at First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR**

The following members were in attendance:

Chris Brantley, Moderator

Josh Carpenter, Vice Moderator

Mark Book, CE Board Rep

Bryan Johnson, Presbytery Moderator, Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund Treasurer

Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk

Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee

Mary Haywood, Member at Large

Marston Carpenter, Member at Large

Wanda Britt, Member at Large

Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Board Reports and Business:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as presented. This was carried.
- The current financial report of the MoArk Association was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.
- The Nominating Committee did not have a report to submit. They are still seeking individuals who are willing to serve on committees.
- An update was given on the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Christian Education Board presented a report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- Information was shared concerning the work of the MoArk Mission Committee.

- A report was given from the Council of Associations representative. A motion and second was made to accept the C of A report. This was carried.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- There was discussion surrounding the planning of the 2016 Association that will be taking place at the Piggott First General Baptist Church.
- The next meeting was set for February 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Piggott First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR.
- Motion and second to adjourn. This was carried. The meeting was closed in prayer.

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
February 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
at First General Baptist Church, Piggott, AR**

The following members were in attendance:

Chris Brantley, Moderator

Mark Book, CE Board Rep

Bryan Johnson, Presbytery Moderator, Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund Treasurer

Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk

Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee

Mary Haywood, Member at Large

Marston Carpenter, Member at Large

Wanda Britt, Member at Large

Joyce Hughes, Missions Board Rep

Lisa Hargrave, Association Clerk

Visitors from Walnut Corner General Baptist Church

Mark Walker, Pastor of Walnut Corner GBC

Lawrence Tedder, Walnut Corner GBC Deacon

Wayne Simpson, Walnut Corner GBC Deacon

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Board Reports and Business:

- The 2015 financial report of the MoArk Association was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the report as presented. This was carried.
- The Nominating Committee presented a written report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Christian Education Board presented a written report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Youth written report was reviewed. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund written report was presented. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- The Mission Board submitted a written report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- A motion and second was made to accept the financial report of the Mission Board. This was carried.
- The Auditing Committee presented a written report. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.
- A written report was given by the Council of Associations representatives. A motion and second was made to accept the C of A report. This was carried.
- A written report was given from the Presbytery. A motion and second was made to accept the report. This was carried.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- A motion was made that at the first meeting of the Executive Board following the Annual Association the Executive Board will review the finances and consider the possibility of a Camp Allen donation. This was seconded. This was carried.
- The Walnut Corner General Baptist Church requested membership to the MoArk Association. A motion and second was made to recommend the Walnut Corner General Baptist Church for membership to the body of the MoArk Association. This was carried.
- The agenda for the Association meeting was discussed.
- A motion and second was made to adjourn. This was carried.

2015 Church Growth Reports

Church	Total Members Last Year	Conversions	Baptism	Deaths	Total Members This Year	Worship Attendance
Bethany	94	0	0	1	97	89
Blue Cross	22	0	0	2	12	23
Calls Chapel	18	2	0	2	16	15
Campbell First	87	1	0	4	74	90
Corning First	42	5	8	0	42	70
Forest Grove	72	0	3	1	71	58
Grace United	138	18	14	5	158	133
Gravel Hill	10	0	0	0	15	13
Hitts Chapel	108	4	6	1	111	115
Hopewell	30	0	0	1	28	13
Johnson's Chapel	64	0	0	2	65	25
Kennett First	34	2	2	1	33	35
Lynn Oak	80	0	0	1	78	77
Malden First	137	1	8	0	154	207
Maple Grove	18	0	0	0	18	16
Marmaduke First	55	0	0	1	19	34
Morris Chapel	14	0	0	0	14	9
Mt. Zion	20	4	4	1	20	20
Open Door	52	59	29	1	58	82
Piggott First	112	6	6	3	137	143
Rector First	181	3	3	6	158	116
South Canaan	58	7	7	0	59	15
Southaven	45	4	2	0	48	71
Stanfield	36	0	3	1	37	50
Sunnyvale	123	0	1	2	130	100
Trailers Chapel	21	0	0	0	21	17
Union Home	15	6	6	1	12	15

2015 Church Financial Reports

Church	Dues	Sr. Pastor Pay Package	Christian Education	Evangelism	Missions	Unified Giving	Other Expenses	Total Expenses	Total Income
Bethany	582.00	\$41,906.94	\$5,869.54	\$39,087.16	\$5,830.81	\$5,056.47	\$43,165.94	\$140,916.86	\$136,754.10
Blue Cross	72.00	\$4,200.00	\$866.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$0.00	\$5,170.83	\$22,781.84
Calls Chapel	96.00	\$8,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$13,392.33	\$22,342.33	\$23,517.00
Campbell First	444.00	\$40,508.00	\$6,786.00	\$0.00	\$6,299.00	\$1,020.00	\$70,157.00	\$124,770.00	\$114,236.00
Corning First	252.00	\$18,955.00	\$525.00	\$2,249.00	\$1,250.00	\$5,485.00	\$33,937.00	\$62,401.00	\$78,000.00
Forest Grove	426.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,726.09	\$0.00	\$4,874.13	\$1,804.02	\$15,588.16	\$37,992.40	\$39,992.40
Grace United	948.00	\$68,000.00	\$16,600.00	\$18,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$11,889.00	\$35,000.00	\$153,189.00	\$199,474.00
Gravel Hill	90.00	\$4,500.00	\$289.98	\$0.00	\$1,431.00	\$996.96	\$14,225.40	\$21,443.34	\$0.00
Hitts Chapel	666.00	\$39,196.00	\$12,250.00	\$42,045.00	\$14,959.00	\$9,967.00	\$72,014.88	\$190,431.88	\$172,736.00
Hopewell	168.00	\$9,300.00	\$1,895.12	\$180.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$17,811.34	\$29,686.46	\$29,686.46
Johnson's Chapel	390.00	\$18,550.00	\$3,469.40	\$2,221.63	\$9,667.54	\$6,134.50	\$18,208.35	\$58,251.42	\$73,891.37
Kennett First	198.00	\$20,800.00	\$1,725.00	\$1,350.00	\$4,548.00	\$5,809.00	\$24,704.00	\$58,936.00	\$71,631.21
Lynn Oak	468.00	\$32,422.76	\$3,931.19	\$751.85	\$7,307.85	\$16,359.51	\$41,571.41	\$102,344.57	\$168,218.20
Malden First	924.00	\$60,209.00	\$10,135.00	\$3,047.00	\$6,342.00	\$7,208.00	\$151,441.00	\$238,382.00	\$238,402.00
Maple Grove	108.00	\$7,950.00	\$696.52	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,392.90	\$5,266.99	\$19,306.41	\$19,129.00
Marmaduke First	114.00	\$9,050.00	\$540.89	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$13,051.67	\$25,642.56	\$29,394.09
Morris Chapel	84.00	\$7,800.00	\$440.49	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$9,579.75	\$18320.24	\$24,923.18
Mt. Zion	120.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$926.43	\$16,228.37	\$37,028.00	\$34,021.21
Open Door	348.00	\$45,248.00	\$2,569.00	\$23,001.00	\$3,797.00	\$1,375.00	\$169,785.00	\$245,775.00	\$180,055.00
Piggott First	822.00	\$40,000.00	\$9,904.86	\$3,154.53	\$2,113.30	\$1,286.56	\$56,729.02	\$113,188.27	\$122,853.70
Rector First	948.00	\$58,332.36	\$6,531.57	\$3,660.54	\$9,218.51	\$3,000.00	\$57,897.35	\$138,640.33	\$145,211.07
South Canaan	354.00	\$4,325.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,779.43	\$20,422.46	\$27,826.89	\$40,710.59
Southaven	288.00	\$45,500.00	\$3,030.00	\$3,141.00	\$326.00	\$0.00	\$101,501.00	\$153,498.00	\$162,710.00
Stanfield	222.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunnyvale	780.00	\$42,000.00	\$4,325.00	\$7,400.00	\$11,750.00	\$20,425.00	\$26,725.00	\$112,625.00	\$201,320.00
Trailers Chapel	126.00	\$10,140.00	\$1,123.12	\$0.00	\$316.00	\$1,475.96	\$5,704.55	\$18,759.63	\$18,759.67
Union Home	72.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$802.18	\$6,502.18	\$10,567.49

Church Directory Reports

Bethany

- Pastor:** Bryan Johnson, 17904 CR 102, Campbell MO 63933, (573) 276-7400, (573) 276-2513, bryanj44@bpsnetworks.com
- Clerk:** Sherry King, 2284 State Hwy H, Bernie, MO 63822 (573) 276-3050 kingfarms@bpsnetworks.com
- Youth Director:** Brandon Gough, 18401 St. Hwy J, Malden, MO 63863, (573)990-7403, brandon_gough21@yahoo.com
- S.S. Supt:** R.J. Riddle, 17586 CR 527, Bloomfield MO 63825, (573) 934-3144, Srddlrj60@hotmail.com
- Treasurer:** Michele Mittag, 17745 CR 102, Campbell, MO 62933, (573) 281-5304, MittagM@HelenaChemical.com

Blue Cross

- Pastor:**
- Clerk:** Sandy Merrell, 245 Gr. Rd 536, Marmaduke AR 72443, (870) (870) 476-3993
- Youth Director:** Amy Roush, Kimberly Gregory, PO Box 244, Paragould AR 72451, (870) 450-9536, (870) 239-5114, 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) 215-8431, (870) 239-5114

Calls Chapel

- Pastor:** Jerry Carnett, 295175 State Hwy 53, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 717-0689
- Clerk:** Shirley Ward, 13002 Hwy 90, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 522-3265
- S.S. Supt:** Miles McCluskey, 2535 CR 533, Greenway, AR 72430
- 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
- Clerk:** Dawn Hogan, 615 N. Main, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 246-3228
- 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:** Jeff Crain, 547 Greene Rd 620, Paragould, AR 72450 (573) 300-3576, srpastor12@live.com
- Clerk:** Shelby Burkheart, 1109 5th St, Corning, AR 72422, (870) 215-3590, sburkheart93@gmail.com
- Youth Director:** Shelby & David Burkheart, 1109 5th St, Corning, AR 72422, (870) 215-3590, sburkheart93@gmail.com
- S.S. Supt:** Diane Herran, 48 CR 1412, Corning, AR 72422, (870)323-1051, (870) 323-1196
- Treasurer:** Cynthia Coleman, 308 Crafton St., Corning, AR 72422, (870) 215-1082, randal and cynthiacoleman@gmail.com
- Sr. Adult Ministry:** Peggy Archer, 1215 Basil, Corning, AR 72422, (870) 857-6363, (870) 215-1203

Forest Grove

- Pastor:** Todd Milburn, PO Box 1071 Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 476-1680
- 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
- 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:** Josh Carpenter, 1000N. 75th St, Paragould, AR 72450 (573) 421-8577, (870) 239-8184
- Clerk/Treas:** Shannon Jackson, 684 Greene Rd. 810, Marmaduke, AR 72443, (870) 273-6137, (870) 268-7806, shannon@graceunitedgbc.com
- Youth Director:** Brian & Dusty Brown, 3403 Friendship Road, Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 476-1279, (870) 476-5757, bbpbrown21644@hotmail.com
- S.S. Supt:** Jeannie Price, 3503 Friendship Road, Paragould, AR 72450 (870) 236-2313, (870) 476-2313, office@graceunitedgbc.com
- Sr. Adult Ministry:** Janet Burkheart, 2103 Mimosa Drive, Paragould, AR 72450 (870) 239-3089

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

- Pastor:** Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3279, (870) 598-2595, office@hittschapel.org
- Associate Pastor:** Kim Hellebusch, PO Box 132, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 344-8770, (870) 598-2595 khellebusch@hittschapel.org
- Youth Director:** Michelle Smart, 752 E. Miller, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-4156, msmart@malden.k12.mo.us
- Clerk:** Brenda D. Smart, 816 CR. 344, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-4194
- S.S. Supt:** Roger McKenney, 9000 Hwy 62,, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 544-2578
- Treasurer:** Joy Lynn Lambert, 1505 CR 359, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 634-7084

Hopewell

- Pastor:** Boyd Wicker, 77 CR 453, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 544-2679
- Clerk:** Bessie Fielder, 687 CR 472, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 544-0206
- Youth Director:** Pam Chronister, 706 State St, Greenway, AR 72454 (870) 783-0206
- S.S. Supt:** Linda Gearhart, 200 Milde Cove, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-5340
- Treasurer:** Linda Poole, 891 N. Second Ave., Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3055, dpoole402@yahoo.com

Johnson's Chapel

- Pastor:** Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, AR 72430, (870) 529-3321, lavonesmart@hotmail.com
- Clerk/Teas.:** Rosemary Purvis, 11418 St. Hwy A, Senath, MO 63876, (573) 717-0120, memex3@live.com
- Youth Director:** Michelle Hufford, 14675 CR 520, Senath, MO 63876, (573) 738-3145 mhufford73@yahoo.com
- S.S. Supt:** Brian Hufford, 14675 CR 520, Senath, MO 63876, (573) 738-3145, brianhufford72@yahoo.com
- Treasurer:** Mary Beth Haywood, 14696 CR 532, Senath, MO 63876, (573) 738-2380, mbhaywood@wildblue.net

Kennett First

- Pastor:** Marston Carpenter, 140 North Ballard, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 783-2119
- Clerk:** Shirley Sells, 1920 Lynndale Street, Kennett, MO 63857, (573) 888-4251, slsells@clgw.net
- Youth Director:** Janet McElwrath, 3501 Biscayne, Kennett, MO 63857, (573) 888-6492
- S.S. Supt:** Steve McElwrath, 3501 Biscayne, Kennett, MO 63857, (573) 888-6492, steve@deltains.net
- Treasurer:** Pat Brown, 225 Clayton Ave., Kennett, MO 63857, (573) 888-9733, pat9733@att.net

Lynn Oak

- Pastor:** Randol Wiseman, 39414 Kimber Dr., Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-5412
- Clerk:** Matthew Swift, 21925 County Road 312, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 281-0456, mnsswift@yahoo.com
- Youth Director:** Kathy Richardson, 33071 CR 327, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 281-8203
- S.S. Supt:** Ronnie Barnes, PO Box 534, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 448-3287
- Treasurer:** Sherry Nuckles, PO Box 423, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 448-5349, csnuckles5960@sbc.global.net

Malden First

- Pastor:** Stewart-Allen Clark, 601 Barrett Dr, Malden, MO 63863, (478) 217-0439, (573) 276-3354, stewart.allen@fgbcmalden.org
- Associate Pastor:** Howard Winberry, 40256 CR 129, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-3695, (573) 281-6689, howard@fgbcmalden.org
- Associate Pastor:** Jim Cowsert, 203 S. Beckwith, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 281-9931, jimcowsert@yahoo.com
- Student Pastor:** Curt Miller, 1103 Bland Ave., Malden, MO 63863, (573) 660-0426, curtislynmiller@gmail.com
- Clerk:** Joyce Hughes, 18979 St Rt J, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-7170, msjoyann55@yahoo.com
- S.S. Supt:** Chuck Provance, 33419 CR 327, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 276-8594, (573) 448-5373, cpfarms@bpsnetworks.com
- Treasurer:** Clark Duckett, 1318 Merritt Ave., Malden, MO 63863 (573) 276-4002, (573) 276-4558, cduckett@sbcglobal.net
- Sr. Adult Ministry/Assoc. Pastor:** Jim Cowsert, 203 S. Beckwith, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 281-9931, jimcowsert@yahoo.com

Maple Grove

- Pastor:** Otis Dunn, 200 N. Almar St., Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-6671
- Clerk/Treas:** Tricia Casper, 26677 St. Hwy. 25, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 344-4611
- S.S. Supt:** Rick Casper, 26677 St. Hwy. 25, Holcomb, MO 63852

Marmaduke First

- Pastor:** Kenneth Hargrave, 127 Greene Road 621, Paragould, AR, (870) 595-4933, HargraveKL@gmail.com
- Clerk:** Penny Johnson, 1708 Reynolds Rd., Paragould, AR 72450 (870) 476-5771
- S. S. Supt:** Kenard Johnson, 1708 Reynolds Rd., Paragould, AR 72450, (870) 476-5771
- Treasurer:** Velma McCrory, 702 N. 5th St., Marmaduke, AR 72443, (870) 450-3678, vfmccrory@hotmail.com

Morris Chapel

- Pastor:** Jared Hancock, 9372 Hwy 53, Qulin, MO 63961, (573) 300-9688, hancockjared7@gmail.com
- Clerk/Treas:** Joshua Hancock, 21299 Hwy 51, Qulin, MO 63961, (573) 328-4821
- S.S. Supt:** Larry Melton, McDougal, AR 72441

Mt. Zion

- Pastor:** Martin Goode, 106 Gregory St., Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-7127
- Clerk:** Virginia Walker, PO Box 145, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 792-3272
- S.S. Supt:** Terry Gregory, PO Box 124, Clarkton, MO 63837, (573) 448-3015
- Treasurer:** Toni Presley, 1881 CR 246, Malden, MO 63863, (573) 276-8690, tonipresley@ymail.com

Open Door

- Pastor/Youth Director:** Kenny Burns, 604 E. Fourth St., Rector, AR 72461, (870) 595-4901, kennygennyburns@yahoo.com
- Clerk/Youth Director:** Kim McCormick, 28609 State Hwy 25, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 792-3845, (573) 344-1163 countrykidcare83@yahoo.com
- Children's Church Director:** Genny Burns, 604 E. Fourth St., Rector, AR 72461, (870) 595-4905, kennygennyburns@yahoo.com
- Treasurer:** Christine Fredrick, P.O. Box 50, Gibson, MO 63847, (573) 281-8372, ccf617@gmail.com
- Administrator:** Kevin True, 406 State Hwy 25, Holcomb, MO 63852, (573) 792-3321, (573) 888-7769, ktrue@newwaveweb.com

Piggott First

- Pastor:** Chris Brantley, 142 CR 464, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3261 pastorchrisbr@gmail.com
- Clerk:** Pat Poole, 1000 Frisco, Piggott, AR 72454 (870) 598-7701 pgpoole@centurytel.net
- Youth Director:** Michele Holcomb, 4150 CR 450, Piggott, AR 72454, (870)598-7776
- S.S. Supt:** Roy Stender, 1181 Homecrest Dr., Piggott, AR 72454
- Treasurer:** Debby Haywood, 905 W. North, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 930-6564

Rector First

- Pastor:**
- Clerk:** Shelley Cornelison, 809 E. 7th St., Rector, AR 72461 (870) 595-3914, shelley.cornelison@gmail.com
- Youth Director:** Mike Scott, 919 W. 4th Street, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 215-5882, pennyscott94@yahoo.com
- S.S. Supt:** Ruth Hicks, East 8th St, Rector, AR 72461
- Treasurer:** Sandra DeMent, 369 CR 429, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 783-0440, (870) 595-3658 sandrad2022@hotmail.com
- Sr. Adult Ministry:** Clovis & Glenda DeMent, PO Box 234 Rector, AR 72461, (870) 566-2442

South Canaan

- Pastor:**
- Clerk:** Margaret Murphy, 1005 S. Oak, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 246-2272, minnie@bpsnetworks.com
- Youth Director:** Pat Todd, 29885 St Hwy B, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 344-7912 pcollies@aol.com
- S.S. Supt:** Ken Oxley, 32493 State Hwy 53, Campbell, MO 63933-6374, (573) 246-2074, (573) 276-7759
- Treasurer:** Danny Bradshaw, Danny Bradshaw, 24006 Cty Rd 412, Holcomb, MO 63852 (573) 344-1386 cottonman72@yahoo.com

Southaven

- Pastor:** Don Gregory, 166 Fawn Cv., Hernando, MS 38632, (901) 487-2265, don_gregory@bellsouth.net
- Clerk:** Sandy Davis, 3325 Maple Hollow Cv., Southaven, MS 38672 (901) 487-6784, sandra.davis@dcsms.com
- Treasurer:** Ann Ward, 532 Windridge, Southaven, MS 38671 (901) 356-0435

Stanfield

- Pastor:** Andy Evans, 202 E. 3rd St., Gideon, MO 63848, (573) 448-3742, andyevans@semo.net
- Clerk:** Shelby Brown, 206 Anderson, Gideon, MO 63848
- Youth Director:** Kyle & Amanda Hankins, 206 S. Walker, Gideon, MO 63848
- S.S. Supt:** Martha Ellsworth, 3150 St.Hwy. 153, Gideon, MO 63848
- Treasurer:** Nancy Grissom, 5687 W. Hwy 162, Gideon, MO 63848 (573)-448-3293, nsgrissom@yahoo.com

Sunnyvale

•**Pastor:** James Hamlett, 1000 Hwy 246, Parma, MO 63870, (573) 990-7253, (573) 276-2819
sunnyvale1@bpsnetworks.com

•**Clerk:** Gene LaFerney, 617 Monroe Ave, Campbell, MO 63933, (573) 246-3329, gene.laferney@sbcglobal.net

•**Youth Director:** Ron & Terri Owens, 13081 CR 678, Bernie, MO 63822, (573) 225-2001, (573) 225-0081
ronsmotorworks@gmail.com

•**S.S. Supt:** Janice Nichols, 17026 S. Co. Circle Dr., Bernie, MO 63822, (573) 293-4298, jnichols@bpsnetworks.com

•**Treasurer:** Ange Baugus, 43778 State Hwy 25, Malden, MO 63863 (573) 276-3684 angebaugus@gmail.com

Trailers Chapel

•**Pastor:** Loran Johnson, PO Box 47, Pollard, AR 72456, (870) 544-2245, (870) 598-4183, loranjohnson@live.com

•**Clerk:** Marie Hillyer, 381 Baja Lane, Piggott, AR 72454, (870) 598-3948

•**S.S. Supt:** Cody Culver, 115 Maple St, Pollard, AR 72356, (870) 598-4027

•**Treasurer:** Gerald Runyon, 7581 Hwy. 139, Pollard, AR 72456, (870) 544-2371, grunyon@centurytel.net

Union Home

•**Pastor:** Kenny Burns, 604 E. Fourth St., Rector, AR 72461, (870) 595-4901, kennygennyburns@yahoo.com

•**Clerk:** Diane White, 857 CR 429, Rector, AR 72461

•**S.S. Supt:** Ivan Smart, 2280 CR 533, Greenway, AR 72430, (870) 529-3639

•**Treasurer:** Carmeleta Statler, 4180 HWY 139, Rector, AR 72461, (870) 522-3457

Nominating Committee Report

The following are the nominees for 2016-2017:

Vice Moderator: Josh Carpenter

2nd Vice Moderator: Kenneth Hargrave

Clerk/Treasurer: Lisa Hargrave

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Bryan Johnson

Executive Board Members at Large: Paula Richardson, Mary Beth Haywood, Marston Carpenter

Nominating Committee Members: Jim Cowser (filling term expiring 2019), Brian Brown (5 year term expiring 2021)

MoArk Mission Board: Kenny Burns (5 year term expiring 2021)

MoArk Christian Education Board: Genny Burns (3 year term expiring 2019), Mark Book (3 year term expiring 2019)

Camp Allen Board: Michelle Smart (filling term expiring 2018), Alternates: Mary Ann Howell, Jeannie Price (3 year term expiring 2019)

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

Associational Youth Director: Kim Hellebusch

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Paula Richardson 2016

Shawn Parker 2017

John Prince 2018

Kenneth Hargrave 2020

MoArk Mission Board Report

The MoArk Mission Board has had two requests for assistance from the Open Door Church in Holcomb, MO regarding getting things in order for the Freedom House to open this fall.

The first request was for \$5,000 to help with the heating/air conditioning units for the Children's Building. The Board voted to grant this request on August 25, 2015.

The second request was for \$3,000 to "tie up loose ends" regarding the opening of Freedom House. The Board voted to grant this request on January 26, 2016.

The Board voted to suspend our current giving to the Arkansas Home Mission Board until a ministry project arises. This action was taken on July 7, 2015.

While the primary goal of this Board is to support mission work both here and abroad, it has always been within the scope of this board's ministry to be of assistance to established churches as well. Please help us educate our churches regarding this valuable service available to them.

Joyce Hughes
Secretary/Treasurer

MOARK ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT

FYE: 12/31/15

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/2015	\$ 4805.24
<i>INCOME:</i>		
MoArk Association	1,862.76	
Churches (9 churches contributing)	5,478.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 7,340.76
<i>EXPENSE:</i>		
AR Home Mission Board	(2,400.00)	
Open Door Church	(5,000.00)	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$(7,400.00)
ENDING BALANCE	12/31/2014	\$ 4,746.00

Submitted by Joyce Hughes

MoArk Christian Education Report

The MoArk Christian Education Board met October 20, 2015 at the FGBC Kennett. Current members are Bryan Johnson, Steve McElwrath, Todd Luke, Mark Book, Kim Hellebusch, Shannon Jackson and Janay Householder.

Officers for 2015 were elected as follows: Bryan Johnson – President; Shannon Jackson – Vice President and Mark Book – Secretary/Treasurer.

The purpose of the Christian Education board as outlined by the MoArk Association was reviewed. A brief, written history was shared by Bryan Johnson to help the new members understand what events have been done since the board's induction into service. The board also reviewed areas of interest received from participant surveys from the last several years.

The previous minutes and financial report were approved. The current account balance was \$4864.98.

A discussion followed regarding the current focus for the Christian Education Board, what areas of interest to address and how to involve a greater percentage of our sister churches. Contacting smaller churches regarding how to best serve them in their particular ministries was suggested. Outreach/church Growth and teacher-leader training and development were identified as areas of interest as noted by past participant surveys.

The board considered a Sunday school/growth group training entitled "Seven Steps towards Effectiveness." A resource book for this entitled "Revitalizing the Sunday Morning Dinosaur" was considered. The author suggests the church need not scrap the Sunday school but bring it back to its original focus on the Great Commission. The board discussed being available to the MoArk Association moderator for planning workshops and financial support. Brother Mark was asked to contact the current moderator, Brother Chris Brantley, to offer this support from the Christian Education Board.

The board also discussed providing seminars with speakers that address needs of personal interest. Cody Bobay was mentioned as a presenter in the area of physical wellness, exercise, etc. Such seminars, like the MoArk Youth Rallies, could be provided quarterly on Wednesday evenings as interest and funds allow.

Each member was asked to think about and research additional topics of interest to consider for quarterly "Impact" sessions and possible speakers that will be motivating and spiritually uplifting to our people for trainings to be offered in 2016.

MoArk Christian Education 2015 Financial Report

\$2904.18 –2014 end-of-year balance

+\$1960.80-Moark Association Allotment – 03/23/15

\$4864.98-Current Balance – 2015 end-of- year balance

MoArk Youth Report

Beginning Balance			1609.49
Checks #	Date	Description	Amount
3040	3/14/15	Camp Allen	130.00
		Retreat Staff Tuition	
3041	3/14/15	Preston Owens	200.00
		Retreat Speaker	
3042	3/14/15	Broken	350.00
		Retreat Band	
3039	12/02/15	Kim Hellebusch	1200.00
		Director Expense	
Deposits			
	3/25/15	MOARK Dues	1960.80
End Balance			1690.29

2015 was a great year for MOARK Youth. Our association churches participated in Youth Rallies at the following churches: Lynn Oak, Hitts Chapel, 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 2016 has been set with a focus on First Hand Faith. We believe there is more to faith than simply going to church. Thank you MOARK Association for your continued support.

2016 Schedule of events:

- January 27 Youth Rally at Grace United
- April 27 Youth Rally at Rector
- July 27 Youth Rally at Piggott FGBC with Revival through July 29th
- October 26 Youth Rally at Lynn Oak
- January 25, 2017 Youth Rally at South Canaan
- Our annual Spring Retreat will be hosted at Camp Allen March 11-13, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kim Hellebusch
 MOARK Youth Director

Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund Report

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-no expiration date) 2.25% / no penalty for early withdrawal / Interest paid out on January 7th and July 7th of each year.

Date	Explanation	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
January 1, 2015	Balance to Date			\$10,073.98
January 7, 2015	Interest on CD	\$126.96		\$10,200.94
April 1, 2015	Association Allotment	\$196.08		\$10,397.02
June 18, 2015	Balance to Date			\$10,397.02
July 7, 2015	Interest on CD	\$127.77		\$10,524.79
November 9, 2015	Todd Milburn (Reimburse Level 2 LAMP)		\$400.00	\$10,124.79
December 31, 2015	End of Year Balance			\$10,124.79
* January 7, 2016	Interest Added	\$130.89		\$10,255.68

CD Certificate #3590 3.100% interest rate / matures 7/7/15 / Interest paid out on January 7th and July 7th of each year. We will rollover the CD for another year.

Date	Explanation	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
January 1, 2015	Balance to Date			\$24,727.01
January 7, 2015	Interest on CD	\$386.42		\$25,113.43
June 18, 2015	Balance to Date			\$25,113.43
July 7, 2015	Interest on CD	\$386.06		\$25,499.49
December 31, 2015	End of Year Balance			\$25,499.49
* January 7, 2016	Interest Added	\$397.40		\$25,896.89

Respectfully submitted:

Bryan Johnson
MoArk Assistant Treasurer

Financial Report

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

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CD Certificate #3589 (on demand certificate-no expiration date) 2.50% / no penalty for early withdrawal / Interest paid out on January 7th and July 7th of each year.

Date	Explanation	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
January 1, 2014	Balance to Date			\$ 9,623.06
January 7, 2014	Interest on CD	\$123.15		\$ 9,746.21
April 28, 2014	Association Allotment	\$205.96		\$ 9,952.17
July 7, 2014	Interest on CD	\$121.81		\$10,073.98
December 31, 2014	Balance at end of year			\$10,073.98

CD Certificate #3590 3.100% interest rate / matures 7/7/15 / Interest paid out on January 7th and July 7th of each year.

Date	Explanation	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
January 1, 2014	Balance to Date			\$23,977.94
January 7, 2014	Interest on CD	\$374.71		\$24,352.65
July 7, 2014	Interest on CD	\$374.36		\$24,727.01
December 31, 2014	Balance at end of year			\$24,727.01

Respectfully submitted:
Bryan Johnson, MoArk Assistant Treasurer

2015-2016 MoArk Association Committees

Nominating Committee Members

Shawn Parker, Term expiring 2017
John Prince, Term expiring 2018
Jim Cowsert, Term expiring 2019
Kenneth Hargrave, Term expiring 2020
Brian Brown, Term expiring 2021

MoArk Missions Board Members

Gerald Gregory, Term expiring 2017
Loran Johnson, Term expiring 2018
Charles Richardson, Term expiring 2019
Joyce Hughes, Term expiring 2020
Kenny Burns, Term expiring 2021

MoArk Youth Director

Kim Hellebusch, Director

MoArk Executive Board Members-At-Large

Paula Richardson, Term expiring 2017
Marston Carpenter, Term expiring 2017
Mary Beth Haywood, Term expiring 2017

Council of Associations Representatives

Kevin True, Term expiring 2017
Josh Carpenter, Term expiring 2018

Christian Education Board Members

Todd Luke, Term expiring 2017
Bryan Johnson, Term expiring 2017
Shannon Jackson, Term expiring 2018
Janay Householder, Term expiring 2018
Mark Book, Term expiring 2019
Genny Burns, Term expiring 2019
Kim Hellebusch, Associational Youth Director

Auditing Committee

Kevin True
Terri Owens
Susan Richardson

MoArk Camp Allen Board Members

Michelle Smart Term expiring 2018
Kevin True, Term expiring 2018
--Alternate: Mary Ann Howell, Term expiring 2019
--Alternate: Jeannie Price, Term expiring 2019

Auditing Committee Report

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 12/31/15.

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

Obituary Report

Bethany: Karen Christian
Blue Cross: Rev. Carroll Gibsons, Dorothy Johnson
Calls Chapel: James Turner, Bill Ward
Campbell First: Joseph Ray Baker, Audrey Wilson, Kay Davis
Forest Grove: Nikki Boone
Grace United: Minnie Brewer, Shelley Morris, Shannon Smith,
Rosetta Gray, Ed Smith
Hitts Chapel: Melvin Shepard
Hopewell: Elton McFarlin
Johnson's Chapel: James Clark, Dorotha Purvis
Kennett First: Aleene Sells Bullock
Lynn Oak: Marylou Moylan
Marmaduke First: Deloris Hood
Mt. Zion: Jackie Hamilton
Open Door: Terry White
Piggott First: Melissa Edwards, Verba Runyon, Lawanda Chilcutt
Rector First: Bernadan Adams, Jane Calvin, Virginia Cook, Dorris
Cox, Willow Dean Wheeler, Elvie Edings
Stanfield: Verna Bea Hargraves
Sunnyvale: Sam Powell, Harold Zimmerman
Union Home: Alvie Chilcutt

Council of Associations Representative Report to MOARK Association
Council of Associations
Oakland City University
May 4, 2015--9 a.m.

Council of Associations Chairman Josh Carpenter opened the meeting by leading everyone to the campus chapel where Marston Carpenter shared a message and prayer. Rev. Carpenter read from Romans 1:14. Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. after returning to the student center.

Executive Council Chairman Oren Alcorn reported on highlights from the Executive Council meeting. Rev. Alcorn reported that the Executive Council affirmed the appointment of John Brumfiel under contract to lead the Pastoral Ministries team. He went on to say that he would be scared to pastor a church that is independent. With the cultural head-winds that we are now facing, with possibilities of so many things, along with the potential to be great Christian witnesses in this culture, we need each other's support and prayer for strength.

Recommendation to affirm International Missions Director Mark Powell.

Motion and second for the affirmation. Carried.

Recommendation to approve the 2016 C/A Budget.

Motion and Second to approve the 2016 C/A Budget.

Chairman Carpenter asked Rev. Mark Powell to speak. Rev. Powell said he was in the Philippines last week and how it was good to be back after being gone for so long. He talked about getting to bring the message and how he felt he was not being very effective with his message. At the close he gave an invitation and he began to hear weeping, realizing - it's not by my will but God's will. He was able to see three generations of people that he and his wife had poured their life into. He went on to ask that we all pray for a moving of God's Spirit. Rev. Powell read a passage from Ecclesiastes 3:10-11, explaining he has been blessed to see the God-given task given to him as a pastor, as a missionary in the Philippines, and as a missionary in Honduras. That God-given task is to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ and to bring disciples into His Kingdom. He thanked the council for the privilege and the opportunity to serve. The Chairman had all gather around and Executive Director Clint Cook prayed over Rev. Mark Powell.

Executive Director Clint Cook asked for prayer for SEMO Council Representative Kevin Mann's son and for Dr. Jim Julian, former Central CA Association representative and past GA Moderator.

Rev. Cook reported that last fall he met with the Leadership Team and some former General Association moderators. He asked this group to look at what our purpose is as far as our General Baptist movement. In our ministry building, what is the purpose, what is the leadership supposed to be doing? From this meeting came twelve words that summarize what the role is as ministry directors: "Maximize Kingdom impact by starting, equipping, and inspiring local churches to accomplish the Great Commission." He said that is what the leadership feels it should be doing. We are a Great Commission Movement. We do not get to vote on that. We get the opportunity to be obedient to the Great Commission. This is nothing new to our movement.

Rev. Cook talked about the Pastoral Ministries appointment of John Brumfiel as point person of the Pastoral Team. Not all regions are covered but the team is up and going and making contact with pastors. He reported on merger developments in Flint, Michigan and metro St. Louis where General Baptist churches gave properties to these new efforts rather than closing. Rev. Cook reported that Dr. Sam Ramdial will be leaving the General Baptist Ministries office and honored him with a round of applause. He said we are grateful for his contribution to General Baptists. He went on to tell about Rev. Jim & Sue Schremp transitioning out of International Missions as Mark Powell transitions in. Rev. Powell will be full-time. He is also a pastor and preacher and would like to remain a pastor.

Rev. Cook talked about same-sex marriage. General Baptists will stay true to the Word of God and will not be having the discussion about having to change our beliefs. He said he is proud of General Baptists keeping true to the Word of God.

Social Issues Commission Chairman Tim Cook reported some changes to the Statements of Faith of General Baptists that will be presented at the General Association in July. (See report attached)

Reports from Committees and Commissions

Mission & Ministry Summit Program Committee – Moderator Josh Carpenter encouraged all Council of Association Representatives to attend the Summit and the General Association since several recommendations will be presented at the GA meeting from this council meeting. He went on to report on speakers. Alex Himaya

and Darrin Patrick are great leaders in the church in different fields. Dr. Himaya is the Senior Pastor for one of the fastest growing churches in America. Patrick is Vice President of the Acts 29 Church Planting Network and serves as Chaplain to the St. Louis Cardinals. Great workshops will be presented.

Motion and second to take two special offerings at Summit for Women's Ministry and Missions. Carried.

Evaluation Committee – Dustin Thompson reported on committee findings. (See report attached)

Motion and second to revisit the November 2014 recommendation from the Budget Committee to hire a Financial Development Coordinator. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion and second to assign the Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the need and feasibility of hiring a Financial Development Coordinator and report back to the Council of Associations. By a standing vote 10 Agree 18 Do not agree. Motion failed.

Motion and second to task the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Council to assess the long-term plan of the ministries of the organization and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations regarding the prioritization of denominational resources. Carried.

Motion and second to form a seven person Facilities Committee, with four appointed by the Council of Associations Chairman and three appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Council of the Council of Associations to work with the Executive Director and the Administrative/Financial Director to develop a long term strategy for the Headquarters building and office needs and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations. Carried.

Ad Hoc Committee (of the Executive Council) Chairman Joey Graves reported this committee met with several pastors. This committee found that we need to build relationships. There is strength in numbers. We (General Baptists) need to start talking to one another. He went on to say that several are concerned and are complaining that they do not receive communication in the way they want it. We are so prideful that we will not receive the communication in any other way than the way that we want it. Chairman Graves presented a survey from the Ad Hoc Committee. The link to the electronic Check-up Survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MPLG3QC> and every church should complete the survey by July 1, 2015. Chairman Carpenter asked for new business from the floor. None was given.

Motion and second to adjourn at 2:00. Carried.

Report from the Social Issues Commission
By Tim Cook, to the Counsel of Association of General Baptist.
May 4, 2015

We are about to embark on some more trying times regarding same sex marriage. We should always love everyone who lives and promotes this lifestyle. Be we must make a more firm stand for our religious freedom to oppose what I fear the Supreme Court may rule we must except. Even if they do not, the activists for the LGBT will not stop with their destructive agenda and will push state by state if they must. We must be as prepared as we can to ward off any opposition we will still face regardless of the Supreme Court decision. Quoting Les Coomer:

If anyone doubts that we need to include marriage and life in our statement of faith because our Social Principles Booklet covers it, tell them to note this statement of the Preamble of the booklet, page 8: "The following statements record the views of most General Baptists for the purpose of guiding all members to the discovery of their own personal answers to the critical problems within this present-day society." In other words the booklet is a guide to help each member make up his or her own mind. It represents the consensus view of General Baptists. The booklet is not mandatory for being a General Baptist. The Statements of Faith, on the other hand, are definitive as to who General Baptists are. According to top Christian constitutional attorneys at the Alliance Defending Freedom, we need the strongest possible statement to fend off possible law suits and/or to claim freedom of religion rights for our churches and especially OCU and Compassionate Care.

The Social Issues Commission proposes that the General Baptist Statement of Faith, III. Man, be amended as follows:

**GENERAL BAPTIST
STATEMENTS OF FAITH
III. MAN, WOMAN AND LIFE**

We believe that God created man and woman in His own image to bring Him honor through obedience. We believe God instituted the marriage covenant which is the union between one man (born anatomically male) and one woman (born anatomically female) only. When humanity disobeyed they became fallen and sinful creatures, unable to save themselves. We believe that infants are in the covenant of God's grace and that all persons become accountable to God when they reach a state of moral responsibility. We believe that human life begins at conception and ends with natural death.

(A) Man's origin Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7; Ps. 8:5.

(B) Man's Purpose: Gen. 1:28-31; 2:15-25; Isa. 43:7.

(C) Marriage: Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:22-25, Genesis 4:1, Genesis 26:6-11, Deuteronomy 24:5, I Corinthians 11:11-12, Hebrews 13:4, Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 18:20, Romans 1:24-27.

(D) Man's Sin: Gen. 3:1-24; Ps. 51:5; Jer. 13:23; Rom. 1:18-3:23; 5:12-21; 7:1-25.

(E) Man's Accountability: Matt. 19:13-15; Rom. 4:15; 5:13; 6:16; Heb. 11:24-26.

(F) Life: Genesis 25:22-25, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:39-45.

(G) Death: Exodus 21:12, Genesis 1:27-28.

**MINISTRY EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE
Evaluations Report**

May 4, 2015

The committee met on April 13th, 2015 for the purpose of evaluating the ministries for 2014 and current organizational health. Ministry progress reports were submitted for review from the Executive, Administrative, Congregational, National and International Ministries Departments. Evaluation meetings took place with the General Baptist Basic Ministries department directors. Per the request of the Executive Director, no evaluation meetings took place with contracted employees serving in departmental leadership roles. Findings and recommendations are as follows:

Congregational

The Congregational Ministries Department outcome for 2014 is in line with the quarterly and short term projections of the department's Master Planning Arrow and the ministry description of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. While this department continues to be the catch all of uncategorized responsibilities, the team continues to accomplish much ministry with little staffing.

The Evaluations Committee finds no recommendations for this department at this time.

Administrative/Financial

The Administrative/Financial Department outcome for 2014 is in line with quarterly and short term projections of the department's Master Planning Arrow and the ministry description of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. A point of concern noticed was the delegation of facilities management to Linda McDonough. Current maintenance demands require a great deal of time and stress from her, pulling her out of her primary organizational responsibilities and into a realm outside of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws description of "general office operations". Furthermore Linda is not passionate or qualified to be managing such responsibilities. While she is willing, it is not in the best use of her skill sets for the organization.

Even with the staffing dilemma presented by the need for facilities management, the actual scope of the project is still to be undecided as to how this work and expenses fit into a master plan. Therefore it the recommendation of the Evaluations Committee to develop a long term strategic plan with the Head Quarters building and future offering needs.

International Missions

The International Missions Department outcome for 2014 is in line with the quarterly and short term projections of the department's Master Planning Arrow and the ministry description of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. With looming transition, Jim and Sue Schremp have rectified deficiencies found from past departmental administrations and have prepared the next administration for success. The Schremp's tenure has been of great value to the organization and we should see results of their work still to come.

The Evaluations Committee finds no recommendations for this department at this time.

National Missions

The National Missions Department outcome for 2014 is in line with the quarterly and short term projections of the department's Master Planning Arrow and the ministry description of the Council of Associations Constitution and Bylaws. For the interim period the Advisory Council of church planters working in submission to the Executive Director is filling the need of assessing, training, coaching, funding and networking as they have been tasked. However, per the Executive Director the long term viability of this model may not be a suitable option. The current contracts are in place through 2015. In this time, the Personnel Committee in conjunction with the Executive Director should assess the feasibility of contracted services for National Missions.

The Evaluations Committee finds no recommendations for this department at this time.

General Baptist Organization

During the course of the day, organizational health was discussed with each Basic Ministry Director and our Executive Director, Clint Cook. Through conversations several points of concerns were raised.

As previously mentioned the stress and time of facilities management impedes the work of Linda in performing her fiscal duties, the most important responsibility she carries for our organization. As witnessed by others inside the organization this role is not the best use of her gifts and skill sets. A clear long-range plan is needed.

During the course of the evaluation, the committee was made aware of the potential for deepening financial difficulties in 2016. Causes for concern are the continued struggle of the Unified Giving program and stress on resources as departments become more completely staffed. The ministry directors voiced a need to narrow the focus of denominational services to prioritize resource allocation.

Along with prioritizing organizational resources, the need for strengthening the base of financial support also came to the forefront. Even though the idea was previously rejected by the Council of Association, the reoccurring idea discussed by the committee was the addition of a Stewardship Director.

With departmental and organizational health the primary concern of this committee, the Evaluations Committee submits the following motions for consideration:

- motion to revisit the November 2014 recommendation from the Budget Committee to hire a Financial Development Coordinator.
 - motion to task the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Council to assess the long-term plan of the ministries of the organization and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations regarding the prioritization of denominational resources.
 - motion to form a 7 person Facilities Committee, with 4 appointed by the Council of Associations Chairman and 3 appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Council of the Council of Associations to work with the Executive Director and the Administrative/Financial Director to develop a long term strategy for the Head Quarters building and office needs and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations.
- Respectfully submitted for consideration and action to the Council of Association's by the Evaluations Committee,

Tracy Burnett, Pat Dunivan, Floyd Holland, Carl Masters, and Dustin Thompson, chair

**Council of Association (C/A) meeting
Fellowship General Baptist Church-Poplar Bluff, Missouri
November 2, 2015**

Chairman Carpenter called the Council of Associations meeting to order with 48 members present and 31 Associations.

Seating of Newly Elected C of A Members (29)

Name Association Name Association

Dee Dee Miller Arkansas, Mike Stephens Crossroads, Jack Eberhardt Evansville, Jay Howder Flat Creek, Donald Ray Davis Free Union, Andrew Taylor Whobrey Free Union, Ken Slater Freedom, Gary Cooper Galilee, Gary Baldus Genesis, Roger Daniel Landmark, David Johnson Liberty, Rick Engelhardt Mission Point, Rick Absher Mt. Olivet, Greg Stevens New Liberty State, Nathan Horton New Liberty TN/KY, Greg Prince Ohio, Don Key Portland, Victor Creasy Portland, Alan Motley Portland, Glendon Geary Rough River, Joe Payne SEMO, Rene Rodriguez Sheffield, Steve Dame Union, Mike Wright Union, Stephen Watkins Union

Grove, Bob Howard United of Indiana, Charles Woodard United of MO, Debbie Epps White River, Cheyne Newberry Wolf Bayou. .

Executive Director's Report – Rev. Clint Cook presented the theme for the next year, “Staying Connected, Staying Strong.” We need to connect with our pastors wherever they may be. The theme for the 2016 Summit will be “Connect”. He talked about the organization of the Barnabas Project with regional representatives. This group is working in place of Pastoral Ministries. The first training for this team will be on November 12th-13th. Rev. Cook shared the emphasis for next 5 years is 20/20 Turn Around Initiative. He wants to identify 20 churches that have attendance of 100 or less and help them become churches of 200 by the year 2020. Resources will be published to help these churches. This is not about making the name of General Baptist more known around the world but making the name of Jesus more known around the world. Rev. Cook reported that Dollar General wants to purchase a little over an acre of property from the ministry office for \$160,000. The Executive Council referred the request to the C/A. The Executive Council asked Rev. Cook to speak to the General Baptist Nursing Home. He reported he has had that conversation with Scott Cole of the GB Nursing Home. The Nursing Home Board can no longer receive assets from our churches unless the churches understand that the nursing home is no longer our subsidiary. We can no longer hold any funds for the Nursing Home Board. We will no longer send funds to them from our foundation. This board is made up of General Baptist pastors. Rev. Cook then talked about the Supreme Court ruling issues. These issues will continue as we move forward. We need to establish a relationship with a legal firm so they can help us handle these issues.

- Motion and second to sell the plot of property as reported to Dollar General for \$160,000.00. Carried.
- Motion, second to approve the Corporate Resolution of the Stewardship Department to direct Clint Cook to buy, sell, and trade real estate and other property. Carried.
- Motion that proceeds from sale of property go to pay off \$125,000 owed to GBIF and the rest towards improvements of the ministry building.

Executive Council Report- Chairman Josh Carpenter reported that Oren Alcorn was recognized for his years of service. He served as Chairman of Executive Council faithfully and we thank him for his service. There were changes made to the Employee Handbook.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee

Joey Graves reported that the directive of the council was to “...to assess the long-term plan of the ministries of the organization and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations regarding the prioritization of denominational resources.” The written report follows:

Since the additional request to our committee at the spring setting of the C of A, the Ad Hoc committee has not met. We hoped to gather some sense of what our individual leaders and churches held as their denominational priorities through the Survey that each Rep was asked to encourage every church and leader to participate. As of this date, we have received a total of 0 written responses, 0 email responses and 12 (twelve) on-line responses, for a total of 12 (twelve) responses.

We feel that this does not adequately represent the nearly 825 General Baptist Churches, the 500-600 churches who send in church growth reports, the roughly 400 churches who participate in Unified Giving, the 326 churches who have participated in the Summit even the roughly 50 people here at C of A. And therefore have not prepared a report, as it would be based solely on the priorities of these 7 members. We are willing however, to move forward with the directive as we personally understand it. We would prefer, however, a more detailed direction. Should we be looking to restructure the departments? Restructuring the governing bodies of the denomination? Restructuring the constitution? And finally is this from a practical point of view or strictly a financial fix?”

Ad Hoc Committee, Oren Alcorn, Josh Carpenter, Clint Cook, Danny Dunivan, D.Joey Graves, Jim Schremp, (Vacant seat)

Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPLG3QC>

- Motion and second to allow Ad Hoc Committee to try again on the survey, sending it to each member of the C/A, and continue until the spring meeting. Survey to be returned to the Ad Hoc committee before January 1st. Carried.

Report of the Facilities Committee

The directive for this committee "...to work with the Executive Director and the Administrative/Financial Director to develop a long term strategy for the Headquarters building and office needs and submit a report in November to the Council of Associations. "

Russ Collins reported the minutes from these meetings are in the packet. He went on to say this committee struggled with developing a definite plan. Discussion followed. The HVAC has been replaced. Repairs to the roof and replacement of windows have been put on hold.

Motion and second that proceeds from sale of property go to pay off \$125,000 owed to GBIF and the rest towards improvements of the ministry building. Carried.

Evaluation Committee Report – Dustin Thompson reported this committees report. The goals and objectives are in line with the Constitution and Bylaws. The Leadership Team worked together to form a comprehensive strategic plan. The health of the Leadership Team is better than it has ever been. The Evaluations Committee recommends a study by the Leadership Team be reported to the Council of Associations focusing on the development, recruiting and retention of transformational leaders with possible strategies to implement and objections to overcome.

Motion and second to accept the recommendation. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report

C/A Chairman – Josh Carpenter (MOARK)

C/A Vice Chairman- Tracey Burnett (Union)

Pension Trust Board –Scott Williamson (Little Vine), and Jim Schremp (Eastern Union)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Ron Wallace (Generation)

Nominating Committee –Kenneth Sullivan (Mt. Union), Kirk Bodem (Michigan), and Victor Creasy (Portland)

Ministry Evaluation Committee –Don Davis (Free Union), Byron Beck (Poplar Bluff Area), Mike Stephens (Crossroads), and Dee Dee Miller (Arkansas)

Foundation/Stewardship Board –Jim Sanders (Poplar Bluff Area) and David Johnson (Liberty)

Elected to the Executive Council

Joey Rupard (Arkansas), Carletta Steele (Central CA), Jim Schremp (Eastern Union), Ken Slater (Freedom), Charles Smith (Green River Union), Floyd Holland (Illmo), Dustin Thompson (Landmark), Tammy Scheller (Liberty), Kirk Bodem (Michigan), Kevin True (MOARK), Greg Stevens (New Liberty State), Russell Collins (North Liberty), James French (Post Oak Grove), Steve Dame (Union), Steve Watkins (Union Grove), and Johnny Gipson (Western Union).

Election of General Baptist Council of Association's 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. Carried.

M&M Summit Report – Joey Graves reported the theme for this summit is "Connect". Reconnect with one another – connect with God, then it is up to us to connect with our families and in our home, then as a church to connect in our communities. Phil Cooke will be speaking on connecting in our communities. Ted Cunningham will be speaking on connecting at home. A special day is planned on Tuesday when we will be learning about children's ministry in a specific way. In the afternoon, there will be breakout sessions that will support these specific topics. There are a few changes to registration. There will be a family block this year to make it affordable for your entire family to attend. If you are part of a church close to the Bowling Green, Kentucky site and would like to be a part of the volunteer group, please contact Joey Graves at djoeyg@ntc.church.

Ministry Department Report

Congregational Ministries – Dr. Franklin Dumond reported that each person in attendance of this meeting could download the workshops from Summit 2015. He talked about the vision of the 20/20 Turn Around Initiative and went on to say that our best days are right now. The resources used for this initiative can be adaptable to any size congregation. Dr. Dumond said there are exciting opportunities unfolding before us with new ministry. Most of our churches are rural. Specialized training is being developed so that these rural churches can be effective and efficient in the 21st Century. This leadership development requires partnerships.

Administration/Financial Ministries – Linda McDonough reported financially the same as last year at this time. Unified Giving is approximately 2 percent down from last year. This could cause a 5 percent shortage at the end of the year. Other income is staying the same as it was last year. Operating expenses are down.

Building operations is down due to the new HVAC system. There has been some transition expense in International Missions causing an overage. In Congregational Ministries, the operating expenses are down due to a staff member not being replaced yet. Cash flow has improved from this time last year.

☐ General Baptist Foundation and Pension – Linda McDonough reported that there is \$360,000 in new endowments added this year. She went on to report that online giving will soon be an option. Information will be going out in GB news. Text giving will also be an option.

☐ National Missions – Carl Nichols reported a church launch in Bonita Springs, Florida September and giving is up in this new church already. Another church will launch in the fall 2017 in Roanoke, Virginia, with Adam and Brandy Thacker. He went on to say the accountability is stronger than it has ever been in his 5 years of being involved with General Baptists. The most successful growth in churches has been those with satellite campuses, which is cheaper to launch.

☐ International Missions – Mark Powell reported on the Sunshine Project. This is the installation of solar panels in Honduras starting in December or January. This will cut electrical expense by as much as 50 percent in phase one. He went on to thank Russ Collins and Happy Zion General Baptist Church for having the vision for this project. Rev. Powell went on to report that Saipan Church is still cleaning up after the typhoon. He thanked those who helped bridge a critical gap after the typhoon. Funds are still coming in and an evaluation of emergency preparedness will be made due to the threat of ongoing typhoons. There are not enough funds to complete this evaluation so any donations will be appreciated. Rev. Powell went on to say International Ministries is collaborating with several of our older missions, Jamaica and the Philippines, planting churches in these areas. The Ed Stevens offering is helping with this effort. Saipan Church took up the largest offering in the history of Saipan Church for the Ed Stevens offering. In Jamaica, the church is growing quickly and they do not have enough room for this growth. The Jamaica Association will be purchasing some property for this church to continue growing in a more strategic location. The Jamaica Association will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016. Mission One will be expanding in the future. Rev. Powell said there are expanding opportunities in the 10/40 window. The 10/40 window is Satan's seat. This is the most unreached and unevangelized people in the world live. If you are ready to walk the streets of Satan's seat and pray for God to begin to make a difference in the Muslim world, see Rev. Powell. He went on to say we need a missionary in Saipan right now, we need two missionaries in the Philippines right now, and we need two more families in Honduras right now.

☐ Barnabas Project – John Brumfiel reported Pastoral Ministries re-launched in April 2015 with an eight-member team that was given the task of making contacts with the pastors serving our General Baptist churches. The eight team members include Rev. Ken Slater, Rev. Charles Richardson, Rev. Don Key, and Rev. John Brumfiel, who serves as the point person for the team. Pastors who have given the ministry office their contact information have been contacted. He said he is surprised by how few pastors are involved in missions. He encouraged the representatives to go back to their pastors and encourage them to go on a mission trip.

Institutional and Support Ministries Reports

☐ Oakland City University – Dr. Ray Barber reported this year online enrollment has increased. There are 40 students with majors in religious studies. The choir has just received an invitation to sing with the Bill Gaither Homecoming Christmas concert in French Lick, Indiana. Chapman Seminary received accreditation for a Masters of Theological degree. The university is working on creating a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Studies that will be entirely online. This will help pastoral ministers who have never had an opportunity to have higher learning. This will also help lay people in the church who want a deeper understanding. The university needs new student housing. It is currently involved with the Southwest Economic Development Coalition to create student housing on campus. The dormitories will be built, if approved, in downtown Oakland City on the main street. This will take away half of downtown and put them into new stores with student housing in the second and third floors. The state will have to furnish 20 percent of the funds, the local community will furnish 20 percent, and OCU has to raise the other 60 percent.

☐ Women's Ministry – Patti was unavailable to report due to her husband's health. Pray for Wilbur and Patti during this difficult time.

☐ Stinson Press – Dwayne Foster reported Stinson Press has served pastors and churches for a long time. The press now uses exclusively digital printing. This cuts the cost of printing. Rev. Foster said Stinson Press has donated to many churches that are struggling. The press offers Sunday school material from various

companies. This material is studied to be sure the material that Stinson Press is promoting is within the guidelines of General Baptists.

General Baptist Investment Fund – Steve Naff reported that Certificate of Deposit balance as of September was \$33 million. This is from General Baptist people that have invested their monies to be used in ministry. GBIF is offering 2.5 percent on new money into Certificate of Deposits. Current outstanding loans as of September are \$24,600,000.

Compassionate Care – David Kelle reported Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Offering is in January. Rev. Kelle will be proposing to his board that Compassionate Care service General Baptist families first.

Other Business –

Motion and second that Ad Hoc Committee review what decentralization would look like and how it might function for General Baptist and bring to the C/A a recommendation. Carried.

Adjourn

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried at 3:11.

Organization of Executive Council – Room #214

Immediately following adjournment

Council of Associations Chairman opened meeting with taking nominations for Executive Council Chairman.

Motion and second to elect Jim Schremp as Executive Council Chairman. Carried.

Motion and second to elect Steve Dame as Executive Council Vice Chairman. Carried.

Motion and second to elect Joey Rupard as Member-at-large. Carried

Budget Committee (elect 4)

Charles Smith (Green River Union), Russ Collins (North Liberty), Kevin True (MOARK), and Greg Stevens (New Liberty State).

Personnel Committee (elect 4)

Carletta Steele (Central CA), Johnny Gipson (Western Union), Kirk Bodem (Michigan), and Dustin Thompson (Landmark).

Budget Committee organization

Russ Collins as Chairman, Kevin True as Vice Chairman, and Pat Dunivan as Secretary/Treasurer.

Personnel Committee organization

Ron Jagers as Chairman, Carletta Steele as Vice Chairman, and Craig Moore as Secretary