

**Proceedings of the Spring Session
Moark Presbytery of General Baptist
March 20, 2009
Attendance 66**

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 20, 2009, at 7:00 p. m. at the Bethany General Baptist Church. Welcome and prayer by Bro. Bryan Johnson pastor of Bethany Church. Devotional by Bro. Todd Milburn. Congregational singing directed by Bro. Kenneth Hargrave accompanied by Sis. Lisa Hargrave. The moderator, Bro. John Prince called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

**Business
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2010 – James Hamlett
Vice Moderator 2010 – Jonathan Rice
Clerk/Treasure 2010 - Danny Dortch
Assistant Clerk 2010 – Kim Hellebusch

Appointed by the Moderator

See resolutions 7 and 8

Reading Clerk 2009 – Shawn Parker
Parliamentarian 2009 – Kenneth Hargrave
Finance Committee 2009 – Charles Richardson, Jim Mabery and Milton Ladyman
Resolutions Committee 2009 – John Kruger, Royce Schanda and Jim Richardson

Correspondence

Letter from Gravel Hill church requesting that deacon Dale Grimes be dropped from the deacons roll.
Granted.

Letter from Malden 1st to place Morris Bradley and Delano Sandefer on Honorary roll. Granted

Letter from Bro. Kenny Burns requesting a letter of good standing. Granted

Letter from White Oak church to the association to have their church withdrawn from membership. Granted
by the association March 21, 2009.

Moark Presbytery
2008 Finance Report

Balance as of 1/1/08		1851.33
Receipts (Dues) 2008		759.00
Bethany	28.00	
Blue Cane	14.00	
Blue Cross	21.00	
Call's Chapel	00.00	
Campbell	00.00	
Cappadocia	21.00	
Corning	14.00	
Forest Grove	14.00	
Grace United	28.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	42.00	

Hopewell	28.00	
Johnson's Chap	28.00	
Kennett	28.00	
Lynn Oak	35.00	
Malden 1st	126.00	
Malden 2 nd	21.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	21.00	
Morris Chapel	7.00	
Mt. Zion	21.00	
Open Door	00.00	
Piggott	14.00	
Rector	63.00	
Ridgevue	00.00	
South Canaan	00.00	
Southaven Comm.	21.00	
Stanfield	45.00	
Sunnyvale	42.00	
Trailer's Chapel	35.00	
Union Home	14.00	
White Oak	00.00	
BALANCE		2679.18
EXPENSE		
Check # 1010	Stinson Press (Doc. & Usage Books)	50.00
Check # 1011	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2008)	200.00
Check # 1012	Moark Ass'n (Minutes 2008)	400.00
Check # 1013	General Baptist Messenger (Honorary Minister and Deacon Sub)	24.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2008		1936.33

Motion to retain current resolutions. Granted

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:

Spring 2009

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Rector	Mike Scott	Ordain M	Granted
South Canaan	Devon Black	Membership	Granted
At the time we receive a letter of good standing.			

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

Bro. Lowell Mckinney was elected to fill the term of Bro. Kevin Abbott.

The song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was recommended to replace the present ordination song. Granted

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(2014) Kenneth Hargrave, P.O. 243, Rector, Ar 72461 (870)243-1830

(2013) Kim Hellebausch, P.O. Box 132, Holcomb, Mo 63852 (573)792-3399

(2012) Lowell Mckinney, 620 West Allen Dr. Rector, Ar (870)595-2417

(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)276-3087 bryanj44@bpsnetworks.

Ordination Service

Congregational song directed by Bro. Kenneth Hargrave accompanied by Sis. Lisa Hargrave. Charge given by Bro. Marston Carpenter, Prayer led by Bro. James Dortch Christian handshake of fellowship was extended to the newly ordained. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Shawn Parker.

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

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| 1. Now That You Are A Deacon | Foshee |
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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

Kim Hellebusch South Canaan

HONORARY DEACON

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, Mo 63863
 Morris Bradley
 Manuel Eaton, 739 E. 4th St. Rector, Ar 72461
 J.D. Ferrell, Rt 1, Kennett, Mo 63857
 R.L. Hill, 501 N. 2nd 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
 Delano Sandefer
 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 ADDRESS

Darren Baker, Rt 1 Box 1029-A, Qulin, Mo 63961
 Devon Black
 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, Pocahontas, Ar 72455
 Randy Dalton, 2329 Cr 347, Piggott, Ar 72454
 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. 7th, Rector, Ar 72461
 George Haygood, Box 173, Marmaduke, Ar 72443
 Jim Hillyer, 1794 CR 730, Jonesboro, Ar 72401
 Denver Jackson
 Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd. 102, Campbell, Mo 63933
 John Kruger, 804 Pruitt St. Kennett, Mo 63857
 Todd Milburn, Rector, Ar
 Shawn Parker, 408 N 4th Ave. Piggott, Ar 72454
 Jonathan Rice, 601 Barrett Dr. Malden, Mo 63863
 Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29th St. Paragould, Ar 72450
 Mike Scott
 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

**Last change
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-treasure is not limited to the (5) consecutive years.

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

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

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

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

9. In the event that a candidate for licensing, membership, or ordination has been married and divorced, special

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

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

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
- 5.Conclude with prayer of dedication during which the Presbytery members shall be called to lay hands on the candidates.
- 6.Opportunity be given to the entire congregation to congratulate the newly ordained ones.

ORDINATION SONG "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Presbytery clerk- Danny Dortch, 1981 Greene 807 Rd. Rector, Ar 72461 email ddortch@piggott.net

LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED

March 2009 Total membership 143

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

Todd Milburn

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Wells

MINISTERS

Royce Schanda
Harold Fisk

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book
Ted Winberry

HITTS CHAPEL

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Charles Richardson
Shawn Parker
Ryan Mason

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 (H)
Howard Winberry
Morris Bradley(H)
Lee Bennett
Steve Cook
Chuck Provance
Don Smothers
Wayne Blaylock (H)
Leroy Stracener
Charles Johnson
Doug Geohagan
Tommy McCoin
Jon Johnson
James Odom
Ronnie Shipman

MINISTERS

Jonathan Rice
Mark Cowsert

MAPLE GROVE

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Jim Cowser

MARMADUKE

DEACONS

Thomas McCroy

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

OPEN DOOR

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Denver Jackson

PIGGOTT

DEACONS

James Featherston

Wayne Featherston

Jim Poole

Trent Holcomb

Rick Haywood

MINISTERS

J. D. Ellis

Joe Payne

RECTOR

DEACONS

Winfred Seals

Jim Mabrey

Steve Carpenter

Buell Shelton

R.L. Hill (H)

Jeff Smart

Stephen Dement

Lowell Mckinney

Mike Dowdy

Manuel Eaton (H)

MINISTER

Randy Dalton

Marston Carpenter

Mike Scott

SOUTH CANAAN

DEACONS

Phillip Russom

Steve Bradshaw

Kim Hellebusch

MINISTERS

Don Willingham

Devon Black

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

James Hamlett

TRAILORS CHAPEL

DEACONS

Gerald Runyon

Loran Johnson

MINISTERS

James Hillyer

Mark Trout

Sam Book

UNION HOME

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Futrel Butler

Davey Winberry

MALDEN SECOND

DEACONS

Glen Harris

Ira Babcock

Gail Kirkpatrick

MINISTERS

Dale Price