

Proceedings of the 2019 Spring Session Moark Presbytery of General Baptist

The purpose of the MoArk Presbytery is to assist the Churches of MoArk Association by providing and maintaining standards of ordination for those who minister within our body and to ensure that there are adequate opportunities of ministry training and leadership development made available for members of the Presbytery.

March 15, 2019 Attendance 50

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kennett First General Baptist Church. Welcome by Bro. Marston Carpenter. Opening song led by Brother Daniel Lorentz. Bro. Marston shared a devotional from Ecclesiastes 9:10 and led in prayer. The moderator called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

Business Elected Officers

Moderator 2020 – Wayne Simpson
Vice Moderator 2020 – Josh Carpenter
Clerk/Treasurer 2020 – Mark Book
Assistant Clerk 2020 – Kim Hellebusch

Appointed by the Moderator

Prior to the meeting. See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2019 – Royce Shanda
Parliamentarian 2019 – Bryan Johnson
Finance Committee 2019 – Lavon Smart, Jeff Smart, Mark Odle
Resolutions Committee 2019 – Josh Carpenter, Shannon Jackson, James Featherston, Bill Hatton

Correspondence

Bro. Todd Milburn submitted his resignation as a minister. His resignation was accepted.
The Kennett First General Baptist church submitted a request that Bro. Dan Carlisle be placed on the Honorary Deacon Roll of the presbytery. Granted.

Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to perform an informal audit annually of the financial records submitted by the clerk/treasurer of the Presbytery.

Moark Presbytery 2018 Finance Report

Balance as of 1/1/18		\$5570.24
Receipts (Dues) 2018		\$602.00
Bethany	\$21.00	
Blue Cross	\$7.00	
Call's Chapel	\$0.00	
Campbell	\$42.00	
Corning	\$21.00	
Forest Grove	\$14.00	
Grace United	\$56.00	
Gravel Hill	\$14.00	
Hitt's Chapel	\$63.00	
Hopewell	\$14.00	
Johnson's Chapel	\$21.00	
Kennett	\$21.00	
Lynn Oak	\$28.00	

Malden	\$70.00	
Maple Grove	\$7.00	
Marmaduke	\$14.00	
Morris Chapel	\$0.00	
Mt. Zion	\$7.00	
Open Door	\$7.00	
Piggott	\$0.00	
Rector	\$35.00	
South Canaan	\$14.00	
Southhaven	\$0.00	
Stanfield	\$28.00	
Sunnyvale	\$35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	\$35.00	
Union Home	\$0.00	
Walnut Corner	\$28.00	
Balance		\$6172.24
Expenses		
Check #1033	Moark Assoc. (Website 2018)	\$150.00
Check #1034	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2017)	\$200.00
Check #1035	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2018)	\$200.00
Balance as of 12/31/2018		\$5622.24

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee recommended the resolutions as printed in the 2018 minutes be retained and adopt the following resolution: **Whereas: Brother Danny Dortch served Blue Cane General Baptist Church and the First General Baptist Church of Marmaduke faithfully for decades as deacon; Whereas: Brother Danny Dortch served the MoArk Association of General Baptists as Clerk for 5 years 1983-1987; Whereas: Brother Danny Dortch served the Presbytery of Moark Association as Clerk for 27 years dating 1991-2018; Whereas: Brother Danny has been an encouragement and inspiration to countless Brother Deacons and Pastors through his faithful service and diligence to duty; Whereas MoArk Presbytery wishes to honor the memory of Brother Danny Dortch in some lasting manner: Be it resolved: The Danny Dortch Scholarship be established, to offer one \$250 scholarship annually, to a General Baptist student pursuing a degree in ministry or religious studies, to be administered by the Danny Dortch Scholarship Board made up of the moderator, clerk, and chairman of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee with the money coming from the treasury of the Moark Presbytery.** The recommendation of the committee was approved.

1. Be it resolved we give the officers of the Presbytery a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be it resolved we pay our Clerk \$200.00 for his services.
3. Be it resolved that we read only the report of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee and not the request from the candidate.
4. Be it resolved that we ask each church to pay \$7.00 dues for each ordained member of the presbytery, payable to the presbytery.
5. Be it resolved that the Resolutions and Finance Committees be appointed **prior to the presbytery meeting by the incoming moderator.**
6. Be it resolved that a reading clerk and a parliamentarian be appointed **prior to the presbytery meeting by the incoming moderator.**
7. Be it resolved that in light of current circumstances we encourage our pastors to lead our churches to conduct special prayer services for our nation and its leaders on at least two occasions during the coming year.
8. Be it resolved that the presbytery pay one half of the cost of Moark's web site.

REPORT OF THE DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Doctrine and Credentials Committee is to examine all candidates coming into the MoArk Presbytery as members and assure that all credentials are maintained in accord with the guidelines expressed both in the Constitution of the MoArk Association and Presbytery and as noted in the Policy Manual of the Doctrine and Credential's Committee. For more details see the D & C Manual available online at www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org

Added as voted in on March 21, 2014

If there is a need between the spring settings of the presbytery, the Doctrine and Credentials Committee is given the authority to approve the ordination of deacons and ministers. This will be in co-operation with the Moderator and sending Church unless they choose to wait until the Spring sitting. Any ordination held other than in the spring would be at the sending church. The Doctrine and Credentials committee would also be given authority to receive new incoming ministers and deacons.

A report from the Doctrine and Credentials Committee was presented by Chairman Charles Richardson to the body. A recommendation was made that the current requirement of completion of the LAMP program levels one through three be changed to levels one and two. This is recommended due to changes in the LAMP program and the length of time estimated for a candidate to complete and that the first two levels provide adequate exposure to General Baptist Theology and sound education in the scriptures. A motion was made and carried to implement this change. It was further recommended this action be made retroactive to current candidates. This also carried. Licensed ministers who have completed LAMP level two were recommended for ordination were Jacob Richardson, Jonathon Hubbs and Jerry Carnett.

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

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Morris Chapel	Leroy Meadow	License	Granted
Blue Cross	Johnny Harpole	Transfer	Granted
Grace United	Jacob Richardson	Ordination	Granted
Grace United	Jonathon Hubbs	Ordination	Granted
Calls Chapel	Jerry Carnett	Ordination	Granted

Letters were received from Lynn Oak requesting that Brothers Jeff Richardson and David Wiseman be considered for ordination as deacons. No present action was taken pending their completion of LAMP level one.

Bro. Lowell McKenney was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

[2024] Lowell McKenney

[2023] Ken Price, 106 S. Fordyce St. Rector, AR 72461 [870] 595-3825

[2022] Charles Richardson, C hairman, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454 [870]634-2595

[2021] James Featherston, 3007 Graystone, Paragould AR 72450

[2020] Mark Walker, 245 Greene 800 Rd. Marmaduke, AR 72443 [870]476-1838

Worship Service

Congregational singing led by Bro. David Lorentz. Message by Bro. Stephen Watkins. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted. Setting closed in prayer.

MOARK MINISTERS REQUIRED STUDY COURSE

The Lamp Leadership Program series 100 and 200 (amended this setting)

MOARK DEACON'S REQUIRED STUDY COURSE

The Lamp Leadership Course 100

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION SERVICE

- 1.The candidates be assembled in a special place
- 2.The charge be given to the candidates.
- 3.The presbytery body be called to encircle the candidates.
4. Singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
- 5.Conclude with prayer of dedication during which the Presbytery members shall be called to lay hands of the candidates.
- 6.Opportunity be given to the entire congregation to congratulate the newly ordained ones.

ORDINATION SONG “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Presbytery clerk- Mark Book, 541 Lakewood Drive West Piggott AR 72454 email MarkABook11@yahoo.com

HONORARY MINISTERS

LICENSED MINISTERS

Steve Bolick
Daniel Lorentz
Leroy Meadows

Honorary Deacons

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, MO 63863
Charles Johnson
Mabrey Loafman, 42802 State Hwy H, Campbell, MO 63933
Delano Sandefer
Bob Taylor, 17002 South Co. Circle Drive, Bernie, MO 63822
Jay C. Venable, 39623 Kent Blvd, Malden, MO 63863
Garland White, 1104 Stokelan Dr. Malden, MO 63863

MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESS

Darren Baker, 102 Meadow Ct. Puxico, MO 63960
Mark Book, 541 W Lakewood Dr. W. Piggott, AR 72454
Chris Brantley, 246 County Road 449 Pollard, AR 72430
Kenny Burns, 604 E. 4th St. Rector, AR 72461
Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, AR 72461
Jerry Carnett, 29517 S State Highway 53, Holcomb MO 63852
Josh Carpenter, 1307 Stafford, Paragould, AR 72450
Marston Carpenter, 140 N Ballard, Rector, AR 72461
Stewart-Allen Clark, 601 Barrett Dr, Malden, MO 63863
Jack Cole, 1129 W. North St. Piggott, AR 72454
Jim Cowsert, 203 Beckwith, Malden, MO 63863
Jeff Crain, 547 Greene Rd 620, Paragould, AR 72450
Don Dings, 2800 Trowbridge Dr. Paragould, AR 72450
Randy Dalton, 2303 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454
Anthony Dowdy, Rector, AR
Otis Dunn, 200 N. Almar St. Malden, MO 63863
Harold Fisk, 4913 Guy St. Paragould, AR 72450
Donnie Gregory, 166 Fawn Cove, Hernando, MS 38632

Martin Goode, 106 Gregory St. Malden, MO 63863
Brandon Gough, 18401 St. Hwy J, Malden, MO 63863
James Hamlett, 1100 CR 246, Parma, MO 63870
Kenneth Hargrave, 127 Greene 621 Rd, Paragould, AR 72450
Kim Hellebusch, PO Box 132, Holcomb, MO 63852
Jim Hillyer, 1794 CR 730, Jonesboro, AR 72401
Jonathan Hubbs, 96 Gavin Dr Paragould AR 72450
Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd. 102, Campbell, MO 63933
Loran Johnson, PO Box 47, Pollard, AR 72456
Ryan Mason
Mark Odle, 901 Speedway St. Campbell, MO 63933
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4th Ave. Piggott AR 72454
Ken Price, 106 S. Fordyce St. Rector, AR 72461
Cody Ramsey
Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, AR 72454
Jacob Richardson, 320 Greene 792 Road, Paragould AR 72450
Royce Shanda, 1801 N 29th St, Paragould AR 72450
Mike Scott, 919 W 4th St. Rector AR 72461
Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, AR 72430
Shane Stovall, 415 West Highland St., Paragould, AR 72450
Mark Trout
Mark Walker, 245 Greene 800 Rd. Marmaduke, AR 72443
Stephen Watkins, 404 E. Hwy 162, Clarkton, MO 63837
Boyd Wicker, 77 CR 453, Piggott, AR 72454
Randol Wiseman, 39414 Kimber Dr. Malden, MO 63863

CONSTITUTION OF MOARK PRESBYTERY

Last change in bold print

March 21, 2014

1. The Moark Presbytery shall be composed of the ordained ministers and deacons who shall be in good standing with their respective churches. A quorum shall consist of the ministers and deacons representing six (6) or more churches of Moark Association.
2. The Presbytery, when properly organized, shall consist of a moderator, vice moderator, and clerk/treasurer, who shall be chosen by the affirmative vote of the members present. The moderator, vice moderator, clerk/treasurer, and committees appointed by the moderator shall serve for one year after being elected in the spring session of the Presbytery.
 - A. **Moderator**
 1. Shall keep the Presbytery in order, state all questions fairly, and take the vote thereon.
 2. Shall have liberty of speech as other members provided his seat be filled.
 3. Shall have no vote unless it be in case of a tie, in which case he may cast the deciding vote.
 4. Shall appoint all committees unless directed otherwise by the body. (Board members are to be elected)
 5. Shall be responsible for the program of the Presbytery, such as speaker, music and anything else he deems necessary.
 6. Shall serve as a member of the Association's Executive Board.
 - B. **Vice Moderator**

The duty of the vice moderator shall be to serve as moderator automatically, if for any reason the moderator is unable to serve.
 - C. **Clerk/Treasurer**
 1. Shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings.
 2. Shall keep financial records of all receipts and disbursements.
 3. Shall submit financial records for an informal audit annually by whomever the Presbytery selects for this task.
 4. Shall serve as a member of the Association's Executive Board.

3. There shall be a board composed of five (5) men for (5) year terms, one being replaced each year at the spring presbytery, for the Purpose of examining ministers and deacons and shall serve as the Doctrine and Credentials committee. They shall be available to give guidance and help to members of this body in any matter involving personal or church affairs. Ministers and deacons are to be examined before the sitting of each Presbytery.
4. No officer or board member shall serve on more than one board at a time or more than five (5) consecutive years on any one board or in any office of this presbytery. Exception being the clerk-treasurer is not limited to the (5) consecutive years.
5. All ministers and deacons desiring membership into our fellowship from other Presbyteries shall be required to furnish a letter of request from his church, a letter of recommendation from his Presbytery and be recommended by the Doctrine and Credentials Committee after they have examined him as to his moral financial and' educational qualifications. If he is found to be deficient in the educational requirements of Moark Presbytery he shall be required to meet the standards before he be received as a member of this Presbytery. We shall receive no minister or deacon into our fellowship who has been excluded from any Presbytery or conference for immoral conduct unless he has made an honest effort to make reconciliation with the offended Presbytery or conference.
6. When a church has a minister or deacon whom they wish dropped from the Presbytery roll, they shall send a written request to the Presbytery requesting that his name be dropped.
7. Any member of this body shall have the right to request a committee be appointed to investigate any improper conduct of a member of this Presbytery as to morals, doctrinal teaching, belief, or social image.
8. Moark Presbytery will not ordain or receive into membership anyone who does not believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus.
9. In the event that a candidate for licensing, membership, or ordination has been married and divorced, special consideration will be given to his examination. All sin being equal, divorce and remarriage prior to conversion are forgiven as is all other sins. If the divorce occurs after one's conversion each case must be investigated and decided upon its own issues and merits, and only then will any recommendation be made to the clerk for further action by the entire body of the presbytery. (Other qualifications of the Presbytery must be met.)
10. Churches having prospective candidates for office of deacon should send them to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within 30 days of their being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. They should place them in their church to serve in this capacity for at least six (6) months prior to making the request for ordination, except that they are not to serve communion and they are to complete the Moark Home Study Course. Any church desiring the ordination of a deacon shall make formal request to the presbytery for its approval. If the Presbytery approves, he MAY be ordained at that setting. If the local church so request, he may be ordained at the local church.
11. Churches having prospective candidates for Licensing of a Minister should send their candidate to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee within thirty 30 days of being set aside by their church for the purpose of orientation. He will then be sent to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee for licensing at the next regular session of the Moark Presbytery and his license may be renewed each year as necessary until he has met the necessary requirements for ordination. He should appear before the Doctrine and Credentials Committee on an annual basis for encouragement and examination of his progress. We will ordain a licentiate that has been called into the ministry of the gospel providing he has met the requirements of the presbytery.
12. Each candidate for ordination shall be voted on separately by the Presbytery.
13. Each member of the Presbytery shall pay a membership fee annually.

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

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

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

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

18. The spring sitting of the Presbytery will be on Friday Night at 7.00 P.M., before the fourth Sunday in March. The exception being when Easter falls on the fourth Sunday we will meet on Friday night before the third Sunday.

LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED

March 2019 Total membership 117

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

BETHANY

DEACONS – Mabrey Loafman (H) Lannie Blake R. J. Riddle

MINISTERS – Bryan Johnson

BLUE CROSS

DEACONS – Gerald Gregory Johnny Harpole

MINISTERS –

CALLS CHAPEL

DEACONS –

MINISTERS – Jerry Carnett

CAMPBELL

DEACONS – Bill Willis Jim Hampton Milton Ladyman Coy Penrod Scott Blackburn Terry Jackson

Darrell Brandon

MINISTERS – Darren Baker Jack Cole

CORNING

DEACONS – Doug Fowler Don Herrin

MINISTERS – Jeff Crain Don Dingus

FOREST GROVE

DEACONS – William Sabin

MINISTERS –

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS – Steve Grimes James Featherston Shannon Jackson Bill Hatton Brian Brown

MINISTERS – Josh Carpenter Royce Schanda Harold Fisk Shane Stovall Jacob Richardson Jonathan Hubbs

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS – Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS – Randy Dalton

HITTS CHAPEL

DEACONS – Linuel Tate Jerry Causey Preston Davis Mike Lambert Rex Smart Mark Crawford

MINISTERS – Charles Richardson Shawn Parker Mark Book Kim Hellebusch Ryan Mason

HOPEWELL

DEACONS – Don Poole Houston Fry

MINISTERS – Boyd Wicker

JOHNSON CHAPEL

DEACONS – Virgil Lee Blancett Brian Hufford

MINISTERS – Lavone Smart

KENNETT

DEACONS – Dan Carlisle (H) Steve McElwrath

MINISTERS – Marston Carpenter

LYNN OAK

DEACONS - Sam Richardson Jr. Carol Blanton J. T. Moody Jim Richardson Kenny Wilson

MINISTERS – Stephen Watkins Randol Wiseman

MALDEN FIRST

DEACONS – Garland White (H) Kent Luke David Blalock Delano Sandefer (H)

Howard Winberry Lee Bennett Steve Cook Wayne Blalock (H) Chuck Provance Charles Johnson (H) Doug Geohagan Leroy Stracener

MINISTERS – Stewart-Allen Clark Jim Cowsert Brandon Gough

MAPLE GROVE

DEACONS - MINISTERS – Otis Dunn

MARMADUKE

DEACONS –

MINISTERS – Kenneth Hargrave

MORRIS CHAPEL

DEACONS –

MINISTERS –

MT. ZION

DEACONS -

MINISTERS – Martin Goode

OPEN DOOR

DEACONS -

MINISTERS – Kenny Burns

PIGGOTT

DEACONS –Jim Poole Matt Mobley Darrell McCrillis

MINISTERS – Chris Brantley

RECTOR

DEACONS – Jeff Smart Lowell Mckenney Stephen Dement Mike Dowdy

MINISTER – Ken Price Mike Scott Anthony Dowdy

SOUTH CANAAN

DEACONS – Steve Bradshaw

MINISTERS – Mark Odle

SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY

DEACONS – Donnie Coker Mike Maine Brian Misel Danny Holley

MINISTERS – Don Gregory Cody Ramsey

STANFIELD

DEACONS – Carroll Randolph Bobby Grissom Junior Hargraves Joe Woolverton

MINISTERS –

SUNNYVALE

DEACONS - J. C. Venable (H) Glen Baugas Bob Taylor (H) Mike Elder Gene Laferney

MINISTERS – James Hamlett

TRAILORS CHAPEL

DEACONS – Gerald Runyon

MINISTERS – Loran Johnson Jim Hillyer Mark Trout

UNION HOME

DEACONS -

MINISTERS – Futrell Butler

WALNUT CORNER

DEACONS – Wayne Simpson Lawrence Tedder

MINISTERS – Mark Walker

