

**Proceedings of the Spring Session
Moark Presbytery of General Baptist
March 23, 2007
Attendance 151**

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 23, 2007, at 7:00P.M. at the Rector General Baptist Church. Welcome and prayer by Bro. Marston Carpenter pastor of Rector Church. Congregational song directed by the moderator. Congregational song directed by Bro. Carpenter accompanied by Sis. Gail Benson. Prayer by Bro Don Willingham. The moderator, Bro. Royce Schanda called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.

Business

Elected Officers

Moderator 2008 - Marston Carpenter
Vice Moderator 2008 - John Prince
Clerk/Treasure 2008 - Danny Dortch
Assistant Clerk 2008 - John Kruger

Appointed by the Moderator

See resolutions 7 and 8

Reading Clerk 2007 - John Prince
Parliamentarian 2007 - Bryan Johnson
Finance Committee 2007 - Don Gregory, Davey Winberry and George Haygood
Resolutions Committee 2007 - Lavone Smart, Tommy Harris and Virgil Blancett

Correspondence

Request for letter of good standing for Bro. Joshua Carpenter. Granted
Request from Bethany Church to place Bro. Mabrey Loafman and Bro. Ruben White on the Honorary Deacons Roll. Granted
Request from Malden First General Baptist to place Bro. Wayne Blalock on the Honorary Deacons Roll. Granted
Request from Campbell Church to Drop from the Presbytery Roll, Bro. Earl Dell, minister and Bro. Johnny Dell, deacon since they are not members of the church. Granted
Request from Bro. Ted Winberry to be excused from this setting of the presbytery. Granted

Moark Presbytery

2006 Finance Report

Balance as of 1/1/06		1957.51
Receipts (Dues) 2006		574.00
Bethany	42.00	
Blue Cane	14.00	
Blue Cross	00.00	
Call's Chapel	14.00	
Campbell	56.00	

Cappadocia	00.00	
Corning	00.00	
Forest Grove	00.00	
Grace United	49.00	
Gravel Hill	21.00	
Hitt's Chapel	00.00	
Hopewell	28.00	
Johnson's Chap	28.00	
Kennett	28.00	
Lynn Oak	14.00	
Malden 1st	84.00	
Malden 2 nd	00.00	
Mapel Grove	7.00	
Marmaduke	21.00	
Morris Chapel	00.00	
Mt. Zion	00.00	
Piggott	00.00	
Rector	84.00	
South Canaan	14.00	
Southaven Comm.	00.00	
Stanfield		00.00
Sunnyvale	35.00	
Trailer's Chapel	21.00	
Union Home	14.00	
White Oak	00.00	
BALANCE		2531.51
EXPENSES		
Check # 1002	Christian Book Center	25.50
	(Doctrine & Cred. Handbooks (6)	
Check # 1004	Moark Ass'n (Minutes 2005)	317.83
Check # 1003	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2006)	200.00
Check # 1005	General Baptist Messenger	
	(Honorary Minister and Deacon Sub)	30.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2006		1958.18

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.

13. Be it resolved that written standards of ordination for both ministers and deacons be included in our published minutes.

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 2007

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Forest Grove	Shawn Parker	Ordain Minister	Granted
Lynn Oak	Randy Wiseman	Ordain Minister	Granted
South Canaan	Don Willingham	Membership Minister	Granted
Trailer's Chapel	Loran Johnson	Ordain Deacon	Granted

Each Candidate for ordination will present to the Doctrine and Credentials Committee a letter from the Administrator of the Moark Ministers' Home Study Books.

Howard Winberry, 40256 County Rd. 129, Malden, MO 63863 (573) 276-3695

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

DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- (2012) Kevin Abbott,
- (2011) John Prince P.O. Box 264, Cardwell, MO 63829 (573)654-2366
- (2010) Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd 102. Campbell, Mo. 63933 (573)276-3087
bryanj44@sbcglobal.net
- (2009) Royce Schanda 1801N. 29th St. Paragould, Ar 72450 (870)215-0657 royces@grnco.net
- (2008) Marston Carpenter, 140 North Ballard, Rector, AR 72461 (870)595-1136 mjc@isainet.com

Ordination Service

Congregational song directed by Bro. Marston Carpenter accompanied by Sis. Gail Benson. Charged given by Bro. Charles Richardson. Ordination song directed by Bro. Howard Winberry. Laying on of hands and prayer by the membership. Christian hand of fellowship extended by congregational.

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

- 1. The Heart of Hebrew History Hester
- 2. The Heart of New Testament History Hester
- 3. History of General Baptist Ollie Latch

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| 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 |

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

Deacon's Books

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

HONORARY MINISTERS

D.M. Morris, 306 Pinecrest, Paragould, Ar 72450

LICENSED MINISTERS

Mike Scott Rector
Dwayne Foster Rector

HONORARY DEACON

Wayne Blalock
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
Orville Nelson
Donald Smart, Piggott, Ar 72454
Ruben White
Garland White
Herman Luke

MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Kevin Abbott, Paragould, Ar 72450
Darren Baker, Rt 1 Box 1029-A, Qulin, Mo 63961
Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd. Piggott, Ar 72454
Sam Book, P.O. Box 95, St. Francis, Ar 72464
Futrell Butler, 282 CR 435, Rector, Ar 72461
Marston Carpenter, 140 Ballard, Rector, Ar 72461
Jack Cole, 1129 W. North St. Piggott, Ar 72454
Jim Cowsert, 203 Beckwith, Malden, Mo 63836
Mark Cowsert, 1953 Acacia Club Rd. Holister, Mo 65672
Don Dingus, Hoelscher Ln, Pocahontas, Ar 72455
James H. Dortch, 810 W. 7th, Rector, Ar 72461
J.D. Ellis, 455 N. Scurlock, Piggott, Ar 72454
Harold Fisk, 4913 Guy St. Paragould, Ar 72450
Donnie Gregory, 7371 Chippendell Dr. Southaven, Ms 38671
Kenneth Hargrave, 814 W. 7th, Rector, Ar 72461

George Haygood, Box 173, Marmaduke, Ar 72443
Jim Hillyer, 1794 CR 730, Jonesboro, Ar 72401
Bryan Johnson, 17904 County Rd. 102, Campbell, Mo 63933
John Kruger, 804 Pruitt St. Kennett, Mo 63857
Dick Murray,
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4th Ave. Piggott, ar 72454
Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29th St. Paragould, Ar 72450
Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, Ar 72430
Ronnie Stevens, 905 W. Unity Rd. Paragould, Ar 72450
James Turner, 1386 CR 481, Rector, Ar 72461
Boyd Wicker, 5278 Hwy 49, Greenway, Ar 72430
Don Willingham,
Davey Winberry, Rt 2, Piggott, Ar 72454
Ted Winberry, 376 N Monroe, Piggott, Ar 72454
Randol Wiseman, 39414 Kimber Dr. Malden, Mo 63863

CONSTITUTION OF MOARK PRESBYTERY

March 24, 2006

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

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

A. Moderator

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

B Vice Moderator

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

C. Clerk/Treasurer

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

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

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

5. All ministers and deacons desiring membership into our fellowship from other Presbyteries shall be required to furnish a letter of request from his church, a letter of recommendation from his Presbytery and be recommended by the Doctrine and Credentials Committee after they have examined him as to his moral financial and educational qualifications. If he is found to be deficient in the educational requirements of Moark Presbytery he shall be required

to meet the standards before he be received as a member of this Presbytery. We shall receive no minister or deacon into our fellowship who has been excluded from any Presbytery or conference for immoral conduct unless he has made an honest effort to make reconciliation with the offended Presbytery or conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION SERVICE

1. The candidates be assembled in a special place
2. The charge be given to the candidates.
3. The presbytery body be called to encircle the candidates.

- 4 Singing "A Charge to Keep Have I."
5. Conclude with prayer of dedication during which the Presbytery members shall be called to lay hands on the candidates.
6. Opportunity be given to the entire congregation to congratulate the newly ordained ones.

ORDINATION SONG

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

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

LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED

March 2007 Total membership 137

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

J. T. Moody

Milton Ladyman

Coy Penrod

Scott Blackburn

MINISTERS

Darren Baker

Jack Cole

CAPPADOCIA

DEACONS

Max Nelson

MINISTERS

Ronnie Stevens

CORNING

DEACONS

Doug Fowler

MINISTERS

Don Dingus

FOREST GROVE

DEACONS

John Prince

MINISTERS

Shawn Parker

GRAVEL HILL

DEACONS

Dale Grimes

Vernal Bradshaw

MINISTERS

Otis Book

Ted Winberry

GRACE UNITED

DEACONS

Steve Grimes

James Wells

James Kersey

MINISTERS

Royce Schanda

D. M. Morris (H)

Harold Fisk

Kevin Abbott

HITTS CHAPEL

DEACONS

Linuel Tate

Donald Smart (H)

Jerry Causey

Burl Haley

Preston Davis

Mike Lambert

Rex Smart

MINISTERS

Charles Richardson

HOPEWELL

DEACONS

Don Poole

Houston Fry

MINISTERS

Boyd Wicker

James Turner

JOHNSON CHAPEL

DEACONS

Virgil Blancett

Tommy Joe Harris

Virgil Lee Blancett

MINISTERS

Lavone Smart

KENNETT

DEACONS

Frank Brown

Dan Carlisle

J. D Ferrell (H)

MINISTERS

John Kruger

LYNN OAK

DEACONS

Sam Richardson Jr.
Carol Blanton
Jim Richardson

MINISTERS

Randol Wiseman

MALDEN FIRST

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Mark Cowsert

MAPLE GROVE

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Jim Cowsert

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

PIGGOTT

DEACONS

Wayne Featherson
James Featherson
Jim Poole
Trent Holcomb
Rick Haywood

MINISTERS

J. D. Ellis
Joe Payne

RECTOR

DEACONS

Winfred Seals
Jim Mabrey
Steve Carpenter
Buel Shelton
R.L. Hill (H)
Randy Rogers

Jeff Smart

Stephen Dement

Lowell Mckinney

Mike Dowdy

Manuel Eaton (H)

MINISTERS

Kenny Burns

Randy Dalton

Marston Carpenter

RIDGEVUE

MINISTERS

Ryan Mason

SOUTH CANAAN

DEACONS

Phillip Russom
Billy Joe Griggs
Dennis Holsten
Steve Bradshaw
Kim Hellebusch

MINISTERS

Don Willingham

SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY

DEACONS

Donnie Coker
Mike Maine

MINISTERS

Don Gregory

STANFIELD

DEACONS

Carroll Randolph
Bobby Grissom
Junior Hargraves
Joe Woolverton

MINISTERS

SUNNYVALE

DEACONS

J.C. Venable

Bob York

Glen Baugas

Bob Taylor

MINISTERS

TRAILORS CHAPEL

DEACONS

Gerald Runyon

Loran Johnson

MINISTERS

James Hillyer

Mark Trout

UNION HOME

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Futrel Butler

Davey Winberry

WHITE OAK

DEACONS

MINISTERS

Sam Book

MALDEN SECOND

DEACONS

Glen Harris

Ira Babcock

Gail Kirkpatrick

MINISTERS

Dale Price