

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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Letter from White Oak church to the association to have their church withdrawn from membership.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 <sup>nd</sup>	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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Marmaduke, Ar 72443  
 Mabrey Loafman, 42802 State Hwy H, Campbell, Mo 63933  
 Orville Nelson, 43749 County Rd. 119, Malden, Mo 63863  
 Donald Smart, Piggott, Ar 72454  
 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. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Piggott, Ar 72454  
 Jonathan Rice, 601 Barrett Dr. Malden, Mo 63863  
 Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450  
 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-treasurer is not limited to the (5) consecutive years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION SERVICE**

- 1.The candidates be assembled in a special place
- 2.The charge be given to the candidates.
- 3.The presbytery body be called to encircle the candidates.
4. Singing "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](mailto: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