

**Proceedings of the 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 26, 2010**

Attendance 70

The Spring Session of Moark Presbytery of General Baptist met March 26, 2010, at 7:00 p. m. at the Sunnyvale General Baptist Church. Welcome and prayer by Bro. James Hamlett, pastor and moderator. Singing by the Sunnyvale choir. Devotional by Bro. Hamlett. The moderator called the meeting to order.

**Visitors**

Visitors were welcomed by the moderator.  
Bro. John Sloan, Bro. Mark Powell and Bro. Otis Dunn

**Business  
Elected Officers**

Moderator 2011 – Jonathan Rice  
Vice Moderator 2011 – Jim Cowsert  
Clerk/Treasure 2011 - Danny Dortch  
Assistant Clerk 2011 – Charles Richardson

**Appointed by the Moderator**

See resolutions 5 and 6

Reading Clerk 2010 – Kenneth Hargrave  
Parliamentarian 2010 – Royce Schanda  
Finance Committee 2010 – Mark Book, Jim Cowsert and Jim Hampton  
Resolutions Committee 2010 – Martin Goode, Don Dingus and Coy Penrod

**Correspondence**

Bethany requested that Bro. John Grindstaff be dropped from the Presbytery roll. Granted  
Note of information. The association dropped Malden 2<sup>nd</sup> from the membership roll by letter of request from the church March, 27 2010.

**Finance Committee**

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

**2009 Finance Report**

Balance as of 1/1/09		1936.33
Receipts (Dues) 2009		677.00
Bethany	28.00	
Blue Cane	14.00	
Blue Cross	21.00	
Call's Chapel	00.00	
Campbell	42.00	
Cappadocia	28.00	
Corning	14.00	

Forest Grove		14.00
Grace United		21.00
Gravel Hill		21.00
Hitt's Chapel		42.00
Hopewell		28.00
Johnson's Chap		21.00
Kennett		28.00
Lynn Oak		35.00
Malden 1st		00.00
Malden 2 <sup>nd</sup>		14.00
Mapel Grove		7.00
Marmaduke		21.00
Morris Chapel		0.00
Mt. Zion	7.00	
Open Door		7.00
Piggott		14.00
Rector		77.00
South Canaan		21.00
Southaven Comm.		21.00
Stanfield		54.00
Sunnyvale		35.00
Trailer's Chapel		28.00
Union Home		14.00
BALANCE		2613.33
EXPENSE		
Check # 1014	Danny Dortch (Clerk's Fee 2009)	200.00
Check # 1015	General Baptist Messenger (Honorary Minister and Deacon Sub)	25.00
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2009		2388.33

### **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 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 6 months in advance by the incoming moderator at the fall presbytery.
6. Be it resolved that incoming moderator appoint a reading clerk and a parliamentarian in advance of the spring presbytery.
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.

### **Changes to the constitution.**

**Changes noted in bold print in the constitution.**

1. Add to statement # 10. If the local church so request, he may be ordained at the local church. Granted.
2. Add to statement # 2 A6 duties of moderator. Moderator to serve as a member of the Association's Executive Board. Granted.
3. Add to statement # 2 C4 duties of clerk/treasurer to serve on the Association's Executive Board. Granted.

**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](http://www.moarkgeneralbaptist.org)

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

**Spring 2010**

Requested by	Name	Request	Action
Open Door	Kenny Burns	Membership M	Granted

Bro. James Hamlett was elected for a 5 year term on the Doctrine and Credentials Committee.  
 Bro. David Blaylock was elected to serve the remainder of Bro. Kim Hellebusch's term.

**DOCTRINE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

- [2015] James Hamlett, 1000 County Hwy 246, Parma, Mo [573]396-5606
- [2014] Kenneth Hargrave, P.O. 243, Rector, Ar 72461 [870]243-1830
- [2013] David Blalock, 613 Stevenson St. Malden, Mo 63863 [573]276-5823
- [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](mailto:jandvprince@sbcglobal.net)

**Worship Service**

Special music by Bro. Martin Goode. Message by Bro Mark Powell. Prayer by Bro. Hamlett. Motion and second to adjourn. Granted.

**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**

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**

### **LICENSED MINISTERS**

Kim Hellebusch, PO Box 132, Holcomb, Mo 63852

### **HONORARY DEACON**

Wayne Blalock, P.O. Box 882, Malden, Mo 63863  
Morris Bradley, 1701 Merritt, Malden, Mo 63863  
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  
Hernan Luke, Rt. 2 Box 182, Malden, Mo 63863  
Orville Nelson, 43749 County Rd. 119, Malden, Mo 63863  
Delano Sandefer  
Winferd Seal  
Rueben White, 17773 Maria Drive, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Garland White, 1104 Stokelan Dr. Malden, Mo 63863

### **MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESS**

Darren Baker, 102 Meadow Ct. Puxico, Mo 63960  
Devon Black, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Mark Book, 541 W Lakewood Dr. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Otis Book, 646 Royal Rd. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Sam Book, P.O. Box 95, St. Francis, Ar 72464  
Kenny Burns, 604 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rector, Ar 72461  
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  
Don Dingus, 2800 Trowbridge Dr. Paragould, Ar 72450  
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, 166 Fawn Cove, Hernando, Ms 38632  
Martin Goode, 106 Gregory St. Malden, Mo 63863  
Kenneth Hargrave, PO Box 243, Rector, Ar 72461  
George Haygood, PO Box 173, Marmaduke, Ar 72443  
Mike Higgins  
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  
Ryan Mason, 108 Pinecrest, Paragould, Ar 72450  
Todd Milburn, 2575 State Hwy F, Cardwell, Mo 63829  
Shawn Parker, 408 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Joe Payne, 257 E. Poplar St. Piggott, Ar 72454  
Jonathan Rice, 601 Barrett Dr. Malden, Mo 63863  
Charles Richardson, 1191 CR 347, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Royce Schanda, 1801 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Paragould, Ar 72450

Mike Scott, 919 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Rector, Ar 72461  
Lavone Smart, 6204 Hwy 139, Greenway, Ar 72430  
Mike Spear  
Ronnie Stevens, 905 W. Unity Rd. Paragould, Ar 72450  
Mark Trout  
James Turner, 109 S. Stewart St. Rector, Ar 72461  
Boyd Wicker, 77 CR 453, Piggott, Ar 72454  
Don Willingham, 614 S. Locust, Campbell, Mo 63933  
Davey Winberry, 720 W. Kay, 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 26, 2010**

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 the 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 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 [dandortch@gmail.com](mailto:dandortch@gmail.com)

### **LIST OF PRESBYTERY ORDAINED**

March 2010      Total membership 136

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

#### **BETHANY**

##### DEACONS

Mabrey Loafman (H)  
Ruben White (H)  
Lannie Blake  
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

James Turner

**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

Jerry Causey

Burl Haley

Preston Davis

Mike Lambert

Rex Smart

MINISTERS

Charles Richardson

Shawn Parker

Ryan Mason

Mark Book

Kim Hellebusch {L}

**HOPEWELL**

DEACONS

Don Poole

Houston Fry

MINISTERS

Boyd Wicker

**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 Blalock  
Delano Sandefer (H)  
Howard Winberry  
Morris Bradley(H)  
Lee Bennett  
Steve Cook  
Chuck Provance  
Wayne Blalock (H)  
Leroy Stracener  
Charles Johnson  
Doug Geohagan  
Tommy McCoin  
Jon Johnson  
James Odom  
Ronnie Shipman

**MINISTERS**

Jonathan Rice

**MAPLE GROVE**

**DEACONS**

**MINISTERS**

Jim Cowsert

**MARMADUKE**

**DEACONS**

Thomas McCroy

**MINISTERS**

Kenneth Hargrave

**MORRIS CHAPEL**

**DEACONS**

**MINISTERS**

**MT. ZION**

**DEACONS**

Earl Walker

Doyle Gray

**MINISTERS**

Chuck Pipkins

Martin Goode

**OPEN DOOR**

**DEACONS**

**MINISTERS**

Denver Jackson

Kenny Burns

**PIGGOTT**

**DEACONS**

James Featherston

Wayne Featherston

Jim Poole

Trent Holcomb

Rick Haywood

**MINISTERS**

J. D. Ellis

Joe Payne

**RECTOR**

**DEACONS**

Winfred Seals [H]

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

**MINISTERS**

Devon Black

**SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY**

**DEACONS**

Donnie Coker  
Mike Maine

**MINISTERS**

Don Gregory  
Mike Higgins  
Mike Spear

**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