

## CHARTER LETTER

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On Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999 the MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST made up of the following Free Will Baptist Churches : BAILEY, COTTON CREEK, KOSHKONONG, LINGO, MT ZION, and SHILOH met to elect officers. The following is a list of offices and who was elected to each.

MODERATOR- JAMES LEE REED  
CLERK- DEAN BENNETT  
TREASURER- LARRY COCKMAN

ASSISTANT- DARRELL MITCHELL  
ASSISTANT- LARUE BENNETT  
ASSISTANT- SHIRLEY COCKMAN

### Ordaining & credentials

Darrell Strain            3yr  
Johnny Holesapple Sr 2yr  
Russell Hensley        1yr

### Executive Committee

David Melton            5yr  
Donald Hensley        4yr  
Johnny Holesapple Jr 3yr  
Craig Hensley           2yr  
David Holman           1yr

### Auditing Committee

Junior Brown           3yr  
Jim Bowers             2yr  
Jeff Holman             1yr

### MINISTERS

Darrell Strain  
Larry K. Cockman  
Craig Hensley  
Johnny Holesapple  
Johnny F. Holesapple  
Russell Hensley  
Darrell Mitchell  
James Lee Reed

### DEACONS

David E. Holman  
Charles D. Melton  
Orville Bowers  
Dean Campbell  
Junior L. Brown  
Dean Bennett

Motion made to start an account at the Alton Bank for the new District.  
Bro. James Lee Reed was nominated to the State General Board.

MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
WHEN CONVENED AT THE KOSHKONONG  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MAY 24, 1999

Meeting opened by Bro. James Lee Reed as Chairman. Prayer by Bro. Johnny Holesapple Jr.  
"Just a Little Talk With Jesus" was led by Bro. Dean Bennett with Sis. Ester Strain at the piano.  
Six Churches present were Bailey, Cotton Creek, Koshkonong, Lingo, Mt Zion, and Shiloh.  
Floor was opened for Clerk. Bro. Dean Bennett was elected by vote of the body.  
M.S.C. That he be allowed to select his assistant. Sis. LaRue Bennett was selected.  
Floor was opened for Moderator. Bro. Darrell Mitchell and Bro. James Lee Reed was dominated. Bro. James Lee Reed was elected by vote of the body.  
Floor was opened for Assistant Moderator. Bro. Darrell Mitchell was elected by the body.  
Floor was opened for Treasurer. Bro. Larry Cockman was elected by the body.  
Floor was opened for Assistant Treasurer. Sis. Shirley Cockman was elected by the body.  
Floor was opened for the Ordaining and Credentials Committee. Motion made that Bro. Darrell Strain be elected by acclamation to the 3 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED  
Motion made that Bro. Johnny Holesapple Sr be elected by acclamation to the 2 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. Russell Hensley be elected by acclamation to the 1 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
Floor was opened for the Executive committee. Motion made that Bro. David Melton be elected by acclamation to the 5 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. Donald Hensley be elected by acclamation to the 4 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
Motion made that Bro. Johnny Holesapple Jr be elected by acclamation to the 3 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. Craig Hensley be elected by acclamation to the 2 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. David Holman be elected by acclamation to the 1 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
Floor was opened for the Auditing Committee. Motion made that Bro. Junior Brown be elected by acclamation to the 3 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. Jim Bowers be elected by acclamation to the 2 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED. Motion made that Bro. Jeff Holman be elected by acclamation to the 1 year position. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
M.S.C. to accept the invitation of the Bailey Free Will Baptist Church to host the next meeting to be held Saturday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6: 00 PM.  
M.S.C. to elect a speaker for the Sept. meeting. Floor was opened for nomination. Bro. Darrell Strain was elected by a vote of the body.  
M.S.C. to elect Bro. James Lee Reed to represent the MO-ARK DISTRICT on the General Board at State.  
Motion made that an account be opened at the Alton Bank for the MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST by the Treasure Bro. Larry Cockman and the Moderato Bro. James Lee Reed. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
A letter was read by Bro. Darrell Strain. Motion was made to accept this letter as a petitioner letter to the State Meeting. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
Motion made to refer to the Executive Committee that they set an order of business, and review the constitution and By-Laws and make a report for any addition or correction. SECOND AND CARRIED.  
M.S.C. to dismiss with the singing of "Glory To His Dear Name" Alter prayer called for and started by Bro Darrell Mitchell and closed by Bro. Johnny Holesapple Sr. Song led by Bro. Jeff Holman with Sis. Ester Strain at the piano.



MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
WHEN CONVENED AT THE BAILEY  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SEPT. 25, 1999

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Craig Hensley.

Congregation sang "He Set Me Free" and "Victory in Jesus." led by Bro. Jeff Holman with Sis. Ester Strain at the piano. Clerk read Hebrews 9:11-15, 27,28. Prayer by Bro. Johnny Holesapple.

Moderator assumed charge of the service. Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting. M.S.C. to accept as read. The Church letters were read with delegates as follows:

Bailey	3	Lingo	2
Cotton Creek	3	Mt. Zion	2
First Freewill	3	Pioneer	3
Koshkonong	3	Shiloh	2

M.S.C. to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Delegates were seated with prayer started by Bro. Darrell Mitchell and finished by Bro. Russell Hensley.

Petitionary letters were read from the Pioneer Free Will Baptist and the First Free Will Baptist Churches. The Ordaining Committee report was read and the Executive Committee report was read. M.S.C. to accept the Ordaining Committee report. M.S.C. to accept the Executive Committee report and to accept these Churches into the MO-ARK District Association.

All visitors welcomed and recognized

Floor was opened for the speaker of the next meeting. Bro. Ronnie Blanks was elected by vote of the delegation.

Treasures report was read by Bro. Larry Cockman with a balance of \$563.17. M.S.C. to accept the report.

M.S.C. to accept the invitation of the Koshkonong Free Will Baptist Church to host the next meeting.

Floor opened for moderator; Bro. James Lee Reed and Bro. Darrell Mitchell were nominated. M.S.C. for nominations to cease and proceed to elect. Bro James Lee Reed was elected by the delegation.

Floor opened for assistant moderator. Bro. Darrell Mitchell was elected.

Floor opened for Clerk. Bro. Dean Bennett was elected.

Floor opened for Treasurer. M.S.C. to retain Bro. Larry Cockman and that he be allowed to pick his assistant.

Floor opened for the Auditing Committee. Bro. Jeff Holman was elected.

Floor opened for the Executive Committee. Bro. Ronnie Blanks was elected.

Floor opened for the Ordaining/Credential Committee. Bro. Harlen Johnson was elected.

Moderator read the recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. M.S.C. that the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules be accepted. M.S.C. to postpone the recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws till the January meeting.

Bro. Nathan Ruble was given the floor and he made it known that the MO-ARK District Association was accepted into the State Association. Bro. Ronnie Blanks gave a report that they have had a ground breaking ceremony for the new Tabernacle at the Youth Camp.

Recess was taken with singing provided by the Bailey Church.

Congregation sang "In The Garden", led by Bro. Jeff Holman with Sis. Ester Strain at the piano.

The Worship service started with a time of Thanksgiving and praising God for the working of his Spirit in his separate Churches. Prayer was led by Bro. Nathan Ruble and Bro. Darrell Strain took the Pulpit. St. John 10:9-10 was his text and he titled his message, "Beware of men who come bearing doctrinal ladders". "Oh Come and See" was sung by the Bailey Quartet.

M.S.C. to give the Bailey Free Will Baptist Church a vote of thanks and adjourn the meeting.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Larry Cockman.