

Sacred Harp Singsings

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In Memory of
RUTH BURNHAM BROWN

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

Before you prepare the minutes for your singing, please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and try to use the same format and style for your minutes. The following pointers may also be helpful:

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Please try to verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known. If convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes. The fee entitles the singing to receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes received without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$40 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
- **Check Payable To** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard
617 Ayers Drive
Anniston, AL 36207
(256) 237-1240

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

If possible, please use a computer to prepare your minutes and send them to us by e-mail at minutes@fasola.org.

- **Before You Start** First read *How to Submit Minutes* on the previous page, and follow the instructions. If your minutes are not formatted correctly, we may have to re-type them.
- **No Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow paragraphs to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (also called ¶ marks or line breaks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row to separate any paragraphs or single lines.
- **File Format** When done editing, please save the file in “Text Only” format (this will intentionally remove any special formatting you may have used, such as bold or italic). If your word processor offers a choice between Text Only and Text Only With Line Breaks—be sure to choose Text Only because Text Only With Line Breaks will insert unwanted hard returns into the file.
- **File Name** Save the file with the name of your singing. Add the extension “.txt”, indicating that it is a text file. For example: LibertyHomecoming.txt. Do not simply name it “minutes.txt”.
- **E-Mail Format** If you are certain that your e-mail program will not add unwanted hard returns, you can paste the minutes directly into the body of the e-mail. If you are unsure, please send the file as an attachment instead.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the e-mail is lost or unreadable.
- **Please Send Other Updates** In the same e-mail as the minutes, please send updates to your singing's directory entry, any local singing information, names & addresses, birthdays, etc.
- **Web Help** A web page with helpful hints, tools, and examples has been prepared for your reference at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>
- **Questions** Please send any questions to minutes@fasola.org

SACRED HARP SINGINGS 2004 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and in addition are listed in a separate section starting on page 27, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan—Cincinnati, Ohio—From I-75 or I-471—Follow interstate to downtown—East on U.S. 50 (Columbia Parkway)—Left at first light (Kemper Lane)—At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light—About 0.5 mile to church at Ingleside—From I-71 southbound—Exit at Taft (Exit 3)—From ramp, make four successive rights onto Taft, Reading, Oak, and May—Go 2 blocks, then left on McMillan—About 1 mile to church at Ingleside—
Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137—jbealle@spsp.net—
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Thurs., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—St. Peter's Episcopal Church—4250 North Glebe Road—Arlington, Virginia—3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—
Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—

Info: Mary Ann Daly (301) 229-8534 or daly@rff.org or <http://www.fsgw.org>

Sat., 3rd—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 4th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

Sun., 4th—State University of West Georgia Singing—Food Service Building (Z-6)—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th, p.m.—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles east of Jasper, Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 to Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station. Always held each year on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sun., 11th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 11th—Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center—4632 North Knox—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.—Just off the I-94 Wilson exit.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Old Poway Park, Templars Hall—14134 Midland Road, San Diego,

California—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., both days—
Info: Carla Smith (619) 544-0432 or (619) 533-3181 DrXOX@aol.com
Sat., 17th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—Dunstan's Episcopal
Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue—Auburn, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—
Info: Allison Ivey 334.826.0741 iveyall@auburn.edu

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Bay Minette
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette,
Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Bill Hogan (251) 665-2433

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Keystone Singing Convention—Chad's Ford
Historical Society—Chad's Ford, Pennsylvania—9:30-3:30 p.m.—
Creek Road (Old Route 100) across from historic John Chads House—One
quarter mile north of the intersection of Creek Road and U.S. Route 1—New
dates of fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January—
Info: Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206—DAHenkin@aol.com or Laura Densmore
LDensmo1@swarthmore.edu

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Jan. 31st—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden
Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—The
Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: David Music (817) 923-1921, ext. 6420—
Always the last Saturday in January.

Sat., Jan. 31st—Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at
Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Barbecue Lunch Provided—9:30
a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper
Revision/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp—

Info: Jim Carnes (334) 281-2010/271-1081 (days)
Sun., 1st—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center—Ladiga Street
and Church Avenue—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—
Driving north on Hwy. 21, Ladiga is the first street forming the city square
—Turn right—Pass alley—Center is on the left at the corner of Ladiga and
Church Avenue—Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—
Info: Pearl Guier (334) 272-4696

Sun., 1st—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist
Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey—On
highway from Sipsey to Wilburn (also called Bug Tussle)—County Road 9.

Sun., 1st—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes
Hall—Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with
Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—
Info: Ted Mercer (773) 486-7400

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keeton
Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods
Church—On Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—
Held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Sat., 7th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing (Cooper Book)—Place-
TBA—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040.

Sat., 7th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary's Great Hall, Baylor
University—Waco, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision —
Info: Don Ross (903) 831-7083

Sat., 7th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 8th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 13th p.m. & Sat., 14th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—

Fri., 13th p.m.—Singing School—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Maxwell Hall, Stadium Drive—Teacher, David Ivey.

Sat., 14th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center—9th Street and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Ohio State Convention—Golden Gate Park—Daton, Ohio—9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—I-70 West to exit 21 (Brookville), go south to traffic light, turn left—Golden Gate Park entrance is on the right (about 100 yards.)—Saturday evening 6:30 until ?-supper-social-more singing—Always held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February—

Info: Regina Bayer (937) 835-3323

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Info:Karen Willard (360) 897-9545 hallock@mindspring.com or David Wright (206) 861-1189

Sun., 15th—Sanders Memorial—Sardis Church—Walker County, Alabama—From Birmingham—U.S. Hwy. 78 West to Warrior River—Cross bridge and immediately take first left (sign will read Gorgus/Cordova)—Go 0.25 mile—Church is on the left—If you are going east—Turn right before crossing the river bridge, and follow above directions—

Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—near Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England—

Info: Ian West—(44) 116 270 9702 emsacred_harp@hotmail.com

Sat., 21st—New York State Regional (Utica Area)—Grace Episcopal Church—Waterville, New York—

Info: Barbara Swetman (315) 735-9933—bswetman@hamilton.edu—Ron and Margaret Bornick (315) 853-6282—MMBornick@cs.com

Sat., 21st—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II/New Music—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd.—

Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057—Laura Akerman (404) 373-8241

Sat., 21 & Sun., 22nd—Texas State Convention—College Station Conference Center—1300 George Bush Drive—College Station (Brazos County),

Texas—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Dutch Treat—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sun., 22nd—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke County), Georgia—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/ Social Harp books used—Info: John Garst (706) 548-3910

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 29th—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. 2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right, after 1.3 miles—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 29th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision
Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing—First Methodist Church—3 Town Square —Wayne, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EST—Turn east off I-275 at Exit 22 onto Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12)—Go 2.7 miles on Michigan Avenue to Newberry—Turn left onto Newberry—Church is one block on the right—
Info: Henry Schuman (734) 434-2030 or hcschuman@att.net

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—North Carolina Sacred Harp

Convention—<http://ncshapenote.org>—

Saturday—Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill

Sunday—Page Walker Hotel, Cary—

Info: Lynda Hambourger—lynda@ncshapenote.org

Sun., 7th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—

On Georgia Hwy. 100.

Sun., 7th—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton/McGough Memorial Singing—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Three miles south of Nauvoo—Just east of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—9:30 a.m.—
11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—

Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Jeanette Lowry (636) 433-2101

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Smith County Convention—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Cooper Revision—Info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955—Myra Palmer (214) 223-4617

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: Catherine Oss (413) 529-7160—wmshc@aol.com

Sun., 14th—Oxford City Hall—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—The square is at the junction of Hwy. 314 (also called Jackson) and Hwy. 7 (also called Lamar)—City Hall is at the northeast corner of the square.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee (912) 458-2493

Sat., 20th—Mercer University Sacred Harp Singing—Newton Chapel—Coleman Avenue at Adams Street—Macon, Georgia—8:30-9:45 a.m., Introductory singing school, taught by Hugh McGraw—Singing, 10:00 a.m.—I-75, exit 164 (Forsyth-Hardeman), turn east. Go to 2nd traffic light, turn left on Forsyth and go in your right lane several blocks to College St. Turn right on College St. After several blocks you will come to Tattnall Square. Go to the far side of the Square to Coleman Ave. Turn right on Coleman Avenue and go 1 block to Adams St. Newton Chapel is on your left at the corner of Coleman and Adams—Lunch in the Mercer Cafeteria at a reasonable price. —

Info: Harry Eskew (478) 301-5342 harryeskew@cox.net; Stanley Roberts roberts_sl@mercer.edu; John Plunkett bildad12@hotmail.com or 404.371.1057

Sat., 20th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station.

Sun., 21st—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville (Houston County), Georgia—On Hwy. 96—Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit—Go east on Hwy. 96 for 4 miles—Church on right—Please bring covered dish.

Sun., 21st—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Cooper Revision—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left (west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right.

Sun., 21st—Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs. Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 21st—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs

(Winston County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles north of Double Springs—
On Hwy. 195.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Vermont State Singing—Church—southern, Vermont—Note:
Singing is on Saturday before the last Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, when
it's a week earlier—

Info: Dan Hertzler (802) 74-6963 danhertzler@valley.net

Sat., 27th—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center—
321 N. 7th Street—Terre Haute, Indiana—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—

Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Georgia State Convention—Emmaus Primitive
Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Take Hwy.
27 south through Carrollton—Go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church
Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

Sun., 28th—Sardis Church—Lynn Park, Alabama—Turn off Hwy. 78 between
Jasper and Sumiton onto River Road—Go 0.2 miles—You will see the church to
your left on the banks of Black Warrior River.

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 2nd, Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Potomac River Convention—Pohick
Church, Washington, D.C. area—

Info: (301) 897-5274—Steve Sabol—Sabol@his.com

Sat., 3rd—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near
Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh
McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn
south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to
dead end and turn left.

Sat., 3rd—Fasola Omaha—St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church—2502
North 51st Street—Omaha, Nebraska—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: Kathy Wood (402) 397-4673—khwood@omnilinx.net

Sat., 3rd—Brazos River Convention—Brenham Community
Center—Brenham, Texas—Cooper Revision—Donation and RSVP requested
for catered picnic or bring a lunch—Always the Saturday before the first Sunday
in April—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or gaylon@flash.net

Sat., 3rd—Rhode Island All Day Singing—Round Top Center of Beneficent
Congregational Church—300 Weybosset St. (corner of Weybosset and
Chestnut)—Info: Charles Cofone (401) 524-1390 cofone@lincolnschool.org

Sun., 4th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County,
Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—The church is on the right.

Sun., 4th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County),
Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 4th—Old Enon Church—Winston County, Alabama—North of
Lynn—9:30 a.m.—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 towards
Lynn—Turn left on County Road 25—Go approximately 1 mile—Turn right at
the sign for Old Enon Church—If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the
singing will not be held that year.

Sun., 4th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United
Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard—BernardCollard@lineone.net

Second Sunday and Saturday before (Easter Weekend)

Fri., 9th p.m.—6:30 p.m. ET—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—On Old 100 Hwy.—From I-20 take exit #5 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south—Turn right on Carlton Johnson Road (at J&J/Don's Shoppette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April.

Sat., 10th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69)—Go to the next road which will be dirt (County Road #207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 10th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Voted to have singing on Saturday before second Sunday in April—Info: John Bullard (803) 582-8589

Sat., 10th—Harry S. Eskew Sing—New Orleans Baptist Seminary (NOBTS)—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—10:00 a.m. Info: NOBTS (504) 282-4455 ext. 3226—Ed Steel—ekstele@home.com

Sun., 11th—Easter Sunday

Sun., 11th—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit #231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Co. Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto Co. Rd. 783 and immediately back left onto Co. Rd. 782—Church is on left.

Sun., 11th—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—From Birmingham—Take I-65 north—Exit at Warrior/Jasper Rd. (Exit #282)—Turn left back across Interstate 65—Go 8-10 miles to first red light—Turn right (Corner School Road)—Pass school (2 lights at school)—Go approximately 1 mile, pass two stores—Turn right on Miller Road—OR—Exit #284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (Blount County Road 8)—Go several miles to four way stop sign—go straight across, and road becomes Corner Road—go until you go through a cemetery—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2 miles east of Arab—On Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 17th—New York Regional—Rochester Area—Fairport, New York—St Luke's Episcopal Church—Info: Nancy Crawford (585) 381-4279—nancy.crawford@usa.xerox.com

Sun., 18th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sun., 18th—Old Harmony—Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 18th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68

(exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs.

Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 18th—Smyrna Homecoming—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Goodwater Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta—Turn left (west) on Milton for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—The church is about 2 miles from the intersection, on the right.

Sat., 24th—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Free Will Baptist Bible College—Johnson Academic Building—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—Exit to U.S. 70 South—Go west (West End Avenue) off of I-440 in west Nashville—Go 1 block and turn right at Bowling Avenue (traffic light)—Go 1 block and turn left onto Richland Avenue—Johnson Academic Building is in the middle of the block on the left—Parking on street in rear—Signs will be posted—Singing is the first Saturday after Easter.

Sat., 24th—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Info: Susan Young (501) 750-8165—syoung@springdaleark.org

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend)

Saturday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Southern Harmony.

Sunday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Book—

From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—

Info: Robert Meek (502) 893-2190

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—For directions, travel, and accommodation details, contact Helen Brown 44 1332 768274 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sun., 25th—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign, go 2 miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, go south 2 miles.

Sun., 25th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead—Blount County, Alabama—From the junction of U.S. 278 and Hwy. 75 in Snead—Drive south 4.7 miles, passing mile marker #39—Turn left, east, on Wilson's Chapel Road (Glass Grocery is on the right)—Church is 0.3 miles on the right.

Sun., 25th—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church—Near Fruithurst—Cleburne County, Alabama—10:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. 78 to

Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left.
Sun., 25th—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—
Off Farm to Market Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of
Henderson—(Cooper Revision)—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510
Sun., 25th—The Big Singing—Benton, Kentucky—William Walker's—Southern
Harmony

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt On The Mountain—
3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County),
Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte
Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn left onto
Burritt Drive—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—
Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—
<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola>

Sat., 1st—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near
Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh
McGraw—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn
south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to
dead end and turn left.

Sun., 2nd—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County),
Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2 miles
and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and
turn left.

Sun., 2nd—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County),
Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid.

Sun., 2nd—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County),
Alabama—Between Section and Dutton—Off Alabama Highway 71 on the west
side—Turn at church sign.

Sun., 2nd—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5
miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 2nd—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—6
miles southwest of Ashland—Near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony
Singing—Herring Pavillon, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina.

Sat., 8th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian
Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington.

Sun., 9th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo,
Alabama—10:00 a.m.—West of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a
sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 14th p.m., Sat., 15th, & Sun. 16th—Garden State Singing
Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper
Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—
Info: Gina Balestracci (973) 655-7219 (days), (973) 509-2165 (night)

Sat., 15th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—
Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (night)

Sat., 15th—Mattox Memorial—Harmon Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—5 miles north on state highway #43—Turn left onto Flatwoods Rd. (by a big cemetery, Memorial Gardens), go across railroad tracks, then go across a creek and church will be on right—
Info: Clayton Ezell (931) 762-8267

Sat., 15th—Newton County Georgia Singing—Southeast of Covington, Newton County, Georgia—Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church—14 miles southwest of Covington, Georgia—Take I-20 East of Atlanta to Exit 98—Turn right onto Hwy. 11 south to four-way STOP sign—Turn left onto Hwy. 278—Take first right turn onto County Road 229—Go 5.5 miles—Shoal Creek Church is on left.

Sun., 16th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 16th—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls Exit or Barnesville/Jackson Exit #102 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a covered dish to share.

Sun., 16th—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—12:00 Noon—Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun. 16th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs.

Sun., 16th—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—Stroud (Chambers County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Book—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud.

Sun., 23rd—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Church (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman—On Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left in Gum Pond.

Sun., 23rd—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Go to Tallapoosa—Get on Hwy. 100 north—Go 5 miles—Turn left on Poplar Springs Church Road (just before mile marker #12)—Go 0.5 miles.

Sun., 23rd—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—Place to be announced—Chicago, Illinois—9:15 a.m.—

Info: Ted Mercer (773) 862-6477 or (773) 486-7400 or (773) 276-HARP

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—Cooper Revision—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later)—

Info: Tom Owen (512) 398-6075/Curtis Owen (512) 398-2017

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision
Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

Sun., 30th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth County), Georgia—10 miles southwest of Sylvester—From I-75—Take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester—Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Road—Go 5.5 miles—Church on right—Always the second fifth Sunday each year.

Mon., 31st—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—Morning session, The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, evening session from different hymn books that will be provided (let host know if you will be staying for evening session so he can make arrangements to have enough books)—Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—Set date of Saturday before first Sunday in June—
Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin (540) 955-2660

Sat., 5th—Brattleboro All Day Singing—First United Methodist Church—Brattleboro, Vermont—Saturday before the first Sunday in June.

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 6th—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmer Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Church on right, after 1.3 miles—
Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 6th—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Yalobusha County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch Treat, singers should bring lunch.

Sun., 6th—Fellowship Church—Memorial Singing—Cullman County, Alabama—8 to 10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—New York State Regional—Altamont—Altamont Masonic Hall—138 Maple Avenue (Route 146)—Altamont, New York—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: George/Jean Seiler (518) 583-7813—
jwseiler@ix.netcom.com—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

Sat., 12th—Maquoketa River All-Day Singing—Hopkinton, Iowa—Location TBA—Info: Annie Grieshop (563) 926-2353 grieshop@n-connect.net or Kathy Kaiser (563) 556-8662 kaiser@mchsi.com

Sat., 12th—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—Hitchin Friends Meeting House—1 Paynes Park—Hitchin, Herts, United Kingdom—
11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—bring covered dish—
Info: Steve Fletcher 01462 641787 stevie.fletcher@ntlworld.com

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231

north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 13th—Alpharetta Municipal Auditorium—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Auditorium is in the City Hall, corner of Academy and south Main Street—Info: Helen Bryson (770) 381-9093

Sun., 13th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma.

Sun., 13th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 13th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Carroll County, Georgia—1 mile east of Villa Rica, off Hwy. 78—Take exit #26 off of I-20 and go north—Turn left on Hwy. 78 for 0.5 miles—Turn right on Conners Road—Cross railroad tracks—Church is on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 17th, Fri., 18th & Sat., 19th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church OR Sacred Harp/Shape Note Music and Cultural Center—Birmingham, Alabama area.

Sat., 19th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—15 miles southwest of Cullman—4 miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn (Bug Tussle)—At Bug Tussle—Turn north on County Road 54 (aka County Road 9)—Go 4 miles—Church will be on the left.

Sat., 19th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse—Exeter Township—Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Follow signs to Daniel Boone Homestead—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: Ted Stokes (610) 689-4083

Sun., 20th—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368)—Church is on the left—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 20th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 20th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge (Winston County), Alabama—3 miles east of Natural Bridge just off U.S. Hwy. 278

Sun., 20th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oaky Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oaky Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 20th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Salem United Methodist Church Singing—Near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama—On Alabama Highway 9 between Cedar Bluff,

Alabama and the Georgia state line—7 miles from Cedar Bluff and 1 mile from the Georgia line—9:30 a.m.

Sat., 26th—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Edwin/Sheila Macadam shelwin@lineone.net

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 27th—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From I-285, go Georgia 400 north for 5 miles—Exit at Northridge (Exit #6)—At stop sign, go straight across onto Roberts Drive—Church is approximately 1 mile at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive—Motels are at exit #7.

Sun., 27th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—5 miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right.

Sun., 27th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Pioneer Valley Singing—Chapel of the First Congregational Church—Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.—Always held on Saturday before the first Sunday in July—Contact: Linda Shea (413) 7733-8208—lshea@marketstreetresearch.com

Sunday, July 4th—Independence Day

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right—Go to dead end, turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Go 1.3 miles—Church is on right—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 4th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. ET—Go to Tallapoosa—Take Hwy. 100 North—Go 8.6 miles—Turn left onto Cross Roads Church Road (Just past mile marker #15)—Go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at the intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Sun., 4th—Independence Day Singing—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community (Calhoun County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman.

Sun., 4th—Dutton, Green, and Jackson Memorial—New Flatwoods Church—Near Nauvoo—Walker County, Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo, and east of Hwy. 1—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Mon., July 5th—Independence Day Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church is on right.

Wed., July 7th—Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center—Jones Chapel (Cullman County), Alabama—From

I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7, also called County Road 940—Go one block, building on right. First Wednesday in July.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama—Courthouse is at the junction of U.S. 278 and 2nd Avenue, also called U.S. 31.

Sun., 11th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:00 Noon—Singing 1:00 p.m.—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 11th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and Boiling Springs Convention—Oak Grove Community—North of Sylacauga—Talladega County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 280 to Oak Grove Community Fire Station—Turn right at Fire Station—Go to dead end.

Sun., 11th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 15th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall—113 Madison Ave.—Montgomery, Alabama (Parking lot is off Lawrence between Madison and Jefferson. Parish Hall is toward the rear of the church nearer Jefferson St.)—10:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: (334) 242-3601. Always the 3rd Thursday in July.

Fri. p.m., 16th & Sat., 17th—Quebec Convention—TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby.

Sat., 17th—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west on County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 17th—Walker County Convention—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Off Hwy. 69 (Cullman to Jasper)—On the Sipsey cut-off Road—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Sat., 17th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy. 69.

Sat., 17th—Michiana Regional—New Testament Baptist Church—Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about 1 mile—Turn right (west) onto County Road 38—Church is approximately 3 miles on right Info: Samuel Sommers (574) 294-6180 scmws@yahoo.com

Sat., 17th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia—Info: Hugh McGraw (770) 537-2283

Sat., 17th—Gwehelog, Nr Usk, Monmouthshire, Wales—Info: Ken Baddley ken.baddley@ntlworld.com

Sun., 18th—Kalamazoo Singing—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EDT—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—Info: Bill/Martha Beverly (269) 382-4288—mbeverly@chartermi.net

Sun., 18th—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church—Near Bremen—Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman—Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Sun., 18th—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama—3 miles southwest of

Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left (east) side of the road, in Gum Pond.

Sat., 24th—Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn left on Midland Road—The park is on the left—Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (evenings)

Sat., 24th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Mt. Zion Memorial—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school.

Sun., 25th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Mississippi—4 miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road—East of Tremont.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Jul. 31st & Sun., 1st—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Turn left off Hwy. 27-A at Cross Plains Road—Go 4.8 miles. (Follow it as it curves and turns into a dirt road to church.)

Sun., 1st—Fayette County Convention—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—
Info: Jim Brock (511) 345-9652—jbrock@pacinfo.com
First Saturday in August.

Sat., 7th—Calhoun County Musical Association—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, Mississippi—North on Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman—Between Derma and Vardaman.

Sat., 7th—Utah Singing—The John Pack Home at This Is The Place Heritage Park—2601 E. Sunnyside Ave.—Salt Lake City, Utah—9:30 a.m.—
Info: Stan or Jenny Jensen (801) 229-2274 jennyjensen@msn.com or visit <http://groups.msn.com/utahsacredharp>

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—South High Street—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—Cooper Revision—Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 8th—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—8 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign—Go 2 to 3 miles, church is on left. A new singing that was formerly held at Macedonia on this date.

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 11th—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church—Pickens County, Alabama—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church—811 Runyan Drive—Chattanooga, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—

Info: Linda Sides (423) 842-7265—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Sat., 14th—Rock Creek, Mountain Home, and Ryan Creek Convention—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel on U.S. Hwy. 278—Info: David Roberson (205) 681-4389

Sun., 15th—Santa Cruz Regional—Santa Cruz, California—

Senior Citizens Opportunities—222 Market Street—

9:00 a.m., both days—Info: Kathleen Marie Pouls (831) 475-8885

Sun., 15th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right—

Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Sun., 15th—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11 miles—Church will be on the right.

Sun., 15th—Cleburne County Convention—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Near Heflin—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—North of Forest, Mississippi—7 miles north of Forest—On Hwy 21—Between Forest and Sebastopol—Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-0209

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59—Turn east on Alabama Highway 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs. Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing Convention—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Hwys. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.—Info: Susan Harcrow (256) 632-3388

Sun., 29th—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton—North of new Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—Third fifth Sunday each year.

Sun., 29th—Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Hwys. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—First fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday before Labor Day—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206 work, (610) 688-6347 home—DAHenkin@aol.com

Sat., 4th—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78

Sun., 5th—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100—From I-20—Take Exit #5 and go South on Hwy 100—Go 1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—Go 0.8 miles to church.

Sun., 5th—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 5th—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3 miles, church is on left.

Sun., 5th—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Labor Day, Monday, September 6

Mon., 6th (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From West to East—Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go through Edwardsville, just past mile marker #183, and turn north onto County Road #61 which is directly across the road from the volunteer fire department building. There is a sign that has Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and there will be a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road that will lead you to the church.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church—162 South Main Street—Oberlin, Ohio—Held on Saturday after Labor Day—Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com—Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 11th—Rivanna River All Day Singing—Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist—Charlottesville, Virginia—10:00 a.m.—held on Saturday before the second Sunday in September—Info: Bev Oneida 434-974-6534 boneida@ntelos.net

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist

Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From I-285, go Georgia 400 north for 5 miles—Exit at Northridge (Exit #6)—At stop sign, go straight across onto Roberts Drive—Church is approximately 1 mile at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive—Motels are at exit #7. Info: Susan Harcrow (256) 632-3388
Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Oxford, United Kingdom.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Four Mile Community—Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take Hwy. 21 north from Anniston to Jacksonville—Church is exactly in line with mile marker 263 on Four Mile Drive.

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—Location to be announced—This date will now be a fixed date...always the third Sunday and Saturday before.

Info: Berkley Moore (217) 793-0024 berkmoore@aol.com or Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873 jfraembs@1staccess.net

Sun., 19th—B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 19th—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—0.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 19th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Goodwater Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Info: Ed Smith (706) 695-0843 for free parking passes.

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday—Place to be announced—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Info: Steven Schmidgall (763) 593-1965—Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040.

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Rocky Mountain Convention—TBA—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—Info: McPherson@sulphurcanyon.com

Sun., 26th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left, east, side of the road in Gum Pond.

Sun., 26th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195.

Sun., 26th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Turn west on Georgia Alternate Highway 74—Go 0.7 miles and turn right on Hannah Mill Road—Cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left on Emmaus Church Road—At the stop sign, go left—Church is on the right.

Sun., 26th—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount (Yalobusha County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 330—11 miles west of Bruce.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 1st, p.m. & Sat., 2nd—New England Convention—Vermont area—Place to be announced—Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210

Sat., 2nd—Cooper Book Singing—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign.

Sat., 2nd—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—Cooper Revision—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

Sat., 2nd—Louisiana State—Sellers Music Building—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—9:00 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition
Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504) 286-3845

Sat., 2nd—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Goleta, California—
Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

Sun., 3rd—Sandy Creek Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—1 mile south of Flovilla—From intersection of Georgia Hwys. 42 and 87—Follow Hwy. 87 south approximately 2.7 miles to Darnell Road—Turn left—Church is on right.

Sun., 3rd—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Oneonta—Blount County, Alabama—6 miles east of Oneonta and 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond Mile Marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end, turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 3rd—Tom Harper and Ganus Wakefield Memorial—Old Sardis Church Number 1—Near Lynn Park—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Lynn on County Road 17—From U.S. 278 turn south onto County Road 17 at the church sign.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th, p.m. & Sun., 10th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—Saturday p.m.

singing—Cooper Book—Sunday singing—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points—Turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Road—Go about 1 mile and turn left—Go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right.

Sun., 10th—Walker Cates and H.H. Brown Memorial—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—
Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 10th—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117.

Sun., 10th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.

Sun., 10th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Road 11—There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 15th & Sat. 16th—New York State Convention—Ithaca, New York—
Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—jc27@cornell.edu—

Eric Bean—gebean@aol.com

Sat., 16th—McWhorter Memorial—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn onto County Road 35—Go to County Road 49 and continue to County Road 65—Turn right onto County Road 65—Go 5 miles—Church is on left. Saturday only.

Sat., 16th—Tri State Convention—Place to be announced—Port St. Joe, Florida—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—

Info: David Lee (912) 458-249

Sat., 16th—Columbia Singing—Trinity Presbyterian Church—1600 W. Rollins—Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann (573) 446-1075—whofmann@coin.org—Lou/Penny Kujawinski (573) 874-1096

Sat., 16th & Sun. 17th—New York State Convention—Barneveld, New York—
Info: Barbara Swetman (315)735-9933—bswetman@hamilton.edu— Ron and Margaret Bornick (315) 853-6282 MMBornick@cs.com

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Oregon—Sellwood Community Center—1436 SE Spokane Street—Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday.

Sun., 17th—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

Sun., 17th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—From Birmingham—Take I-65 north—Exit at Warrior/Jasper Rd. (Exit #282)—Turn left back across Interstate 65—Go 8-10 miles to first red light—Turn right (Corner School Road)—Pass school (2 lights at school)—Go approximately one mile, pass two stores—Turn right on Miller Road—OR—Exit #284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (Blount County Road 8)—Go several miles until you come to a four way stop sign—Go straight across at the sign and road becomes Corner Road—Continue on Corner Road until you go through a cemetery—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Embry Hills United Methodist Church—3304 Henderson Mill Road—Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-285—Exit 34, Chamblee/Tucker Road—Go east on Chamblee/Tucker—Turn right onto Henderson Mill Road—Church is on the right—Info: Kelly Morris (404) 378-0595—Bryan Black (770) 938-0661 (days) 867-2253 (evenings).

Sat., 23rd—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sun., 24th—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—Morton, Scott County, Mississippi—3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton.

Sun., 24th—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—U.S Hwy. 431 to County Road 82—Go across County Road 431 (Old U.S. 431) at

Morrison's Cross Roads—Go 0.25 miles, left at fork, left at next fork—Church is approximately two miles on right.

Sun., 24th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—12 miles northeast of Jasper—1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—San Gabriel Community Center, San Gabriel Park—Georgetown, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta(Fulton County),Georgia—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day.

Sun., 31st—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—Cooper Revision—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell (409) 624-2173

Sat., 6th—Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood Memorial Singing—Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Near Attalla—Etowah County, Alabama—South of Attalla on Hwy. 11—*Changed from Sunday to Saturday.*

Sat., 6th—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Old Sardis Church—Lynn Park, Alabama—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition used in the morning, and the Cooper Book used in the afternoon.

Sat., 6th—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take U.S. Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left—Info: Felton Denney (770) 832-8198 (This singing was formerly held in Heard County)

Sat., 6th—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago—1212 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Always 1st Saturday in November. Info: (773) 276-HARP—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu

Sun., 7th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end—Turn left—Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun., 7th—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn.

Sun., 7th—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles south of Cordele—Exit I-75 at exit 97—From Atlanta, turn right—Cross over Hwy. 41 and go to the dead end—Turn left on Hwy. 33—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right onto

Antioch Road (this is a “sand road”)—Go straight at the stop sign—Church is on left behind Zion Hope Cemetery—Bring covered dish.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place.

Sat., 13th—Southern Wisconsin—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861

Sat., 13th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976 or Gary/Vivian Rogan (817) 220-5147

Sat., 13th—Tuesday Occasionals’ Birthday Singing Day—St. Luke’s Church—Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Contact Ruth and Dave Cooper 44 115 939 9730 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—This singing is always the second Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503—Simdar19@idt.net

Blake Morris (804) 288-8206—Blake.Morris2@gte.net

Sun., 14th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Get on Hwy. 21 South in Oxford—Go under I-20—Take left at light onto Friendship Road—Cross 3 bridges to traffic light—Turn right onto Cheaha Drive—Go 5/6 blocks—Turn left onto County Line Road—Church on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—7:00 p.m.—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Take Hwy. 100 North from Tallapoosa for 8.6 miles to Cross Roads Church Road (Just beyond mile marker #15)—Turn left—Go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November.

Sun., 21st—Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—Take I-75 North—Exit right at exit #315 (Red Bud Road exit)—Turn right onto Hwy. 156 east—Go about 200 yards—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left.

Sun., 21st—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King’s School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles east of Natural Bridge, just off U.S. Hwy. 278

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 25th—Thanksgiving Day

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church—North of Birmingham, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Take I-65 North to Fultondale Exit # 266—Turn right onto Hwy. 31 south—Go 100 yards—Turn left to 57th Avenue—Go 0.25 mile, look for signs.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—Cooper Revision—For reservations call—(850) 769-0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From U.S. Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at church sign—Church is 0.7 miles on right—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—No listings

Sun., 19th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 24th—Christmas Eve

Sat., 25th—Christmas Day

Sun., 26th—No listings

Fri., 31st—7:00 p.m.—Wootten Family New Year’s Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit #231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left.

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, February 29

Second Fifth Weekend

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

Third Fifth Weekend

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29

Fourth Fifth Weekend

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Liberty Church—Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year.

Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, Alabama—First fifth Sunday each year

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia—Second fifth Sunday of each year.

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—Locations announced—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4, except when the 5th Sunday falls in June, then it will be on the week-end before Memorial Day

Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan, Texas—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later).

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People’s Singing—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Lacy Memorial Singing—Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Southeast of Sumiton, Alabama—Third fifth Sunday of each year.

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Southwest Texas Convention—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Held at different locations—Atlanta, Georgia area—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day.

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Anniston: Second Tuesday of each month—6:30-8:00 p.m.—Norwood Hodges (Golden Springs) Community Center—Spring Valley Road—Get on Golden Springs Road—Turn at tennis courts—Info: Roy Nelson (256) 237-7637—Jeff Sheppard (256) 237-1240

Birmingham: First Tuesday in every month—Southside Baptist Church—11th Avenue South—6:30 p.m.—Info: Elene Stovall (205) 854-8741 stovalle@charter.net or Max Berueffy (205) 968-0205 maxb@premierhome.net

Carbon Hill: Saturday night before the second Sunday in each month—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Info: Travis Keeton (205) 697-5268

Cullman: First Wednesday of each month—Jones Chapel Community Center—From I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7—Also called County Road 940—Go one block—Building on right—Memorial in July.

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger (205) 932-3858

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday of each month—March through October—6:30 p.m.—Family Worship Center—3901 Gault Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (AL Hwy. 35)—Take AL Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11—Go south on U.S. Hwy 11 for approximately 2.5 miles to the church—Church is on the right.

Haleyville (Winston County): First Sunday night—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195, south of church sign, 2 miles—In April—Idella Berry Memorial Singing—Info: Josie Hyde (205) 486-5625

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—5:30 p.m.—Info: Coy Ivey (256) 657-4681—ivey@asc.edu

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 6, April 2, August 6, November 5—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burrirt On The Mountain—3101 Burrirt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burrirt Drive—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola> Linton Ballinger (256) 830-5301.

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten (256) 632-3830

Jasper: Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Jasper: Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing—Stephenson and Wall Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Five miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Alaska

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: William Walters (907) 479-3796—Robert Sullivan—rsrbs@aurora.alaska.edu

Arizona

Tucson: First and Third Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: J.P. (520) 682-6201 at jpintozyd@mybluelight.com or Becky Nankiveil (520) 293-3783 bnankivellk@igc.org

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby (501) 394-6135—EddieVerla@aol.com—Flora Burns (501) 394-5730

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby (501) 394-5730

Springdale: Fourth Sunday, each month—2:30 p.m.—Shiloh Museum—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas

California

Berkeley, Oakland, East Bay: First Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck dinner following—Info: Alice Sharp (510) 843-8259—avsharp@earthlink.com or Vicki Solomon (510) 601-8576

Los Angeles: First Sunday east-side singing—3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Third Sunday west-side singing—3:00-5:50 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell (310) 450-3516—belltower@compuserve.com—Link to “Singing in Los Angeles” from <http://fasola.org>

Monterey: Third Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m. Info: Michael Armstrong (831) 373-3465; Jack and Kathy Herbig (831) 649-3087 jack@herbigassociates.com

Palo Alto: Second Sundays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fourth Sundays 4:00-6:00 p.m.—Hosted lunch following—Info: Karen Schaffer (408) 298-3269—kschaffer@hidden-knowledge.com

Poway: First and Third Sundays—Old Poway Park—14134 Midland Road—619.544.0432

Sacramento/Davis: Second Sundays—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing 2:00-4:30 p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright (916) 739-8906 davesue@calweb.com

San Diego: First and third Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Old Poway Park—Info: Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber (619) 544-0432—DrXOX@aol.com—Carla by day: (619) 533-3181

San Diego: Second and fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—First Unitarian Church in Hillcrest—Info: Norma Ruptier (858) 452-1859

San Francisco: Third Sundays—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—1024 Chenery St. Info: Carolyn Deacy (415) 585-4773—sf@fasola.org—Chris Thorman—chris@thorman.com <http://fasola.org/bayarea/>

Santa Barbara: First Saturday of each month—7:30-10:00 p.m. — 808 California Street—Call in advance to confirm—Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

Santa Cruz: Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—
Info: Shelly Phillips (831) 427-2980

Colorado

Boulder: Second Friday of every month—3119 9th St.—Info: (303) 447-9379

Denver: Sunday after the fourth Friday—

Info: Elaine Cullor (303) 860-0662—John Schaffer (303) 234-1729

Fort Collins: First Friday—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450

Loveland: Sunday after the third Friday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—604 North California Avenue—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450—sandy@fril.com

Connecticut

Middletown: First Sunday—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—At singer's homes—

Info: Phyllis/Neely Bruce (203) 347-3003

Newtown, other places: Meets occasionally—Connecticut Valley Harmony.

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday, except December—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Potluck 6:00 p.m.—Usually at St. Peter's Episcopal Church—4250 North Glebe Road—Arlington, Virginia—Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) (Membership not required)

Info: Mary Ann Daly (301) 229-8534 or daly@rff.org or <http://www.fsgw.org>

Florida

Gainesville: Third Sunday—3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Alternates between—First Methodist Church, Bethany Room—419 NE First Street—Gainesville Episcopal Church of the Mediator—401 NE Chokolka Boulevard—Micanopy—

Info: Pat Morse (352) 377-8061 or (352) 466-3801—barnetta@mindspring.com

Hilliard: Saturday evening each month—7:00 p.m.—Pavilion of the Baptist—County Road 121, A paved road that connects to US Hwy. 1 at Boloungne, Florida, just inside the Florida state line, south of Folkston, Georgia—Go west on C.R. 121 about 6 or 7 miles—When you pass C.R. 115/Bay Road on your left, go 0.6 miles, the driveway to the pavilion will be on your right—Cooper Edition—Info: (904) 845-2624 tolliesaws@juno.com

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month—Except July, August, and December—7:00 p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—2145 West Pensacola Street—Info: Alice Bejnar (850) 656-2027

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—**S.O.F.A. singing**—September, October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton

Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—

Info: Faye Holbrook (706) 636-1707

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates, and locations vary—

Info: Lee Rogers —(706)795-5472 jleerog@negia.net

Decatur: First Thursday in each month—Except January and possibly December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church Baptist Church—N. Decatur Road, between Clifton and Clairmont—

Info: Liz Bryant (404) 378-5424—atlantashapenote@yahoo.com

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—Info: David/Kathy Lee (912) 458-2493—Clarke/Julie Lee (912) 458-2268—Johnny/Delorese Lee (912) 458-2595

Illinois

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: Cathryn Baker (773) 538-5150—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu.—or call the “Harp Line” (773) 276-HARP

Charleston/Mattoon: First and third Thursday evenings and occasional Sundays—Various sites—

Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873 jfraembs@1staccess.net

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Cathryn Baker (773) 538-5150—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu

Springfield: Info: Pete Ellertsen (217) 793-287

Indiana

Bloomington: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—St. Mark’s United Methodist Church—100 Hwy. 46 Bypass—

Info: Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Location moves—Info: Samuel Sommers (574) 294-6180 scmws@yahoo.com

Iowa

Cedar Falls: Usually on Sundays—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Cedar Falls Mennonite Church—9th and Clay Streets—

Info: Michael L. Moore (319) 277-8495—mlmoore@cfu.net

Kansas

Lawrence: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042

Kentucky

Berea: Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect—Info: Kent Gilbert (606) 986-4057—kgilbert@mis.net—
or the church (606) 986-3725

Lexington: Second Sunday—September through May—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church—3534 Tates Creek Road—

Info: Mary Brinkman (606) 272-3895—mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu—

Keith MacAdam, (606) 268-0998 (home) or (606) 257-3344

(work)—phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

Louisville: Every third Sunday of the month—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—

Info: Bob Meek (502) 893-2190—bob54393@aol.com—

Michelle Cull (502) 587-7510

Maine

Belfast: Second Monday each month—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—First

Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—

Info: Bobbie Goodell (207) 342-2324—rgoodell@acadia.net

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Great Salt Bay Elementary School—Business Rte. 1—Info: Edith Berger (207) 832-6561 or berger@gwi.net
Ellsworth, etc: Usually monthly—Near middle of the month—Travels around state—Waterville, Ellsworth, New Sharon, Pittsfield, among other places—Info: Joe Kucera, (207) 285-7358

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—September through June—Locations varies by month.
Info: Elizabeth Cusick (410) 235-6627 or elizabeth@cusick.name

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—First Congregational Church—165 Main Street—
Info: Eliza Cavanaugh (413) 772-0287 eliza@valinet.com
Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School—Info: Bob Parr (781) 648-1009—parr@ll.mit.edu—Ginnie Ely (978) 664-1344—Ginnie.Ely@compaq.com
Central Massachusetts: Every third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.)—Location varies seasonally—
Info: <http://www.wmshc.org/localsing.html>
Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—Cooper Book—1:30-4:30 p.m.—All Souls Unitarian Church—399 Main Street—
Info: Laura Timmerman (413) 773-8325 laurat@crocker.com
Leyden: Every fifth Thursday—910 Greenfield Rd.—Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7:00-10:00 p.m.—Various books used—
Info: Laura Timmerman (413) 773-8325 laurat@crocker.com
Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Kelsey Wessels (413) 773-8208 kwessels@sover.net
Salem: Third Thursday—Dickson Room, First Universalist Church—211 Bridge St. —7:30 p.m.—9:15 p.m.—Info: Chris Noren—noren@neb.com

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Most Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—
Info: Charlotte Wolfe (734) 663-0262—CAWolfe@umich.edu—The Ark (734) 761-1800—Pat Forsberg-Smith (734) 747-9644
Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly (269) 382-4288—mbeverly@chartermi.net

Minnesota

Dinkytown: Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—University Baptist Church—Near the campus of the University of Minnesota—
Info: Kim Bahmer—kimbahmer@hotmail.com
Minneapolis: Second and fourth Sundays—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040—
Third Sunday—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Cooper Book

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—

Info: Warren Steel—mudws@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu—
Mark Davis—Horn4@aol.com—Hugh Bill McGuire (662) 983-2376
Houston: First Sundays—December through March—1:00 p.m.–3:00
p.m.—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—
Info: Elder Charles Porter (601) 456-3879
Oxford: Second Tuesdays—November to February—7:00 p.m.–9:00
p.m.—Info: Warren Steel (662) 236-5356

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian
Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann (573) 446-1075 or Penny/Lou
Kujawinski (573) 874-1096
Kansas City: Third Sunday—Starting at 1:30 p.m.—
Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.
Lawrence (Kansas): First Sunday—1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—
Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.
Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:30 p.m.—
Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Becky Browne (314) 968-8921

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—Northeast Resource
Center—5903 Walker Avenue, 3rd floor
Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Fourth Saturday
night—7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North
51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim (402) 393-6108 jim@jamesolheim.com or
Kathy Wood (402) 397-4673 khwood@mitec.net

New Jersey

Trenton: Covenant Presbyterian Church—471 Parkway Ave. (at
Parkside)—3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—February 3, March 3, May 5, June 2—All are
first Sundays of the month—
Info: Ginny Landgraf—virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu—609.394.5170
Gerry Hoffman—ghoffman@tcnj.edu—609.671.9287
Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends
Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci or Roland Hutchinson
(973) 509-2165—balestracci@mail.montclair.edu
Woodcliff Lake: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Ten minutes from
Tappan Zee Bridge—Info: Carol Werba (201) 391-2713

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—The Friends
Meeting House—1600 Fifth Street NW—South of I-40, north of
Mountain—Take I-40 to the 2nd and 4th Streets Exit—Go south on Fourth
Street, about five blocks—Turn right on Bellamah—Info: Lisa Callirhoe or
Harlan Van Camp (505) 867-6539—ganmaoli@interserv.com
Las Cruces: Every Tuesday night—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Mesilla Park Recreation
Center—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—
Info: Eric Morgan emorgan@nmsu.edu

New York

Albany: First Saturday evenings—September through June—7:30 p.m.–10:00
p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—Corner of Belle and Ridge, Latham,

New York—Info: George/Jean Seiler —(518) 583-7813—
jwseiler@ix.netcom.com—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

Altamont: June: Friday, 25th—Saturday, 26th—Sunday, 27th—Old Songs
Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing,
workshops—Info: (518) 765-2815

Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and
Saturday before.

Buffalo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—At the home of Vince
Kuntz—Elmwood West Ferry, neighborhood of Buffalo—

Info: Vince Kuntz (716) 884-7807—allemand@buffnet.net

Clinton: Second Sunday (unless a regional the day before)—3:00 p.m.-5:00
p.m.—Clinton United Methodist Church—

Info: Barbara Swetman (315) 853-5723—bswetman@hamilton.edu—

Margaret/Ron Bornick (315) 853-6282—RMBornick@compuserve.com

Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Saint John's
Episcopal Church Parish Hall—

Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—jc27@cornell.edu—

Eric Bean (607) 589-6170—gebeac@aol.com—

Juanita Heyerman—jdh23@cornell.edu

Kingston: Meets twice a month—Second Wednesday and Fourth
Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Episcopal Church—

Info: Jim Ulrich (914) 657-8314—ulrich@ulster.net

New York City (Brooklyn): Second Sundays—Joe Beasley Singings—St. Paul's
Church Hall or Rectory—199 Carroll Street at the corner of Clinton
Street—South Brooklyn, New York—2:00 p.m.—Potluck after singing, usually
about 6:00 p.m.—

Info: Brenda Pena (718) 793-2848—BJPUB@Prodigy.net

Plattsburgh: Sunday (floating)—Unitarian Universalist Church—4 Palmer
St.—1-4:30 p.m. —we have refreshment break—Info: Bruce Kokernot
(518) 563-1834 bkokernot@bhsn.org

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Rochester Presbyterian
Home—256 Thurston Rd.—Info: Chris Haller (585) 387-9570—

mailto:ringer@rochester.rr.com or Nancy Crawford (585) 381-4279

(home)—mailto:enlouc@msn.com

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on University
of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill (919) 493-8519—Becky Hart
(919) 682-2517 (H)—(919) 966-4032 (W)—bhart@sphvax.sph.unc.edu

Durham: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Watts Street Baptist Church—
Info: Joy/Ron Craig (919) 929-3695—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Usually in Mordecai Historic
Park Chapel—Info: Lynda Hambourger—(919) 781-3596—Becky Hart (see
Chapel Hill above).

Winston-Salem: Most third Sundays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—In singers'
homes—Info: Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910) 374-5943—Cleve Callison
(910) 760-2822

Ohio

Bowling Green: Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—

Info: Steve Kasperik-Postellon spostel@bgnet.bgsu.edu

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—potluck at 6:00—

Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137 jbealle@spssp.net

Columbus: First, Third, and Fifth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Dutch Treat dinner afterwards.—

Info: Eric Conrad (614) 481-7637 econrad@math.ohio-state.edu

Daton: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—

Info: Jeffrey Fyffe (937) 320-1339 fyffe@donet.com

Oberlin: One evening a week when Oberlin College is in session—

Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell (405) 737-1186

Oregon

Information for all Oregon singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—hallock@aa.net

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—Info: Jean Murphy (541) 342-4131

Portland: Second and fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church in Chapel—1126 SW Park Avenue—ALSO—Last Thursday—7:00 p.m. —Kennedy School in the Community Room—5736 NE 33rd Avenue (north of Killingsworth) —

Info: Peter Irvine (503) 241-1656—Scorchingsand@aol.com

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith (610) 896-1565—mmckenzi@haverford.edu

Pittsburgh: First or second Wednesdays—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—East Liberty Presbyterian Church—Will organize singings for visitors at other times—Info: Deane Root or Doris Dyen (412) 521-7570—dlr+@pitt.edu

Reading: Each third Sunday—September through June—Near Reading—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924

Sandy: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Senior Center—

Info: Bruce Rowland (503) 668-4630

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Second Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck at 5:00 p.m.—Prince of Peace Episcopal Church—

Info: David Martin (570) 333-4007—martin24@juno.com

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Potluck following—Round Top Center of Benificent Congregational Church—300 Weybosset St.—Info: Kelly House (401) 751-7343—HouseKelly@aol.com

Providence: Weekly-most Thursdays—Home of Lynne deBenedette—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Call to confirm—(401) 621-8697(H) (401) 863-7572(W)

South Carolina

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Northside UMC—435 Summit Dr.—

Info: Frances Carnell (864) 862-4373 carnellh@juno.com

Tennessee

Chattanooga: Info: Linda Sides (423) 875-8619—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Knoxville: Info: Doris DeSpain (615) 546-9058

Nashville: First Sundays—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—The Friends Meeting House—2804 Acklen Avenue—
Info: Timothy Reynolds (615) 646-6485—tjrshapenote@hotmail.com—
David Carlton—david.l.carlton@vanderbilt.edu

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): First, Third, and Fifth Tuesdays—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Alexa Gilmore and Elric Elias (512) 374-9391
alexandraallison@yahoo.com or eme00@hampshire.edu

Dallas/Ft. Worth: Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Practice singing—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—Info: Bruce or Beverly Coates (972) 476-9937 or Cheryl Foreman (214) 922-5905—cf91@yahoo.com

Houston: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—University of Houston, Music School—Practice singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—The Music School is at U of H entrance 16 off of Cullen Blvd.—
Info: Crystal Visco (713) 910-7855 cdvisco@yahoo.com

Utah

Provo: Second Wednesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Sterne Jensen (801) 229-2274 or jennyjensen@msn.com or <http://groups.msn.com/utahsacredharp>

Salt Lake City: First and Third Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Pine Valley Chapel—This is the Place Heritage Park—2601 E. Sunnyside Ave.—

Info: Stan and Jenny Sterne Jensen (801) 229-2274 or jennyjensen@msn.com or <http://groups.msn.com/utahsacredharp>

Salt Lake City: (Cooper Book) —Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—at the home of Lynn and Pam Carson—1480 East Edison

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly—Third Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—Town Crier Rd.—

Info: Peter Amidon (802) 257-1006 peteram@sover.net

Burlington Area: Monthly—Third Sunday—(summer is ad hoc)—5:00 p.m.—Some fifth Sundays—Info: Susan Miller-Coulter (802) 658-5713—smilcoults335@cs.com or Bill Fellingner wfellin@together.net

Glover: Second and fourth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—Summer-7:30 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—

Info: Linda Wells (802) 586-9698 craftsburys@hotmail.com

Middlebury area: First Sundays—3:30-5:00 p.m. —

Info: Deb Moody (802) 545-7777 deestmo@hotmail.com

Norwich: Second Thursday—Potluck 6:00-7:00—Sing 7:00-9:00 p.m.—

Info: Mary Huessy (802) 649-8977 ray.huessy@valley.net

Springfield: Second and fourth Fridays—7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.—

Fifth Fridays—Potluck—Info: Pat Colteryahn (802) 885-9521

Leyden & Greenfield, Massachusetts: Fifth Thursdays and Fifth Sundays—Info: Laura Timmerman (413) 773-8325 laurat@crocker.com

Virginia

Arlington: See District of Columbia

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—

Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin (540) 955-2660

Richmond: Third Saturday—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Occasional potluck snack or supper—Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal)—8000 Hermitage Road—
Info: Blake Morris (804) 288-8206—Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503

Washington

Information for all Washington singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—hallock@mindspring.com

Mercer Island: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—

Info: Kathy Vlach (206) 762-5021

Okanogan Valley: Meet irregularly—

Info: Karen Stingle kstingle@efn.org or Stephanie Clark (509) 826-1259

Puyallup: First Sunday—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church—Corner of 5th and West Pioneer—

Info: Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—hallock@mindspring.com

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.—

Info: Jack Lofton (206) 783-4508 or Kathy Vlach (206) 762-5021

Wisconsin

Madison: Usually first and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Usually at the Guild Hall, Grace Episcopal Church—116 West Washington Avenue—

Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861 or Johanna Fabke jbfabke@aol.com

Singings Outside the United States

Canada

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.—

Info: Pleasance Crawford (416) 922-7997 pleasancecrawford@rogers.com

Lennoxville, Quebec (30 miles north of Derby Line, VT): Second Monday of every month (except in June, July, and August)—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—Bishops

College School—Info: Chuck Neville (819) 562-8727—cneville@ican.net

United Kingdom

Newcastle upon Tyne: Last Tuesday each month—7:30 p.m.—

Info: Chris and Alice Metherell Tel: 0191 284 2438 alice@metherell.org.uk

About the Minutes

Minutes are compiled and submitted by secretaries of their respective singings. To submit minutes for your singing, please refer to the instructions at the start of this book.

Song/page numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision*, unless another book is indicated in the heading of the singing. Songs from other books are indicated by placing one of the following abbreviations after the page number.

ACH	American Christmas Harp
AH	The American Harmony
AV	American Vocalist
CB	Cooper Book
CH	Christian Harmony
EH 1	Eclectic Harmony
EH 2	Eclectic Harmony 2
HS	Harmonia Sacra
JB	James Edition Book
KsH	Keystone Harmony
KH	Kentucky Harmony
LD	Lloyd's Hymnal
MH	Missouri Harmony
NH	Northern Harmony
NHC	New Harp of Columbia
OSH	Old School Hymnal
ScH	Social Harp
SoH	Southern Harmony
WB	J.L. White Book

The following songs from the J.L. White Book (WB) are listed as reference because the book is currently out of print.

478t	Brown
483t	Bethany (Nearer My God To Thee)
486t	Trusting
491b	Jesus Died For Me
492	Love At Home
512	Pray On
517	Not Made With Hands
519	Land of Beulah (O Come Angel Band)
525	Rock of Ages
540	It Is Well With My Soul
545	Just As I Am

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2003 MINUTES

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio Wednesday, January 1, 2003

The twelfth annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Visitors from Louisville, Kentucky brought multiple copies of the Southern Harmony and Cooper Book to add to the variety of the singing. Sheryl Pockrose called the class to order with 34b.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 40; Karen Arnett 503; Rich Overturf 38t; Marlen Rust 66; John Bealle 270; Bob Meek 324t (SoH); Joyce Brown 495; Steve Duff 99; Beth Huener 547; Bill Shetter 171; Brenda Waters 68b; Jim Coppock 186; Kay Huener 473; Mark Risinger 571 (CB); Mike Hieber 49t; David Rust 200.

RECESS

Sheryl Pockrose brought the class to order leading 35 and 32t (for Greg Duff).

Leaders: Karen Arnett 269, 532; Kay Huener 234, 551; Bill Shetter 362, 195; Regina Bayer 106, 544; Jim Hurr 112, 222; Hans Bayer 146, 354b; Beth Huener 344, 454; Sheryl Pockrose 245; David Rust 107, 56b; Steve Duff 511t (CB), 140 (CB); Mark Risinger 500 (CB), 488b (CB); John Bayer 392 (CB), 38t (CB); Bob Meek 393t (CB). Beth Huener offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sheryl Pockrose brought the afternoon session to order leading 314. Leaders: Rich Overturf 373, 383; Joyce Brown 178, 505 (CB); John Bealle 285t; Mike Hieber 448b, 378t; Lorraine Bayer and Jubal Bayer 159, 278b; Eloise Clark 408 (CB), 162; Joseph Pimentel 217, 168; Debbie Hall 299, 189; Marlen Rust 276, 505 (SoH); Fred Todt 442, 220.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Sheryl Pockrose leading 49b. Leaders: Jim Coppock 31t, 192; Greg Duff 336 (CB), 163b; Claire Outten 198, 202; John Bealle 312b (requested by Melody Gonguer); Dave Rust 78 (SoH); Doug Mast 47b; Bill Shetter 559 (CB); Jim Hurr 479; Bob Meek 275 (SoH); Marlen Rust 81b; Joyce Brown 496; Linda Coppock 542, 203.

As is customary at Cincinnati singings, the closing song was 347. Bob Meek dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chair—Sheryl Pockrose; Secretary—Rich Overturf.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA Food Service Building, Carrollton, Georgia January 5, 2003

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton was held on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Myron House who welcomed everyone and led 59 and 63. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 49b, 73t; Charlene Wallace 217, 283; Mary Lambert Smith 421, 213 (for I.V. McWhorter and Hester Edwards); Josephine Denney 490; Jan House 148, 151.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary Lambert Smith; Memorial Committee—Jan House.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 225t, 318; Earlis McGraw 435, 389; Eunice Webb 512, 284; Wesley Haley 34b, 479; LaRue Allen 171, 299; Henry Johnson 535, 138t; Bud Oliver 145b, 270.

RECESS

The class was called together by Felton Denney leading 343. Leaders: Lee Rogers 98, 121; Sheri Taylor 186, 29t; Scott DePoy 224, 201; Louise Holland 37b, 137; Judy Mincey 481, 474; Jimmie Denney 61, 143; Judith Green 384, 117; Jeannette DePoy 111b, 430 (for her brother, Frank Block, Jr. and Francis McDaniel); Teenie Moody 317 (in memory of Anne McWhorter), 142.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Myron House leading 105. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 445, 34t; Lori Goode 258, 120; John Plunkett 486, 487.

The memorial lesson was held with Eric Tweedy leading 403 in memory of Vivian Rogers, Revy Williamson, Everette Denney, Norma House, Berta McGraw Woods, Cindy Huckeba Cole, Martha Stegar Ellis, Wilford Denney, B.E. Matthews, and Anne McWhorter.

Charles Woods led 489 for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Smith Sheppard, Hester Edwards, Alice Edwards, Frances McDaniel, Frank Block, Jr., Lavaughn Ballinger, and Lucille Snapp. B.J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 524; Andy Morse 178, 39t; Reba Norton 282, 480; Oscar McGuire 573, 276; Evelyn Harris 155, 129; Jeff Sheppard 540, 222 (in memory of Vivian Rogers and Everette Denney); Lonnie Rogers, Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, and Paige Harrod 298, 112; Jeff Sheppard 340 (in memory of Everette Denney) (by request); Raymond Hamrick 136; Martha Ann Stegar 275, 198; Shelbie Sheppard 278t (for Moena Denney), 128; B.J. Harris 503; Lisa Webb 542, 566; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Eric Tweedy 551; Charles Woods 223; Henry Johnson 65.

After announcements were made, Myron House and Felton Denney led 323t as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Felton Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama January 5, 2003

The Shady Grove Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Dawson Adams called the class to order leading 39b. Henry Guthery offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Dawson Adams 328; Cecil Wakefield 329, 290; Roma Rice 426t (for Rose Altha Taylor, Kermit Adams, and Nell Adams), 389 (for Margaret Keeton); Wilton Donaldson 31b, 499; Stella Pratt 460, 212; L.E. Hannah 35 (for Julie Tate), 523; Earl Ballinger 139, 155; Corene White 36b, 403; Ken Tate 53, 503; Winell Sanders 225t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 348b and 270. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 108t; Chris Rice 157, 84 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Carla Morris 183, 143; Warren Steel 150, 396; Lisa Geist 224, 384; Glenn Keeton 420, 117; Don Robertson 216, 217; Edith Tate 336, 532; Leon Ballinger 268, 269.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 418. Leaders: John Hyde 124; Ozella Blackmon 192; Gravis Ballinger 120, 49t; Willodean Barton 480, 498; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Henry Guthery 318, 568; Larry Ballinger 401 (for Lavaughn Ballinger), 213b (for Margaret Keeton); Vernice Phillips 40, 112; Elene Stovall 142, 430; Max Berueffy 371; Lucy Heidorn 200; Latrive Bailey and Pernie Pelfrey 517 (WB), 46, 73t; Clarissa Springfield 445; Amanda Springfield 410t, 454; Josie Hyde 234, 477.

Dawson Adams and Travis Keeton led 68b as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday Night, January 11, 2003

The annual Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Boldo community near Jasper, Walker County, Alabama on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading 317. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner;

Secretary—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 335; Willodean Barton 480; John Merritt 405 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Ozella Blackmon 419; Wilton Donaldson 348b; David Roberson 222; Brenda Merritt 163b; Leon Ballinger 195; Randy Moon 143; Ashley Keeton 384; Blair Waters 84; Travis Keeton 99; Marie Guthrie 434; Fay Narramore 75; Sherry Guthery 340; Jackie Tanner 138t; Jimmie Gilmore 146; Max Berueffy and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Thrasher 68b, 358; Danny Creel 475; Ken Tate 426b; Charles Kitchens 333; Julianna Jett 59; Jettie Lawson 460.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Harrison Creel leading 89. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 172; Edith Tate 157; Velton Chafin 57; Eldagene Roberson 399b; Linton Ballinger 299; Ann Jett 269; Elene Stovall 216; Larry Ballinger 300; Elsie Moon 503; Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton 504; Arthur Gilmore 378t; Dorothy Evans 73t; Henry Guthery 532; Flarce Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, and Cindy Tanner 270; Betty Kitchens 379; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 47b; Wanda Capps 142; Margaret Gowen 141; Cassie Franklin 95; Victor Atkinson 47t, 45t; Cindy Tanner 123t, 198 (by request), 76b, 77t (in memory of Lillian Calvert), “Happy Birthday” to Cassie Franklin.

Harrison Creel led 111b as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING
Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois
January 12, 2003

The all-day singing in celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois, with outgoing Co-chairs Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil leading 171. The morning prayer was offered by Herb Schroeder.

Leaders: Kelly Brest van Kempen 312b; Doug Stapleton 485; Karen Freund 82t; Rachel Adelstein 218; Megan Jennings 383; John Seaton 47t; Jan Kettle 556; Al Frank 362; Kate Lingley 200.

A business meeting was held to elect officers and committees for the convention with the following elected or appointed: Chair—Kelly Brest van Kempen; Vice Chair—Cathryn Baker; Secretary—Karen Freund; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Arranging Committee—Doug Stapleton, John Seaton, and Dean Slaton; Memorial Committee—Kiri Miller, Suzanne Flandreau, and Samuel Sommers; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld and Sue Kessell.

Leaders: Bruce Holmes 102; Martha Beverly 546; Becky Browne 142; Jim Swanson 51; Denise Kania 217; Anne Heider 28b; Jim Pfau 186; Connie Karduck 57; Pawel Plaszczak 168; Dean Slaton 348b; Carol Crawford 290; Dave Ressler 377.

RECESS

Cathryn Baker called the class together leading 128. Leaders: Gary Gronau 192; Judy Holst 448b; Lisa Grayson 411; Steve Levine 285t; Steve Warner 475; Laura Clawson 542; Julie Vea 324; Jim Helke 229; Nick Pasqual 342; Melanie Hauff 536; Lela Crowder 270; Greg Freemon 271t; Bill Beverly 474; Grace Scrimgeour 178; Herb Schroeder 146.

Samuel Sommers conducted the memorial lesson. Suzanne Flandreau read the list of the deceased. Samuel Sommers, Suzanne Flandreau, and Kiri Miller led 390 for the following deceased: Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, Kenneth DeLong, and Cynthia Cole—Georgia; David Wilkerson—California; Terese Ignatiev, John Bailey, Dick Stegner, Dorothy Kunzer, Bill Belhotel, Helen Skora, Frank Zuncic, and Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Anne Olmstead—Pennsylvania; Marjorie Kettle—Tennessee; Peter Vea—Wisconsin; Ed Pritchard—Virginia; Betty Perino—New York; Walter Perl—Minnesota; Martin Hoover, Elizabeth Bucklen, and Art Heffley—Indiana; Philip Page, Jr.—New Jersey; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Cortona Phelan—Iowa; Randy Wells and Andrew Martinez—Florida. Kiri Miller read the list of the sick and shut-ins. Sam Sommers, Suzanne Flandreau, and Kiri Miller led 176 for the following: I.V. McWhorter and Myrtle Smith—Georgia; Mary Gardner—Alabama; Jim Vaughan—Pennsylvania; Del Littrell—Tennessee; Linda Keller and Marvin David—Illinois; David Shriner—Minnesota; Dick Dunagan, Val Dunagan, Pat Benson, Vern Handrick, and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Kelly Beard and Harold Luckey—Texas; Ann Elaine Culler—Colorado; Bilbo Harvison, and Madeleine Steel—Mississippi. Herb Schroeder closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Announcements were made, and Herb Schroeder offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Kelly Brest van Kempen reconvened the class after lunch leading 335. Leaders: Judy Hauff 276; Jim Page 334; Berkley Moore “Kelham”; Ted Johnson “A Joyful Noise”; Becky Allen-Powell 66; Richard DeLong 296; Sam Sommers 302; Johanna Fabke 464; Jerry Enright 442; Ted Mercer 299; Debbie Barford 504; Sue Kessell 268; Randy Neufeld 32t.

RECESS

Suzanne Flandreau brought the class back to order leading 68b.

A Founders' Lesson was held. Founders of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers who were present (Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Judy Hauff, Ted Mercer, Connie Karduck, and Herb Schroeder) led 38b and 434.

Leaders: Kiri Miller 430; David Barford 480; Harriet Dart and Becky Browne 159; Shaffiq Welji and students from Concordia College 183; John Greven 269; Liisa Eckersberg 330b; David Stech 428; Virginia Warren 117.

RECESS

The class was called back by Dave Ressler leading 300. Leaders: Steve Levine 350; Jim Crawford and Bill Underwood 522; Kathy Kaiser 86; Gary Gronau 384; Bill Hamblin 436; Lela Crowder 328; Richard DeLong 224; Martha Beverly 56b; Denise Kania 137.

The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met.

The Secretary gave a report, and announcements were made.

Cathryn Baker, Doug Stapleton, John Seaton, Dean Slaton, and Karen Freund led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Kelly Brest van Kempen; Vice Chair—Cathryn Baker; Secretary—Karen Freund.

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Cleburne County, Alabama January 12, 2003

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church. Chairman Henry Johnson called the class to order leading 73b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Henry Johnson 72b; Vice Chair Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Secretary Mary L. Smith 70t, 289; Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 104 (for her relatives), 271b (for Alice Edwards); Bobby Jackson 569b, 290; Reba Norton 34t, 460; Milton Oliver 123t, 217; Carlene Griffin 81t, 117; B.M. Smith 475, 222; Floy Wilder 293, 382; B.J. Harris 503, 303; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; Earlis McGraw 435, 225t; Eunice Webb 318, 434; Rodney Ivey 436, 189.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chair—Evelyn Harris; Secretary—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading 418. Leaders: Felton Denney 201, 234; Wilton Donaldson 499, 348b; members of the Kerr family 45t; Henry Johnson 47b; John Plunkett 330 (for Karen Willard), 297; LaRue Allen 300, 220; Hugh McGraw 369, 368; Teenie Moody 391, 441.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 212. Leaders: Glenda Collins 124, 282; Bud Oliver 345b, 343; Tommy George 354b, 388; Winfred Kerr 89, 294; Jarrod George 358, 384; Virginia Dyer 340, 546; Jeff Sheppard 556, 216; Falon Dyer 146, 269; Dennis George 88t, 412; Louise Holland 323b; Andy Anderson 137, 496; Shelbie Sheppard 66; Mark Fuller 63, 61; Lou Cotney 172, 497; Corene Laminack 75, 405; Jimmie Denney 101t, 155; Charlene Wallace 147t (for Louise Allen); Rodney Ivey 84.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 46 as the closing song. B.J. Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chair—Evelyn Harris; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
San Carlos and Oakland, California
January 18-19, 2003
Saturday, January 18

The fifteenth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the third Sunday and preceding Saturday in January at Casa de Flores in San Carlos on Saturday and at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland on Sunday. Rick Russell called the class together at 9:30 a.m., and Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Chris Thorman; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Betty Marvin and Terry Moore; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith, Jerry Schreiber, and Susan Fetcho; Chaplain—Jim Friedrich; Memorial Committee—Ted Mercer and Mary Rose O’Leary; Resolutions Committee—Diane Doe and Janet Herman; Finance Committee—Rick Russell, David Fetcho, and Carolyn Deacy.

Leaders: Rick Russell 52t; Chris Thorman 73b; Jerry Schreiber 122; Betty Marvin 84; Terry Moore 40; Jeff O’Toole 34b; Betty Herman 114; Paul Robinson 189; Patricia Lazicki 312b; Richard Rands 268; Karen Schaffer 71; Daniel Kelley 299; Carolyn Deacy 77t; David Fetcho 203; Elizabeth Webb 361; Tom Ostwald 504; Jerry Schreiber 335; Susan Fetcho 547; Jim Friedrich 532; Carla Smith 153; Steve Lazicki 117; Jeanne Schaffer 569b; Paul Ralston 300; Patrick Teverbaugh 31t; Marilyn Murata 195; Shelley Phillips 32b; John Schaffer 441; David Wright 383; Chris Noren 236.

RECESS

Janet Herman called the class back together leading 73t. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 477; Tom Payne 86; Stephen O’Leary 440; Chloe Webb 159; Dennise Brown 155; Gary Smith 523; Elizabeth Wilcox 324; Hans Guttman 38b; Stan Jensen 229; Claire Singleton 163b; Susanna Ball 178; Chris Thorman 59. Stephen O’Leary offered the lunchtime blessing.

LUNCH

Mary Rose O’Leary called the class together for the afternoon session leading 76b. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 384; Laura Russell 320; Matt Wells 430; Janet Herman 217; Richard DeLong 216; Carol Selleck 75; Aaron Girard 536; Ted Mercer 352; Hugh McGuire 88b; Gaylon Powell 522; Kiri Miller 282; Mike Hinton 373; Daniel Davis 65; Jenny Jensen 212; Susan Turpin 183; David Rust 291; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Mary Rose O’Leary 428; Mary Ann Daly 81t; Seth Holloway 388; Tammy Heinsohn 479.

RECESS

Matt Wells called the class back together leading 38t. Leaders: Rick Russell and John Marr 506; Marcia Tucker 503; Ruth McGurk 271t; Phil Jensen 287; Ted Mercer 501; Marilyn Murata 274t; Richard DeLong 269; John Schaffer 313b; Jeanne Schaffer 143; Aaron Girard 567; Jim Friedrich 56b; Tom Payne 58.

Announcements were made. Chris Thorman led 105 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 19

Chris Thorman led 40 to open the first session. Leaders: Baba Nicole Herrick and Susan Fetcho 147t; Betty Marvin 338; Bob Brylawski 497; Vicki Solomon 193; Doug Olsen 189; Patrick Teverbaugh 535; Cheryl Koehler 209; John Marr 296; Jean Murphy 106; Robert Katz 250; Karen Stingle 496; Alice Sharp 163t.

RECESS

Hans Guttmann called the class back together leading 49t. Leaders: Barry Phillips 196; Susan Fetcho 107; Stan Jensen 426b; David Rust 312t; Terry Moore 84; Tom Payne 66; Jeannette Ralston 77t; Tom Ostwald 47b.

RECESS

Laura Russell led 73t and 142 to open the session. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 218; Sue Douglas 268; Chris Noren 474; Sarah Beasley Smith 145b; Paul Ralston 344; Marilyn Murata 319; Carolyn Deacy 456; John Schaffer 515.

Ted Mercer and Mary Rose O'Leary conducted the memorial lesson. Ted Mercer read the names of the deceased and led 458 in their memory. Those remembered were: Sandra Terry—Arizona; Ahiche Movlin, Paul Turpin, Sr., Laura Turpin, Sally Spiess, May Smith, Barbara Leal, Janet Moffett, and Ladon Sheats—California; John O'Leary and Kathy Prussing—Washington, D.C.; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Kenneth DeLong, Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Revy Williamson—Georgia; John Bailey and Marylib Miller—Illinois; Edward Olsen—Oregon; Phillip Berrigan—Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Bear—Rhode Island; B.E. Matthews—Texas.

Mary Rose O'Leary read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 267. Those remembered: Jim (Lavaughn) Ballinger and Elsie Beasley—Alabama; Marion Black, Iona Singleton, Don Hayler, Arnold Zwicky, Walter Roberts, Noreen Drossel, Rich Wilson, and Sasha Makovkin—California; Pernilla Lembke—Minnesota; Edith Ammiano—New Jersey; Ophelia Matthews, Jo Redmon, and Verna Powell—Texas; Karen Willard—Washington. Jim Friedrich offered a prayer to conclude the memorial lesson.

Carla Smith led 417. Susan Fetcho offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jerry Schreiber led 276 to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Mary Linn Bergstrom 424; Joanne Hoover 72b; Betty Herman 442; Gaylon Powell 240; David Wright 419; Richard DeLong 411; Ted Mercer 112; Susan Turpin 34t; Hans Guttmann 171; Jerry Schreiber 362; Mary Rose O'Leary 528; Mike Hinton 340; Rick Russell 99; Janet Herman 215; Susanna Ball 148; Hugh McGuire 406; Shelley Phillips 448t; Kiri Miller 224; Jenny Jensen 353; Stephen O'Leary 192.

RECESS

Jeff O'Toole called the class together leading 28b. Leaders: Jim Friedrich 454; Chris Thorman 475; Chloe Webb 455; Barbara Saxton 547; Gary Smith 569b; Stephen Holland 481; Daniel Davis 198; Elizabeth Webb 333; Aaron Girard 315; Claire Singleton 146; Jeanne Schaffer 87; Marcia Tucker 163b; Carolyn Craig 195; David Fetcho 159; Erik Schaffer 200; Paul Robinson 327.

A business session was held to hear reports from the committees.

Announcements were made. Chris Thorman led 62 as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with a prayer led by Jim Friedrich.

Chairman—Chris Thorman; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Betty Marvin and Terry Moore.

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Pennsbury Township Municipal Building, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania

January 18-19, 2003

Saturday, January 18

The fifth annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was convened by Chairman Laura Densmore who led 34b. Ginny Landgraf offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 276; Margaret Sayvetz 501; Gabriel Kastle 70b; Marian McKenzie 455; Hal Kunkel 179; Ted Stokes 213t; Walter Smith 49b; Cathy Tucker 144; Ginny Landgraf 497; Blake Morris 148; Claire Simon 106; Paula McGray 155;

Tom Tucker 448t; Juanita Heyerman 46; Kat Kinkade 163t; Thom Metzger 319; Beth Todd 32t; Susan Bingham 454; George Seiler 347.

RECESS

Susan Munch called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Diane Mennella 542; Grace McKenzie-Smith, Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, and Hannah Henkin 479; Ina Henkin 335; Jean Seiler 299; Eileen Metzger 101b; Joe Todd 373; Elizabeth Cusick 178; Nathaniel Damon 47b; Gail Doss 269; John delRe 71; Jim Ulrich 551; Kelly Macklin 369; Laura Densmore 157; John Daniel delRe 86; Barbara Swetman 312b; Ben Harrison 181; Doron Henkin 564; Tim Brown 198; David Martin 66; Jean Seiler 147t. Steven Bloyd offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Doron Henkin brought the afternoon session to order and led 42. Leaders: Elizabeth Cusick 163b; Diane Mennella 426b; Cathy Tucker 480; George Seiler 183; Beth Todd 89; Marian McKenzie 254; Ina Henkin 162; Hal Kunkel 530; Tom Tucker 142; Barbara Swetman 475; Juanita Heyerman 547; Kat Kinkade 383; Jim Ulrich 84; Paula McGray 528; Mary Ellen Schrock 143; Blake Morris 362; Kelly Macklin 218; Gail Doss 99; Thom Metzger 274t; Laura Densmore 201.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Laura Densmore who led 45t (by request). Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 372; Ted Stokes 315; John delRe 370; Gabriel Kastelle 491; Margaret Sayvetz 344; Eileen Metzger 235; Claire Simon 146; Joe Todd 122; Jean Seiler 472; Walter Smith 192; John Daniel delRe 48b; Nathaniel Damon 65; Ben Harrison 481; Susan Bingham 340; Mary Ellen Schrock 63; Doron Henkin 217. Laura Densmore led 76b as the closing song, Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 19

The class was called to order by Laura Densmore who led 28b. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gabriel Kastelle 531; Margaret Sayvetz 66; Doron Henkin 399b; Kelly Macklin 485; George Seiler 480; Beth Todd 82t; Tom Tucker 30b; Kat Kinkade 114; Barbara Swetman 417; Eileen Metzger 376; Cathy Tucker 332; Blake Morris 484; Gail Doss 270; Paula McGray 358; John Daniel delRe 38b; Ginny Landgraf 160t; Claire Simon 31t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Susan Munch leading 39t. Leaders: John delRe 280; Ina Henkin 398; Thom Metzger 29b; Hal Kunkel 333; Susan Bingham 107; Ben Harrison 430; Peter Pate 436; Joe Todd 58; Jason Law 268.

The memorial lesson was held with Hal Kunkel leading 65 for the sick and shut-ins: Karen Willard—Washington; Nancy Yeager—Georgia; Marilyn Darch and Pat Pate—California; Aaron Sayvetz—Colorado; Frank Shaffer—Vermont; Betty Nikelsky—New Jersey; Betsy Balderston—Pennsylvania; Sue Miller—Connecticut; and James Wood.

Doron Henkin conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased and led 260 in their memory. Those remembered were: Harry Bingham and Marie Law—New York; Phillip Shea—Massachusetts; Sam Johnson, age 12—Maryland; Everette Denney and Vivian Rogers—Georgia; Bill Moyer—California; Bob Williams—Connecticut; G. Robert Jacks and Charles Simone—New Jersey; David M. Nagy, Rev. Dr. Allan R. Winn, Charles Rhyne, and Daniel Hong—Pennsylvania; Jim Opdahl—North Dakota; Donald Rittenhouse—Minnesota. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jean Seiler 216; Jim Ulrich 191; Claire Maher 235; Laura Densmore 83t; Gabriel Kastelle 224; Margaret Sayvetz 171; Doron Henkin 220; Kelly Macklin 408;

George Seiler 68b; Beth Todd 112; Tom Tucker 442; Kat Kinkade 368; Barbara Swetman 26. The blessing for the noon meal was given by Ginny Landgraf.

LUNCH

Paula McGray brought the afternoon session to order leading 299. Leaders: Blake Morris 214; Juanita Heyerman 195; Joe Todd 103; Cathy Tucker 505; Eileen Metzger 102; John delRe 70t; Gail Doss 196; John Daniel delRe 547; Paula McGray 218; Ginny Landgraf 203; Thom Metzger 89; Claire Maher 330t; Peter Pate 163b; Claire Simon 504; Jason Law 49b; Jean Seiler 200; Susan Bingham 361; Ben Harrison 53; Susan Munch 275t; Ina Henkin 334; Hal Kunkel 193; Elizabeth Stokes 300.

RECESS

Laura Densmore led 155 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Tom Tucker 189; Beth Todd 566; George Seiler 178; Kat Kinkade 411; Juanita Heyerman 287; Joe Todd 208; Eileen Metzger 100; Gail Doss 176t; Jean Seiler 277; Thom Metzger 108b; Blake Morris 275b; Cathy Tucker 510; Peter Pate 269; Barbara Swetman 542. Ginny Landgraf offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chair—Laura Densmore; Vice Chair/Treasurer—Ina Henkin; Secretary—Allen Gabriel Kastle.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Fort Worth, Texas** **Saturday, January 25, 2003**

The nineteenth annual Sacred Harp singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January. This is the twelfth year that the “1991 Revision of The Sacred Harp” has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 90 in attendance. Dr. David Music called the morning session to order at 9:35 a.m. and led 59. Father Ronald Baker offered the morning prayer.

After a welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David Music recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as the new director of the Arranging Committee and Katrina Elsea and Michelle Lyons as Secretaries.

Dr. Timothy Studstill introduced June Melton with Pilgrim Productions who was present to record the singing and make it available online at <http://www.pilgrimproduction.net/>.

Leaders: Judge Donald Ross 225; Dr. Bill Reynolds 145; Bruce Coates 163; Neil Vaught 58; Bill Caldwell 178; Beverly Coates 66; Syd Caldwell 560; Tim Reynolds 492; Cheryl Foreman 532; H.P. O’Mary 408; Owen Ross 179; Terre Schill 218; Diane Ross 455; Sarah Huckaby 171; Baron Powers 85; Ryan Ross 36t; Billy Huckaby 34; Reed Coates 475; Father Ronald Baker 148; Jerry Ryan 345; Emmie Morris 142; Dr. Timothy Studstill 72b.

RECESS

Dr. Timothy Studstill opened the second session by introducing Dr. J. Stanley Moore, Acting Dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After a few welcoming remarks, Dr. J. Stanley Moore led 128.

Leaders: Esther Huckaby 270; John Morris 275b; Jeff Corbett 147t; Judge Donald Ross 183; Bruce Coates 86; Neil Vaught 47b; Bill Caldwell 480; Beverly Coates 546; Syd Caldwell 472; Dr. Bill Reynolds, Tim Reynolds, and Kurt Reynolds 45t; Cheryl Foreman 503; H.P. O’Mary 335; Tim Reynolds 278t; Owen Ross 273; Terre Schill 225b; Russell Farnell 178; Diane Ross 350. Dr. James Stanley Moore offered prayer.

LUNCH

Dr. Timothy Studstill opened the afternoon session leading song on page 159. Leaders: Billy Huckaby 217; Sarah Huckaby 196; Baron Powers 268; Reed Coates 182; Father Ronald Baker 569b; Jerry Ryan 345b; Abbie Heron 31t; Ryan Ross 434; Emmie Morris 454; Tim Reynolds 481; John Morris 32b; Jeff Corbett 354b; Judge Donald Ross 198; Bruce Coates 73b; Neil Vaught 127; Bill Caldwell 344; Beverly Coates 331; Syd Caldwell 549; Cheryl Foreman 430; H.P. O'Mary 146; Owen Ross 220; Terre Schill 383; Diane Ross 543; Dr. Timothy Studstill 311; Sarah Huckaby 319; Baron Powers 119; Reed Coates 110; Father Ronald Baker 84; Billy Huckaby 421; Jerry Ryan 343b; Abbie Heron 172; Ryan Ross 298; Emmie Morris 542; John Morris 491; Judge Donald Ross 224 (request); Shannon Seyler 388 (request); Syd Caldwell 112 (request); Terre Schill 436 (request).

Dr. Timothy Studstill closed by leading the third stanza of 45t as the benediction. An invitation was extended for all to attend the twentieth annual session next year, January 31, 2004.

Chairman—Dr. Timothy Studstill; Secretaries—Katrina Elsea and Michelle Lyons.

BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bay Minette, Alabama

January 25-26, 2003

Saturday, January 25

The Baldwin County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman Bill Hogan who welcomed the singers, led 54t, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 75; Velton Chafin 478, 225; Loretta Jones 138t, 108t; Frank Hataway 32t, 32b; John Merritt 38b; John Merritt and Ernest Cockcroft 447; William Shetter 84, 515; Bob Meek 511, 518; Willie Ellison 451, 283b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Hogan leading 148. Leaders: Mike Jones 400, 235; Wanda Gregg 106, 470; Nancy Van Den Akker 381, 328; Ron Frudenburg 28t, 417; Joe Nall 213, 183; Richard Graham 559, 572; Christine Gandy 143, 330t; Otis Gullede 127, 45.

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Ernest Cockcroft 553, 573; Eva Padgett 68t; Lurleen Heath Masters 73t, 290; Bobby Willis 165, 28b; J.A. Mosley 186. Joe Nall gave the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.A. Mosley leading 41. Leaders: Dudley Maddox 488, 447t; Myleto Stewart 47, 497; Ford Bulger 285t, 558; John Etheridge 545, 185 (in memory of Leola Smith); Velton Chafin 373; Loretta Jones 292b; Frank Hataway 395b; Bill Hogan and John Merritt 535; William Shetter 505; Willie Ellison 563; Mike Jones 31t; Wanda Gregg 274; Nancy Van Den Akker 380; Ron Frudenburg 33; Joe Nall 192.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Richard Graham leading 556. Leaders: Christian Gandy 578; Otis Gullede 59; Ernest Cockcroft 101t; Eva Padgett 345; Lurleen Heath Masters and John Merritt 470; Bobby Willis 361; J.A. Mosley 336; Dudley Maddox 68b, 68t; Myleto Stewart 300; Ford Bulger 511b.

Announcements were made. The singing was closed with 331, and Brother Bobby Willis offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 26

Chairman Bill Hogan opened with 38t and 45b. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 477, 560; Secretary Alice Mosley 540, 484; Mike Jones 384, 76b; Velton Chafin 114b, 175b; Vickie Aplin 87, 229; Frank Hataway 585, 507; William Shetter 336t, 544; Bill Aplin 117, 121; Bob Meek 574, 267; Bud Oliver 515, 563; Aubrey Barfield 497, 365; Loretta Jones 111, 54t; Willie Ellison 285t, 323b; John Merritt 520 (for Bill Aplin); John Etheridge 489.

Bill Hogan conducted the memorial lesson using a hymn from the Lloyds Hymn Book as a text, which left us with an inspirational message to carry home with us. Rodney Ivey led 573. The following deceased were remembered: Myrtle Meek, Doris Vickery, Wilbur Chesser, Betty Etheridge, Lane Albritton, Bonnie Pate, Iduma Wiggins, J.B. Chapman, Tressie Adkins, Gladys Harden, and Leola Smith. The song on page 185 was led in remembrance of Leola Smith who passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2003 and was buried on Saturday, January 25, 2003. She was a faithful member of the Sacred Harp and will be greatly missed by all those who were fortunate to know her.

The list of sick and shut-ins remembered were: Emma Mosley, Bill Green, Thurman Nall, J.C. Harden, and Albert Ryals. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 59; Nancy Van Den Akker 100, 546; Wanda Greg 559, 546; Wayne Jones 87, 395; Ed Bass 506, 507; Dwayne Hawthorne 104, 179; “Happy Birthday” was song to Christine Gandy celebrating her 80th birthday. Bill Hogan gave the blessing for our food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Frank Hataway leading 444t and 69. Leaders: Eva Padgett 372, 288; Joe Nall 443b, 298; Ernest Cockroft 341, 340; Otis Gullede 63, 164; Dana Merritt 40, 342; Becky Briggs 144, 470; Mike Jones 435; Vickie Aplin 337; William Shetter 503; Bill Aplin 466; Bob Meek 336b; Bud Oliver 440; Aubrey Barfield 200; Loretta Jones 133; Willie Ellison 447t; John Etheridge, Bud Oliver, and Rodney Ivey 270; Christine Gandy 48, 143; Rodney Ivey 571, 143. Announcements were made. Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley, John Merritt, and Alice Mosley led 282 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—J.A. Mosley; Secretary—Alice Mosley.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama

January 26, 2003

The sixth session of the Sacred Harp singing held at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in January was called to order by Ivalene Donaldson leading 31b. Leon Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 32b; Ken Tate 36b, 37b; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 317b; Josie Hyde 137, 66; Vernice Phillips 143, 112; Travis Keeton 129 (for John Hyde), 146; Leon Ballinger 84 (for his brother, Lavaughn Ballinger, who was unable to attend), 299; Gordon Wilkinson 475, 503; Chris Rice 81t, 454; Clayton Ezell 231, 236; Lisa Geist 546, 273; Willodean Barton 446, 290.

RECESS

Wilton Donaldson call the class back to order leading 348b. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 343, 270; Max Berueffy 406, 297; Ida Lee Starnes 39b, 378t; Corene White

73t, 379; Larry Ballinger 358 (for Lavaughn Ballinger), 213t; Elene Stovall 470, 302; Cecil Wakefield 319, 119; Roma Rice 318, 460; Faye Donaldson 284 (in memory of her brother, Gene Wakefield), 430.

LUNCH

Ken Tate brought the afternoon session to order leading 274 and 128. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 78, 276; L.E. Hannah 498, 523; Harrison Creel 89, 342; Clarence McCool 68b, 569b; Gordon Wilkinson 434; Clayton Ezell 300; Max Berueffy 528; Leon Ballinger 217; Elene Stovall 269; Lisa Geist 411; Linton Ballinger 144; Willodean Barton 314; Larry Ballinger 50b; Roma Rice 104 (for John Hyde); Chris Rice 168; Corene White 216; Travis Keeton 75 (for John Hyde); Josie Hyde 507; Cecil Wakefield 496.

Ken Tate led 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We are sorry, but due to health problems, we are no longer able to support this singing held here on the fourth Sunday in January, and will have to discontinue it. Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ROTUNDA SINGING

Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 1, 2003

The sixth session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February in the Rotunda of the State Capitol located in Montgomery, Alabama. Four books were used:

“The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision,” “Christian Harmony,” “Colored Sacred Harp,” and “The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition,” with 30 minute sessions from each book.

The first session was from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.” Chairman Jim Carnes called the class to order leading 87. Donald Smith offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Secretary Henry Johnson 88t; Vice Chairman Joey Brackner 63; Dennis George 159; Linda Thomas 82t; Tim Cook 125; Gavin Blakeley 335; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 499; Rodney Ivey 348; Shelbie Sheppard 142; David Yeager 448t; Judy Caudle 85; Jeff Sheppard 322.

The second session was held from “The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition.” Leaders: John Etheridge 497; Bill Aplin 68t; Frank Hattaway 225t; Chita Blakeley 522; Tommie Spurlock 140; Margaret Spurlock 108; Vickie Aplin 268t; Bobby Jackson 290; Bernice Harvey 442t.

The third session was held from “The Christian Harmony.” Leaders: Donald Smith 135; Billy Thompson 235; Retha Deason 110; Margie Simmons 142; Pennina Kane 109; Jeff James 184; Tim Cook 36t; Latisha Crocker 204t.

RECESS

The fourth session was held from “The Colored Sacred Harp.”

Leaders: H.J. Jackson 24, 9; John Plunkett 12; Pauline Griggs 19; Bernice Harvey 65, “Give Me Just a Little More Time”; Steve Granberger 65b; Janice Johnson 3; H.J. Jackson 87.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session was held from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.” Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b; Liz Bryant 542; Bobby Watkins 48t; Bernard Collard 362; Nancy Yeager 84; Andrew Snyder 302; Jonathan Blakeley 189; Herb Bailey 569; Amanda Denson 155; Marlin Beasley 49b; Gary Smith 31t; Earl Smith 45t; Corene White 216; Sarah Smith 145b; Latisha Crocker 490.

The second session of the afternoon was held from “The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition.” Leaders: John Etheridge “The Mercy Seat”; Bill Aplin

385t; Tommie Spurlock 567; Bobby Jackson 229; Cathy Mattox 358; Rodney Ivey 559; Chita Blakeley 573.

The next session was held from "The Christian Harmony." Leaders: Donald Smith 299; Ruth Wyers 264; David Yeager 251; Herb Bailey 352; Robert Dupree 293; Dennis George 60; Donald Smith 63t; Judy Caudle 117, 51; Ann Kimsey and Janet Schmidt 289.

The final session of the day was to be held from "The Colored Sacred Harp," but due to health problems, that group of singers had to leave early and singing from that book was cancelled.

Announcements were made. Chairman Jim Carnes led 146 as the closing song. Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Henry Johnson.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING

Jacksonville, Alabama

February 2, 2003

The thirty-sixth session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in February and was called to order by Chair Ruth Brown who welcomed everyone. Ruth Brown and Jeff Sheppard led 59. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 460 (in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham); Shelbie Sheppard 200; Pam Nunn 300; Pearl Guier 358 (in memory of Nell Temple), 448b; Mary Smith 318 (for I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, and Alice Edwards); S. T. Reed 428; Bobby Jackson 568; Tommy McGraw 475; Lou Cotney 218 (for Jesse Cotney); John Plunkett 547 (in memory of the Columbia shuttle crew); Carlene Griffin 159 (in memory of Cindy Huckleba Cole); Willie Mae Moon 283; Milton Oliver 176t; Lela Crowder 374; B.J. Harris 503; Jimmie Denney 143 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); LaRue Allen 280 (in memory of the Morris family); Nathan Green and Norma Green 322 (in memory of Leola Smith).

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 186.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chair—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Jewel Wootten 110; Felton Denney 405 (in memory of Wilford Denney and Everette Denney); Margie Smith 499; Evelyn Harris 155; Jimmy Cates 137; Scott DePoy 74b; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Eunice Webb 229; B.M. Smith 28b; Glenda Collins 81t; Jackson Harcrow 153; Mattie Townsel 317; Alex Makris 313t; Betty Wright 108t; Richard Mauldin 36b; Daphene Causey 422; Bud Oliver 274t; Kenneth Calvert 52t; Max Berueffy 377; Ruth Brown, Pearl Guier, Jane Galant, Mary Ann Brown 68b (in memory of five family members who had passed away this last year: Pat Burnham, Gene Burnham, Nell Temple, Jim Temple, and Floy Driskell; and Polly Moore). Felton Denney offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading 373. Leaders: Elene Stovall 142 (for Ruth Brown); Jeannette DePoy 183; Stuart Ivey 479; Coy Ivey 384; Susan Harcrow 208; Buell Cobb 138t; Reba Windom 192; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Cassie Franklin 328; Charlene Wallace 354b; Karen Ivey 498; Richard DeLong 395; Terry Wootten 370; Sarah Jenkins 340; Teenie Moody 222; David Ivey 172; Eloise Wootten 171; Louis Hughes, Sr. 179; Henry Johnson 418; Philip Denney 112; Joan Aldridge 228; Dennis George 215; Randall Smith 276b; Linda Thomas 134; Bobby Watkins 48t; Amanda

Denson 430; Earlis McGraw 284; Ruth Daniels 378t; Chris Green 543; Mary Grace Green 66; Reba Windom and Bill Windom 196; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 556; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 327; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 225t; Nathan Green and Norma Green 332; Coy Ivey and Eloise Wootten 456; B.J. Harris and Evelyn Harris 303; Willard Wright and Betty Wright 323b.

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier led song on page 46 as the closing song. Chris Green offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Acting Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama February 2, 2003

The J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 31t. Brother Phillip Starnes offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 32t and 30t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willowdean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 73t, 61; Margaret Keeton 129, 499 (for her mother, Gladys Bonds), 144 (for John Hocutt); John Hyde 68b, 90, 124; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 490, 503; Billy Williams 213b, 147t, 299; Marlin Beasley 166, 566, 285t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 343 and 235. Leaders: Ann Jett 141, 37b, 339; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 378t, 31b; Julie Poston 108t, 88t, 145b; Josie Hyde 99, 183, 182; Flarce Creel and Ann Jett 39b, 475.

Brother Phillip Starnes, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone, read scripture form Exodus 15:1-8, and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order with 131b and 146. Leaders: Harrison Creel 335, 317; Edith Tate 89, 35; Ken Tate 477, 426b; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Willowdean Barton 460, 119; Marlin Beasley 482, 498; John Hyde 544; Velton Chafin 75; Margaret Keeton 543; Ann Jett 546, 327, 269; Josie Hyde 234, 507; Edith Tate 532; Harrison Creel 512; Ken Tate 73b; Harrison Creel and Ken Tate 342.

Travis Keeton led 45t as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING Waco, Texas Saturday, February 8, 2003

The second annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. Justice Donald Ross taught a singing school from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., followed by a brief coffee break and fellowship.

Dr. David Music called the class to order leading 59. Dr. Randall Bradley offered the opening prayer. The sponsoring faculty of Baylor University was introduced, and Diane Ross was appointed to be the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Diane Ross 354t; Billy Huckaby 34t; Father Ronald Baker 148; H.P. O'Mary 75; Cissy Moseley 143; Liz Owen 490; Katie Moseley 99; Mike Moseley 498; Dr. Randall Bradley 159; Beverly Coates 146; Jason Moore 72b; Lou Ann Smith 45t; Jeb Owen 475; Dick Steil 312b; Bruce Coates 313b; Dr. Terry York 147t; Reed Coates 186; Tom Owen 163b.

RECESS

Leaders: Doris Hanks 384; Sarah Huckaby 196; Sue Fairbanks 163t; Edith Owen 34b; Amanda Owen 503; Kara Langford 63; Kyle Damron 81; Chris Wood 128; Tracy Gray 129; Dr. Gayle Avant 34; John Woods 85; Stephen Farrer 189; Gaylon Powell 65; Dr. Terry York offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dr. David Music brought the afternoon session to order leading 53. Leaders: Bill Moseley 480; Terre Schill 218; Mark Berry 81; Anne Milner 178; Dr. Gayle Avant 49t; Diane Ross 328; Billy Huckaby 47b; Father Ronald Baker 569b; H.P. O'Mary 67; Dr. Randall Bradley 277; Cissy Moseley 299; John Woods 63; Lou Ann Smith 39t; Ben Griffin 87.

RECESS

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 462; Amanda Owen 84; Dr. Terry York 336; Tom Owen 532; Katie Moseley 215; Liz Owen 29t; Jeb Owen 542; Dick Steil 452; Bruce Coates 49b; Ann Milner 565; Mike Moseley 434; Terre Schill 406; Reed Coates 48t; Doris Hanks 448b; Sarah Huckaby 454; Edith Owen 276; Sue Fairbanks 378b; Bill Moseley 47t; Beverly Coates 229; Donald Ross 183; Vera McCoy 147t; Allison Terry 223.

The singing was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with prayer led by Dr. David Music.

Chairman—Dr. David Music.

MINNESOTA STATE MIDWINTER SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Paul, Minnesota Saturday, February 8, 2003

Chairman Charlie Obert called the morning session to order with 171. Gordon Olsen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cathy Lutz 276; Steven Schmidgall 391; Denise Kania 140; Matt Wells 422b; Stephen Parker 511b; Eleanor Haase 511t; Gordon Olsen 571; Kit Pfau 54t; Jim Goetz 159; Becky Alan Powell 421; Chandler York 416t; Kristin Irving 381t; Scott Schroeder 31t; Mryka Hall-Beyer and Aubrey Hemminger 393t; Johnny Lee 176t.

RECESS

Steven Levine brought the class back with 87. Leaders: Mirjana Lausevic 300; Jeff Bell 32t; Laura Clawson 142; Bernard Collard 478; Carol Buche 199; Keith Willard and Syble Adams 99; Kathy Lee 208; Don Clark 526; Claudia Egelhoff 137; Hugh Thomas 64; Christine Stevens 544; Paul Wyatt 176; Martha Henderson 486; Michael Shewmaker 40; Jeanette Nelson 216; Todd Mitchell 148.

RECESS

Cindy Kisse brought the class back to order leading 73t. Leaders: Michael Moore "Winchell"; Steven Levine 229; Shane O'Neil 488b; Felicia Stevens 155; Tollie Lee 306; Jenn Blair 146; Val Eng 449. Darlene Dalton led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

Steven Schmidgall brought the class back for the afternoon session with 333.

Leaders: Kathy Wallace 47t; Trevor East 106; Cindy Kisse and students from the University of St. Thomas 186; Midge Olsen and guests 218; Helen Brown 573; Thomas Willard 392; Ramona Lee 432; Jim Pfau 98; April Dell 414; Jenny Willard

568; Tommie Spurlock 567; Darlene Dalton 336t; David Lee 128; Karen Clark 516; Stanley Smith 181; Syble Adams and David Lee 505.

RECESS

Cathy Lutz brought the class back with 270. Leaders: Charlie Obert “McMahon”; Laura Clawson 559; Tollie Lee 84; Lois Pedartha 500; Don Clark 522; Eleanor Haase 575; Doug Donley 424; Kristin Irving with friends 38t; Johnny Lee 41. Charlie Obert led 63 as the closing song. Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlie Obert; Secretary—Jim Pfau.

LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **February 9, 2003**

The eleventh annual Lincoln’s Birthday Singing took place on Sunday, February 9, 2003 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. Chair Ariel Weinberg called the class to order leading 34b.

Leaders: Jim Swanson 312b; Marcia Johnson 216; Vi Stark 32t; Samuel Sommers 475; Nick Pasqual 127; Cathryn Baker 436; Ted Johnson “Perfect Pleasure” (his own composition); Jim Helke 162; Melanie Hauff 203; Suzanne Flandreau 163t; Judy Holst 114; Greg Freeman 70b; Lisa Grayson 269; Rachel Adelstein 78 (substituting a hymn text by David Wright); Beverly Enright 546; Bruce Holmes 504.

RECESS

Susan Geil called the class back leading 220.

Lisa Grayson gave a short workshop on shape note singing for the visitors and beginners present.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 159; John Seaton 45t; John Greven 236; Jim Lawrie 63; Joe Hickerson “Bright Morning Stars Are Rising”; Melanie Hauff 318; Ariel Weinberg 99; Cathryn Baker 454; Samuel Sommers 112; Vi Stark 84; Connie Karduck 37b; Nick Pasqual 105; Greg Freeman 235; Suzanne Flandreau 276; Ted Johnson 434; Jim Swanson 384; Rachel Adelstein 268; Marcia Johnson 218; Lisa Grayson 192; Connie Karduck 299; Bruce Holmes 102; Jim Lawrie 250; John Seaton 47t; Judy Hauff 126 (in memory of Harriett Bauman); Susan Geil 565.

Announcements were made. Ariel Weinberg thanked the singers and visitors for attending and led the traditional closing song on 347.

Chair—Ariel Weinberg; Vice Chair/Arranging—Rachel Adelstein;
Secretary—Suzanne Flandreau.

ELDER ROY AVERY’S BIRTHDAY/MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **February 9, 2003**

The Elder Roy Avery Birthday/Memorial Singing was held on the second Sunday in February. The class sang 59 and 75, followed with prayer led by Elder Steve Stathelson.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretaries—Jenny Acton and Krista Baker; Arranging Committee—Jack Nelson.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 100; Jack Nelson 99, 30b; Bobby Jackson 348b, 290; John Merritt 268, 300; Hugh McGraw 448b, 97; Leonard Price 39b, 73.

RECESS

Chairman Eugene Forbes led 30 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Elder Ben Keeble 490, 47b; Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Charlene Wallace 299, 208; Mattie Perry 341, 186.

Elder Ben Keeble offered prayer, and Elder Steve Stathelson conducted a morning worship service.

LUNCH

Chairman Eugene Forbes bought the afternoon session to order leading 29t and 145t. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 560 (in memory of Elder Roy Avery); Eugene Forbes 489 (in memory of Elder C.V. Estes); Mary Jean Payne 99 (for her mother); Floy Wilder 187, 432; Annie Lee Price 384, 222; Curtis McGraw 278b, 225t; Nell Estes 145b, 313t; Mary Jean Payne 480, 496; Margaret Ray 127, 334; Myrline Redmon 569, 147t; Audress Gurley 517 (WB), 108t; Charlotte Bishop 335, 110; Eugene Forbes 405, 339 (for Mary Jean Payne's daughter); Jack Nelson 144, 126; Jane Moran 236; John Merritt "Nothing But the Blood"; Nell Estes "A Light At The River"; Jordan Whitehead 354b, 111t; Margaret Ray 358.

Announcements were made. Chairman Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song, and Jack Nelson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

MOUNTAIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Stone Mountain, Georgia** **February 9, 2003**

The special singing was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading 59, who then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 287, 327; John Redman 142, 144 (for Susan Garber), 222; Andy Anderson 28t, 85, 347; Andy Morse 313b, 168, 497 (in memory of Aunt Pat); Sandra Wilkinson 274, 300, 82t; Chris Tweedy 535, 122; Laura Akerman 224, 192, 489.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Alice West 313t, 270; Carol Hanson 155, 45t; Eric Tweedy 504; John Redman 496, 361; Andy Anderson 49, 178; Laura Akerman 107, 86; Andy Morse 510; Alice West 282, 207; Andy Morse 475; John Redman 551, 503; Alice West 350, 268; Andy Morse 142. Eric Tweedy led 62 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eric Tweedy; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 15, 2003**

Made possible through the continuing generosity of the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center, the fifth annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was again held in their splendid hall on the campus of the University of Alabama. Bill Stewart called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 480. Elder Donald Smith offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Bill Stewart; Secretary—Latisha Crocker. Tim Cook gave a brief explanation of shape-note notation and concluded by leading 479 and 410t.

Leaders: Bill Stewart 145b; Latisha Crocker 490; Leon Ballinger 222; Bud Oliver 47t; Larry Ballinger 215; Marlin Beasley 336; Edward Howton 32t; Toney Smith

144; Jack Pate 348b; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 542, 442; Lisa Geist 528; Elder Donald Smith 319; Talley Kitchens 318.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class to order leading song 74b (EH). Leaders: Johnny Humber 460; Travis Keeton 499; Gravis Ballinger 300; Wilton Donaldson 565; Luke Smith 274t; Ruth Wyers 138b; Margaret Keeton 276; Earl Ballinger 80b; Glenn Keeton 163b; Sarah Smith 129; Gary Smith 31t; Marlec Ray 432; Billy Thompson 335; Denice Burleson 196; Melanie Cornett 143; Courtney Cockrill and Leon Ballinger 49t; Amanda Denson 159; Mako Cook and Tim Cook 55t (EH); Peggy Bergman and Edward Howton 434 (in memory of their father, G.E. Howton, who organized the Tuscaloosa fifth Sunday singings, the predecessor of this singing). Earl Ballinger offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Tim Cook leading 66. Leaders: Dan McCurry and John Merritt 254; Lizzie Pullom and Tim Cook 45t.

A memorial lesson was held. Tim Cook led 87 for the following sick and shut-ins: Elsie Beasley, Maxine Lacy, Elman Howton, Elvin Norris, Clara Smith, Ola Meadows, Martha Howell, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Sue Kitchens. We sang the lesson to Ola Meadows through the telephone.

Elder Donald Smith led 68b in memory of the following loved ones who passed away from us since our last singing: Dr. James Howell, Martha Frederick, and Ruth Daffron—Alabama; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Frances Beasley—Florida. Marlin Beasley concluded the memorial lesson by having the class remember Frances Beasley, his sister, with song on page 192.

Leaders: Steven Lambert 134; Ann Ballard 204; Ron Johnson and Tim Cook 59; Shannon Byrd and Tim Cook 63; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 430, 504; Bud Oliver 73t; Lisa Geist 304; Travis Keeton 496; Gravis Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 34b; Johnny Humber 47t; Talley Kitchens 378b, 327; Amanda Denson 74b, 74t; Latisha Crocker 47b, 379 (for Luke Smith); John Merritt “Nothing But the Blood”; Bill Stewart 569b; Trey Stewart and Tim Cook 378t.

Announcements were made. Elder Donald Smith recalled Dr. Howell’s fondness for “Let Us Sing” on page 46 as a closing song and Tim Cook closed the day of singing by leading this song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Bill Stewart; Secretary—Latisha Crocker.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **Saturday, February 15, 2003**

The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Velton Chafin with 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 34b and 30t.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Corene White 37b, 73t, 146; Ozella Blackmon 460, 172; Flarce Creel 166, 343; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 499, 225t; Ida Lee Starnes 101t, 317, 378t; Ivalene Donaldson 138b, 274t; Travis Keeton 127, 68b, 129; Margaret Keeton 297, 97, 78; Leon Ballinger 136, 137, 73b.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order leading 108t and 311. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 142, 168, 430; Glenn Keeton 285, 345t, 163; David Light 112, 200, 192; Larry Ballinger 549, 345b; Edith Tate 167, 333; John Merritt 77t, 300, 569. Leon Ballinger offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading 144. Leaders: Willodean Barton 416, 391, 314; Harrison Creel 565, 111b, 89; Eugene Forbes 318, 155, 145t; Corene White 171; Margaret Keeton 327; Leon Ballinger 269; Brenda Merritt 548; John Merritt 84; Travis Keeton 290; Cecil Sanders 294; Glenn Keeton 231; David Light 384; Larry Ballinger 425; Harrison Creel 512; Eugene Forbes 36b; John Merritt 346.

Most of the songs that were led were in honor of Lavaughn Ballinger and John Hyde who were not able to attend. Please remember these singers.

After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON **Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington** **February 15-16, 2003**

Saturday, February 15

The twelfth annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention met at the Sunset Hill Community Club in Seattle, Washington on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February, a new date for this convention.

Chairman David Hough opened the convention at 9:30 a.m. leading 37b. Chaplain David Wright offered the opening prayer.

Kathy Vlach introduced David and Karen Ivey of Huntsville, Alabama. David presided over a singing school, which he opened by leading the class in singing the major and minor scales. He reviewed with us the different time signatures and how they relate to leading. Leading techniques such as making the transition between verses when a song begins with a rest, starting a song which begins with most of the first measure in rests, or when the song is printed with a missing opening rest were illustrated as he led the class in singing songs 31t, 64, and 457. The song on page 94 concluded his lesson on the different beating methods.

RECESS

Jack Lofton called the class back after the break with 30t. After noting that theoretically $2/2$ songs are sung more slowly than $4/4$; $2/4$ are sung the fastest; and that $6/4$ songs are sung more slowly than $6/8$, David remarked that there is variety in tempos among the various Sacred Harp regions. To illustrate how one song can have a change of tempo within itself, he led the class in singing 455. The following leaders then asked specific questions and for help in leading the class: Marilyn Murata 195; Scott Kennedy 68b; Jordan Singer 29b; Ken Cofield 153. David Wright asked the blessing as the class was dismissed for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened as a formal singing. Chairman David Hough brought the class to order leading 59.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—David Hough; Treasurer—Katharine Hough; Secretary—Karen Willard; Arranging Committee—Reed Schilbach, Susan Helf, David Wright, Anne Huckins, Linda Laing, and Joanne Hoover; Memorial Committee—Karen Ivey and Karen Willard; Resolutions—Matthew Sellens and Marcia Stedman.

Leaders: Marie Brandis 318; Anne Huckins 479; Gerry Currens 191; Betty Jones 312t; Peter Irvine 67; Katharine Hough 480; Corinna Singer, Yoko Singer, and Jordan Singer 49b; Tim Draper 159; Linda Laing 48t; Fran Ross 31t; John Carson 40; Susan Helf 497; Lucinda Saue 117; James Brock 100; Joanne Hoover 477; Jinx

McGuire 99; Bruce Rowland 426b; David Ivey 402; Marilyn Murata 36b; Anna Maria Nygren Irvine 225t.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back to order Leading 74b. Leaders: Jack Lofton 384; Callie Jordan 268; Karen Ivey 192; Darlene Simpson-Brown 72b; Scott Kennedy 454; Meg Larson 70t; Ken Cofield 344; Reed Schilbach 122; Marcia Stedman 163b; Shannon McGuire 163t; David Hough 296; Martha Channon 336; Greg Saue 503; Kathy Vlach 350; Jill Accetta 171; David Wright 207; Karen Willard 29t; David Ivey 90.

Announcements were made. Chairman David Hough led 157 (WB) as the closing song, and Chaplain David Wright led the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 16

Chairman David Hough called the class together at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 33b. Chaplain Reed Schilbach offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anne Huckins 34b; Susan Helf 284; Marcia Stedman 497; Joanne Hoover 81t; Ken Cofield 86; Katharine Hough 376; Bruce Roland 448b; Martie Hoadley 63; Gerry Currens 178; Betty Jones 421; Reed Schilbach 91; Eric Holt 229; Darlene Simpson-Brown 368; Scott Kennedy 569b; Karen Stingle 76b; Charles Scudder, Jr. 515b; Meg Larson 549.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 64. Leaders: Shannon McGuire 84; Greg Saue 48t; Jill Accetta 131b; Carolyn Gilkey 142; Anna Maria Nygren Irvine 274t; James Brock 395; Marilyn Murata 456; Fran Ross 198; Matthew Sellens 125; David Hough 137; David Wright 269; John Carson 85; Kathy Vlach 415; Jack Lofton 532; David Ivey 320; Jinx McGuire 148; Marie Brandis 245.

Karen Willard began the memorial lesson bringing to mind the strong ties that develop between Sacred Harp singers and how singing a song for those in our midst who are sick or unable to attend is also followed by contacting those persons in uplifting and loving ways. The song on page 330b was led for: Sally Dahlgren, Paul Harrison, Wanda Harrison, Ruby Little, Blanche Hull, Jim Lavaughn Ballinger, Karen Willard, Owen Mullineri, Gordan Mullineri, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. Karen Ivey acknowledged the fear, tension, and sorrow that grips us all in these sad and uncertain times, but encouraged us to find solace in the physical beauty of our mountains, lakes, rivers, and plains as foretastes of heaven, quoting F.S. Pierpoint's sublime hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth," and Psalms 19:1 "The heavens are telling the glory of God..." The loss, unexpected and untimely or not, of dear friends and loved ones is difficult under any circumstances and we grieve, but we can also celebrate their lives and have hope and comfort: hope for a brighter future and comfort in knowing that they are in an even more beautiful place than we find here, a place that has no fears, uncertainties, wars or sorrows. From Psalm 8 she quoted verses 3 and 4, then read the following list of the deceased: Paul Kulhanek, Jeanne Hardy, Anne Jespersen, Mimi Weiss, Greg Edeln, and Shirley Partlow—Washington; Marvin Harrison, Kenneth Bristow, Carrie Dickenson, and Lance Greenleaf—Oregon; Maxine Gilbert—Nebraska; Takeko Kubo—Japan; Leola Smith, Flora Skinner, and Warren Meadows—Alabama; Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; Mary Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; B.E. Matthews—Texas; and the astronauts of the Columbia. After leading the class in singing 288, Isaac Watt's words were read: "Lord of the worlds above, How pleasant and how fair the dwellings of thy love, thine earthly temples are; To thine abode my heart aspires with warm desires to see my God; to spend one sacred day where God and saints abide affords diviner joy than thousand days beside." Chaplain Reed Schilbach closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Peter Irvine 475; Jordan Singer 89; Charles Scudder 472. Reed Schilbach asked for the blessing upon the food and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Katharine Hough called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 72b. Leaders: Marcia Stedman 146; Ken Hallock 102; Lucinda Saue 87; Karen Ivey 217; Betty Jones 68b; Yoko Singer 335; Eric Holt 565; Anne Huckins 272; Bruce Rowland 568; Katharine Hough 183; Ken Cofield 47t; Martie Hoadley 159; Karen Stingle 106; Reed Schilbach 340; Scott Kennedy 235; Joanne Hoover 365; Greg Saue 99; Darlene Simpson-Brown 147t; Jill Accetta 270; James Brock 143.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Karen Stingle leading 378b. Leaders: Meg Larson 200; Angie Johnson 337; David Wright 318; Karen Ivey 182; Peter Irvine 282; Marie Brandis 319; David Ivey 201; Marilyn Murata 145b; Matthew Sellens 122; Fran Ross 551; Anna Maria Nygren Irvine 65; David Hough 496; Shannon McGuire 358; Kathy Vlach 186; Arlene Cavanaugh 192; Jack Lofton 448t; Jinx McGuire 155; Sydney Estey-Dedell 455; Martha Channon 336; Bob Schinske 566. The class went into business session to hear the committee reports and announcements.

The Treasurer reported with gratitude that all expenses had been met and thanked the class for its generosity.

Matthew Sellens gave the Resolutions Committee report, thanking God for our safe opportunity to gather and sing, and resolving that we dedicate ourselves to let a peaceful world begin with each of us. The many hard workers that made all the convention events possible were thanked; singled out for particular mention were the dedicated and talented cooks in our midst. Special thanks were tendered to David and Karen Ivey, for coming so far and sharing so freely their talents and love of Sacred Harp.

The Arranging Committee reported attendees from Washington, Oregon, California, Nebraska, and Alabama. There were 79 registered, and a few “undocumented” who slipped in to listen.

All the reports were approved as read.

Chairman David Hough led 62 as the closing song, inviting all that wished, to take the parting hand. Chaplain Reed Schilbach closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—David Hough; Treasurer—Katharine Hough; Secretary—Karen Willard.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Columbus, Ohio

February 15-16, 2003

Saturday, February 15

The eleventh annual Ohio State Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Fourth Avenue Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio by Laura Russell leading 72b. Steve Kasperick-Postellon offered the opening prayer.

A business was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chair—Laura Russell; Vice Chair—Regina Bayer; Secretary—Fred Todt; Arranging Committee—Michele Rae Biery and Kimberly Crawford; Memorial Committee—Jim Herr and Eloise Clark; Resolutions Committee—Michael Darby and Beth Todd.

Leaders: Eric Conrad 142; Kay Huener 38b; Joe Todd 179; Greg Howard 569b; Jo Schultz and Jerry Creason 198; Floy Wilder 402; Greg Creech 47b; Don Plummer 38t; Lois Hurt 551; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 503; Fred Todt 181; Eloise Clark 99; Kat Kinkade and Josie Kinkade 428; Michael Darby 312b; Beth Todd 32t; Teresa

Kasperick-Postellon 178; Jim Herr 535; Laura Densmore 542; Brad Oglesby 192; Bobbie Goodell 228; Michele Biery 66.

RECESS

Laura Russell brought the class together leading 34b. Leaders: John Bealle 250; Judith McDowell 114; Jeff Sheppard 460; Linda Coppock 196; Claire Outten 504; Rajeev Kahn 209; LaRue Allen 112; Robert Meek 384; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Joseph Pimentel 217; Michele Cull 361; John Bayer 75; Eric Conrad 70b; Floy Wilder 350; Jo Schultz and Pleasance Crawford 65; Lois Hurt 49t; Kat Kinkade 163t; Laura Densmore 157; Bobbie Goodell 218; Jeff Sheppard 454; Kay Huener 68b. Steve Kasperick-Postellon led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

Fred Todt reconvened the class for the afternoon session by leading 147. Leaders: Joe Todd 373; Will Reilly 143; Claire Outten 383; Brad Oglesby 565; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 144; Rajeev Kahn 284; LaRue Allen 302; Greg Creech 127; Robert Meek and Pat Meek 268; Shelbie Sheppard and Laura Russell 195; Greg Howard 388; Kathryn Knecht 479; Michele Cull 163b; Xander Knecht 410t; Linda Coppock 236; Charles Knecht 47t; Beth Todd 436; Eric Conrad 106; Regina Bayer 430; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 320; Don Plummer 133; Eloise Clark 498; Michael Darby 131b; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 159; Jim Herr 171; Michele Biery 186; John Bealle 434; Joseph Pimentel 168; John Bayer 53.

RECESS

Regina Bayer brought the class together by leading 39b. Announcements of upcoming singings and evening social activities were made. Also, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ohio State Convention, a re-issued CD recording of the 1st Ohio Convention and a commemorative tee shirt were available to purchase with all proceeds supporting future singings in Ohio. Leaders: Rajeev Kahn 107; Charles Knecht 29t; Linda Coppock 532; Robert Meek 269; Judith McDowell 497; Xander Knecht 524; Kay Huener 45t; Greg Howard 547; Kathryn Knecht 369; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 146; Will Reilly 566; Bobbie Goodell 120. Laura Russell led 81 as the closing song. Steve Kasperick-Postellon offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 16

The Sunday session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Columbus Alternative High School by Laura Russell leading 38t. Jane Wells offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Darby 291, 148; Fred Todt 481, 480; Chloe Maher 273, 546; Anna Sylvester 49t, 49b; Laura Weber 523, 102; Lorraine Cathala 171, 335; Jo Schultz 84, 472.

RECESS

Laura Russell brought the class together by leading 34b. Leaders: Floy Wilder 224, 293; LaRue Allen 36b, 222; Kat Kinkade 313b, 528; Lois Hurt 358, 515; Jane Wells 146, 318; Jeff Sheppard 403, 392; Joe Todd 378b, 208; Brad Oglesby 31t, 87.

Jim Herr conducted the memorial lesson and led 285 in memory of the following deceased: Marie Law—New York; space shuttle Columbia crew; Everett Overturf (father of Rich Overturf); Most Reverend James Hoffman—Ohio; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia. Eloise Clark led 50b for the sick and shut-ins: Lorraine Sawyer Cathala, Debbie Hall, Sylvia Thomas (caring for shut-in mother), Christine Cox, and Rachel Brill—Ohio; Pauline Creel—Michigan; Marilyn Darch—California. The memorial was closed. Steve Kasperick-Postellon offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Fred Todt reconvened the class for the afternoon session by leading 40. Leaders: Beth Todd 501, 319; Greg Creech 38b, 47b; Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard 556, 448t; Eric Conrad and Marnie Tyner 85, 155; Michele Cull and Andy Verhoff

276, 270; Judith McDowell 70t, 70b; Bobbie Goodell 503, 291; John Bealle 543, 522; Laura Russell 163t.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class together by leading 31b. Leaders: Steve Kasperick-Postellon 344, 365; Jim Herr 383, 107; Joseph Pimentel 122, 455; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 178, 45t; Eloise Clark 412, 73b; Catherine Kohn and Fred Todt 151; Michele Rae Biery 193, 189; Jeff Sheppard 303, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 549 (by request).

Committee reports were given. Announcements were made. Special thanks were given to Shelbie Sheppard who taught a leading school on the evening before the convention.

The officers led the class in singing 62 as the closing song. Steve Kasperick-Postellon offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Laura Russell; Vice Chairperson—Regina Bayer; Treasurer—Eric Conrad; Secretary—Fred Todt.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Grace Episcopal Church, Waterville, New York Saturday, February 22, 2003

The first New York State Regional singing of 2003 was held at the Grace Episcopal Church in Waterville, New York on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Byron Stuhlman, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 40; Allen Fannin 49t, 49b; Katherine Collett 497, 86; Patricia Garrett 178, 268; Scott Luscomb 32, 315; Eileen Metzger 216, 475; Nicola Collett 455, 347; George Seiler 68, 480; Ginny Huszagh 34, 299; Laura Densmore 157, 542; Thom Metzger 89, 34.

RECESS

The class was called back by Margaret Bornick leading 217. Leaders: Jean Seiler 200, 442; Dennis Leipold 441, 430; Brian Collett 474, 504; Rick Hoyt 159, 146; Ron Bornick 84, 155; Barbara Swetman 448t, 203; Katherine Collett 95, “Milton Falls” (by Tobias Tenenbaum); Allen Fannin 270, 445; Patricia Garrett 147t, 503; Scott Luscomb 306, 481.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Laura Densmore leading 276. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 150, 383; Nicola Collett 148; George Seiler 168, 269; Ginny Huszagh 315, 362; Laura Densmore 201, 484; Margaret Bornick “Ten Thousand Charms” (by Hal Kunkle), 492; Thom Metzger 274t, 198; Jean Seiler 415, 236; Dennis Leipold 99, 218; Brian Collett 143, 334; Rick Hoyt 569, 53.

RECESS

The class was called back by Ron Bornick leading 454. Announcements were made. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 125; Rick Hoyt 47t; Dennis Leipold 300; Jean Seiler 142; Thom Metzger 319; Ginny Huszagh 133; Laura Densmore 538; George Seiler 448; Eileen Metzger 112; Scott Luscomb 39t; Patricia Garrett 38t; Barbara Swetman 485; Katherine Collett 163; Allen Fannin 373; Margaret Bornick 254; Brian Collett 547; Ron Bornick 228.

Barbara Swetman led 62 as the closing song. Ginny Huszagh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Barbara Swetman; Arranger—Ron Bornick; Secretary—Allen Fannin.

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY BOOK SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Saturday, February 22, 2003

The fourth annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony Singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February.

All songs in the first session were taken from the White Book.

John Plunkett called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34t. John Hollingsworth led the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 49t; Malinda Snow 82b, 138b; Andy Anderson 26 (rudiments in back of book), 99; Berkley Moore 141, 37t; Helen Bryson 224, 361; Dan Huger 547, 101t; John Hollingsworth 60, 543t; Sandra Wilkinson 382b, 505.

RECESS

Liz Bryant 56 (EH 1), 38b (EH 2); Judy Mincey 8 (EH 1), 18 (EH 1); Andrew Snyder 80 (EH 1), 79 (EH 1); Sharon Kellam 37 (EH 2), 78 (EH 1); Lee Rogers 7 (EH 2), 22 (EH 2); Floyd Bennett 70 (EH 1). Andy Anderson led the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the afternoon session to order leading 550b (WB). Leaders: Laura Akerman 492b (WB), 138t (WB); Rodney Ivey 486t (WB), 517 (WB); Joan Durdin 45t (WB), 108 (EH 1); Bob Goodman 65 (EH 1), 110 (EH 1); Charles Woods 52 (EH 1), 540 (WB); Jonathan Dueck 38b (WB); Henry Johnson 546b (WB), 81 (WB); Nancy Yeager 28b (WB), 48t (WB); Andy Morse 90 (EH 1), 42 (EH 1); David Yeager 490 (WB), 109 (EH 1); Berkley Moore "Kellam" (his own composition); Sharon Kellam 3 (EH 2); Henry Johnson 88t (WB); Rodney Ivey 59 (WB); Dan Huger 58 (WB); Floyd Bennett 452b (WB); Alice West 108t (WB), 487t (WB).

RECESS

A business session was held. A financial report was made.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Liz Bryant; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

John Plunkett thanked Hardeman Church for its hospitality, and the business session was closed.

After announcements were made, John Plunkett led 70b (WB) as the closing song.

John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Liz Bryant; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Conference Center, College Station, Texas
February 22-23, 2003
Saturday, February 22

The eleventh annual Texas State Sacred Harp Convention met at the College Station Conference Center on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Chairman Gary McDonald welcomed and called the class to order with 49t. Gary Rogan offered prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Gary McDonald 47b; Secretary Liz Owen 171; Charles Whitmer 524; Leon Ballinger 490; Tom Owen 426b; Olivia Powell 168; Diane Ross 475; Father Ronald Baker 108t; Reed Coates 377; Donald Ross 530; Amanda Blevins 290; Vivian Rogan 178; Don Barker 145b; Anne Milner 220; Kevin Powell 107; Barbara Newell 84; Cheryl Foreman 300; Mike Moseley 198; Gary Rogan 383; Sarah Huckaby 454; Curtis Owen 328; Al Rogers 63; Amanda Owen 535.

RECESS

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 56t.
Leaders: Zach Rogan 146; Gaylon Powell 163t; Cissy Moseley 532; Billy Huckaby 335; Reed Coates 217; Edith Owen 150; Katie Moseley 39; Doris Hanks 36b; Mike Hinton 340; Bruce Coates 61; David Moseley 38b; Charles Whitmer 147t.

LUNCH

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 46.
Leaders: Terre Schill "Sweet Harmony"; Jeb Owen 294; Leon Ballinger 299; Tom Owen 528; Olivia Powell 434; Diane Ross 497; Father Ronald Baker 569b; Beverly Coates 472; Donald Ross 567; Amanda Blevins 112; Vivian Rogan 282; Don Barker 82t; Anne Milner 480; Kevin Powell 504; Barbara Newell 72b; Cheryl Foreman 455; Mike Moseley 306; Gary Rogan 318; Sarah Huckaby 319; Curtis Owen 176b; Al Rogers 452.

RECESS

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 129.
Leaders: Amanda Owen 99; Zach Rogan 159; Gaylon Powell 477; Cissy Moseley 448t; Billy Huckaby 421; Reed Coates 373; Edith Owen 503; Doris Hanks 384; Mike Hinton 543; Bruce Coates 549; Secretary Liz Owen 273; Jeb Owen 270; Charles Whitmer 218; Barbara Newell 277; Father Ronald Baker 117.
Father Ronald Baker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 23

Vice Chairman Ryan Ross called the class to order with 31b. Prayer was offered by Jeb Owen.

Leaders: Secretary Liz Owen 376; Bruce Coates 163b; Doris Hanks 448b; Robert Vaughn 35; Vivian Rogan 53; Gaylon Powell 506; Cissy Moseley 142; Sarah Huckaby 196; Anne Milner 34b; Don Barker 354b; Beverly Coates 485; Mike Hinton 480; Reed Coates 327; Zach Rogan 146; Curtis Owen 331; Mike Moseley 139; Donald Ross 271t; David Moseley 441; Edith Owen 276; Billy Huckaby 217; Al Rogers 47t.

RECESS

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 30t.
Leaders: Kevin Powell 479; Tom Owen 51; Terre Schill 301; Katie Moseley 532; Amanda Owen 354t; Gary Rogan 56t; Jeb Owen 440; Cheryl Foreman 379; Diane Ross 149; Leon Ballinger 544; Secretary Liz Owen 212; James Moseley 300; Bruce Coates 48b; Doris Hanks 108b; Robert Vaughn 47b; Vivian Rogan 235; Gaylon Powell 510; Cissy Moseley 535; Sarah Huckaby 442; Anne Milner 148; Don Barker 97; Beverly Coates 569t.

The memorial lesson was held. Gaylon Powell led 512 for those who had passed away: Richard Goodrum and B.E. Matthews.

Diane Ross led 229 for the sick and shut-ins: Jo Redmon, Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, and Frances Daniels. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 76b. The business meeting was held, and an expense report was given.
Leaders: Mike Hinton 288; Reed Coates 186; Zach Rogan 282; Mike Moseley 269; Edith Owen 445; David Moseley and Heather Cannon 137; Billy Huckaby 448t; Curtis Owen 34t; Kevin Powell 224; Tom Owen 481; Terre Schill 111b; Katie Moseley 163t; Amanda Owen 344; Gary Rogan 48t; Cheryl Foreman 280; Jeb Owen 39t; Secretary Liz Owen 378b; Bruce Coates 566; Doris Hanks 236; Robert Vaughn 569b; Vivian Rogan 32t.

RECESS

Chairman Gary McDonald brought the class back together with 72b.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 123t; Sarah Huckaby 362; Olivia Powell 128; Anne Milner 378t; Amanda Blevins 40; Don Barker 45t; Beverly Coates 499; Mike Hinton 274t; Zach Rogan 168; Mike Moseley 498; David Moseley 222; Billy Huckaby 176b; Curtis Owen 81t.

Chairman Gary McDonald closed the convention with 100 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gary McDonald; Vice Chairman—Ryan Ross; Secretary—Liz Owen.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SINGING **State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia** **February 23, 2003**

The thirtieth annual session of the University of Georgia Singing was held at the Visitors Center of the State Botanical Gardens on the fourth Sunday in February. Singing during the morning session was from “The Social Harp” by John McCurry, first published in 1855 and reprinted by the University of Georgia Press in 1973. Chairman John Garst called the class to order leading songs on pages 22 and 23b. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. In a business session, the class voted to retain the same officers: Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Charlene Wallace. Lee Rogers was appointed to serve as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 233, 250; Charlene Wallace 25, 65; Lee Rogers 53, 137; Judy Mincey 135, 182; Dan Huger 24b, 24t; Berkley Moore 21, 238; Sharon Kellam 218b, 216; Andy Anderson 17, 156; John Plunkett 103, 51.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading 79b. Leaders: Bruce King 158, 173; Laura Akerman 87, 200; Earlis McGraw 86, 60; Karen Redwine 166, 30; David Grant 84, 83; Bobby Watkins 26, 148; Nancy Yeager 76b, 204t; David Yeager 210, 194; Henry Zittrouer 204b, 66.

LUNCH

John Garst opened the afternoon session, which was from “The Sacred Harp,” leading 87. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 460; Judy Mincey 86; Berkley Moore 551; Ann Brightwell 31b, 312b; Raymond Hamrick 350, 145t; Angela Benton 358, 85; Dan Huger 474, 99; Laura Akerman 499; Kevin Kelly 314, 66; Sharon Kellam 347, 77b; David Yeager 330b; Karen Redwine 352, 320; Andy Anderson and Judy Mincey 236 (for Bill Hollingsworth); Lee Rogers 475; Earlis McGraw 225t; Mandy Brady 225b, 78; Charlene Wallace 171; Bobby Watkins 76b, 77t; Sylvia McLaurin 268; Nancy Yeager 285t; Bruce King 457; Ann Brady 40, 186; John Plunkett 62b. Following announcements, John Hollingsworth led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS BIRTHDAY SINGING **First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan** **Saturday, March 1, 2003**

The Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Henry Schuman leading 30t. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 171; Danny Creel 182, 383; Pauline Childers 212, 318; Joe Todd 106, 373; Elsie Moon 434, 394; Samuel Sommers 473, 246; Martha Beverly 269, 430; Ted Johnson 419, 536; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Fred Todt 312, 480; Edith

Tate 73t; Bill Beverly 120, 272; Melanie Hauff 68t, 421; Kent Beck 312, 462; Debbie Hall 86, 299.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to leading 290. Leaders: Beth Todd 501, 436; John Bayer 398, 496; Ann Jett 376, 496; Jerry Enright 168, 377; Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers 288, 340; Greg Howard 448, 270; Diane Mennella 71, 107; Mitchell Brothers 159, 141; Charlotte Wolfe 229, 99; Edith Tate 532; Jim Pfau 112, 569b; Henry Schuman 163 (in memory of Hayden Creel, Marie Aldridge, and Lucille Tolbert); Denise Kania 217, 40; Jo Schultz 84, 503. Harrison Creel offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Danny Creel 76; Kay Huener 49b, 556; Samuel Sommers and Henry Schuman led a special four shape harmony of "Happy Birthday" by William Rowan in celebration of Pauline Creel Childers 88th birthday; Harrison Creel 498, 342, 111b; Julie Vea 411; Ann Miczulski 145t, 300; Karen Freund 131b, 442; Lorraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 34t, 146; Regina Bayer 56b, 472; Jerry Creason and Henry Schuman 47b; Susan Probert 547; Jim Pfau 142; Charles Wells 38b, 546.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought to class to order leading 477. Leaders: Marcia Johnson 440; Joe Todd 125; Pauline Childers and her children (Wayne Murfree, James Murfree, and Kathy Crossley) 67; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 101b; Elsie Moon and Flarce Creel 475; Ann Jett 136; Greg Howard 388; Diane Mennella 349; John Bayer and Regina Bayer 124; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Denise Kania 203; Charles Wells 28b; Melanie Hauff 319; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 192; Jo Schultz 198, Ann Miczulski 314; Beth Todd 179; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Edith Tate 389, 98, 88t. Announcements were made. Henry Schuman, Samuel Sommers, Bill Beverly, and Martha Beverly led 347 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons—Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Chapel Hill and Cary, North Carolina

March 1-2, 2003

Saturday, March 1

The fifteenth annual North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The Saturday session was held at the Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Sunday session was held at the Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina.

Chairman Rich Hammer opened the convention by leading 49t. Henry Bizzell offered the morning prayer. Rich Hammer welcomed the class and led 63.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Nancy Newell; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward; Treasurer—Lynda Hambourger; Arranging Committee—Lynda Hambourger and Susan Kelley.

Leaders: Matt Cartmill 201, 352; Peggy Loddengaard 61, 81t; Kat Kincade 421, 163t; Guy Banks 77b, 510; John Feddersen 217, 378b; Charlene Wallace 171, 441; Nancy Newell 155, 163b; Brad Hunnicutt 209, 207; Robert Stoddard 107, 497; Mary McKinney 268, 479; Dan Huger 99, 474.

RECESS

Rich Hammer called the class to order by leading 192. Leaders: Susanne Newton 350, 150; Jamie Dalton 383, 183; Rachel Speer 29t, 318; Lynda Hambourger 351, 327; Matt Cartmill 313b, 528; Peggy Loddengaard 274t, 378t; Kat Kincade 78, 142; Guy Banks 481, 486; John Feddersen 59.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading 49b.

A New Traditions session was held with Matt Cartmill leading “Wedding Hymn” by Jeremiah Ingalls and “Anthem for the Animals” by Matt Cartmill.

Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 236; Brad Hunnicutt 106, 77t; Erin Newton 126, 232; Robert Stoddard 280, 480; Mary McKinney 128, 40; Dan Huger 336, 32t; Suzanne Newton 569b, 532; Jamie Dalton 377, 538; Rachel Speer 100, 146.

RECESS

Rich Hammer reconvened the class by leading 162. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 442, 453; Maria Schumann 410t, 86; Leslie Alperin 504, 39t; Matt Cartmill 547, 276; Peggy Loddengaard 215, 34b; Brad Hunnicutt 156; Robert Stoddard 52b, 114; Kat Kincade 284, 368; Guy Banks 189, 254; John Feddersen 347, 82t; Charlene Wallace 225t, 503; Robert Stoddard 229, 38b; Leslie Alperin 196, 346; Erin Newton 26, 573; Rich Hammer 210.

Announcements were made. Henry Bizzell dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 2

The Sunday session was called to order by Rich Hammer leading song on page 63.

Nancy Newell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Nancy Newell 40; Pat Ward 454; Lynda Hambourger 317; Matt Cartmill 39t, 36b; Leslie Alperin 142, 178; Tom Tucker 332, 510; Cathy Tucker 480, 144; Patricia Temple 168, 203; Mary Wright 61, 180; Gail Doss 400, 288; Rachel Speer 89, 328; Dan Huger 82t, 83b; Guy Banks 391, 193; Charlene Wallace 192, 314.

RECESS

Rich Hammer brought the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: Peggy Loddengaard 68b, 87; Suzanne Newton 299, 472.

Lynda Hambourger conducted the memorial lesson and led song 209 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Christine Conder—Virginia; Jill

McAllister—Illinois; Harold Houser, Gertrude Houser, Louise Streets, Mary Kniseley, Tommy Thompson, and Closs Wardlair.

John Feddersen led 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Bill Arndt, Don Hamilton, Sharon Kellam, Kat Kincade, and Donnie McGraw. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Erin Newton 114, 28t; Dan Huger 569b, 47b. Henry Bizzell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Feddersen leading 412.

Leaders: Leslie Alperin 228, 268; Cathy Tucker 34b, 385b; Tom Tucker 448t, 501; Patricia Temple 474, 183; Gail Doss 446, 196; Mary Wright 405, 421; Guy Banks 28b, 198; John Feddersen 153; Erin Newton 56, 546; Henry Bizzell 452.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading 163b. Leaders: John Feddersen 553; Suzanne Newton 369, 344; Peggy Loddengaard 335, 324; Leslie Alperin 186, 236; Patricia Temple 566; Matt Cartmill 91; Guy Banks 276; Dan Huger 347; Tom Tucker 200; Erin Newton 71; Pat Ward 48b; Suzanne Newton 270. Announcements were made.

Lynda Hambourger gave the Treasurer’s Report and reported that monies collected were enough to meet expenses.

The chairman thanked all who participated in the planning of the singing.

The song on page 62 was sung as a closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Henry Bizzell.

Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Nancy Newell; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward.

**MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON,
AND LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama
March 2, 2003**

The eighty-eighth annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Ronald Gilmore; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 179, 159; Bobby Watkins 76b, 313t; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 34t, 318; Huey Jones 306, 500; Alene Woodley 35, 83t; Earl Ballinger 80b, 331, 358; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 426t; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Julietta Haynes 209, 216; Margaret Keeton 410b, 475; Joshua Keeton 408, 268.

RECESS

Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore called the class to order leading 276, 66, and 108b. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Mary Ellen Jones 392, 495, 454; Gravis Ballinger 78, 300, 49t; Lisa Geist 428, 542, 189; Jayne Fulmer 299, 298, 63; Warren Steel 163t, 163b, 436; Elder Ronald Gilmore welcomed everyone. Earl Ballinger offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading 235 and 343. Leaders: Clarence McCool 45t, 68b, 349; Ozella Blackmon 384 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Larry Ballinger 50b, 34b; Anne Steel 110, 89, 224; Glenn Keeton 354t, 497, 496 (for John Hyde); Willodean Barton 480, 145t, 101t; Henry Guthery 283, 205, 380; Josie Hyde and John Hyde 566, 297; Latrive Bailey and Ottis Sides 517 (WB), 460, 294; Ila Ingle 530, 434, 500; Roland Gilmore 565, 569b; Jimmie Gilmore 61, 445, 316; Josie Hyde 507; Ottis Sides 354b, 146; Bobby Watkins 225t (in memory of his father); Travis Keeton and Ronald Gilmore 382 (in memory of Martha Harper Nix). Joshua Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Ronald Gilmore; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL
Ephesus, Georgia
March 2, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Denney Rogers called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 75; Lonnie Rogers led 101t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Mayor Denney Rogers gave a welcome to everyone and made comments about the city of Ephesus and the school.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairmen—Denney Rogers and B.M. Smith; Secretary—Karleen Williams;

Arranging Committee—Mary L. Smith; Memorial Committee—Sherry Lovvorn.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 448, 284; Pearl Guier 59; Josephine Denney 30t; Betty Wright 515; Bobby Jackson 568; Jimmie Denney 186; Daphene Causey 222; B.J. Harris 503;

Eunice Webb 426b; Myron House 421; Aaron Wootten 282; LaRue Allen 215; Felton Denney 489; Milton Oliver 314; Paige Harrod 112; Karen Clark 569t; Shelbie Sheppard 365; Shane Wootten 99; Teenie Moody 171.

RECESS

G.W. Rogers, Jr. called the class to order leading 45t. Leaders: Joel Jenkins 35; Dennis George 542; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Sherry Lovvorn, Paige Harrod, and Denney Rogers (children of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) 143; Henry Johnson 462; Lela Crowder 53; David Ivey 271; Sarah Jenkins 430; Terry Wootten 374; S.T. Reed 493; John Plunkett 90; Rodney Ivey 271; Bud Oliver 279; Louis Hughes 135; Nate Green and Norma Green 121, 138b; Jeff Sheppard and Lonnie Rogers 318; Don Clark 229; the Rogers grandchildren (Susan Rice, Randa Harris, Laura Robinson, Katie Rice, and Kayla McWhorter) 59; Jeannette DePoy 457; Janice Paulk 478; Phil Summerlin 64; Earlis McGraw 225t; Jack Nelson 294; Tommy McGraw 33b.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the afternoon session to order leading 270. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 39b; Louise Holland 168; Jack Paulk 68; Laura Ackerman 316; Glenda Watkins 124.

Pearl Guier conducted the memorial lesson. B.M. Smith led 354 in memory of Vivian Denney Rogers. Jeff Sheppard led 541 for the following deceased: George Rogers, Sr., Kenneth DeLong, Revy Williamson, Elsie Cook, Lillian Yates, Wilma Harrod, Everette Denney, Cramer Rogers, Mildred McWhorter, Jim Dancer, Nell Temple, Leola Smith, John Henry Busby, David Wilkerson, and Fred Butler. Rodney Ivey led 67 for the sick and shut-ins: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Alice Edwards, Ruth Brown, Donnie McGraw, Eldora Moody, and Lou Cotney. Billy Joe Harris closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Henry Johnson 326; Sarah Jenkins 299; Shane Wootten 300; LaRue Allen 344; John Plunkett 287; David Ivey 472; Karen Clark 276; Dennis George 319; Bud Oliver 274; Louis Hughes 76b; Terry Wootten 345b; Betty Wright 347; S.T. Reed 275t; Phil Summerlin 460; Joel Jenkins 480; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 556; Lela Crowder 42; Milton Oliver 403; Janice Paulk 446; Eunice Webb 475; Teenie Moody 142; Daphene Causey 434; Barry Rollins 358.

Announcements were made, and the congregation was thanked for a collection of \$95.00. B.M. Smith, Denney Rogers, Lonnie Rogers, and Karleen Williams led 62 as the closing song. Felton Denney led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairmen—Denney Rogers and B.M. Smith; Secretary—Karleen Williams.

**SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
New Harmony Community Center, Tyler, Texas
March 8-9, 2003
Saturday, March 8**

The twenty-third session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Jeb Owen at 10:00 a.m. leading 376 and 176t. Chaplain Dallas Smith offered the morning prayer.

Jeb Owen appointed the following committees to serve this session of the convention: Memorial Committee—Gaylon Powell and Myrl Jones; Sick and Shut-ins—Cheryl Foreman; Nominating Committee—John Morris, Lawson Smith, and Robert Vaughn; Arranging Committee—Liz Owen and Sharon Stephenson.

Leaders: Vice President Cheryl Foreman 171, 31t; Secretary Pro-Tem Liz Owen 288, 299; Thomas Smith 192, 235; Terri Schill 358, 282; Robert Vaughn 283, 31b;

Lawson Smith 108b, 142; Myrl Jones 189, 300; John Morris 186, 275b; Mary Bachmann “Way Down By The Riverside”, 563; Phyllis Costner 58, 217.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class back to order leading 392. Leaders: Sue Utz 475, 128; Gaylon Powell 441, 68t; Dale Redman, Jr. 540, 507b; Leon Ballinger 508, 137 (for B.E. Matthews); Myra Palmer 497 (by request); Charlie Vaughn 337, 387; Sharon Stephenson 274t, 572 (for her sister, Tina Walston, in Iowa). Chaplain Dallas Smith introduced his pastor, Rev. Robbie Caldwell, of the New Harmony Baptist Church, and asked him to offer thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

President Jeb Owen brought the class to order leading 319. Leaders: Marian Grant 496t, 424; Monica Hill 500, 501; Marcelene Hardy 172, 112; Raven Hill 45, 388 (in honor of her great grand-parents, Andrew and Nobie Smith); Monnie Ross 49t, 335; David Rousseau 179, 127; Margaret Rounsavall 222, 143; Pauline Willis 192, 546; Thomas Smith 304, 136; Terri Schill 406, 573.

Jeb Owen opened the business meeting with the report from the Nominating Committee for officers for the year 2004. President—Cheryl Foreman; Vice President—Myrl Jones; Secretary—Sharon Stephenson; Treasurer—Melba Sue Utz. A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee’s report. The motion was voted on and accepted.

The question of changing the singing back to a one-day singing was brought to the floor. Marcelene Hardy made a motion that the singing go to a one-day singing, motion was seconded. Jeb Owen asked for discussion. No decision could be reached, and Marcelene Hardy withdrew the motion. A motion was made and seconded to table the question for another year.

RECESS

Vice President Cheryl Foreman opened the afternoon session leading 401. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 40, 187; Lawson Smith 384, 434; Myrl Jones 183, 110; John Morris 543, 553; Mary Bachmann 38t, 225t; Phyllis Costner 395b, 84; Gaylon Powell 447t (by request), 15.

Jeb Owen led 559 and 484 as the closing songs. Chaplain Dallas Smith led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 9

President Jeb Owen called the convention to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 558. Gaylon Powell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: President Jeb Owen 444t; Vice President Cheryl Foreman 52t, 511t; Secretary Pro-Tem Liz Owen 119, 54t; Treasurer Melba Sue Utz 274t, 335; Myrl Jones 332, 129 (her father’s song); Mary Bachmann 505, 78; Lawson Smith 189, 155; Terri Schill 230, 383; Sharon Stephenson 418, 45; Thomas Smith 288, 192; Myra Palmer 100, 101t.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class to order leading 421. Leaders: Marcelene Hardy 299, 298; Gaylon Powell 52b, 286b; Burl Russell 75, 40; Sue Utz 85, 571; Myrl Jones 142, 572; Mary Bachmann 198, 478; Lawson Smith 475, 196.

The memorial lesson was held with Gaylon Powell reading the names of the deceased: B.E. Matthews and Richard Goodrum, then leading 395b for B.E. Matthews, offering comments about how this beloved singer would be missed. Myrl Jones read I Thessalonians 4:13-14, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, then also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.” Myrl Jones then led 82.

Cheryl Foreman led 268 for the following sick and shut-ins: Azalee Barnett, Jayne McKnight, Jo Redmon, A.A. Smith, Jr., Marie Smith, Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, Verna Powell, Harold Lackey, and Ophelia Matthews. Burl Russell closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen brought the class to order leading 138t. Leaders: Terri Schill 339; Thomas Smith 285t; Sharon Stephenson 127; Myra Palmer 573; Marcelene Hardy 358; Gaylon Powell 131t; Burl Russell 164.

Treasurer Melba Sue Utz reported that all expenses had been met.

Jeb Owen expressed how long he had known and sung with the following singers and requested that they join him in the square to lead 491: Lawson Smith, Myra Palmer, and Myrl Jones, all siblings.

Jeb Owen led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand.

Jerry Garner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Jeb Owen; Vice President—Cheryl Foreman; Secretary Pro-Tem—Liz Owen.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 8-9, 2003** **Saturday, March 8**

The eighteenth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Chairmen Mark Bruns and Gary Gronau leading 38t and 480. Jim Hearne offered the opening prayer.

Officers for the convention were: Chairmen—Mark Bruns and Gary Gronau; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne and Penny Kujawinski; Finance Committee—Gary Gronau; Memorial Committee—Dan Brittain, Norma Green, and Charles Derleth.

Leaders: Paul Figura 68b; Barbara Uhlemann 65; Jim Hearne 171; Pattie Doss 76b; Bill Ellason 59; Charlie Derleth 348; Penny Kujawinski 384; Dave Ressler 179; Wendy Hoffman 42; Lou Kujawinski 49b; Presley Barker 16 (MH); Linda Biggs 479; Jeanette Lowry 142; Karen Isbell and Paul Drummond 383; John Uhlemann 202; Jo Dell Albi 203; John Seaton 47t; Jim Page 38 (MH); Janet Fraembs 74b.

RECESS

Mark Bruns called the class to order leading 66. Leaders: Rebecca Browne 36b; Bill Caldwell 178; Grace Scrimgeor 33b; Tim Reynolds 547; Melanie Hauff 52 (MH); Dan Brittain 302; Johanna Fabke 464; William Shetter 29 (MH); Mryka Hall-Beyer 269; Julie Vea 216; Reba Windom 186; Louis Hughes 282.

RECESS

Bill Ellason led 40 to call the class together. Leaders: Susan Green 474; David Rust 23 (MH); Marcia Johnson 434; Joan Aldridge 228; Syd Caldwell and Denise Kober 89; Nate Green and Norma Green 560; Dean Slaton 536; Lois Graney and Jolene Phelps 145b, 87; Jo Dell Albi 180. Jim Hearne offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Uhlemann called the afternoon session together with 362. Leaders: Dave Ressler and Don Sitton 452; Anne Heider 532; Ted Mercer 13 (MH); Berkeley Moore 141; Wendy King 436; Judy Hauff 172; Steve Warner 86; Jim Solheim "Omaha"; John Seaton 38b; Julie Vea 315; Nate Green and Norma Green 138; Wendy Hoffman 201; Janet Fraembs 556; Syd Caldwell 475; Grace Scrimgeor 31t; Jim Page 20 (MH); Susan Green 157.

RECESS

Karen Isbell brought the class to order leading 313t and 481. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 392; David Rust 7 (MH); Marcia Johnson 485; Coy Ivey 456, 137; Dan Brittain 513; Lou Kujawinski 496; Mryka Hall-Bayer 361; Dean Slaton 512; Annie Grieshop 159; Louis Hughes 222; Johanna Fabke 85; Bill Caldwell 34 (MH); Reba Windom 192; Tim Reynolds 5 (MH); William Shetter 44 (MH); Charlie Derleth 148. The class was dismissed with 347 and a prayer led by Jim Hearne.

Sunday, March 9

Mark Bruns opened the second day of the convention at 9:30 a.m. leading 99. Jim Hearne offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Gary Gronau 34b; Ann Leckie 419; Presley Barker 224; Pattie Doss 214; Charlie Derleth 66; Karen Isbell 270; John Uhlemann 212; Shirley Bruns 163b; Linda Biggs 515; Jim Hearne 503; Jo Dell Albi 16 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 328; Barbara Uhlemann 200; Jeanette Lowry 276; Bill Ellason 268; Anne Heider 236; Coy Ivey 384; Berkeley Moore 342; Alice Moran 40.

RECESS

Paul Figura and Shirley Figura led 56t to call the class back together. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 497; Anita Buswell and Syd Caldwell 143; Louis Hughes 112; Steve Warner 475; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Johanna Fabke 163t; Syd Caldwell 528; Jim Page 2 (MH); David Rust 52b; Joan Aldridge 120; Rex Armstrong 332; William Shetter 373.

RECESS

Becky Browne called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Reba Windom 299; Bill Caldwell 217; Jim Solheim 444; Nate Green and Norma Green 157.

Charlie Derleth opened the memorial lesson speaking of near-death experiences and how we don't know the reasons for our individual survival.

Dan Brittain spoke of sacred places in all faiths and that our hollow square is such a place; those who have gone on are with us here, and then led 285 for the deceased. Those remembered were: John Henry Busby, Bobby Lacy, John Lacy, Flora Skinner, and Leola Smith—Alabama; Jim Dancer—Arkansas; Alan Shempe, Michael Strathdee, and David Wilkinson—California; Andrew Martinez—Florida; Cindy Cole, Kenneth DeLong, Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Revy Williamson—Georgia; John Bailey, Art Heffley, and Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Christopher Dugan and Naomi West—Missouri; Philip Page Jr.—New Jersey. Norma Green spoke for the sick and shut-ins and led 490 for them. Those remembered were: Allie Aldridge, Ruth Brown, Bill Green, Beufa Green, and Eldora Moody—Alabama; Beau Caldwell—Arkansas; Nancy Allen, Donnie McGraw, Gladys McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Jerry Rollins, and Myrtle Smith—Georgia; Virginia Evans, Lisa Grayson, and Ted Johnson—Illinois; Laura Van Gorp, and Natalie Veneziano—Missouri; Dolores Katz—New York; Doris Littrell—Tennessee; Kelly Beard—Texas; Val Dunagan, Dick Dunagan, and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. Gary Gronau led 122, followed by Jim Hearne who offered prayer to close the memorial lesson and to ask the blessing on the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Barbara Uhlemann brought the afternoon session to order leading 377. Leaders: Anne Heider 189; Tim Reynolds 313b; Steve Warner 107; Coy Ivey 405; Berkeley Moore 473; Lois Graney 310; Alice Moran 441; Dave Ressler 46 (MH); Dan Brittain 135; Julie Vea 195; Gary Gronau 411; Joan Aldridge 150; Jeanette Lowry 183; Janet Fraembs 335; Reba Windom 196; Pattie Doss 300; Wendy Hoffman 312b; Karen Isbell 11 (MH); Rex Armstrong 178; Jim Solheim 218. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Leaders: Presley Barker 77t; Paul Figura 28t; John Uhlemann 455; Linda Biggs 77b; Jo Dell Albi 74b; Bill Ellason 63; Barbara Uhlemann 442; Charlie Derleth 56b. The closing song was 347, and the closing prayer was led by Jim Hearne. Chairmen—Gary Gronau and Mark Bruns; Secretary—Dave Ressler.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Northampton, Massachusetts
March 8-9, 2003

Saturday, March 8

The fifth annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Northampton Center for the Arts on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March. Eric Morgan called the class to order leading 37b. Alexa Gilmore offered the opening prayer. Chair Allison Schofield welcomed everyone; following introductions, she turned the class over to Eric Morgan for a singing school. Eric reviewed the rudiments; for illustrations, he led the class in singing the songs on pages 146, 171, and 34t. Eric also described his own experiences growing up singing this music with his family, and then as an adult encountering and becoming part of this area's Sacred Harp singing community during his years here. The singing school was concluded, and leaders were called.

Leaders: Chair Allison Schofield 89; Vice Chair Jenna Strizak 81; Secretary Kitty Kagay 138b; Treasurer Briana Bean Hirsch 228; Michael Ryan 102; Inga Knets 59; Kara Morin 178; Andrew Magee 285t; Paula McGray 446; Bill Holt 224; Victoria Bolles 162; John Holbrook 145b; Ginny Landgraf 375; L.H. Spencer 442.

RECESS

Kate Richardson brought the class together leading 371. Leaders: Martha Lang 312b; Rachel Speer 324; Bob Parr 430; Phill Wisor 47b; Jill Accetta 300; Bill Dunn 34b; Joanne Hoover 477; Neely Bruce 250; Peter Amidon 31t; George Seiler 68b; Barbara Swetman 203; Paul Butler 312t; Doron Henkin 564; Roland Hutchinson 553; Catherine Oss 318; Alexa Gilmore 101t; Anne Johnson 198; Paul Gauthier 542; David Wright 216; Bobbie Goodell 474. Dan Hertzler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Minja Lausevic brought the afternoon session to order leading 39t. Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 76b; Henry Johnson 418; Laura Clawson 182; Lela Crowder 440; Jeannette DePoy 328; Tim Eriksen 142; Eric Morgan 274t; Kelsey Wessels 99; Bradford West 384; Dennis George 383; Judy Caudle 193; Kelly House 475; Matt Wells 481; Lynne deBenedette 269; Dan Hertzler 29t; Jean Seiler 315; Ginnie Ely 454; Paul Setford 28b; Liz Meitzler 245; Gina Balestracci 218; Kshama Ananthapura 426; Nick Edwards 168; Sarah Beasley Smith 141; Kiri Miller 112; Lydia Vernon-Jones 535.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik called the class together leading 335. Leaders: Diane Mennella 441; Susan Loucks 566; Lynnette Combs 497; Edith Berger 270; G.C. Waldrep 260; Gerry Hoffman 272; Eliza Goodhue 148; Nathan Morrison 163b; Sheila Kelley 455; Jim Ulrich 273; Mary Jo Shafer 410t; George Pomfret 311; Guy Bankes 510; Sally House 155; Effie Cummings 344; Ronald Bornick 84; Elric Elias 131b; Alice Kast 567; Ellie Soler 504; Gary Smith 569b; Linda Shea 282; Patricia Geritz 479; Scott Luscombe 195; Aaron Girard 377; Laura Timmerman 421.

Allison Schofield led 82t as the closing song, and Jenna Strizak closed Saturday's session with prayer.

Sunday, March 9

Allison Schofield called the class to order leading 448b. The morning prayer was given by Eliza Cavanaugh.

Leaders: Jenna Strizak 33b; Kitty Kagay 539; Briana Bean Hirsch 503; Margaret Bornick 48t; Sherry Wong 183; Lucy Roberts 452; Anne Kazlauskas 532; G.C. Waldrep 370; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Ronald Bornick 454; Oona Coy 501; Bob Mills 271t; Juanita Heyerman 280; Kate Richardson 390; David Highlander 178.

RECESS

Kelsey Wessels brought the class together leading 89. Leaders: Bobbie Goodell 171; Sally House 146; Dan Hertzler 113; Doron Henkin 192; Katherine Collett 217; Glen Wright 474; Patricia Geritz 47t; Martha Lang 480; John Holbrook and Greta Holbrook 162; Rachel Speer 67; Gordon Hellegers 312b; Rowen White 95; Gary Smith 31t; Joanne Bowman 485; Paula McGray 299; Ginny Landgraf 547; Susan Mampre 66; Bill Dunn 37b; Alexa Gilmore 111b.

A memorial lesson was given to remember our loved ones absent from the square. Sheila Kelley reminded us that being unable to get out to sing can feel very isolating, and confirmed from her own experience during a recent extended illness that being sung for is both comforting and healing and then led 68b for the following sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Elsie Beasley—Alabama; Mary Seiler Kneeland—California; Lee Stewart—Colorado; Sue Miller—Connecticut; Win Tyler—England; Eleanor Bazler and Richard DeLong—Georgia; Sally Dahlgren—Illinois; Marie Bartlett, Joey Becker, and Thomas Lanzillo—Massachusetts; Janet Ziroli, Marcia Tucker, Agnes Jeannopoulos, and David Luscombe—New York; Holly Wong—Turkey; Dinah Breunig—Vermont; Karen Willard—Washington.

Linda Shea spoke of the support this community can provide one another in time of loss and led 348b in memory of the following deceased: Elizabeth

Singleton—Alabama; Donald Edwin Meitzler, Amy Morgan, Michael Wowk, and Bob Williams—Connecticut; Frances Beasley Lee—Florida; Kenneth DeLong, Frances McDaniel, Dr. John Slade, and Vivian Rogers—Georgia; Janet Keller, Dolorous Higgins, and Steve Higgins—Illinois; Lillian St. Clair Meitzler, Esther St. Clair Ammann, Phillip Shea, Leonard R. Spencer, Elizabeth Russ, Daniel Shea, Maria Maraggia, Ann Graham, Judy Goddard, and James Gath—Massachusetts; Gina Grazier—Maryland; Chip Bryant, Buddy Bryant, and Randy Bryant—Maine; G. Robert Jacks, Charles Simone, Don Juel, Ralph (Robbie) Robertson, Sally Tottenfrost, and Bill Turnbull—New Jersey; Kert Lundell, Paul Vasko, Andreas Albrecht, and John Bishop—New York; David Carter—Oregon; Tim Geritz, David M. Nagy, and Rev. Allan R. Winn—Pennsylvania; Virginia Grandidge—Rhode Island; and Jack Phillips. Jean Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Colby 236; Paul Gauthier 228; George Seiler 347; Tom Padwa 515. Inga Knets asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eliza Cavanaugh opened the afternoon session leading 350. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 436; Jenna Strizak and Kelsey Wessels 145b; Laura Clawson 362; Matt Wojcik 269; Henry Johnson 341; Mirjana Lausevic' 270; Eric Morgan 567; Carla Wojczuk 61; Bradford West 376; Judy Caudle 540; Tim Eriksen 229; Lela Crowder 215; Laura Timmerman 337; Lisa Palumbo 274t; Dennis George 196; Allison Schofield 542; Nick Edwards 159; Paul Setford 448t; Jean Seiler 200; Matt Wells 49b; Kelly House 186; Jill Accetta 549; Jeannette DePoy 411; Kshama Ananthapura 222.

A brief business meeting was held.

The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

The Secretary reported that the class total for the two days was 257 singers, with 20 states and 2 foreign countries represented. A total of 188 songs were sung during the two days.

The Resolutions Committee thanked the many committees and individuals who helped to make this convention happen, and the business session was closed.

RECESS

Alexa Gilmore called the class together leading 72b. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 313b; Inga Knets 340; Charles Taylor 456; Diane Mennella 477; Elric Elias 495; Joanne Hoover 496; Andrew Magee 399b; Sarah Beasley Smith 288; Joanne Devoe 327; Seth Holloway 388; Sheila Kelley 300; David Wright 391; Liz Meitzler 148; Aaron Girard 114; Ginnie Ely 546; Guy Banks 486; Paul Butler 105; Alice Kast 70b; Kitty Kagay 189; Ellie Soler 277; Anne Johnson 430; Scott Lescum 306; Bob Parr 208; Linda Shea 406; Nathan Morrison 73t; Oona Coy 70t; Kate Richardson 499. The officers closed the convention leading 62 while singers took the parting hand, and then Allison Schofield offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Allison Schofield; Vice Chair—Jenna Strizak; Treasurer—Briana Bean Hirsch; Secretary—Kitty Kagay.

OXFORD CITY HALL Oxford, Mississippi March 9, 2003

The twenty-third annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading 138b and 306. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Mark Tew led 341 and 406.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers:

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Sandie Scott 393, 74b; Gravis Ballinger 112, 36b; John Merritt 66, “Nothing But the Blood”; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 225t, 499; Marilyn Burchett 108b, 551; John Van Horn 67, 442; Edith Tate 532; Lisa Davis, Kurt Davis, and Natalie Davis 45t; Henry McGuire 183, 490; Ken Tate 73b, 283; Chiquita Walls 339, 75.

RECESS

Lisa Geist called the class together leading 182 and 272. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 350, 410t; Karen Ivey 114; Connie Stanton 143; Faye Donaldson 40; John Hyde 314; Velton Chafin 311; Max Berueffy 89, 436; Willodean Barton 480; Sarah Tidwell 72b, 42; Julie Poston 166; Bobby Watkins 73t, 48t, 566; Brenda Merritt 434, 137.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger leading 113 and 91. Leaders: Henry Guthery 354t, 460; Hugh Bill McGuire 440, 196; Ozella Blackmon 192; Elene Stovall 430, 142.

A memorial lesson was held for singers and loved ones departed in the past year, including Frances Lee—Florida; Tressie Adkins and Nell Adams—Alabama; Katie Wilson—Mississippi; and Dr. Richard Enochs—Tennessee.

Sick and shut-ins were also remembered, including Lavaughn Ballinger and Emily Boswell. Becky Briggs and Brenda Merritt led 163b and 274t. End of memorial lesson.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 216; Sherry Guthery 340; Bennie Walls 108t; James Edmond 400; William Edmond 30t; Mark Davis 47b, 220; David Ivey and Hugh Bill McGuire 33b; Andy Davis 269; Josie Hyde 477; Travis Keeton 155; Anne Steel 38b, 318; Ann Ballard 284; Chuck Howell 63; Jack Barbera 268; Harrison Creel 498; Warren Steel and Andy Davis 236.

Following announcements, the officers led the closing song on 285t. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt.

HOBOKEN SCHOOL ALL-DAY SING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia
Saturday, March 15, 2003

The sing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee leading 274t. David Lee and Clarke Lee welcomed everyone and then led the class in singing the scale. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 68b (walked time), and then a morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 535t; Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 558b, 268t; Don Clark 176b; Amy Lee 544; Glenda Cason 516; Leanne Teachey 573; Barbara Swetman 107t; Hans Guttman 84; Terre Schill 292b; Michelle Cull 559; Stanley Smith 567; Dick Levine 77t; Becky Allen-Powell 393t; Greg Howard 507b; Ginnie Ely 39; Gail Doss 137.

RECESS

Clarke Lee brought the class back to order leading 285t. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 574; Louis Hughes, Sr. 138t; Jenny Willard 563; Shane O'Neal 511t; Tom Owen 42; Laura Densmore 98; Mary Elizabeth Lee 300; Billy Kelley 466; Blake Morris 179; Michael Jones 384; Catherine Oss 434; Liz Owen 99; Doug Stapleton 171; Eleanor Haase 575; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Jessica Roberts 186; Bob Meek 540.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Lee leading 76b. Leaders: Jeb Owen 421; Jenny Steuver 393t; Mike Jones 395b; Jeff Bell 411; Edith Owen 442t; Terry Wootten 539; Lee Rogers 54t; Cheryl Foreman 410; Tollie Lee 78; Martha Henderson 503; Reba Dell Windom 505; Bobby Watkins 73t.

David Lee made a few remarks about the need to honor the many generations of families from this area that have kept this precious tradition alive and have passed it down to us. Roxie Chesser Crawford, 94 years old, Lee Herrin, Elvera Dowling Lee, and Bernice Roddenberry joined David Lee, Clarke Lee, and Laurie Sommers in the square and led "Land of Beulah." David Lee mentioned Melvin Hickox, Bessie Carter, and others that are no longer with us but who we still remember and honor. Lee Herrin made a few remarks about the importance of this tradition in her life and encouraged everyone to continue working to maintain this singing heritage through their children and descendants.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the afternoon session to order leading 101t. Leaders: Bob Bonnell 75; Kathy Williams 222; Loretta Jones 47b; Judy Mincey 140; Aaron Wootten 282; Karen Clark 486; Hal Kunkel 41; Curtis Owen 283t; Willis Lee, Diana Harris, and Dinah East "Old Time Religion", 45t; April Dell and Kathy Lee 72; Keith Willard 38t; Trevor East 506; Charles Franklin 508; Gaylon Powell 240; Mary Bachmann 568; Riley Lee 422t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading 358 (for Roy and Patsy Harris). Leaders: Bryant Lee and Amy Lee 484b; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Tor Bejnar, Alice Bejnar, Beverly Dayton, Eric Brough, and Sue Bunch 47t; Stephanie Steuver 348t; Martin Highsmith and Hannah Highsmith 164; Lee Bradley 334; Frank Hataway 58; Laurie Sommers and Tim Prizer 478; the grandchildren of Johnny and Delores Lee 500; Jesse Roberts 192; Cassie Franklin and Clarke Lee 436b; Ted Mercer 299; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 488b; Les Singleton 63; Floyd Bennett 127; Richard

DeLong 497; Jeff Draughn and Francine Draughn 336; Doyle Teachey 571; Jason Deal 239.

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 527 (walked time) as our closing song. Elder Clarke Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—David Lee; Arranging Committee—Don Clark; Secretary—Amy Lee and Mary Lee.

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday Night, March 15, 2003

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March. Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 33b. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Wanda Capps 146; Travis Keeton 131b; Willodean Barton 290, 313; Dennis George 278, 142; Lora Cargo 145, 480; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Max Berueffy 276, 316; Margaret Keeton 212; Henry Guthery 546, 151; Kermit Adams 99, 77t; Elene Stovall 298, 436; Willodean Barton and Elene Stovall 475, 143; Edith Tate 93, 98; Wilton Donaldson 490, 348b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 400; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 349, 275b; Ozella Blackmon 441, 426; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 339, 460; Margaret Gowan 141; Charles Kitchens 166, 90; Larry Ballinger 161; Harrison Creel 512; Mary Gardner and Ozella Blackmon 234; John Merritt 358.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Charles Kitchens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton.

ETOWAH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING
Pine Grove Church, Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville, Alabama
March 16, 2003

The annual singing for the renamed Etowah County Singing, formerly Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing which was held in Glencoe, Alabama and moved to Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in March.

Bud Oliver call the class to order leading 32t. Mark Brown offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 59; Rodney Ivey 82t, 208; S.T. Reed 101t, 108t; Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Jackie Tanner 47t, 89; Milton Oliver 75, 176t; Bobby Watkins 47b; Bobby Watkins and Linda Thomas 33b; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 235; Evelyn Harris 137, 155; Jackson Harcrow 153, 63; Henry Johnson 539, 70b; Mary L. Smith 326, 27; Stuart Ivey 84, 217; Wayne Reed 145t, 108b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order leading 142. Leaders: B.J. Harris 225t, 303; Cindy Tanner 297, 446; LaRue Allen 171, 224; Marty Wootten 99; Kathy James 480; Dennis George 359, 400; Donna Wootten 56t; Janice Paulk 222, 448b; Jeff Sheppard 454, 273; Teenie Moody and Judith Green 384, 117; Betty Wright 501, 503; David Ivey 461, 154; Betty Shepherd 299, 270; Shane Wootten 328, 201.

LUNCH

Coy Ivey brought the class to order leading 37b and 73t.

A business session was held for the purpose of renaming the singing and to elect officers.

After discussion, the class voted to rename the singing to reflect upon those who support the singing, past and present, and the place in which it will be held. The singing will be called the "Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing," and its home will be Pine Grove Church.

The class elected or appointed the following officers: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—S.T. Reed.

Leaders: Scot Oliver 143, 100; Susan Harcrow 518; Nate Green and Norma Green 399b, 331; Jeffrey Wootten 276; Alanna Blanks, Cheryl Beard, and Bryant Beard 478t (WB); Waylon Blakeley 316; Linda Thomas 52t; Chita Blakeley 278b; Karen Ivey 373; Karen Ivey and Alanna Blanks 405; Jack Paulk 73b; Shelbie Sheppard 415, 484; Margaret Thacker 565.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama March 16, 2003

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Travis Keeton leading 48t. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 129.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde and Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 300; John Hyde 566, 297; Josie Hyde 442, 220; Roma Rice 166, 225t; Ivalene Donaldson 138b; Cecil Wakefield 282, 318; Corene White 314, 403; Clarence McCool 111t, 111b; Stella Pratt 452, 147t; Ida Lee Starnes 30t, 31b; Flarce Creel 299, 475; Kermit Adams 426t, 428.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class back to order leading 39b. Leaders: Dawson Adams 68b, 328; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 317; Willodean Barton 460, 274t; Parnell Berry 283, 298; Ozella Blackmon 112; Max Berueffy 209, 411; Carla Morris 145t, 183; Chris Rice 425 (in memory of Milford Watts), 480.

A memorial lesson was held. Roma Rice led 45t for the following deceased: Dovy Jackson, Milford Watts, Tressie Adkins, Nell Adams, and Lucille Tolbert.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back for the afternoon session with 74b in memory of Mae Conwill, and 371 in memory of Maude Adams.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 171, 187; Harrison Creel 89, 530, 498; Gladys Bonds 67, 43; Bernice Phillips 143, 40; Larry Ballinger 133, 139, 167 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Edith Tate 119, 137, 88t; John Merritt 65, 240; Lera Pollock and Chris Rice 75, 128; Ken Tate 448t, 457; Margaret Keeton 338; Margaret Keeton, Kathryn Weaver, Lera Pollock, Mary Godsey, and Roma Rice 146; Sara Berry and Margaret Keeton 79, 59. Travis Keeton led 206 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
March 22-23, 2003

Saturday, March 22

The forty-second session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

The convention was called to order by John Plunkett leading 59. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

John Plunkett led 229 in memory of Kenneth DeLong, Vivian Rogers, Everette Denney, and Revy Williams, deceased from Georgia.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins); Louis Hughes, Sr. 61; Helen Bryson 568; Jeannette DePoy 89; Eric Tweedy 385b; Lee Rogers 228; Lela Crowder 374; Andy Anderson 107; Don Bowen and Andrea Mockridge 99; Philip Denney 120; John Hollingsworth 82t; Laura Clawson 186; Jimmie Denney 313t; LaRue Allen 142.

RECESS

The class was called together by John Plunkett leading 494. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 159; Chris Carnell 348t; Betty Wright 348b; Cindy Tanner 198; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Charles Woods 454; Janice Paulk 518; Danny Creel 269; Karen Rollins 34b.

A motion was made to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Charles Woods; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—John Hollingsworth; Arranging Committee—Jesse Roberts, Andy Morse, and Louis Hughes, Jr.; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Lee Rogers, and David Lee; Resolutions Committee—Helen Bryson and Sandra Wilkinson; Finance Committee—Lela Crowder, Andy Anderson, and Don Bowen; Locating Committee—Philip Denney, Faye Holbrook, and Louis Hughes, Sr.

John Plunkett continued to serve as Chairman due to the illness of Richard DeLong. Leaders: Jerry Enright 300; Sandie Scott 408; Frances Carnell 327; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Kiri Miller 430; Reba Windom 208; David Lee 183; Henry Johnson 414; Earlis McGraw 389; Floy Wilder 227; O.A. Chesney 143; Susan Harcrow 383; Karen Freund 42; David Carlton 565; Martha Beverly 377; Rodney Ivey 440; Jessica Roberts 272; Hermon Wilkinson 215; Judy Caudle 94; Jesse Roberts 242.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by John Plunkett leading 52t. Leaders: Andy Anderson 540; Malinda Snow 73b; Aaron Girard 131t; Karen Ivey 192; Jackson Harcrow 153; Violet Thomason 189; Ted Mercer 332; Susan Posey and Mandy Trenton 58; David Ivey 472; Daryl Chesney and Sharon Jenkins 528; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Felton Denney 155; Faye Holbrook 236; Junie Wooten 503; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Ricky Harcrow 182; Hans Guttmann 37b; Cathy White 84; John Redman and Susan Redman 358.

RECESS

Charles Woods called the class to order leading 203. Leaders: Phillip Langley 110; Gaston White 66; Bobby Watkins 81t; Judy Mincey 475; Bill Beverly 547; Anita Landess 297; Andrew Snyder 442; Nancy Yeager 479; Kathy Williams 510; John Whittemore 40; Phil Summerlin 350; Louise Holland 35; David Yeager 425; Lonnie Rogers 340; Violet Thomason 343, 434; Laura Akerman 543.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett and Charles Woods led 46 as the closing song. The singing was closed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Sunday, March 23

The convention was called to order by Charles Woods leading 27. Chaplain John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 207; Charlene Wallace 276; John Hollingsworth 196; Faye Holbrook 67; Andy Morse 542; Bill Beverly 474; Laura Clawson 274t; Bobby Watkins 34t; Kathy Williams 186; Bud Oliver 170; Anita Landess 480; Philip Denney 73t; Carlene Griffin 448b; Hans Guttman 566; Janice Paulk 362; Jerry Enright 77t; Cathy White 270; Aaron Girard 70b; Helen Bryson 411.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class together leading 77b. Leaders: Scott DePoy 201; David Lee 39t; Rodney Ivey 426b; Martha Beverly 71; Earlis McGraw 284; Kiri Miller 383; Don Bowen 513 (for Richard DeLong); Allison Ivey 56t; Jeannette DePoy 47t; Reba Windom 216; Henry Johnson 288; Gaston White 178; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Lela Crowder 546; Louis Hughes, Sr. 569t.

RECESS

Charles Woods called the class together leading 197. Leaders: Danny Creel 222; Karen Freund 428; Judy Caudle 163.

The memorial lesson was held. David Lee spoke about those who are sick, read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led 100. Those remembered: Kelly Beard—Texas; Dot Garber—Connecticut; Barbara Johnson, Jan Lewandowski, Gladys McGraw, Gertrude DeLong, and Richard DeLong—Georgia; Lavaughn Ballinger, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Ruth Wills, Betty Shepherd, and Ruth Brown—Alabama.

Jeannette DePoy spoke about those who have passed on. She read the list of the deceased and led 390 in their memory. Those remembered: Kenneth DeLong, Revy Williamson, Vivian Rogers, Everette Denney, Cindy Cole, Virginia Redman, Wilford Denney, George Rogers, Frances McDaniel, Julie Burns, Rockell Austin, Sara Woolf, and Thomas Hauk—Georgia; Jim Dancer—Arkansas; Flora Skinner, John Lacy, Bobby Lacy, and Henry C. Sherer—Alabama. John Hollingsworth closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: David Ivey 500; John Redman 397; Ted Mercer 123t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Charles Woods leading 283. Leaders: Louise Holland 273; Phillip Langley 215; Vaudie Sherer 143; Karen Ivey 441; Milton Oliver 314; Martha Ann Stegar 63; Andy Anderson 28t; Jennifer Kerns 236; Tim Cook, Mako Cook, Ayako Furukawa, Doug Cook, and Chieko Cook 350, 45t; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Judy Mincey 538; Rueben Ball 544; David Yeager 154; Violet Thomason 318, 189.

RECESS

The class was called together by John Plunkett leading 146. Leaders: Judy Green 147t; Mike Castleberry 490; Beverly Oneida 142; Lucrissa H. Frankin and Faye Holbrook 153, 380; Jeannette DePoy, Scott DePoy, and Lynn Allen 282; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 192; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 56b; Kiri Miller and Aaron Girard 436; Laura Clawson 76b; Hans Guttman 48b; Ted Mercer 345b. A motion was made to go into the business session. Reports from various committees were made.

The Finance Report was given.

The Resolutions Report:

In these unsettled and uncertain times, what a pleasure it is to be able to come together in the spring to share the joy of singing and friendship. For it is in the music that we remember those who have departed this earth and those who are unable to be with us due to life's infirmities. Therefore, be it resolved:

- That this Convention will encourage each to do their part in the promotion and support of this music that we all love so much;
- Give thanks to all those who have worked so diligently in order that these proceedings ran smoothly;
- Thank those who provided the opportunity to come together to make new friends and renew old friendships;
- Recognize that it is through God's grace that we are allowed to come together as one to sing His praises;
- Extend thanks to John Gray of Mrs. Winters Chicken for donating the chicken for lunch;
- Offer a gracious thanks to Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and host families who cared for us and provided for our every meal.

Submitted by: Helen Bryson and Sandra Wilkinson.

The Locating Committee reported that the 2004 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention would be held near Carrollton, Georgia at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church.

The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett and Charles Woods led 62 as the closing song. Chaplain John Hollingsworth led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Richard DeLong and John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Charles Woods; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING

United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana

Saturday, March 29, 2003

The eighth annual session of the Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Co-Chairman David Rust leading song on page 34b. Don Baker led the class in morning prayer.

A business session was held, after which the following slate of officers were elected or appointed: Co-Chairs—Peggy Brayfield and David Rust; Arranging Committee—Marlen Rust; Secretary/Registration—William Shetter; Treasurer—Eloise Clark; Memorial Committee—Janet Fraembs and Marlen Rust. Leaders: David Rust 81t, 71; Peggy Brayfield 59, 150; Don Bardsley 99, 178; Lori Graber 171, 480; John Bealle 189, 549; William Shetter 157, 540; Don Baker 312b, 129; Mike Veech 280, 479; Molly Evans 454, 547.

RECESS

Marlen Rust brought the class to order leading 40 and "Singing School" (ScH). Leaders: Claire Outten 31t, 481; Janet Fraembs 385t, 218; Eloise Clark 44, 569t; Anne Sieck 117; Don Bardsley 268; Peggy Brayfield 284, 556; David Rust 182, 183; Eloise Clark 197, 209; Lori Graber 485, 195. Don Bardsley offered prayer to close the morning session.

LUNCH

Peggy Brayfield brought the afternoon session to order leading 128. Leaders: Don Bardsley 203, 38t; Don Baker 74b, 229; Terry Hogg 340, 112; John Bealle 186, 436; William Shetter "Brandt" (by John Bayer), 169; Molly Evans 515, 107; Mike Veech 200, 217; Janet Fraembs 240, 532; Claire Outten 271t, 384.

RECESS

Anne Sieck brought the class together leading 419.

Marlen Rust conducted the memorial lesson. The deceased remembered were: Pat Caffrey and John Bailey—Illinois; Lester Schedlbauer and Daisy Garton—Indiana;

Michael Strathdee and Jean Armstrong—California; Fred Rogers—Pennsylvania; and all victims of the war in Iraq. Don Baker led 448b, especially meaningful to John Bailey.

Janet Fraembs read the list of sick and shut-ins and led 437 in their honor: Virginia Evans, June Porter and Dennis Miller—Illinois. The memorial session was closed with prayer led by Don Bardsley.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 354b, 504; Marlen Rust “Singing School” (ScH), 66; David Rust 399t, 371; Eloise Clark 390, 565.

RECESS

Lori Graber called the class to order leading 383. Leaders: Lori Graber 332; Ariel Weinberg 474, 278t; Don Bardsley 569b, 145t; Terry Hogg 73b, 315; Don Baker 267, 49; William Shetter 225, 91t; Molly Evans 86, 168.

Peggy Brayfield led 347 as the closing song. Don Bardsley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Peggy Brayfield and David Rust; Secretary—William Shetter.

VERMONT STATE SINGING **All Saints Episcopal Church, South Burlington, Vermont** **Saturday, March 29, 2003**

The singing was called to order by Pete Sutherland leading 276. Don Peabody offered the opening prayer. Chairman Susan Miller-Coulter welcomed the singers.

Leaders: Bruce Kokerno 84; Ann Johnston 274t; Wendy Gilchrist 569b; Dan Hertzler 270; Margaret Bornick 228; Ron Bornick 454; Rick Johnston 145t; L.H. Spencer 442; Laura Timmerman 299; Edith Berger 448b; Chris Noren 236; Scott Luscombe 315; Jean Seiler 209; George Seiler 480; Jareka Dellenbaugh-Dempsey 455.

RECESS

Co-Chairman Ian Smiley called the class to order with 191. Leaders: Eric Fellingner 107; Walt Colteryahn 452; Robert Stoddard 171; Bill Holt 352; Patricia Geritz 501; Guy Bankes 510; Brenden Taaft 40; Jackie Hall 217; Allison Schofield 42; Effie Cummings 344; Chuck Neville 163b; Matt Wojcik 532; Jenna Strizak 145b; Kelsey Wessels 99; Liz Thompson 86; Bob Parr 542; Linda Shea 495; Kitty Kagey 458.

Don Peabody conducted the memorial lesson. Those remembered were: Dorothy Krumsieg—Illinois; David Clark Jones—Kansas; Leonard R. Spencer, Daniel Shea, and James Gath—Massachusetts; Ella Belle Smith—Missouri; Paul Vasko, Jr.—New York; Ellie Segal—Ontario, Canada; Fred Rogers—Pennsylvania; Larry Ahreus, Margaret Eastman, Dinah Breunig, Monica Stachnik, Jaime Vail Hella, Decla Lyons, and Sara Marie Kingsley—Vermont; Lolly Simpkins—Washington, D.C.; Sacha Block and Mary Rowe. Dan Hertzler led “Mount Hope” (by D. Hertzler) for the deceased.

Pete Sutherland led “Florona” (by P. Sutherland) for the following sick and shut ins: Mary Seiler Kneeland—California; Marie Bartlett—Massachusetts; Gil Barker, David Luscombe, and Bonnie Whittington—New York; Annie Molnar—Ontario; Catherine Templeton—Texas; Grace Kelley and Priscilla Baker—Vermont; Mary Bliss, Martin Lord Andrews, Will Hurd, and Asa Hurd.

LUNCH

Jean Seiler called the class to order with 87. Leaders: Mary Neville 547; Linda Shea 300; Bob Parr 318; Ann Johnston 319; Joel Holland 155; Brendan Taaft 178; Edith Berger 327; Kelsey Wessels 89; Chris Noren 189; Eric Fellingner 284; Liz Thompson 212; Scott Luscombe 481; Kitty Kagey 192; Matt Wojcik 365; Jenna Strizak 37b; Patricia Geritz 34b; Jeff Fellingner 47t; George Seiler 168; Wendy Gilchrist 56b; Robert Stoddard 52b.

RECESS

Ian Smiley brought the class to order with 95.

Announcements were made. Next year's Vermont Singing will be on March 27, 2004 in southern Vermont.

Leaders: Bill Holt 376; Margaret Bornick and many new singers 268; Jackie Hull 528; Rick Johnston 82; Amity Baker "Cannon Falls" (by C. York); Guy Bankes 566; L.H. Spencer 216; Pete Sutherland 410. Co-Chairman Susan Miller-Coulter thanked all who helped to make the singing happen, and led 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Chaplain Don Peabody gave the closing prayer. Co-Chairs—Susan Miller-Coulter and Ian Smiley; Treasurers—Jeff Fellingner and Eric Fellingner; Secretaries—Elizabeth Templeton and Laura Timmerman.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas March 29-30, 2003

Saturday, March 29

The spring session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in March. Chairman Reed Coates called the class to order at 9:15 a.m. leading 82. Elder Clark Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Reed Coates 99; Vice Chairman Morris Nelms 324; Secretary Pat Blundell 164; Mike Hinton 146; Barbara Moore 571; Billy Huckaby 543b; Terre Schill 218; Dale Redmon 540; Sarah Huckaby 196; John Morris 163t; Edith Owen 410; Matt Wells 216; Jeanne Schaffer 65; Leon Ballinger 239; Cheryl Foreman 140; Paul Wyatt 314; Diane Ross 27; Riley Lee 511; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Al Rogers 63; Mary Elizabeth Lee 300; Monnie Ross 422; Beverly Coates 532; Louis Hughes 528b; Reba Windom 573; Tom Owen 541.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell brought the class to order leading 524. Leaders: Doris Hanks 450; Zach Rogan 36b; Katie Moseley 222; Dick Steil 268t; Carla Smith 165; Troxel Ballou 508; Anne Milner 276; Frank Price 127; Cissy Moseley 299; John Schaffer 332; Ramona Lee and Julie Lee 84; Owen Ross 179; Olivia Powell 235; Larry Matlock 335; Barbara Newell 277; Scott Curran 98; Catherine Rogan 313; Myrl Jones 189; James Moseley 484b; Ryan Ross 383; Liz Owen 119; Mike Moseley 306; Clark Lee 287; Amanda Owen 68t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Morris Nelms; Vice Chair—Amanda Owen; Secretary—Pat Baker Blundell.

Tollie Lee offered the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Vice Chair Amanda Owen leading 47b. Leaders: Don Ross 416; Robert Vaughn 67; Gary Rogan 54; Amanda Blevins 168; David Moseley 186; Kevin Powell 438; Mary Bachmann "Prince of Peace" (her own composition); Bruce Coates 336t; Lawson Smith 108b; Jeb Owen 74b; Myra Palmer 522; Jeff Sheppard 497; Jerry Schreiber 393; Larry Ballinger 572; Marilyn Burkland 343; Johnny Lee 515; Sue Fairbanks 323; Morris Nelms 436b; George Jones 558; Emmie Morris 215; Tollie Lee 544; Henry Schuman 171; Earl Ballinger 478; Martha Aiken 148; Owen Ross 434; Dick Steil 72; Syble Adams 367; Scott Curran 384; Matt Wells 29b; Jeanne Schaffer 143; Clark Lee 563; Diane Ross 40; Shelbie Sheppard 28b. Leon Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 30

Chairman Morris Nelms called the Sunday session together leading 59 and 395. Tollie Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chair Amanda Owen 47t; Secretary Pat Blundell 40; Al Rogers 575; Mike Moseley 200; Anne Milner 424; Mike Hinton 365; Mary Elizabeth Lee 171; Don Ross 211; Emmie Morris 183; Paul Wyatt 505; Jeanne Schaffer 132; Larry Ballinger 559; Myra Palmer 414; Tollie Lee and Henry Schuman 319; Linda Thomas 382.

RECESS

Morris Nelms brought the class to order leading 136. Leaders: Reed Coates 225; Jerry Schreiber 280; Ramona Lee 518; John Schaffer 38b; Myrl Jones 142; Lawson Smith 170; Syble Adams 138; Johnny Lee 41; Carla Smith 39; Jeff Sheppard 507b; Reba Windom 186; Beryl Russell 491; Catherine Rogan 137; Clarke Lee 430; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Curtis Owen 198; Vivian Rogan 282.

Johnny Lee conducted the memorial lesson, and gave a moving introduction as to why we remember those gone on.

Paul Wyatt read the list of the sick and shut-ins and led 68b. Those remembered were: James (Lavaughn) Ballinger, Deborah Johnson, Jo Redmon, Ophelia Matthews, Verna Powell, Frances Daniels, Ruth Brown, Kelly Beard, and Ernestine Pipkin.

Sarah Huckaby read the list of deceased and led 509. Those remembered were: B.E. Matthews, Richard Goodrum, Leola Smith, and James C. Smith. Curtis Owen closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: John Baker 159; Barbara Moore 268t; Riley Lee 422t; Diane Ross 145b. Elder Sonny Huckaby offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chair Amanda Owen called the class back together with 345t. Leaders: John Morris 381t; Katie Moseley 68t; Mark Rowell 522; Marilyn Burkland 553b; Kevin Powell 240; Sue Fairbanks 163t; Charles Whitmer 410; Cheryl Foreman 53; Matt Wells 49b; Beverly Coates 155; Louis Hughes 270; Syble Adams "Song of Praise" (her own composition); Earl Ballinger 176t; Liz Owen 567; Henry Schuman 38t; Zach Rogan 217; Jeb Owen 285t; Julie Lee 82; Tollie Lee 568; Gary Rogan 411; Mary Bachmann 408; Bruce Coates, Gaylon Powell, and Kathryn Eastburn 203; Robert Vaughn 437.

Chairman Morris Nelms led 49t as the closing song. Elder Mark Rowell offered the closing prayer, and the 103rd Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was dismissed.

Chairman—Morris Nelms; Vice Chairman—Amanda Owen; Secretary—Pat Blundell.

LIBERTY CHURCH Henagar, Alabama March 30, 2003

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t and 205. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 119; Secretary Norma Green 147b. Stuart Ivey and Sarah Jenkins were appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 135; Loyd Ivey 111b; Coy Ivey 137; Tony Ivey 74b; Richard Ivey 208; Stuart Ivey 189; Randall Smith 36b; Henry Johnson 111t; Jeannette DePoy 49b; John Plunkett 492; Milton Oliver 403; Betty Wright 32t; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 87; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 400; Mark Brown 448t; Lela

Crowder 300; Dewayne Wootten 345t; Jackson Harcrow 153; Bobby Watkins 81t; Nate Green and Norma Green 136.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading 332. Leaders: Sarah Jenkins 67 (for Jap Walton and Joyce Walton); Karen Travis and J.T. Shavers 117; Laura Clawson 542; Sandie Scott 176t; Eschol Hughes 59; Scott Ivey 424; Linda Sides 285t; Lonnie Rogers and Denney Rogers 318; Floy Wilder 293; Earlis McGraw 225t; Andy Anderson 570; LaRue Allen 91; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 499; Eloise Wootten 234; John Hollingsworth 182; Sandra Wilkinson 274t; Marty Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 282.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class together leading 155. Leaders: Allison Ivey 171; Chris Rice 84; Larry Hogan 349; Alexandra Makris 207; Barrett Patton and Betty Shepherd 101t; B.M. Smith 273; Mel Kersey 515; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Bill Hogan 430; Jack Paulk 452; Eddie Brown 312b; David Light 192; Joel Jenkins 480; Aaron Wootten 270. Pastor Tony Ivey asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session together leading 496. Leaders: Terry Wootten 42; Linton Ballinger 142; Cindy Tanner 436; S.T. Reed 289; Dennis George 506; Susan Harcrow 297; Scott DePoy 277; Joan Aldridge 473; Elene Stovall 99 (for Don Bowen); Donna Wootten 56t; Jackie Tanner 172; Janice Paulk 386; Karen Ivey and Coy Ivey 384; Wayne Wootten 276; Cassie Franklin 440; Bud Oliver 76b (for Lamar Smith); Sylvia Ivey and Scott Ivey 490; Jamie Dalton 126; Teresa Bethune and Loyd Ivey 501 (CB) (in memory of Ester Ivey); Margie Smith 494; Jerry Gleason and Rodney Ivey 47b; Darlene Dalton 454; Lorrie Wootten and Wayne Wootten 486t (WB); Kathy James 477; Lomax Ballinger 168; Mattie Townsel and Elene Stovall 186; Sandy Ivey 201; Brenda Carroll 299; Robert Harper 48t; Myra Dalton and Jamie Dalton 236 (by request).

Following announcements, David Ivey led 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Dewayne Wootten.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **March 30, 2003**

The class was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading 50b and 35. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; John Hyde 37t, 39t; Winell Sanders 108t; Kermit Adams 43, 78; Gary Smith 523, 503; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 283; Travis Keeton 343, 499; Pam Green 354b, 59; Clarence McCool 535, 349; Amber Springfield 391, 192; Margaret Keeton 426t, 171; Henry Guthery 439, 463; Sarah Smith 406, 61.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 130. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 336, 460; Ozella Blackmon 436, 280; Chris Green 475, 438; Edith Tate 212, 532; John Merritt 240; John Merritt and Marlin Beasley 133; Ann Jett 136, 141; Glenn Keeton 36t, 129; Brenda Merritt 426b, 137, 380; Harrison Creel 89, 111b, 498; Jewel Wootten 146, 340. Chris Green offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 437. Leaders: Willodean Barton 480, 446; Steve Rutledge and John Merritt 290, 294; Julianna Jett 88t, 108b; Eugene Forbes 145t, 546; Charles Kitchens 326, 333; Josie Hyde 507; Yancey Jett 42, 44; Blair Wouters 64, 168; Adam Kinsual 45t, 89; Brent Price 40, 317; Derrick Kitchens 405, 127; Emily Kitchens 143, 124; Lee Wouters 84, 82t; Ida Lee Starnes 31b.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

April 4-6, 2003

Friday, April 4

The Potomac River Convention began with a New Traditions Singing, and was held at Pohick Church, in Lorton, Virginia on Friday night before the first Sunday in April. Tom Tucker called the session to order at 7:30 p.m. leading “Millbrook” (by Neely Bruce). The leaders below were also the song composers unless noted otherwise.

Leaders: Blake Morris “Shanksville”; Mary Ann Daly “Bethesda”; Nick Schliapin “Nantahala”; Hal Kunkel “Conversation”; Cathy Tucker “The Angels’ Song” (Lowry); Guy Bankes “Moriah” (Billings); Dick Levine 55 (EH).

RECESS

Blake Morris resumed the singing with 148. Leaders: Tom Tucker “Conflict” (Lewis); Blake Morris “Zion’s Joy”; Nick Schliapin “Life”; Peter Pate 64 (EH); Guy Bankes 75 (EH); Kat Kinkade, “Sabbath Day” (D. Henkin); Blake Morris 88 (EH); Mimi Stevens 1 (EH); Rosemary Greenaway 110 (EH); Mary Ann Daly “Deuteronomy”; George Seiler 58 (EH).

Cathy Tucker and Tommy Freeman closed the evening session with 106 (EH).

Saturday, April 5

Blake Morris opened the fourteenth annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention, at Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, Virginia leading 32t. Craig Baughan offered the opening prayer. Chair Mary Ann Daly welcomed the guests and led 59; Tom Tucker 129; Diane Mennella 77b; Ginny Landgraf 81t; and Craig Baughan 144.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Peter Pate; Vice Chair—Rosemary Greenaway; Secretary—Tom Tucker; Treasurer—Frank Evans; Chaplain—Jean Seiler; Memorial Committee—George Seiler; Arranging—Rosemary Greenaway; Resolutions—Guy Bankes. Leaders: Peter Pate 479; Rosemary Greenaway 68b; Don Polaski 300; Nick Schliapin 43; Laura Densmore 76b; Sue Hanson 209; Sandra Hack Polaski 168; Jason Law 66; Frank Evans 200; Joni Seidenstein and Aelliana 278b; Elise Meyer-Bothling 120; Kat Kinkade 191; Hal Kunkel 318; Martha Beverly 269; Joan Aldridge 189; Steven Sabol 428.

RECESS

Peter Pate called back the class to order by leading 37b. Leaders: Gail Doss 34t; Tim Brown 551; Mary Ellen Schrock 178; Bill Beverly 547; John Holbrook 145b; John Hewes 38t; Juanita Heyerman 114; Lee Schumacher 40; Briana Hirsh 195; Guy Bankes 486; Cathy Tucker 236; Hannah Polaski 299; Matt Wojcik 532; Dick Levine 155; Adrian Mariano 183; Greg Saue 31t; Rosemary Greenaway 72b; George Seiler

480; Mary Wright 121; Carly Goss 148; Pat Temple 384; Mary DeNys 285t; Walter Hartley 146; Jean Seiler 217; Marty DeNys 454; Will Reilly 569b; Blake Morris 297. Chaplain Jean Seiler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Peter Pate opened the afternoon session with 49t. Leaders: Doron Henkin 74b; John delRe 370; Fred Beardsley 513; Liz Cusick 163b; Kelly Macklin 399b; John Daniel delRe 86; Diane Mennella 448t; Ginny Landgraf 447; Craig Baughan 347; Don Polaski 362; Kathy Manning 365; Laura Densmore 542; Hannah Polaski 159; Sue Hanson 280; Joan Robertson 344; Jason Law 268; Frank Evans 223.

RECESS

Peter Pate resumed the singing by leading 47t. Leaders: Joni Seidenstein 481; Sandra Hack Polaski 84; Jay Parotta 82t; Rosemary Greenaway 496; Elise Meyer-Bothling 91; Kat Kinkade 383; Mary Ann Daly 373; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 254; Joan Aldridge 228; Steven Sabol 567; Jon Singer 504; Tim Brown 198; Mary Ellen Schrock 143; Hal Kunkel 380; John Holbrook 448b; John Hewes 334; Juanita Heyerman 441; Lee Schumacher 117; Guy Bankes 442; Matt Wojcik 171.

Announcements were made. Chairman Peter Pate led 110 as the closing song. Jean Seiler closed the day's singing with a prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 6

Chairman Peter Pate opened the Sunday singing with 52t and welcomed the singers to The Grange in Great Falls, Virginia. Jean Seiler gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Peter Pate 137; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Tom Tucker 42; Adrian Mariano 419; Donna Abraham 29t; Pat Temple 34b; George Seiler 159; Doron Henkin 189; Jean Seiler 273; Walter Hartley 106; Kacy Pate 312b; Greg Saue 99; Mary Wright 421; Laura Densmore 302; Hal Kunkel 433; Guy Bankes 556; Steven Sabol 85; Diane Mennella 35; John delRe 71; Dick Levine 102; Ginny Landgraf 538; Peter Pate 40.

RECESS

Cathy Tucker called the class back to order by leading 48t. Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 430; Will Reilly 38b; Joan Aldridge 270; Juanita Heyerman 56b; Kelly Macklin 173; Mary Ellen Schrock 178; John Daniel delRe 481; Kat Kinkade 411; Matt Wojcik 456; Sue Hanson 372; Carly Goss 47b; Joni Seidenstein 144; Joan Robertson 66; John Hewes 410; Frank Evans 163b; Mary DeNys 378b.

George Seiler opened the memorial lesson with remarks on the honor and pain of singing for members of our family that are taken from us. He emphasized the power of Sacred Harp in dealing with losses in life with the quote, "Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional," then read the names of the deceased and led 122 in their memory: Frances M. Duncan—Maryland; Marie Law—New York; Frances Lee—Florida; David Nagy and Allan R. Winn—Pennsylvania; G. Robert Jacks, Donald Juel, Charles Simone, and Ralph "Robbie" Robertson—New Jersey; Leroy Campbell—Washington, D.C.; Jeannette Hardin—Virginia; Loretta Ernst and Lorraine Davie—Illinois; John Reed—North Carolina.

Hal Kunkel took a "lesson" of the memorial lesson: that we should reach out to those who cannot be with us due to illness, read the list of sick and shut-ins, and led 287 in their honor. Jean Seiler closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Chairman Peter Pate led 76b, and the class was dismissed for lunch with a blessing offered by Chaplain Jean Seiler.

LUNCH

Susan Munch opened the afternoon session by leading 39t. Leaders: Janine Smith 345t; Kathy Manning 384; Marty DeNys 497; Doron Henkin 333; John Holbrook 162; Jean Seiler 299; Dick Levine 49b; Matt Wojcik 186; Laura Densmore 201; Diane Mennella 564; John delRe 408; Ginny Landgraf 37b; Guy Bankes 510;

George Seiler 183; Pat Temple 373; Joan Aldridge 475; Kelly Macklin 220; Hal Kunkel 415; Sue Hanson 142; Greg Saue 523.

RECESS

Peter Pate called the class back with 49t. Leaders: Kat Kinkade 368; Walter Hartley 452; Mary Wright 180; Mary Ellen Schrock 63; Will Reilly 499; Carly Goss 203; Tom Tucker 369; Adrian Mariano 128; Mary Ann Daly 112; Steven Sabol 245; Mary Ann DeNys 313b; Kathy Manning 209; Marty DeNys 232; Janine Smith 350; John Holbrook 282; Joni Seidenstein 191; John Hewes 188; Joan Robertson 31t; Jean Seiler 31b; Matt Wojcik 445; John delRe 300; Laura Densmore 528.

Chairman Peter Pate called for committee reports and final announcements.

Guy Bankes, the Resolutions Chair, thanked all the volunteers who made the convention possible and all the participants who made it memorable.

The Secretary reported that there were 66 song leaders who led 178 songs plus 21 songs led on Friday evening.

Chairman Peter Pate led 217 and 62 as the closing songs. Jean Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Peter Pate; Vice Chair—Rosemary Greenaway; Secretary—Tom Tucker.

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas

Saturday, April 5, 2003

The Brazos River Singing was held at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. This will be the last time this singing will be held at the State Park. The singing will be held next year at the Brenham Community Center, Brenham, Texas.

Tom Owen called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 208. Jeb Owen offered the opening prayer. A short business meeting was held, and officers for the singing were elected: Chairman—Tom Owen; Vice Chairman—Kevin Powell; Secretary—Mary Ann Owen.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 331b, 553b; Edith Owen 293b, 367; Mary Bachmann 509, 507b; Gaylon Powell 484b, 268t; Doris Hanks 511t, 422; Jeb Owen 424, 319; Terre Schill 54, 274; Cheryl Foreman 497, 336; Chris Adams 277, 59.

RECESS

Tom Owen called the class back with 123t and 176t. Leaders: Kevin Powell 578, 47b; Mary Ann Owen 49b, 145b; Edith Owen 547, 505; Mary Bachmann 400, 31t; Gaylon Powell 36b, 53; Doris Hanks 63, 39; Jeb Owen 68b, 444t; Terre Schill 329, 386.

LUNCH

Tom Owen called the class back after a nice picnic lunch in the park with 360.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 108b, 183; Chris Adams 470, 450; Charles Whitmer 451b, 393; Kevin Powell 285t, 200; Edith Owen 511b, 558b; Gaylon Powell 552, 224; Doris Hanks 355, 112; Jeb Owen 559, 138t; Terre Schill 138b, 448; Cheryl Foreman 140, 133; Chris Adams 384, 449; Charles Whitmer 500, 488b; Troxel Ballou 299, 65; Tom Owen 393b; Kevin Powell 416t; Edith Owen 410; Gaylon Powell 240; Doris Hanks 442; Jeb Owen 155; Terre Schill 414; Cheryl Foreman 478; Chris Adams 572; Charles Whitmer 460; Troxel Ballou 61.

Tom Owen led 527 as the closing song. Troxel Ballou offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom Owen; Vice Chairman—Kevin Powell; Secretary—Mary Ann Owen.

FASOLA ALL DAY SINGING
St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Saturday, April 5, 2003

The fifth session of the FaSoLa All Day Singing was held at St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Chairperson Jon Pearson called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 40. Sue Pearson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charles Scudder 46; Denise Kania 209, 128; Aura Lee Furgason 142, 143; Wendy Popp 82, 148; Kit Pfau 29t, 497; Richard Popp 59, 145b; Annie Grieshop 146, 72b; Susan Green 64, 350; Martha Henderson 288, 229.

RECESS

Jennie Wallace-Grate brought the class to order leading 31t and 228. Leaders: Mryka Hall-Boyer 86, 133; Penny Kujawinski 480, 83t; Larry Hall 87, 475; Lou Kujawinski 42, 510; Judi Duerr 268, 198; Jim Solheim "Omaha, P.M." (original composition), 218; Jack Bourdess 107; Arlie Prokop 335, 297; Alice Love 65, 535. Sandra Squires said the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Jon Pearson brought the afternoon session to order leading 66 and 474. Leaders: Wendy Popp 114, 102; Jennie Wallace-Grate 515, 452; Mryka Hall-Boyer 479, 236; Judi Duerr 504, 147t; Lou Kujawinski 503, 477; Kathy Wood 276, 373.

Kit Pfau conducted the memorial lesson and led 574 for the deceased. Susan Green read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 347 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed.

RECESS

Alice Love called the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Arlie Prokop 324, 312b; Denise Kania 99, 49b; Richard Popp "Discipline" (original composition); Aura Lee Furgason 159, 231; Penny Kujawinski 430, 440; Kit Pfau 129, 203; Annie Grieshop 47t, 84; Martha Henderson 326, 49t.

RECESS

Jon Pearson and Sue Pearson called the final session to order leading 344. Leaders: Kathy Wood and Allison Wallace-Grate 532, 523; Susan Green 35; Charles Scudder 28b, 358; Jim Solheim 270; Jon Pearson 368.

Announcements were made. Sandra Squires led 347 as the closing song and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Jon Pearson; Arrangements—Alice Love; Treasurer—Sandra Squires; Secretary—Cindy Miserez.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
April 6, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Eunice Webb leading 59. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 75; B.M. Smith 81t, 146 (for Nancy Allen); Pearl Guier 32t, 40.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chair—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 101t, 155; Pearl Guier 127, 448b; Jimmie Denney 313t, 276; Charlene Wallace 49t, 139; Earlis McGraw 132, 114; Lou Cotney 384, 172; Oscar McGuire 171, 371; Lois Owen 110, 383; John Plunkett 125, 467.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order leading 112. Leaders: Felton Denney 385, 358; Myron House and Jan House 143, 284; Shelbie Sheppard 49b, 332; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; B.M. Smith 294 (by request) (in memory of Cecil Edwards).

Pearl Guier conducted the memorial lesson. Hugh McGraw led 339 for the deceased from the Edwardsville community: Ollie Walker, Ethel Bannister, Ronald Thompson, Mrs. Jackie Hendrix, Donald Hendrix, and Ralph Darrell Williams. Also remembered were: Leola Smith, Vivian Rogers, Everette Denney, Nell Temple, Irene Watson, and Virginia Glasgow.

Lou Cotney led 222 for all the military men and women who are representing our country. Jeff Sheppard led 117 and 454 for the sick and shut-ins: Jerry Rollins, Karen Rollins, Don Bowen, Barbara Hamby, Noell Thompson, Molene Thompson, Evelyn Harris, and Alice Edwards. The memorial was closed with prayer.

Eunice Webb led 308 and Lonnie Rogers led 348b. The pastor of the church, Rodney Hagan, welcomed everyone and offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eunice Webb called the afternoon session to order leading 58 and 480. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 236, 186; B.J. Harris 303, 225t; Paige Harrod 100, 84; Glenda Collins 290, 124; Michael Turner 45t; Jan House 373, 479; Corene Laminack 129, 108t; Myron House 487, 545; Nellie Mae White 312, 119; Karen Reaves 410t, 457.

Announcements were made. Eunice Webb and Lonnie Rogers led 62 as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 6, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Enon Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Wilton Donaldson leading 32t and 39b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Wilton Donaldson led 30t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 120, 546; Willodean Barton 416, 480; Flarce Creel 475, 389 (in memory of Vernice and Essie Calvert); Ivalene Donaldson 270; Ashley Keeton 389, 168; Harrison Creel 335, 348b; Margaret Keeton 192, 276; Ida Lee Starnes 37b, 378b; Gravis Ballinger 142, 100, 225t; Faye Donaldson 430, 40, 299.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 277, 482, and 203. Leaders: Edith Tate 73t, 75, 532; Glenn Keeton 313b, 348t, 294 (requested by the church members); Larry Ballinger 358 (for Lavaughn Ballinger), 331 (for Earl Ballinger), 401 (for Gravis Ballinger); Ken Tate 328, 155, 436; Josie Hyde 43, 77b, 88t, 45t (requested by Mr. Manasco).

LUNCH

Wilton Donaldson brought the afternoon session to order with 490. Leaders: Latriva Bailey 517 (WB), 36b, 460; Lisa Geist 222, 318; Willodean Barton 391, 498; Ashley Keeton 215, 216; Kermit Adams 212, 240; Margaret Keeton 59; John Hyde 297, 566, 63; Josie Hyde 236 (requested by Latriva Bailey); Ivalene Donaldson 204; Gravis Ballinger 220; Travis Keeton 112, 290 (in memory of Fletcher Simms); Margaret Keeton 104 (requested by John Hyde); Glenn Keeton 344 (requested by Ivalene Donaldson).

Travis Keeton and Wilton Donaldson led 48t as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

We thank the Church for paying for the minutes.

Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, April 11, 2003**

The eleventh session of the Birthday Singing on Friday night before the second Sunday in April was held at Antioch Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Johnny Wright leading 63. Elder Homer Benefield offered the opening prayer. Johnny Wright welcomed everyone and the class sang "Happy Birthday" to the honorees, Mildred Johnson, who is 94 years young, and Elder Homer Benefield. Johnny Wright led 59; Charlene Wallace 97; and Mary L. Smith 37b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Everette Ellis; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary L. Smith.

Leaders: Everette Ellis 354b; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Mildred Johnson and Hugh McGraw 548; Jan House 168; Felton Denney 299; Lonnie Rogers 101t; Ginnie Prater 318; Henry Schuman 68b; Elder Neil Prichard 566; Karleen Williams 40 (for Karen Rollins); Jenny Jensen 32t; Louise Holland 35; Myron House 135; Lou Cotney 218; Stan Jensen 299; Joyce Clackum Lambert and Jerry Lambert 406; Cecil Roberts 235; Daphene Ray 332; Mildred Patterson 358; Hugh McGraw 275b; Steve Jardine 47b; Johnny Wright 294 (by request); Johnny Wright played 358 on the piano. The class was dismissed with the pastor blessing the food for the evening meal.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Wright leading 145t. Leaders: Jan House 276; Felton Denney 277; Jenny Jensen 335; Stan Jensen 112; Myron House 113; Lonnie Rogers 45t; Steve Jardine 163b; Ginnie Prater 460; Charles Towler 343; Henry Schuman 480; Karleen Williams 373; Cecil Roberts 225t; Johnny Wright played 358 on the violin.

After announcements were made, Johnny Wright led 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Everette Ellis; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **Saturday, April 12, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, Cleburne County, Alabama (just off U.S. Highway 78 at the Alabama/Georgia state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. B.M. Smith called the class to order leading 82t and 448b. Elder Clarke Lee offered the morning prayer.

A business was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Memorial Committee—Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 81t, 271t; Lela Crowder 374; Mary Lambert Smith 171; Helen Bryson 287; Andy Morse 481; Bobby Jackson 480; Jimmie Denney 46; David McGukin 326; Don Bowen 354t; Cathy White 384; Harvey Austin 335; Sandra

Wilkinson 300; Andrew Snyder 547; Liz Bryan 475; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 499.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Teenie Moody 270; Milton Oliver 224; Lou Cotney 218; Felton Denney 385b; Kathy Lee 299; Scott DePoy 222; Eunice Webb 392; John Bealle 436; Floy Wilder 422; Nate Green and Norma Green 107; Mel Kersey 565; John Plunkett 33t; Eloise Clark 44; Riley Lee 40.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 212. Leaders: Dennis George 498; Mary Elizabeth Lee 144; Louis Hughes 492; Elene Stovall 182; Jeff Sheppard 430. Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. B.M. Smith led 179 for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, Evelyn Harris, Loy Garrison, Dorothy Garrison, Pat Meek, I.V. McWhorter, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Genny Whitworth, Gerald Hand, Karen Rollins, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Karen Williams, Ruth Brown, Gladys McGraw, and Donnie McGraw.

Jeff Sheppard led for the deceased. He led 176t for Clarence Lambert and 177 for: Kenneth DeLong, Leola Smith, Virginia Jones Glasgow, Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, Julia Burns, Jean Frost, Flora Skinner, and Revy Williamson. Clarke Lee closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 155; David Ivey 572; LaRue Allen 198; Jenny Jensen 448t; David Lee 229; Henry Johnson 418; Michelle Cull 344; Dewayne Wootten 176b; Clarke Lee 29t; Jenny Willard 530; Eric Morgan 203; Bud Oliver 278t; Brenda Waters 68b; Stan Jensen 34t; Richard DeLong 205; Rene Greene 76b; Steve Jardine 163b; Henry Schuman 217; Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269; Keith Willard 80t; Charles Woods 210; Charlene Wallace 314; Pam Nunn 200; Rodney Ivey and B.M. Smith 317; David Lee and Kathy Lee 274t; Eric Morgan 328; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 32t; Steve Jardine 307; Stan Jensen and Jenny Jensen 503; Clarke Lee and Mary Elizabeth Lee 542.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. David Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

HARRY ESKEW SINGING

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana Saturday, April 12, 2003

The Harry Eskew Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Ed Steele opened the singing with prayer and then led 159. Jeff Corbett gave a short singing lesson for the new singers.

Leaders: Jeff Corbett 49t; Nancy Van Den Akker 66; Ed Steele 73b; Mike Barber 45t; Danny Heath 63; Steve Chambers 59; Jon Davis 72b; Jake Sumner 81t; Jeff Corbett 40; Ed Steele 68b; Nancy Van Den Akker 354b; Steve Chambers 128; Nancy Van Den Akker 408; Jon Davis 457; Ed Steele 145t; Mike Barber 452. The blessing was offered for lunch, and the class dismissed.

Chairman—Ed Steele; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker.

NEW YORK STATE ROCHESTER REGIONAL SINGING
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York
Saturday, April 12, 2003

The fifth Rochester Regional Singing was held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fairport, New York and was called to order by Thom Metzger leading 34b. Chris Haller offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eileen Metzger 31t, 30t; Sue Hengelsberg 46, 47t; Nancy Crawford 474, 497; Chris Haller 106, 481; Janet Shipman 344, 178; Deanna Anderson 117, 49b; Roger Kurtz 159, 63; Thom Metzger 89, 29; Laura Densmore 415, 475; Guy Bankes 65, 442.

RECESS

Ron Bornick called the class back leading 87. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 146, 147t; Barbara Swetman 64, 163t; Juanita Heyerman 551; Ernest Blake 48t, 49t; Ron Bornick 84, 454; Robert Wheeler 68b, 350; Eileen Metzger 201, 179; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Shirley Basch 56b, 114; Nancy Crawford "Iowa" (by D. Brittain, 2002); Chris Haller 324; Janet Shipman 236; Deanna Anderson 277; Roger Kurtz 45t; Thom Metzger 319; Guy Bankes 180. Eileen Metzger offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Thom Metzger called the class back for the afternoon session leading 40. Leaders: Laura Densmore 157; Margaret Bornick 117 (CH); Barbara Swetman "Hauff" (by D. Brittain, 2001); Juanita Heyerman 440; Ernest Blake 268; Ron Bornick 480; Robert Wheeler 147b; Eileen Metzger 101b; Sue Hengelsberger 122; Shirley Basch 148; Nancy Crawford 335; Chris Haller 183; Janet Shipman 198; Thom Metzger 171; Guy Bankes 351; Laura Densmore 333.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class back leading 107. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 312b; Juanita Heyerman 189; Ernest Blake 85; Ron Bornick 228; Robert Wheeler 143; Eileen Metzger 182; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Shirley Basch 569; Nancy Crawford 99; Chris Haller 299; Janet Shipman 452; Thom Metzger 399t; Guy Bankes 486; Laura Densmore 538; Barbara Swetman 542; Juanita Heyerman 448b; Margaret Bornick 347.

Eileen Metzger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Arranging Committee—Eileen Metzger and Deanna Anderson; Chaplains—Chris Haller and Eileen Metzger; Secretary—Nancy Crawford.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Ider, Alabama
April 13, 2003

The sixtieth annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten leading 82t and 101t. Phillip Wootten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten 176t, 448t; Aaron Wootten 48t; Mark Brown 108t; Billy Thompson 285t; Jamie Dalton 47b; Julie Lee 277; Floyd Peters 68b; Kathy James 480; Jerry Wootten, Zach Wootten, and Christine Wootten 235; Linda Thomas 122; Deborah Kane 37b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; S.T. Reed 428; Myra Dalton 348b; Mel Kersey and Johnny Lee 566, 503; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 569b, 35; Betty Wright 565; Eric Morgan 67; Heath Townson 141; Kathy Lee 61; Charles Meidinger and Stacy Meidinger 352; Boyd Scott 358.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten called the class back to order leading 345b. Leaders: Coy Ivey and Michelle Cull 384; Jenny Mann 515; Phillip Wootten, Jennifer Cook, and Susan Davis 196, 559 (CB); Linda Sides 454; Charlene Wallace 192; Lonnie Rogers and Denney Rogers 97 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); Levon Wootten 452.

A memorial lesson was held. Phil Summerlin led 66 for the deceased. Jeff Sheppard led 75 for the sick and shut-ins. Marty Wootten and Shane Wootten led 484 (CB) in honor of those serving in the military. Jerry Wootten closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Kennedy Wootten, Raven Townson, and Dani Townson “Oh How I Love Jesus”; Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jared Wootten 145b; Thomas J. Willard 422; Anna Meidinger and Steven Meidinger 551; Mary Elizabeth Lee 142; Riley Lee 40; Jewel Wootten, Larry Wootten, Gene Wootten, Beulah Ann York, Virginia Dale Glass, and Terry Hullett 500 (CB), 512 (WB) (in memory of Pauline Wootten Lewis and Freeman Wootten).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten leading 76b and 182. Leaders: David Lee and Clarke Lee “The Mercy Seat” (LD); Louis Hughes, Sr. 496; Henry Johnson 111b; Randall Smith 36b; Hugh McGraw 347; Marlon Wootten, Wayne Wootten, and Shane Wootten 376; Terry Wootten 39t; Brenda Carroll and Chris Carroll 300; Pam Wilkerson and Rhonda Arnold 505 (CB); Jim Carnes 440; Jenny Willard 434; Dewayne Wootten 572 (CB); Eschol Hughes 138b; Pat Moore, Marlon Wootten, and Terry Wootten 505 (CB) (2nd verse); Keith Willard 112; Stan Jensen and Jenny Jensen 163t; Aaron Little 460; Chuck Isbell 111t; Steve Jardine 148; the Olivia Wootten Allen family (Olivia Allen, Daniel Mosteller, Janette Mosteller, Melissa Mosteller, Tyler Mosteller, Robin Smith, Pat Moore, Laura Moore, John Moore, and Jesse Moore) 517 (WB); Bud Oliver and Loyd Ivey 426t; Sheila Wootten, Britt Mann, Jenny Mann 29t; Kristy Wootten 147t; Eloise Wootten 236 (by request); David Lee 128 (for Lamar Smith); Wayne Hartman 59; Nick Dobbs and Phil Summerlin 375; Clarke Lee 149; Jenny Wootten Mann “Sweet Beulah Land”; Syble Adams and Mark Brown “Song of Praise”.

Announcements were made. Next year’s Chairmen will be Dewayne Wootten and Aaron Wootten.

Shane Wootten, Marty Wootten, and Church Pastor Billy Ray Killian led 146 as the closing song. Brother Billy Ray Killian offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Marty Wootten and Shane Wootten; Secretaries—Shelbie Sheppard and Linda Thomas.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH **Corner, Alabama** **April 13, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading 348b. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 477; Lucy Heidorn 40; Dennis George 229; Jerry Ryan 111t; Charlotte McCarn 100; Kenneth Tate 430; Tim Reynolds 230; Travis Keeton 418; Lomax Ballinger 300; Judy Caudle 451; Sandie Scott 137; Amber Springfield 142; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Willodean Barton 498; Lisa Geist 327; Warren Steel 197; Max Berueffy 196; Josie Hyde 361; Clayton Ezell 66; Julie Tate 310; Milton Oliver 270; Bobby Watkins 76b.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order leading 269 and 112. Leaders: Nate Green 113; Gordon Wilkinson 200; Emily Creel 384; Gravis Ballinger 99; Pauline Childers 475; Frank Hattaway 348b; John Hyde 61; Jenny Acton 340; Ann Jett 546; Larry Ballinger 202; April Hall 503; Dewayne Hawthorne 339; Henry Schuman 171.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading 512. Leaders: Edith Tate 532; Mike Jones 31t; Julianna Jett and Madison Jett 87, 88t; Jackie Tanner 222; Dick Nail 383; Wilton Donaldson 490; Elene Stovall 216; Darlene Dalton 454; Paula Springfield 297; Leon Ballinger 299; Tim Dalton 448t.

LUNCH

Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading 155 (for Evelyn Harris). Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 440; Kermit Adams 78; Earl Ballinger 338; Henry Guthery 140; Velton Chafin 521; Margaret Keeton 276; Wanda Capps 146; Susan Harcrow 208; Billy Williams 496; Cindy Tanner 198, 220; Henry Schuman 530; Tim Reynolds 203; Paula Springfield and Amber Springfield 455 (in memory of Lois Livingston); Jerry Ryan 343; Pauline Childers 318; Max Berueffy 564; Warren Steel 536; Dewayne Hawthorne 319; Mike Jones 285t; Dennis George 236; Frank Hattaway 147t; Leon Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 84 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); April Hall, Tim Dalton, and Cassie Franklin 277; Rodney Ivey and Dewayne Hawthorne 34t; Judy Caudle and Elene Stovall 224; Josie Hyde 507; Bobby Watkins 45t; Amber Springfield 192; Lisa Geist 528 (for Lavaughn Ballinger); Darlene Dalton 48t (for her father); Edith Tate, Lucy Heidorn, and Jerry Ryan 436 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Flarce Creel, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 73t; Flarce Creel, Harrison Creel, Cassie Franklin, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner 342; Dick Nail 314; Henry Guthery 505; Velton Chafin 482; Cassie Franklin 304.

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin led 111b as the closing song. Brother T.C. Bromley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chair—Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

PALM SUNDAY SINGING **Finstock Village Hall, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom** **April 13, 2003**

Bernard Collard called the class to order at 10:30 a.m., led 59, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dave Townsend 84; Katie Mahoney 144; Adrian Bolge 156; Steve Fletcher 28b; Mandy Townsend 33b; Rachel Jordan 66; Margaret Gillanders 143; Arwen Lockley 178; Sheila Girling-Macadam 28t; Judy Whiting 171; Edwin Macadam 504; Bob Lilley 452; Simon Beirne 34b; Paul Setford 40; Karen Bullen and Ruth Cooper 361.

RECESS

Bernard Collard brought the class back to order leading 198. Leaders: Dave Townsend 273; Steve Fletcher 70b; Tony Singleton 277; Katie Mahoney 390; Adrian Bolge 72b; Bob Lilley 515; Simon Beirne 299; Mandy Townsend 112; Margaret Gillanders 300; Rachel Jordan 269; Val Wallace and Bernard Collard 38t; Arwen Lockley 335; Sheila Girling-Macadam 142; Judy Whiting 530; Edwin Macadam 200; Dave Richardson 473; Paul Setford 448t; Ruth Cooper 481; Bernard Collard 70t; Katie Mahoney 567; Tony Singleton 496.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Dave Townsend leading 474. Leaders: Simon Beirne 159; Mandy Townsend 480; Margaret Gillanders 228; Val Wallace and Bernard Collard 49t; Rachel Jordan 49b; Arwen Lockley 48t.

Bernard Collard and Katie Mahoney conducted the memorial lesson and led 267 in memory of the deceased. Those remembered were: Roger March, Will Thomas, Roger Lewis (age 34), Barbara Lockley, Roy Bryan, Diana Hannah, Tom Mattock, Ken Burton, Peter Wright, Jack Bower, Vera Richardson, Chris White, and Enid Griffin.

Bernard Collard and Val Wallace conducted the portion of the memorial to honor the sick and housebound, and Stevie Fletcher led 448b. The following list were those who were remembered and prayed for: Rosalind Oldham, Cass Till, Helen Brown, Joan Stocks, Len Roles, Sue Gould, John McDougall, Trevor, Marian White, Kate Richards, and Ken Robinson. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 566; Judy Whiting 441; Edwin Macadam 436; Bob Lilley 569b; Dave Richardson 153; Paul Setford 37b; Ruth Cooper 447.

RECESS

Bernard Collard called the class to order with 454. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 107; Dave Townsend 378b; Simon Beirne 117; Adrian Bolge 445; Tony Singleton 497 (for Jill Thompson); Mandy Townsend 318; Margaret Gillanders 99; Katie Mahoney 67; Val Wallace and Bernard Collard 56t. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Rachel Jordan brought the class back to order leading 189. Leaders: Arwen Lockley 288; Sheila Girling-Macadam 209; Judy Whiting 222; Edwin Macadam 236; Bob Lilley 415; Dave Richardson 56b; Paul Setford 384; Ruth Cooper 383.

Bernard Collard led 63 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman/Secretary—Bernard Collard.

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 19, 2003**

The Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Hershell King called the class to order leading 59. Elder Matt Jordan offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Elder Matt Jordan; Arranging Committee—Arvid Holmes and Jack Jordan; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Elder Matt Jordan 569b, 565; Arvid Holmes 47b, 64; Judy Caudle 33b, 36b; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Robert Walker 63; J.C. Rutledge 568, 105; Rhoda Norris 480, 177.

RECESS

Elder Matt Jordan called the class back with 101t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 100, 318; Helen Lambert and Larry Lambert 74b, 544, 410b, 410t, 332; Ramona Light 451; Dan Hopper 479, 188, 321.

LUNCH

Elder Matt Jordan called the class back with 58 and 47t. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 72b, 340, 112; Steven Lambert 68b, 145t; Wilda Holmes 184; David Light 200, 192, 110; Dan Hopper 294; Linda Thomas and Irene Jordan 268; Jack Jordan 196, 45t; Ramona Light 180, 175; Hershell King 35.

Elder Matt Jordan led 445 and 452 as the closing songs. Carmon Brothers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Elder Matt Jordan; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama
April 20, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in April. Billy Joe Harris called the class together with 59. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Billy Joe Harris led 30t; Felton Denney 31t, 73b; Charlene Wallace 87, 101t, 106; and B.M. Smith 503, 569b, 475.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Ruth Daniel.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 303; Lou Cotney 300, 172, 384; Reba Norton 61, 373; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 75, 225t; Sherrell Cleino 335, 127, 159; Hugh McGraw 124, 319, 93; Stan Edwards and Nickie McCloud 318, 340, 146.

RECESS

The class was called together by B.M. Smith leading 155. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 313t, 276; Jeff Sheppard 288, 332, 299; Nellie Mae White 129, 119; Ruth Daniel 378t, 45t.

The memorial lesson was held with Shelbie Sheppard leading 47b for the following deceased: George Rogers, Wilford Denney, Vivian Rogers, Dossie Warren, Gaines Smith, Nora Chupp, Revy Williamson, and Everette Denney.

Charlene Wallace led 406 in honor of the sick and shut-ins: Evelyn Harris, Pauline Howle, Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Coy Ivey, Donnie McGraw, Nancy Allen, Margie Smith, and Richard DeLong.

Dale Harris, son of Evelyn Harris, read a letter written by his mother who is still in the hospital recovering from surgery. The letter read as follows:

Saturday, April 19, 2003

My dearest friends and loved ones:

You don't know how much I would like to be with you on Sunday, however, my mind and spirit is with you. I sure hope you have a good singing.

This surgery was not what I had planned on. I had no idea there was cancer in my thyroid. Our illnesses never happen at a convenient time, but I know the Lord knows best. I'm trusting in Him to see me through this and help me get my voice back where I can try to sing Fa Sol La Mi again and most of all be able to talk.

I want to thank everyone for all the beautiful get well cards, prayers, calls of concern, visits, and many acts of kindness. It means the world to me. I love and appreciate you all so very, very much. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love in Christ,

Evelyn Harris

Hugh McGraw closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the afternoon session to order with 270. Leaders: Elder Lewis Norton 418, 30b, 358; Elder Neil Prichard 341, 202, 204; Shelbie Sheppard 167, 141, 139; Celia Sanders 127, 566, 39b; Sherrell Cleino 206, 40.

Announcements were made. Billy Joe Harris and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

PINE GROVE SINGING
Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama
April 20, 2003

The annual spring singing at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April and was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t. Dennis George offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 85, 123b; Randall Smith and Danny Smith 76b, 343; Milton Oliver 100, 270; Scot Oliver and Alanna Blanks 313t, 405; Boyd Scott 68b, 59; Bobby Watkins 111b, 99; Betty Wright 515, 569b; Joan Aldridge 475; Stuart Ivey 135, 415; Wayne Reed 145t, 108t.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class together leading 39b. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t, 216; Max Berueffy 283, 335; Laura Clawson and Jessica Ivey 354b; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 145b, 282; Paula Oliver and Milton Oliver 124; L.B. Wright 59; Aaron Wootten 448t; Amber Springfield 454; Cassie Franklin 186; Chita Blakeley 428; Velton Chafin 227; Cody Blain 354b; Myra Dalton 496; John Plunkett 156.

RECESS

S.T. Reed brought the class together with 123t. Leaders: Sandie Scott 146; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 348b; Donna Wootten 74b; Mattie Townsel 317; Syble Adams 171; Marty Wootten 384.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading 47t. Leaders: Dennis George 349; Susan Harcrow 318; Rodney Ivey 430; Karen Freund 300; Terry Wootten 160; Elene Stovall 426b; David Ivey 408; Lynne deBenedette 434; Harrison Creel 512; Karen Ivey and Stuart Ivey 236; Laura Clawson 542; Eloise Wootten 299; Lela Crowder, Jessica Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey 215; Flarce Creel 503; Shane Wootten 70b; Kristy Finley and Bud Oliver 317; Dewayne Wootten 345b; Charles Stiefel and Shane Wootten 345b; Nate Green and Norma Green 369; Eric Blanks and Alanna Blanks 551; Ed Thacker 426t; Loretta Smith 87; Laura Clawson 81t; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 142.

Bud Oliver thanked everyone for coming. Announcements were made. Bud Oliver, Milton Oliver, and S.T. Reed led 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Randall Smith.

SMYRNA HOMECOMING
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
April 20, 2003

Jack Nelson called the class to order, led 32, and offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Virginia Futral and Nelda Henry.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 145t, 145b; Myrlene Redmond 569b, 147t, 517 (WB); Jack Nelson 35, 30t; Floy Wilder 63, 186, 43 (by request); J.R. Waters 45t; Virginia Futral 25 (JB); Nelda Henry 112, 39b; William Futral 46.

This period was set aside for preaching services.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with the following songs: 480, “What A Day That Will Be,” and “A Light At The River.”

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 272, 452; Virginia Futral 566, 496; Floy Wilder 27; Nelda Henry 490; Myrlene Redmond 358; William Futral 77t; Eugene Forbes 405; Myrlene Redmond 143; Herod Mann 318, 204, 380; Jack Nelson 236; Virginia Futral 373; Herod Mann 222; Eugene Forbes 290; Floy Wilder 39t, 38b. Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretaries—Virginia Futral and Nelda Henry.

YELLOW SPRINGS SINGING
Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio
Saturday, April 26, 2003

The twenty-sixth semi-annual Yellow Springs Singing was called to order by Linda Coppock leading 40.

Leaders: David Rust 346; Marlen Rust 52t; Tom Schulz 503; Jo Schulz 107; Eloise Clark 297; Debbie Hall 474; David Rust 52b, 39b; Linda Coppock 128, 114; Marlen Rust 66, 29; Tom Schulz 39t, 46; Jo Schulz 203, 228; Eloise Clark 171, 200; Debbie Hall 192, 497

RECESS

David Rust brought the class to order with 135. Leaders: Henry Schuman 68b, 225t; David Rust 81t, 291; Linda Coppock 168, 71; Marlen Rust 65, 133; Tom Schulz 193, 117; Jo Schulz 565, 224; Eloise Clark 485, 47t; Debbie Hall 47b, 348; Henry Schuman 290; Fred Todt 270, 299. Eloise Clark offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Rust brought the afternoon session to order with 146. Leaders: Linda Coppock 212, 196; Lois Hurt 49t, 145b; Charles Knecht 35, 74t; David Rust 344, 125; Xander Knecht 32; Marlen Rust 276, 277; Tom Schulz 178, 547; Jo Schulz 361, 362; Eloise Clark 371, 38; Debbie Hall 236, 217; Henry Schuman 480, 318.

RECESS

Linda Coppock brought the class to order with 147. Leaders: Fred Todt 216, 182; David Rust 112, 532; Linda Coppock 288, 385; Henry Schuman 319, 530; Lois Hurt 155, 470; Charles Knecht 191, 481.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class together with 84. Leaders: Xander Knecht 96; Kathy Knecht 119; Marlen Rust "Singing School" (ScH); David Rust 410; Tom Schulz 335; Jo Schulz 198; Debbie Hall 528; Kathy Knecht 183; Fred Todt 189; Kathy Knecht 454; Lois Hurt 79.

David Rust led 347 as the closing song. Charles Knecht offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Rust; Treasurer—Linda Coppock; Secretary—Eloise Clark.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Alpharetta, Georgia
Saturday, April 26, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Vice Chairman John Plunkett brought the class together leading 47t. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 49t, 74b; Helen Bryson 72t, 75; Ray Richards 73b, 72b; Bobby Cagle 49b, 46; Don Bowen 510 (for Richard DeLong), 503 (for Loy Garrison); Sandra Wilkinson 129, 313t; Judy Mincey 475, 506; Diane Wall 86, 156; Reuben Ball 348b, 384; Lee Rogers 73, 415.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 31b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 155; Ray Richards 111b; Bobby Cagle 39b; Don Bowen 59; Sandra Wilkinson 146; Judy Mincey 346; Diane Wall 63; Reuben Ball 497; Lee Rogers 318; Charles Woods 286, 30b.

Ray Richards offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett reconvened the class leading songs 312b and 278. Leaders: Helen Bryson 112, 287; Bobby Cagle 499; 544; Don Bowen 166, 145b; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 277; Judy Mincey 538, 34t; Diane Wall 496, 159; Reuben Ball 490, 569b; Lee Rogers 64, 327; Charles Woods 565, 82t; Deborah Grosse 448b, 66.

Announcements were made. The class agreed to continue with the current officers: Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Dorothy Garrison.

HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING **Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, April 26, 2003**

The forty-second annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by David Carlton leading 59. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Carlton 81; Clayton Ezell 231, 370; Tim Reynolds 168, 84 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Darrell Holley 68b, 354b; Sandie Scott 176t, 74b; Laurens Blankers 40, 515; Lewis Frost 178, 34b, 452.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back to order and into business session. The class voted to retain the current officers: Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Hibbard Thatcher.

Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 36b, 335; Thelma Elliott and Clayton Ezell 294, 358; David Carlton 133; Robby Cogswell and Debbie Cogswell 45t, 128; Heidi Nolen 405, 448t; Homer Ericson and Loy Ericson 63.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 89 and 148.

Leaders: Darrell Holley 127, 551; Tim Reynolds 278, 312b; Lexie Van Buren and Frances Cade 45t; Sandie Scott 479 (using words from American Revolution), 117; Lewis Frost 86, 73b; Marilyn Burchett 72b, 385b; Clayton Ezell 300, 480; Heidi Nolen 346; Loy Ericson 481; Lewis Frost 347.

After announcements, Darrell Holley closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

SHILOH SACRED HARP SINGING
Shiloh Museum, Springdale, Arkansas
Saturday, April 26, 2003

The Shiloh Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Shiloh Museum in Springdale, Arkansas. Syd Caldwell called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., and Charles Polstle offered the opening prayer.

Syd Caldwell and Charles Polstle led 72b, followed by Dan Brittain giving instructions on how to read the shapes of the notes.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Alice Moran; Arranging Committee—Syd Caldwell.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 73b, 148; Alice Moran 40; Shannon Seyler 388, 56b; Bill Caldwell 344, 163b; Penny Kujawinski 171, 28b; Cheryl Foreman 503, 475; Lou Kujawinski 49b, 71.

RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class back to order with 50t. Leaders: Lois Graney 145b, 87; John Napier 141, 127; Syd Caldwell 236, 517.

Dan Brittain conducted the memorial lesson and led 285t and 154, followed by John Napier leading 59.

The following deceased were remembered: Everette Denney, Revy Williamson, Kenneth DeLong, Herman Lambert, Vivian Rogers, and George Rogers—Georgia; Cindy Cole, Leola Smith, Flora Skinner, Lavaughn Ballinger, John Henry Busby, and John Lacy—Alabama; David Wilkerson—California; Jim Dancer and Dr. James Frock—Arkansas; B.E. Matthews—Texas.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Elsie Beasley, Ruth Brown, Alice Edwards, Mary Gardner, Eldora Moody, Evelyn Harris, Lamar Smith, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton—Alabama; Nancy Allen, Myrtle Smith, Donnie McGraw, Hugh McGraw, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Richard DeLong, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Gertie DeLong, Don Bowen, Dot Garrison, and Loy Garrison—Georgia; Donna Abrahams—Maryland; Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, and Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Oscar Acosta—California. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain called the class to order for the afternoon session with 278b. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 142, 430; Anita Buswell 143, 146, 89; Bill Caldwell 189, 217; Lois Graney 310, 84; Alice Moran 441, 480; Penny Kujawinski 102, 440; Lou Kujawinski 120, 350; Syd Caldwell 494 (for Richard DeLong), 153; Dan Brittain 87 (for Annie).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Syd Caldwell leading 196, 560 (for the Lonnie Rogers family), 178; Bill Caldwell 474, 276; John Napier 75, 294; Melton Jones 159; Shannon Seyler 268, 222, 299; Dan Brittain “Pohick”, 472, 353, 225t.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led 521 as the closing song. John Napier led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Alice Moran.

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Kegworth Village Hall, Leicestershire, United Kingdom
April 26-27, 2003

Saturday, April 26

The East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Village Hall in Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom on the fourth Sunday and Saturday

before in April. Ian West brought the class to order leading 32t. Rob Mahoney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 371; Ruth Cooper 171; Bernard Collard 362; Margaret Gillanders 49t; Steven Levine 164; Mandy Townsend 84; Mick Verrier 201; Mryka Hall-Beyer 350; Richard Schmeidler 155 (CB); Steve Fletcher 36b; Katie Mahoney 81t; Jim Pfau 80t; Hannah Cooper 133; Dave Richardson 278t; Ian West 478t (WB); Ruth Cooper 299; Bernard Collard 70t (CB).

RECESS

Helen Brown brought the class to order leading 573 (CB). Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 228; Steven Levine 516 (CB); Mandy Townsend 38t (CB); Mick Verrier 163; Mryka Hall-Beyer 569b; Richard Schmeidler 474; Steve Fletcher 140 (CB); Katie Mahoney 567; Jim Pfau 416t (CB); Hannah Cooper 40; Dave Richardson 488t (CB).

RECESS

Ian West called the class together leading 52t. Leaders: Ruth Cooper 457; Bernard Collard 336t (CB); Margaret Gillanders 148; Mandy Townsend 480; Steven Levine 532; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Steve Fletcher 77t; Mick Verrier 272; Katie Mahoney 499; Richard Schmeidler 287; Helen Brown 236; Jim Pfau 528b (CB); Ian West 29t. Gillian White offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dave Richardson and Val Wallace opened the afternoon session by leading 56t. Leaders: Hannah Cooper and Sheila Wright 178; Bernard Collard 454; Mandy Townsend 318; Jim Pfau 319; Ruth Cooper 315; Steven Levine 199 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 515; Mick Verrier 383; Mryka Hall-Beyer 361; Richard Schmeidler 254; Katie Mahoney 162; Ian West 135; Helen Brown 198; Steve Fletcher 392 (CB); Dave Richardson 385t.

A business session was held, during which the roles of the existing officers were explained and volunteers were sought for future years.

RECESS

Mandy Townsend called the class back together leading 490. Leaders: Bernard Collard 300; Hannah Cooper and Lucy Wright 146; Jim Pfau 270; Ruth Cooper 269; Mick Verrier 107; Margaret Gillanders 523; Mryka Hall-Beyer 393 (CB); Steven Levine 486 (CB); Katie Mahoney 83b; Richard Schmeidler 268; Steve Fletcher 312b; Ian West 313b; Helen Brown 559 (CB); Jim Pfau 505 (CB); Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Steven Levine 285t.

Ian West and Helen Brown led 574 (CB) as the closing song. Jim Pfau offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 27

Ian West brought the Sunday morning session to order leading 99. Bernard Collard offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 75; Ken Baddley 571 (CB); Ruth Cooper 48t; Tony Singleton 300; Isabelle Walker 66; Steven Levine 87; Margaret Gillanders 143; Richard Schmeidler 184; Phil Tyler 318; Mryka Hall-Beyer 86; Mick Verrier 209; Steve Fletcher 448t; Jim Pfau 98 (CB); Sheila Girling-Macadam 186 (CB); Bernard Collard 478 (CB); Katie Mahoney 375; Edwin Macadam 508 (CB).

RECESS

Dave Richardson called the class together leading 343. Leaders: Ian West 28t; Helen Brown 137 (CB); Ken Baddley 27; Ruth Cooper 150; Tony Singleton 163b; Anna Stadward 276; Steven Levine 475; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Richard Schmeidler 178; Phil Tyler 416t (CB); Mryka Hall-Beyer 288.

Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson and led 490 in memory of the following deceased: Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Tara Tierney, Tom Mattock, Wendy

Lawrinson, Jack Bower, Mark Lawrence, Roy Cavie, Chris White, Roy Bryan, Diana Hannah, Stan Stokes, Barbara Lockley, and Vera Richardson.

Rob Mahoney conducted the lesson for the sick and shut-ins and led 503 in their honor. Those remembered were: Kate Richards, Ken Robinson, Mel Browne, Richard DeLong, Mary Castell, Arwen Lockley, Barbara Foster, Angela Payne, Elsie Batty, Evelyn Ward; Mick Louely, Michael Quigley, Georgia Stadward, Robyn Mephan, Gordon Ashman, Win Tyler, Rosalind Oldham, Sue Gould, Joan Stocks, Len Roles, and Simon Harratt. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Mick Merrier 106 (CB); Steve Fletcher 53 (CB); Jim Pfau 369 (CB). Ken Baddley offered a prayer and blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The singing re-convened with Katie Mahoney leading 282. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 538; Sheila Girling-Macadam 142; Dave Richardson and Bill Meakin 101t; Ken Baddley 501; Margaret Gillanders 133 (CB); Bernard Collard 74b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280; Tony Singleton 504 (for Jean Barton and Jill Thompson); Helen Brown 391 (CB); Steven Levine 59; Ruth Cooper 447; Phil Tyler and Hannah West 456; Richard Schmeidler 473; Steve Fletcher 148.

RECESS

Ian West brought the class back together leading 448b. Leaders: Jim Pfau 218; Mick Verrier 217; Katie Mahoney 390; Edwin Macadam 436; Ken Baddley 96; Margaret Gillanders 474; Sheila Girling-Macadam 47b; Bernard Collard 203; Mryka Hall-Beyer 156 (CB); Steven Levine 565; Helen Brown 47t; Richard Schmeidler 519b (CB); Katie Mahoney 153; Tony Singleton 312b; Steve Fletcher 85; Phil Tyler 330t; Jim Pfau 347.

Announcements were made of future singings.

Ted Brown, Finance Committee, reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were covered.

Thanks were conveyed to everyone who had contributed to the running of the convention.

The Secretary reported that 58 people had registered over the two-day convention with 25 leaders leading 151 songs.

Ian West and Helen Brown led “The Christians’ Love” as the closing song. Rob Mahoney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

OHIO VALLEY SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky** **April 26-27, 2003** **Saturday, April 26**

The twelfth annual shape note singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Brownsboro, Kentucky on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in April. Bob Meek called the class to order leading 32t. Lee Steinmetz offered the opening prayer. Three books were used: “The Sacred Harp”, “Cooper Book”, and “Southern Harmony.”

Leaders: Brenda Waters 68b; Sherry List 148; Chandler Bainter 422t (CB); Berkley Moore 59 (SoH); Regina Bayer 497 (CB); Glenn Fulbright 63; Bill Shetter 516 (CB); James Page 173b (SoH); Janet Fraembs 421; Kathy Lee 1 (SoH); John Bayer and Hans Bayer 128; Lee Steinmetz 559 (SoH); Claire Simon 106; David Lee 28 (CB); Bob Meek 540 (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Claire Outten 38 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 455; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 144; Joan Aldridge 84 (CB); Paul Gauthier 571 (CB); Elizabeth Waters and Shyann Carmen 393t (CB); Mike Grimes 569b; Jim Herr 313b; Michael Leitz 159. Bob Meek spoke about the history of Harrods Creek Baptist Church.

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class back to order with 275 (SoH). Leaders: Scott Moore 503; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Kalee Duncan and Briana Meek 270; Joyce Brown 495; Mary Brinkman 178; Faith Shine 300; Charles Coulston 344; Berkley Moore 575 (CB); Regina Bayer 140 (CB); Glenn Fulbright 479; Bill Shetter 380 (CB); Laura Chipe 83 (SoH); James Page 121 (SoH); Janet Fraembs 322 (SoH); Kathy Lee 268t (CB); John Bayer 511t (CB); Lee Steinmetz 250; Claire Simon 143.

LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the afternoon session to order leading 29b. Leaders: Bob Meek and Loraine Franklin 505 (CB); Levi Bainter and Chandler Bainter 392 (CB); David Lee 274t (CB); Claire Outten 384; Michele Cull 236; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 146; Joan Aldridge 572 (CB), 515 (CB); Paul Gauthier 98 (CB); Mike Grimes 475; Jim Herr 38t (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek Brought the class together leading 354. Leaders: Jim Herr 336t (CB) (for his wife, Hester); Faith Shine 16 (SoH); David Lee "Meek" (by Merle Mateika); Louis Hughes, Jr. 225t; Lee Steinmetz 154; Claire Simon 501 (David Lee walked time); Mary Brinkman 457; Charles Coulston 66; Joyce Brown 496; Bob Meek 324 (SoH) (for all soldiers).

Bob Meek led 334 (SoH) as the closing song. Lee Steinmetz offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 27

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Bob Meek leading 103 (SoH), and then offering the opening prayer.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 28; Berkley Moore 300b (SoH); Regina Bayer 164 (SoH); Bill Shetter 164 (CB); Janet Fraembs 480; James Page 76; Kathy Lee 62 (SoH); Bob Meek and Mrs. Roady 358, 205, 388; John Bayer 88 (SoH); David Rust 322 (SoH); Michele Cull 408 (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading 123 (SoH). Leaders: Eloise Clark 313b; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 278b; John Bealle 7 (CB); Joan Aldridge 39 (CB); Paul Gauthier 432 (CB); David Lee 377b (CB) (for Joan Frankel); Mike Grimes 335; Debbie Hall 528; Jim Herr and Clara Herr 383; Louis Hughes, Jr. 39; Jamie Duff, Michele Cull, Megan Duff, and Bridid Herr 488b (CB); Fred Todt 270.

RECESS

Michele Cull brought the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Steve Duff 373; Claire Simon 504.

The memorial lesson was held with David Lee leading 182 (SoH) for the deceased and Jim Herr leading 285t for the sick and shut-ins. Doug Trent read the list of those remembered, and Steve Duff closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 163b; Joyce Brown 354b; Clara Herr 107; Jim Page 25b (SoH); Bob Cull 178.

LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the afternoon session to order leading 49b. Leaders: Paul (nephew of Kelly Day) 500 (CB); Bob Meek 268 (for Allen Dubois); Peggy Brayfield 556; Berkley Moore 114; Elizabeth Waters, Shyann Carmen, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 49t; Regina Bayer 156 (CB); Bill Shetter 213 (CB); Janet Fraembs 532; Jim

Page 72t (SoH); Kathy Lee 572 (CB); Kathy Lee and David Lee 574 (CB); John Bayer 235; David Rust 260; David Lee 511t (CB), 511b (CB); Jamie Duff 306 (SoH).
RECESS

Michele Cull brought the class to order leading 361 (CB). Leaders: Mike Grimes 236; Eloise Clark 565; Fred Todt 362; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 277; Mark Reisinger and Todd Lanham 484; Paul Gauthier 546 (CB).

Announcements were made. Michele Cull will be the Chair for next year's singing along with Bob Meek acting as Vice Chairman.

Bob Meek led 146 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bob Meek; Secretary—Brenda Waters.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

April 27, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Friendship Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Kenneth Tate leading 145t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day and voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Kenneth Tate 128; Ivalene Donaldson 32b (and dedicated today's singing to Lavaughn Ballinger who was buried this past Friday, April 25); Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Josie Hyde 477; Vernice Phillips 318, 143; Paul Godsey 61, 111b; Milton Oliver 314, 270; Corene White 171; Teddy Godsey 189, 36b; Hugh Bill McGuire 40, 183; Marlin Beasley 336, 49b; Henry Johnson 539, 38b; Willodean Barton 498; Linton Ballinger 457; Amber Springfield 142; Stuart Ivey 475, 222; Gravis Ballinger 220; S.T. Reed 229.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back to order leading 290 and 321. Leaders: Phillip Ballinger 384, 155; David Ivey 564; Nate Green and Norma Green 78, 134; Ozella Blackmon 419; Henry Guthery 420 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Lisa Geist 377; Harrison Creel 530; Dennis George 543; Karen Ivey 84; Karen Ivey and Max Berueffy 532; Max Berueffy 411; Rodney Ivey 212; Chris Ballinger 31b, 49t; Jayne Fulmer 273; Leon Ballinger 120, 269.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by David Ivey leading 203. Leaders: Vernice Phillips 143 (by request); Elene Stovall 397; Clarence McCool 349, 131; Earl Ballinger 146; Cassie Franklin 432; Larry Ballinger 401; Roma Rice 358 (by request), 110; Parnell Berry 306; Flarce Creel 299; Josie Hyde 507 (for Edith Tate); L.E. Hannah 500, 517 (in memory of Ila V. Aldridge); Christy Allen 546, 398; John Hyde 313t, 297; Kermit Adams 335, 240; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 182; Nate Green and Norma Green 52b; Rodney Ivey and Henry Johnson 499, 480; Hugh Bill McGuire 86; S.T. Reed and Milton Oliver 312t (for Ivalene Donaldson); Max Berueffy, Elene Stovall, and Dennis George 157; Clarence McCool 159; Lisa Geist, Chris Ballinger, and Phillip Ballinger 340; Leon Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 224; Marlin Beasley 144.

Kenneth Tate led 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The class thanked Wilton and Ivalene Donaldson for their generosity in paying for the minutes.

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Snead Crossroads, Blount County, Alabama
April 27, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading 59 and 58. Chris Green offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman—Beacher Yancey; Arranging Committee—Ruby Brothers; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: Carmon Brothers 46; Beacher Yancey 565, 480, 30t; Rhoda Norris 318, 434; Jewel Wootten 108t, 82t, 145b; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 224, 317, 337; Chris Green 176b, 290 (for Sis Handley), 129; Robert Walker 68b, 63; Judy Caudle 64, 144, 499.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers called the class to order leading 141. Leaders: Billie Dodd 128; Delone Cobb 73t, 56t; Herby Bailey 448b, 489, 47t; Bobby Watkins 81t, 48t, 47b; Ti Nina Kane 61, 119, 235; Doris Cuzzart 490; Debra Ritch 168, 183, 220.

LUNCH

Carmon Brothers brought the afternoon session to order leading 42 and 38b.

Leaders: Eunice Kimbrell 77t, 75; Hershell King 340, 460, 97; Philip Gilmore 32t, 31t; Rebekah Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 445, 317; Drennen Aldridge 143, 354, 358; Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers 274, 503 (CB); Bobby Watkins 410b, 222, 112.

Carmon Brothers and Drennen Aldridge led 62 as the closing song. Drennen Aldridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman—Beecher Yancey; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL

St. Michael Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama
April 27, 2003

The annual Alewine Memorial was held at St. Michael Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by George Garner leading 59. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: George Garner 47; Cecil Roberts 284, 235; Stanley Edwards 81t, 146; Eunice Webb 30b, 32t; Josephine Denney 143, 101t; Winfred Kerr 45t, 89; Felton Denney 31t, 28b; Charlene Wallace and Corene Laminack 49t, 49b, 61.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class together leading 448b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—George Garner; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Corene Laminack.

It was voted to have the singing start at 9:30 a.m. next year.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 87; Inez Chandler 490, 569; Ken McElroy 274, 358.

Corene Laminack conducted the memorial lesson. Ken McElroy led 294 and 323 in memory of his grandfather, Harold McElroy, and for others in the community that have passed on in previous years. Those remembered were: Obie Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Kilgore, Gladys Alewine Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Alewine, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alewine, Floyd Kilgore, Leo Kilgore, Jack Owens, Emory Morgan,

Doc Kilgore, and Bertha Kilgore. Hugh McGraw led 267 and 47b in memory of: Vivian Rogers, Everette Denney, Berta Woods, and Revy Williamson. Stanley Edwards led 127 for the sick and shut-ins. Cecil Roberts offered prayer to close the memorial, and asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the afternoon session to order leading 489. Leaders: Felton Denney 73b (for Alice Edwards), 73t; Winfred Kerr 282, 339; Eunice Webb 406, 460; Josephine Denney 452; Charlene Wallace 85, 159; Corene Laminack 119, 75; Hugh McGraw 145b.

After announcements were made, Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—George Garner; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING Burritt On The Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 3, 2003

The nineteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt on the Mountain located atop Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville. The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading 32t. Sam Jones offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following additional officers: Vice Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: David Ivey 186; Linton Ballinger 81t; Amanda Ballinger 454; Lomax Ballinger 430; Sam Jones 64; Tina Leopold 155; David Ballinger 300; Allison Ivey 182; Hershell King 340; Edwin Ballinger 299; Everett Blackwood 30b; Judy Caudle 361; Warren Steel 377; Norm Howe 84; Scott DePoy 410t; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 565; Coy Ivey 59; Beth O'dell 442; Randall Smith 137; Mike Grimes, Jo Ann Grimes, and friends 196.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading 142. Leaders: Jimmy Ballinger 111b; Doug Johnston and Randy Nealy 45t; Tommy George 354b; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; Don Bowen 496; Jeanette Lowry 276; Mike Thompson 270; Gravis Ballinger 110; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Robert Walker 452; Sarah Jenkins 532; Travis Keeton 566; Frances Jones 334.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Buddy Ballinger leading 399b. Leaders: Gary Leopold 159; Teenie Moody 212; S.T. Reed 425; David Light 192; Mary Lambert Smith 441; Gary Gronau 163t; Ron Harper 148; Donna Wootten 274t; Larry Ballinger 382; Becky Browne 171; Jarrod George 384; Sandie Scott 408. Phil Summerlin and Karen Ivey conducted the memorial lesson. Beth O'dell led 288 for the following deceased: Lavaughn Ballinger, Leola Smith, Virginia Jones Glasgow, Talmadge Meadows, and John Henry Busby—Alabama; Clarence Lambert, Everette Denney, Kenneth DeLong, and Revy Williamson—Georgia; Roberta Grimes—Tennessee; Libby Drury, Leon Burgess, Vivian Carlson, Allan Hjagap, Virginia Bloom, and Gladys Phillips Adamson. Allison Ivey led 134 for the sick and shut-ins: Kim Watkins, Richard DeLong, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Karen Rollins, Gladys McGraw, Ruth Brown, Evelyn Harris, Lolette King, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. The memorial was closed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Loyd Ivey leading 89. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 306; Sam Sommers 386; Laurie Foss 63; Bud Oliver 278b; Leon Ballinger 490; Susan Harcrow 280; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Lisa Geist 273; Shane Wootten 542; Betty Shepherd 216; Tim Reynolds 547; LaRue Allen 301; Dennis George 240; Elene Stovall 215; Jeff Sheppard 439; Earl Ballinger 217; Betty Wright 499; Max Berueffy 392; Henry Johnson 65; Jackson Harcrow 317; Charles Meidinger 352; J.L. Hopper 245.

RECESS

Phillip Ballinger brought the class together leading 546. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 209; Kristi Finley 36b; John Plunkett 486; Karen Ivey 371; Pam Wilkerson 29t; Ann Ballard 74b; Stephen Shearon 213t.

Following announcements, Chairman David Ivey led 46 as the closing song. Sam Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger.

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Carrollton, Georgia** **May 4, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in May. Philip Denney called the class to order leading 36b. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Bernard Denney led 59, 40, 339; Lonnie Rogers 186, 112, 225t; and Sheri Taylor 114, 117, 147t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney;

Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Mary L. Smith and Shelbie Sheppard; Secretary—Sheri Taylor.

Leaders: Felton Denney 49b, 503, 387; Jimmie Denney 222, 148, 168; Mary L. Smith 50b, 72b, 63; Earlis McGraw 568, 545; Lori Goode and Mary Elizabeth Goode 112, 358.

RECESS

Bernard Denney brought the class together leading 145b. Leaders: Myron House 191, 102, 70t; Donna Duke 176b, 276; Hugh McGraw 124, 448b; Josephine Denney 405, 490; Bobby Jackson 499, 445; B.M. Smith 569b, 101t; Denney Rogers 100, 345t.

Mary Smith conducted the memorial lesson. Jeff Sheppard led 405 and 159 in memory of Everette Denney. B.M. Smith led 143 and 348b for the following deceased: Vivian Rogers, Clarence Lambert, Kenneth DeLong, Revy Williamson, Lavaughn Ballinger, George Rogers, Wilford Denney, and Bobby Maxwell.

John Plunkett led 330b for the sick and shut-ins which included: Evelyn Harris, I.V.

McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Richard DeLong, Ruth Brown, Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Liz Bryant, Nancy Allen, Myrtle Smith, Loy Garrison, and Joan Durdin. Mary L. Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Webb 178, 566; Dennis Folds 452.

LUNCH

Bernard Denney brought the afternoon session to order leading 335 and 334.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 384, 544, 284; Lonnie Rogers 33b; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 106; John Plunkett 55, 569t; Renita Folds, Lee Denney, Caroline Folds, Jessica Folds, Elizabeth Folds, Dylan Denney, Ria Kirk, Kelly, and Casey (grandchildren of Felton and Josephine Denney) 294, 164; Jeff Sheppard 313t, 176t, 313b; Sherry Lovvorn 318, 454; Paige Harrod 460, 84; Gayle Denney, Philip Denney, and Lee

Denney 155, 87, 120; Carolyn Folds 56t; Lee Denney 45t, 99; Jeff Sheppard 236 (by request).

After announcements were made, Bernard Denney and Philip Denney led 62 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Sheri Taylor.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

May 4, 2003

The thirty-third session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 37b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 73t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 161; Ila Ingle 63, 87; John Hyde 566, 129; Marlin Beasley 34t, 480; Linton Ballinger 144, 146; Ivalene Donaldson 38b; Ashley Keeton 217, 203 (for Glenn Keeton); Clarence McCool 171, 112; Kermit Adams 187, 240; Ozella Blackmon 384; Ashley Campbell 196, 442.

RECESS

Max Berueffy called the class back to order leading 213. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 273, 460; Roma Rice 104 (for John Hyde), 373; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 490; Ken Tate 343, 170; Lisa Geist 91, 327; Sherry Guthery 64, 58; Chris Ballinger 133, 145t; Edith Tate 532; Chris Rice 408; Gravis Ballinger 270, 225t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 235. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 49, 425; James White 77t, 162; Harrison Creel 498, 530, 512, 111b; Max Berueffy 124 (for John Hyde), 528 (for Edith Tate), 492; Elene Stovall 432, 282; Lative Bailey 340, 143; Henry Guthery 517, 527; Christie Allen 426t, 61; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 272b, 318; Willodean Barton and Josie Hyde 475, 290, 454, 507; Dwight Ingle 319.

Travis Keeton led song on page 157 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Ashland, Alabama

May 4, 2003

The Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming was held on the first Sunday in May. Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order and led 75 and 63.

Elder Buck Brabham offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Myrlene Redmon and Edna Ruth Phillips.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 100; Nell Estes 34b, 436; Audress Gurley and Mavis Dale 517 (WB); the Wallace girls (Audress Gurley, Mavis Dale, Edna Ruth Phillips, and Myrlene Redmon) 108t; Floyd Wilder 186, 373; Mattie Perry 560; Mattie Perry, Nell Estes, and Mary Jean Payne 460; Stanley Edwards 340, 81; LaRue Allen 99, 36b; Jack Nelson 294, 30b; Mary Jean Payne 410t, 480; Vernelle Amason and Eugene Forbes

189, 112; Margaret Ray 119, 335; Sheila Cotney 143, 358; Pam Anderson 490, 164; Myrline Redmon 569b, 147t (for her Mom and Dad).

RECESS

This portion of the homecoming was set aside for preaching services.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with Chairman Eugene Forbes leading 101t and 32t. Leaders: Jenny Acton 25 (JB); Jenny Acton and Jacob Acton 452; Virginia Futral 145b, "A Light at the River"; William Futral 341, 98; Edna Ruth Phillips 371, 566; Shirley Berry 288 (for Uncle M.B. Forbes), 313t (for Uncle Byron Forbes); Shirley Berry and Lori Hinesley 148; Lora Kelly 358 (by request), 378t. Eugene Forbes conducted the memorial lesson and led 489 in memory of Elder C.V. Estes; 99 in memory of Sister Elma Avery; and 27 to close the memorial.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 236, 155; Stanley Edwards 127, 318; Jack Nelson 165, 52t; Nell Estes 40; Shirley Berry 137; and Myrline Redmon 323b.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. Jack Nelson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING Herring Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina Saturday, May 10, 2003

The sixth session of the Furman University Singing was called to order by Chairman Frances Carnell leading 63. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer, and Jean Osteen Gaston welcomed the class. In the opening session, all songs were from the Sacred Harp.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 145t, 220; Dan Huger 99, 141; Lee Rogers 145b, 475; John Plunkett 474, 74b; Hugh McGraw 75, 210; Leon Carnell 497, 163b.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers;

Chaplain—John Plunkett; Arranging—Dan Huger; Finance—Chris Carnell;

Locating/Hospitality—Jean Osteen Gaston and John Gaston.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dan Huger leading 110 (CH). Leaders: Frances Carnell 168; Tom Ivey 66, 335; Sharon Kellam 87, 117 (CH); Harry Eskew 55 (CH), 381b (CH); Nancy Yeager 299 (CH), 178; Lela Crowder 328, 82; Bill Burns 381t (CH), 293 (CH); Henry Zittrouer 569b, 490.

LUNCH

Dan Huger opened the afternoon session leading 146b (CH). Leaders: Steve Walker 136 (CH), 107; Mary Balmeister 67b (CH), 207t (CH); Chris Carnell 348t, 344; David Yeager 196 (CH), 251 (CH); Frances Carnell 240; Dan Huger 103b (CH); Lee Rogers 49 (CH); Tom Ivey 148; Sharon Kellam, Midge Williams, and Jean Gaston 188, 146; John Plunkett 322t (CH).

RECESS

Chairman Frances Carnell reconvened the class leading 196. Leaders: Harry Eskew 359 (CH); Nancy Yeager 347; Leon Carnell 181; Lela Crowder 106; Bill Burns 127; Steve Walker 255 (CH); Eric Carnell 350, 48b; Chris Carnell 547; David Yeager 57b (CH); Lee Rogers 264 (CH).

Frances Carnell and Dan Huger led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky
Saturday, May 10, 2003

The twenty-second session of the Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing, held at Pisgah Presbyterian Church, was called to order at 9:10 a.m. with Keith MacAdam leading 58.

Leaders: Charles Coulston 59; Bob Sears 147t; Glenn Fulbright 73b; Rob Coulston 117; Phil Cullum 147b; Bob French 133; Mary Brinkman 128; Keith MacAdam 268; Charles Coulston 551; Keith Macadam 38b (for Jim Thobaben); Bob Sears 47b; Glenn Fulbright 474; Bob Meek 178; Rob Coulston 497; Don Waggener 16 (SoH); Phil Cullum 45t; Bob French 46; Keith MacAdam 180.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Keith MacAdam leading 155. Leaders: Mary Brinkman 313b; Charles Coulston 66 (for Raphael Finkel who could not attend); Keith Macadam 312b (for Jim Thobaben); Bob Sears 523; Glenn Fulbright 127; Rob Coulston 496; Don Waggener 338; Bob Meek 324t (SoH); Phil Cullum 159; Don Waggener 11 (SoH) (for Pat Waggener).

The memorial lesson was held with Robert Coulston leading 236 in memory of his grandmother, Betty Coulston, a native of Indiana, who died in July of 2002. Bob Meek spoke of his mother, Myrtle H. Meek, who passed away earlier in the spring at the age of 86. She was born and is buried in Vine Grove, Kentucky. Bob Meek also spoke of Roberta Grimes, originally from Tennessee, who had recently passed away, and was the mother of Mike Grimes, Berea, Kentucky. Bob Meek then led 302 (SoH) in memory of his mother, Myrtle Meek, and Roberta Grimes. The memorial lesson was closed.

Keith MacAdam led song on page 49t as grace before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was re-convened for the afternoon session by Michelle Cull leading 269 and 455. Leaders: Mary Brinkman 107; Brenda Waters 68b; Charles Coulston 344; Keith MacAdam 186 (for Bob Sears); Glenn Fulbright 143 (SoH); Rob Coulston 63; Don Waggener 410t; Bob Meek 123 (SoH); Don Waggener 275 (SoH) (for Pat Waggener); Keith MacAdam 31t; Charles Coulston 569b (for Mary Brinkman); Charles Coulston 276.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rob Coulston leading 38t. Leaders: Jim Thobaben 81t; Bob Meek 515 (for Brenda Waters) 515; Glenn Fulbright 479; Bob Meek 490; Don Waggener 39t (SoH); Bob French 481; Keith MacAdam 183; Mary Brinkman 146; Brenda Waters 40; Bob Meek 25b (SoH); Don Waggener 83 (SoH); Keith MacAdam 322 (SoH).

Announcements were made. Jim Thobaben led 267 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
May 11, 2003

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May.

The class was called to order by Jimmie Gilmore who welcomed everyone and led 36b and 32t. Joshua Keeton led 108t. Arthur Gilmore gave the morning devotion

and offered prayer. Joshua Keeton led 30t, 408; Pamela Baker 171 and 293 (for her grandfather, W.G. McGough).

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairlady—Pamela Baker; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore; Memorial Committee—Jimmie Gilmore.

Leaders: Ken Tate 37b, 503; Sarah Smith 75, 73t; Clarence McCool 68b, 349; Julietta Haynes 168, 172; Wilton Donaldson 490, 565; Ashley Keeton 475, 454.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Pamela Baker leading 142. Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 99, 300; Warren Steel 148, 183; John Hyde 297, 566; Travis Keeton and A.A. Malone 112, 203; Cora Sweatt 81t, 72b.

The memorial lesson was led by Elder Garnsey McGough, Jimmie McGough Gilmore, and Pamela Gilmore Baker leading 45t and 235 in memory of: Lavaughn Ballinger, Ethel Harper McGough, Lavada Gilmore, Joe Harper, Martha Harper, Grady Harper, Robert Harper, Wallace Harper, Mack Harper, Tom Harper, Annie Harper, and all singing friends and families who have passed away that loved Sacred Harp music. Garnsey McGough, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pamela Baker led 358 as a request of Patricia Phelps. The memorial was closed. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading 354b and 143.

Leaders: Gary Smith 523, 515; Seth Holloway 388, 494; Josie Hyde 84, 405 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Travis Keeton 179, 496; Alex Baker and Pamela Baker 61, 35; Marlin Beasley 480, 285; Joshua Keeton and Joyce Keeton 59, 34b; Becky Briggs 460 (in honor of Elsie Beasley), 192 (in memory of Ethel McGough); Glenn Keeton 64, 74b; Pamela Baker, Garry Baker, and Alex Baker 137, 389; John Beasley 335, 445; Steve Rutledge 343, 290; Arthur Gilmore 491b (WB).

Announcements were made. Joshua Keeton, Pamela Baker, and Jimmie Gilmore led 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. John Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Everyone has a cordial invitation to come to Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church again next year. All members and friends were especially proud of the appearance of the church, which had been painted and spruced up in time for the Mother's Day Singing.

Chairman—Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairlady—Pamela Baker; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Montclair, New Jersey** **May 16-17, 2003** **Friday, May 16**

The eleventh annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Montclair Friends Meeting House in Montclair, New Jersey on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gina Balestracci leading 312b. Hal Kunkel offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Diane Mennella; Vice Chair—Claire Simon; Secretary—Ellie Soler; Treasurer—Dick Levine; Chaplain—Hal Kunkel; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore, Tom Tucker, and Cathy Tucker; Memorial Committee—Paula McGray and Dennis Leipold; Housing—Susan Bingham.

Leaders: Diane Mennella 59; Claire Simon 31t; Ellie Soler 86; Laura Densmore 313t; Susan Bingham 30t; Roland Hutchinson 49b; David Hough 496; Jean Seiler 217; Richard Schmeidler 84; Donna Abrahams 528; Rachel Speer 47b; Bob Parr 297; Katharine Hough 480; George Seiler 183; Bill Holt 168; Eileen Metzger 101b; Dick Levine 155.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bradford West leading 48t.

Roland Hutchinson introduced Tim Eriksen to the class. Tim conducted a singing school which included singing all or part of 72b, 414b, 328, 304, 499, and some brief anecdotes in connection with the Sacred Harp music used for the film "Cold Mountain," with which he was involved.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 372; Hal Kunkel 475; Tom Tucker 445; Laura Timmerman 111b; Patricia Geritz 34b; Thom Metzger 399t; Cathy Tucker 332; Howard Katz 362; Linda Shea 495.

Diane Mennella led 323 to close the Friday session, Hal Kunkel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, May 17

Claire Simon called the class together at 10:00 a.m. leading 565. Jean Seiler offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 210; Guy Bankes 510; Paula McGray 47t; Barbara Swetman 383; Anne Johnston 430; Bill Dunn 345b; Dennis Leipold 150; Karen Snowberg 551; Frank Evans 229; Inga Knets 171; Charlotte Ehrman 503; Michael Kaye 66; Sally House 99; Claire Chapin 344.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Barbara Swetman leading 148. Leaders: Bradford West 269; Marty DeNys 299; Margaret Bornick 236; Dick Levine 228; Tim Eriksen 182; John Holbrook 145b; Kelly House 376; Bob Mills 271t; Rick Johnston 145t; Eliza Cavanaugh 274t; Ronald Bornick 454; Tim Brown 163b; Sue Hanson 556; Tom Gibney 501; Lawrence Yamazaki 455; Doron Henkin 201; Diane Mennella 318; Laura Densmore 302; Dan Hertzler 330t; Susan Bingham 340; Minja Lausevic 270; Roland Hutchinson 553; Jean Seiler 472; Hal Kunkel 558.

Paula McGray conducted the memorial lesson and reminded us that we have a responsibility to care for one another. Dennis Leipold read the following list of sick and shut-ins and led 68b in their honor: Judy Wagner—New Hampshire; Hugh Anderson, Molly Mason, Paul Vasko, Sr., and Stanley Brown—New York; Mary Seiler Kneeland, Marilyn Darch, and Dick Sparks—California; Bob Scorgie and Jean Ducrow—Wisconsin; Sam Willman—Iowa; Margaret Peckman—Florida; Claudia Rose—New Jersey; Marie Betts Bartlett and Nick Mesloh—Massachusetts; Mado Venier—France.

Paula McGray read the following list of deceased and led 235 in their memory: Donald Edwin Meitzler—Connecticut; Lillian St. Clair Meitzler, Esther St. Clair Ammann, and Daniel Shea—Massachusetts; Barbara Carns and Dinah Breunig—Vermont; Jonathan Eberhard—Washington, D.C.; Frances M. Duncan—Maryland; Bob Williams—Connecticut; Harry Bingham, Franklin Gracer, Karin Wennstrom, Jamie Lynn Drummer, John Moore, Paul Vasko, Jr., Glen Steinfeld, and Andreas Albrecht—New York; Dorothy Henry—Florida; Mario Erranti, Charles Simone, G. Robert Jacks, Don Juel, Dr. Ed Dowey, Jr., and David Frisch—New Jersey; David Nagy, Rev. Dr. Allan Winn, and Charles Coleman—Pennsylvania; Jeannette Hardin—Virginia; Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Kenneth Rebman—Colorado. Hal Kunkel closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: George Seiler 347; Katharine Hough 408; Tom Tucker 42; Ginny Landgraf 504; Rachel Speer 112; Richard Schmeidler 474, Gina Balestracci 180. Chaplain Hal Kunkel said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order. Leaders: Laura Densmore 155; Ellie Soler 277; Donna Abrahams 373; Bob Parr 542; Cathy Tucker 385b; Thom Metzger 89; Gerry Hoffman 196; David Hough 384; Eileen Metzger 421; Guy Banks 532; Laura Timmerman 535; Linda Shea 399b; Patricia Geritz 479; Barbara Swetman 333; Bradford West 426b; Inga Knets 216; Dennis Leipold 217; John Holbrook 282; Anne Johnston 445; Bill Dunn 335; Kelly House 475; Tim Eriksen 442; Kshama Ananthapura 88t; Clarice Kjerlff 84; Dick Levine 300.

RECESS

Dan Hertzler brought the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Doron Henkin 564; Brenda Peña 229; Michael Kaye 254; Aldo Ceresa 50t; Sally House 569b; Gina Balestracci 543; Frank Evans 200; Paula McGray 327; Tim Brown 198; Tom Gibney 147.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

The Secretary reported 164 attendees from 12 states were registered; and 64 leaders led 113 tunes.

The Treasurer reported expenses had been met with a small surplus to begin next year.

Guy Banks and Rachel Speer gave the Resolutions Committee report of thanks to everyone who had made this convention possible.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and the Chaplain dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Diane Mennella; Vice Chair—Claire Simon; Secretary—Ellie Soler.

GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP UNCONVENTIONAL SUNDAY Montclair, New Jersey May 18, 2003

The seventh annual Garden State Unconventional Sunday singing was held at the Montclair Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Jean Seiler leading 101. Roland Hutchinson offered the opening remarks.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci “Sessions”; Brenda Peña “Autumn” (“September Psalms”); Roland Hutchinson “Liberty’s Trumpet”; Claire Simon 107; Eileen Metzger 198 (EH); Richard Schmeidler 110 (EH 1); Laura Densmore 488b (CB); Thom Metzger “Every Hour”; Hal Kunkel “The Lord’s Prayer”; Ann Johnston 99.

RECESS

Roland Hutchinson brought the class to order leading “Ussher.” Leaders: Thom Metzger 260; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Diane Mennella 406; Gina Balestracci “Iowa”; Aldo Ceresa 102; Guy Banks 151; Tom Tucker 127 (EH 1); Gerry Hoffman 50 (EH 1).

Laura Densmore led 574 (CB) as the closing song. Hal Kunkel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Diane Mennella; Vice Chair—Claire Simon; Treasurer—Dick Levine; Secretary—Ellie Soler.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING
Los Angeles, California
Saturday, May 17, 2003

The eleventh annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California. Duncan MacLeod called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 59. Steve Lazicki, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California, led the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Beth Webb; Vice Chairman—Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary—Larry Arnstein; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Resolutions Committee—Betty Herman and Carroll Lunsford; Memorial Committee—Susan Turpin.

Leaders: Beth Webb 300; Duncan MacLeod 77t; Ron Huss 38t; Pat Keating 455; Tom Ostwald 268; Midge Harder 184; Betty Herman 430; Larry Arnstein 474; Steve Lazicki 74b; John Rand 448t; John Marr 192; Carroll Lunsford 75; Susan Turpin 203; Beth Webb 315.

RECESS

Dan Vosnick called the class back to order leading 73b. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 320; Mimi Wright 31t; Jenny Jensen 171; Janet Herman 536; Bruce Hayes 228; Jerry Schreiber 362; Katherine Callahan 163b.

Susan Turpin conducted the memorial lesson and led 459 for the following deceased: Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Floyd L. O'Banion—Washington; Howard Warren—Indiana; Diane Jones—California; Melinda Kennedy—Massachusetts.

Susan Turpin related that her brother's wife had died at the age of 47, leaving behind an 8 year-old son, and led 83t for those who are grieving. She led 58 for the sick and shut-ins: Micky Woodbridge—Connecticut; Marilyn Murata—California. Steve Lazicki closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Dan Jensen 206; Carla Smith 250; Rick Russell 201; Duncan MacLeod 129; Dan Vosnick 107.

LUNCH

Beth Webb called the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Stephen O'Leary 528; Anitra Kaye 335; Norma Ruptier 479; Mary Rose O'Leary 411; Carolyn Craig 504; Mike Laube 467; Natalie Hall 383; Karen Huss 236; Norman Gholson 445; Deborah Dunn 159; Marianne Cotter 457; Dan Jensen 29; Susan Turpin 371; Midge Harder 535; Jerry Schreiber 550; Tom Ostwald 269.

RECESS

Carolyn Craig called the class back to order leading 189. Leaders: Jenny Jensen 299; Janet Herman 216; Mimi Wright 37b; Tom Ostwald 45; Carroll Lunsford 162; Norma Ruptier 66; Katherine Callahan 209; Anitra Kaye 146; John Marr 296; Pat Keating 344; Mary Rose O'Leary 373; Larry Arnstein 150; Steve Lazicki 117; Betty Herman 272.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports.

Treasurer Duncan MacLeod reported that contributions met and exceeded expenses. Secretary Larry Arnstein reported that 64 songs were called, and that the singers sang like angels.

Beth Webb thanked Ron Huss and Karen Huss, who were in charge of food, and all those who were on the various committees for a wonderful job. The business meeting was closed.

Beth Webb led 276 as the closing song. Steve Lazicki offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Beth Webb; Vice Chairman—Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING
City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
Saturday, May 17, 2003

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading 59. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee—Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 231, 390, 278, 176t, 317, 74b, 457; Sandie Scott 112, 101t, 460; Gordon Wilkinson 335, 72b, 294; Marilyn Burchett 144, 146, 32t; Linton Ballinger 208, 430.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading 66 and 124. Leaders: Clay Mattox 159, 448t; Heidi Nolen 225t, 128, 515, 496; Mike Grimes 358, 45t, 405; Doris Littrell 143; Linton Ballinger 110, 81t.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading 148, 294, 274, and 111. Leaders: Angela Byers 129, 57, 82t; Ann Ballard 361, 318; Sandie Scott 73b, 89; Heidi Nolan 39t, 35; Mike Grimes 551, 34; Marilyn Burchett 99.

Announcements were made. Clay Mattox and Tim Reynolds thanked everyone who came and invited everyone to come again next year.

Tim Reynolds led 168 as the closing song, and Charles Ballard offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA SINGING
Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Covington, Georgia
Saturday, May 17, 2003

The third annual Newton County Georgia Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, southeast of Covington, Georgia. Charles Woods called the class to order leading 81t. Rev. Frank Norris offered the morning prayer. Hermon Wilkinson welcomed everyone to Shoal Creek and led 111t and 144. Frank Norris led 166.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the existing officers:

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Hermon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Arlene Woods; Chaplain—Rev. Frank Norris.

Leaders: John Plunkett 181, 271b; Sandra Wilkinson 473, 274t; Jane Spencer 63, 159; Hugh McGraw 175, 227; Marcena Wilkinson 101t, 45t; Earlis McGraw 148 (for Jeff Sheppard), 312b; Lee Rogers 371, 448t; Andy Anderson 99, 178.

RECESS

Charles Woods called the singing back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 215; Charlene Wallace 61, 85; Irene Jordan 569b, 490; Art Hargrove, Myra Hargrove, and John Plunkett 282, 147; Andy Anderson 107, 28t; Lee Rogers 353; Earlis McGraw 435, 544; Marcena Wilkinson 146.

LUNCH

Charles Woods called the afternoon session to order leading 77t. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 383; Dianne Wall 474, 497; Jack Jordan 196, 49b; Hugh McGraw 52b; Jane Spencer 390, 59; John Plunkett 512, 475; Arlene Woods and Charles Woods 523; Charlene Wallace 347, 388; Andy Anderson 39t, 268; Michael Spencer 384; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 52t; Dianne Wall 452, 197; Carlene Griffin 155, 448b; Lee Rogers 424, 425.

Frank Norris adjourned the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Hermon Wilkinson;

Secretary—Arlene Woods.

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama

May 18, 2003

The annual singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Susan Harcrow leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson. Susan Harcrow then led 37b and 101t. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Susan Harcrow; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 317, 274t; Randall Smith 76b, 501 (CB) (for Lamar Smith and Mary Smith); Tommy George 354b; Ivalene Donaldson 39b; Jarrod George 270, 358; Lisa Geist 394, 202; Marlin Beasley 480; Betty Wright 369, 424; Chris Green 301, 316; Richard Ivey 399b.

RECESS

The class was called back with Susan Harcrow leading 430. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 138t, 111b; Henry Johnson 375, 56b; S.T. Reed 44, 43; Wilton Donaldson 499, 565; Nate Green and Norma Green 325, 448t; Butch White 159, 77t; Chita Blakeley 215, 138b; Cindy Tanner 139, 157.

RECESS

Susan Harcrow brought the class back together leading 142. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 224, 91; Allison Ivey 216; Robert Walker 59; Wayne Wootten 168, 276; James Cain 290, 348b; Linda Thomas 131b, 52t; Jenny Mann 39t, “Sweet Beulah Land”; Linton Ballinger 285t; Rodney Ivey 122 (in honor of Ruth Brown).

LUNCH

Jackson Harcrow called the class back together leading 153. Leaders: Britt Mann 68b; Karen Ivey 203; Dennis George 318, 319; Aaron Wootten 282; Carmon Brothers 40, 569b; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 59; Max Berueffy 272; Stuart Ivey 189, 222; Eloise Wootten 137; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Elene Stovall 542; Terry Wootten 349; David Ivey 374; Sheila Wootten 69t; Everett Blackwood 30b; Shane Wootten 455; Marty Wootten 546; Rodney Ivey 135, 47t (for Evelyn Harris); Max Berueffy 328.

Announcements were made. Jackson Harcrow, Susan Harcrow, and Jackie Tanner led 146 as the closing song. Chris Green dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Near Heflin, Alabama

May 18, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. Chairman B.M. Smith called the class to order leading

59. Harvey Austin offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led 101t; Jeff Sheppard 89, 123t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 448t; Pearl Guier 127, 32t; Cecil Roberts 119, 284; Karen Reaves 410t, 457; Stanley Edwards 335, 340; Lou Cotney 172, 384; Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Sylvia Holland 30b, 348b.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading 129. Leaders: George Garner 436; Louise Holland 49b, 63; Reba Norton 61, 100; Harvey Austin 405, 566; Glenda Collins 282, 124; Sam Jones 137, 146; Michael Turner 59, 358 (for his sister, Erica); Nellie Mae White 106, 159; Winfred Kerr 47b, 146; Shelbie Sheppard 503 (for Evelyn Harris, Ruth Brown, and Buelah Reese), 36b.

Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery.

Pearl Guier thanked Sylvia Norton and her brother for the beautiful flowers in the church, and then conducted the memorial lesson. Eunice Webb led 45t in memory of: E.M. Watson, Irene Watson, Grace Tolleson, Virginia Jones Glasgow, Ollie Walker, Wayne Smith, Jess Butler, Bessie Butler, Eric Reaves, Revy Williamson, Carrie Garner, Vivian Rogers, and Everette Denney.

Jeff Sheppard led 68b for Della Edwards and other sick and shut-ins which included Ruth Brown, Evelyn Harris, Buelah Reese, Kathleen Butler Powers, Alice Edwards, and all the service men and women overseas.

Jeff Sheppard led 155 and 122, which was especially requested by Ruth Brown, who was seriously ill at this time. Elder Lewis Norton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Lewis Norton brought the afternoon session to order and led 76b and 490. Leaders: Sherrell Cleino 323b, 421; Sherrell Cleino and Ruth Daniel 378t; Eunice Webb 328, 569b; Corene Laminack 164, 40; Shelbie Sheppard 186, 73b; Ann Simpson 143, 445; Jeff Sheppard 569t; Michael Turner 294; Stanley Edwards 81, 82; Cecil Roberts 303. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Rev. Les Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

SARDIS CHURCH

Lynn Park, Alabama

May 18, 2003

The annual singing at Sardis Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by John Merritt leading 64, followed by prayer.

Leaders: John Merritt 36b, 90, 497 (CB), 572 (CB); Brenda Merritt 48t, 76b, 460; Winell Sanders 108t; Travis Keeton 68b, 275b, 129, 290; Sarah Smith 72b, 445; Gary Smith 503, 523, 565; Glenn Keeton 106, 274t, 285t; Velton Chafin 76t, 77b, 521; Margaret Keeton 144, 270, 499; Cecil Sanders 501 (CB).

LUNCH

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 274t, 106, 385t; Steve Rutledge 290, 294, 358; Elizabeth Biddie and Glenn Keeton 45t, 59; John Merritt 317; Brenda Merritt 319, 318; Travis Keeton 424, 343; Sarah Smith 288; Gary Smith 31t, 34b; Glenn Keeton 49b, 278t; Velton Chafin 57, 30t; Margaret Keeton 365; Steve Rutledge 517 (WB); John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood”; Brenda Merritt 559 (CB), 522 (CB).

Announcements were made. This singing will be held on the fourth Sunday in March at Sardis Church in 2004.

Chairman—John Merritt; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)
Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama
Saturday, May 24, 2003

President Don Clark called the day of singing to order at 9:00 a.m. leading song on page 58. The morning prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Today we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of this society. On May 17, 1903 the Mount Pisgah Singing Society was organized and the following officers were elected: James W. Grady, President; F.B. Cummings, Vice President; W.H. Smith, Secretary; W.B. Anglin, Assistant Secretary. There were 111 names listed as members. W.M. Cooper's newly revised Sacred Harp was adopted as the official book. The society would meet monthly on third Sunday afternoons and all day sings would be held one or two times each year at the discretion of the members. This continued until 1951 when the last all day sing was held. In 1992 the society was reorganized and continues to meet annually.

Leaders: President Don Clark 171; Vice President John Etheridge 497; Secretary Karen Clark 421; Bobby Jackson 408; Tor Bejnar 411; Martha Henderson 207; Wayne Morgan 65; Frank Hataway 336b; Annie Lee Price 47b; Phil Slay 508; Mike Jones 355; Earlis McGraw 436b; Jean Payne 290; Tommie Spurlock 81 (for Bill Farris and Agnes Farris); Johnny Lee 509.

RECESS

The second session was called to order by President Don Clark leading 145b.

Leaders: Sam Schofield 85; Sue Bunch 63; Bud Oliver 47t (for Evelyn Harris); Geraldine Rice 217; Jack Nelson 30b; Nellie Estes 192; Lonnie Rogers 395b; Sandra Wilkinson 199; Address Gurley 36b; Jeanette Nelson 132; S.T. Reed 138t; Felton Denney 387; Mary Elizabeth Lee 186; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Shane Wootten 539; Brenda Merritt 156.

RECESS

The final session of the morning was called to order by President Don Clark leading 100. Leaders: John Merritt "Nothing But The Blood"; Helen Bryson 172 (for Violet Thomason); April Dell 300; Thom Metzger 89; Andy Morse 520; Jim Carnes 225t; Hugh McGraw 416t; Charlene Wallace 567; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 507t; Lois Stanson 192; Jenny Willard 563; Mattie Perry 120; Darlene Dalton 488b; Hans Guttmann 239; Stanley Smith 45t (for Mrs. Morris).

LUNCH

The first session of the afternoon was called to order by President Don Clark leading 358. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 524; Keith Willard and Johnny Lee 511t; Julie Lee 82; Shane O'Neal 336t; Eileen Metzger 98; Jenny Acton 229; Jimmie Denney 393b; Phillip Reeves 31t (walked time); Charlotte Bishop 511b; Lee Rogers 444t; Kathy Lee 180; Syble Adams 478; Dennis George 392; Guy Banks 575.

RECESS

Order was restored by President Don Clark leading 170. Leaders: David Lee, Clarke Lee, and Phillip Reeves 505; John Plunkett 266b; Riley Lee 222; Charles Woods 484; Todd Mitchell 99; Jane S. Elliott 61; Andy Anderson 38t; Margaret Spurlock 112; Clarke Lee 412; Kenneth Robinson 388; the Avery sisters (Nellie Estes, Mattie Perry, and Jean Payne) 196; John Merritt and Jason Nix 522 (requested by Leonard Price); Syble Adams and David Lee "Song of Praise."

After announcements were made, the officers led 500 as the closing song and all who wished took the parting hand. Elder Clarke Lee dismissed the class with prayer. President—Don L. Clark; Vice President—John Etheridge; Secretary—Karen Clark.

MIDWEST CONVENTION
Chicago, Illinois
May 24-25, 2003
Saturday, May 24

The eighteenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus, Chicago, Illinois on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May.

Co-Chairs Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton opened the Saturday morning session at 9:30 a.m. by welcoming singers and then led 171. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bruce Holmes 146; Randy Neufeld 32t; Judy Hauff 48t; Richard DeLong 112 (for Violet Thomason); Megan Jennings 208; Ted Mercer 302; Karen Freund 82t; James Page 411; Lisa Grayson 288 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Jerry Enright 100; Kathy Williams 222; Jim Helke 548.

Co-Chairs Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton led 99 and then called for a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Karen Freund and Jerry Enright; Vice Chairs—Lisa Grayson and Ted Mercer; Secretaries—Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton; Assistant Secretary—Becky Allen-Powell; Arranging Committee—Martha Beverly, James Swanson, and Henry Schuman; Chaplains—James Swanson, Herb Schroeder, and Louis Hughes, Sr.; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton, Kathy Williams, Lynne deBenedette, and Richard DeLong; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld; Resolutions Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 354; Jerry Creason 47b; Helen Brown 142; Al Frank 362; Laura Clawson 216; Mike Hinton 543; Marcia Johnson 440; Louis Hughes, Sr. 384 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Melanie Hauff 485; Tony Singleton 496; Lynne deBenedette 182; Jeremy York 163b; Ann Beasley Ballard 57.

RECESS

Suzanne Flandreau brought the class back with 87. Leaders: Steve Warner 86; Jeanette Lowry 475; Marlin Beasley 61; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Gary Gronau 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Debbie Barford 192; Jeff Gauthier 368; Steve Fletcher 277; Louis Hughes, Jr. 76b. Louis Hughes, Sr. led the class in prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ted Mercer and Lisa Grayson leading 145t. Leaders: Kathy Williams and Louise Holland 36b (in memory of Ruth Brown whose funeral was occurring at this same time, 1:00 p.m.); class “Happy Birthday” to Gary Gronau; Becky Browne 436; Ted Johnson “Joyful Noise” (a new composition); Mary DeNys 484; Chris Noren 236; Reba Dell Windom 542; Chandler York, Kara York Hall, and Peter Lagrand 448b; Carolyn Deacy 56t; Scott DePoy 179 (for Cathy White); Annie Grieshop 84; Charles Wells 38b; Marty DeNys 299; David Barford 209; Wendy Wahn 269; Matt Wells 318; Morgan Bunch 383; Lois Hurt 551; David Rust 312t.

RECESS

Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: John Seaton 47t; Kathy Kaiser 212; Bill Hamblin 106; Ariel Weinberg, Natalia Cecire, Shaffiq Welji, and Jeff Gauthier 547 (in honor of the University of Chicago students who had sung with the group for the last 4 years); Wally Bloch 148; Kiri

Miller 270; Brad Oglesby 39b; Marjorie Benwitz 218; Dave Ressler 448t; Joan Yeattman 143; Paul Figura 178; Beth Hoffman Reed 344; Steven Schmidgall 154. Jerry Enright, Karen Freund, Lisa Grayson, and Ted Mercer led 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 25

The convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with Co-Chairs Karen Freund and Jerry Enright leading 52t. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anne Heider 350; Nick Pasqual 446; Becky Allen-Powell 480; Herb Schroeder 146; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Don Story 81t; Colette Miller 436; Don Keeton 290; Helen Brown 220; Samuel Sommers 112; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Francis Gurtz 479; Becky Browne 362; Scott DePoy 74b (for Jeannette DePoy); Kathy Williams 208; Louis Hughes, Sr. 492.

RECESS

Megan Jennings brought the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Julie Vea 26; Mike Hinton 373; Chris Noren 189; Lynne deBenedette 442; Tony Singleton 31t; Mary DeNys 566; Jim Swanson 377; Steve Fletcher 70b; Jeff Gauthier (with his mother, Lee Ann Gauthier, and grandmother, Carol Parker) 340; Kris Richardson 107; David Rust 528; Reba Dell Windom 224; Marlin Beasley 454 (by request); Johanna Fabke 385t; James Page 216; Kim Bahmer 47t.

RECESS

Karen Freund and Jerry Enright brought the class back leading 77t. Leaders: Kiri Miller 203; Louis Hughes, Jr. 99; Katie Kocha 313b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton who reminded us that Sacred Harp singings are comprised of many people: singers, listeners, supporters, chauffeurs, and those who record the proceedings. We pause at conventions to remember and to celebrate those singers who have left our hollow square in the last year. Some sang Sacred Harp all their lives; people like Ruth Brown, our dear 'bus lady,' who was at this convention last year; B.E. Matthews, a true southern gentleman, an Alabama native who moved to Texas and attended every Texas singing for many years; and Kenneth DeLong of Georgia who was born, raised, and sang his entire life in that area. Others sang Sacred Harp for fewer years, but still loved our special music. They were still Sacred Harp singers who loved and cared for each other and the music regardless of how long they had been singing.

Listen to these words from June 1997: "Sacred Harp is uniquely different. Singers come from all walks of life, represent all religious faiths, and different nationalities. Somewhere almost every week Sacred Harp singers meet to sing for the pure joy of it. It's a joyful noise made for the comfort and satisfaction of the singer. This loyal, loving group meets to sing, weep, pray, laugh, eat, and talk together. We help, respect, defend, and love each other. And, faithfully, we pause to remember together those who in the past year have vacated a chair in their singing group. We remember their smiles, friendly handclaps, shared jokes, innocent pranks, and the times they sat beside us and sang their joyful noise.

We remember all these things with gladness—gladness because we knew them—gladness mixed with sadness, because in some way, almost every person in this room has been touched by the lives of some of the deceased. We can remember something special about many of them. As we read the names of the deceased, hold these people close to your heart—they are probably listening to us today as we remember them."

These words were spoken at the 1997 National Sacred Harp Convention in Birmingham. I was a part of the Memorial Committee with Ruth Brown that year and for several other years. She loved the memorial lesson and knew the importance

that we have always given to honoring and celebrating those who vacated a chair by our hollow square.

We're sad for our loss of the companionship of those who've gone on. We'll miss them for a long time, but our sadness is tempered by the knowledge that they've joined a heavenly singing that we can not begin to imagine. And yes, I believe that in the center of that Celestial Hollow Square, God will be right in the middle, elevated on His throne beating time to the tunes we love.

When those heavenly singers want to take a trip, Ruth Brown will organize a bus trip and welcome everybody aboard!

Kathy Williams continued the lesson stating that everyone probably has a story about Ruth Brown, some more irreverent than others, and led 122. She added further that while we are deeply saddened at our loss, the sadness is tempered by the knowledge that God is on a motorized throne so He can travel to any singing He likes. Also, on this Memorial Day weekend, we should make special remembrance of all those who have given their lives in defense of the United States.

Then the names of the deceased were read: Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Leola Smith, Flora Skinner—Alabama; Robert Warner, Robert Plunkett, and Sheila Horton—California; Matthew Ettinger—Florida; Everette Denney, Kenneth DeLong, and Vivian Rogers—Georgia; Bill Belhota, Helen Block, Richard Kimmel, Evan McCombs, and Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Art Heffley and Evan Thompson—Indiana; David Lewin—Massachusetts; Virginia Bloom, and Christopher Dugan—Missouri; Dorothy Katz—New Jersey; Joseph Woodrow Weinberg—New York; Jennie Levey and Mary Louise Bates—Ohio; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Sister Pat Iggulden—Wisconsin; Tom Mattock—United Kingdom; Diahn Breunig—Vermont; Irma Glacy. Lynne deBenedette led 235 in memory of the deceased.

Lynne deBenedette spoke of the suddenness that occurs with so many of these departures from life. For her, as well as for many of the singers, it is the stories from the memorial lessons that stay in our minds. All singers are privileged to sing by, learn from, be raised by, and taught by those who are part of the square. We have received many gifts and lessons from these singers, but we don't always remember or take the time to thank them while they are still alive. She wished she could thank some of those who are now gone and urged us not to fail in this effort. The joy and power of the music can be so overwhelming it should carry over in our efforts to take care of those who are part of the square. And although she does not consider herself a longtime singer, she is surprised at how many of those named, she knows.

The names of the sick and shut-ins were then read: Evelyn Harris, B.J. Harris, and G.L. Hinton—Alabama; Don Bowen, Violet Thomason, Cathy White, Donnie McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, and Mozelle Sheppard—Georgia; Balthazar Lozano—Arizona; Tricia Ryan—California; Ann Elaine Cullor—Colorado; Patsy Cirkus—Florida; Sharon Brown, Suzanne Checica, LaQuita Keeton, Mr. Messbarger, Harry Sabusawa, Violet Stark, and Karl Weintraub—Illinois; Patrick Maxwell—Indiana; Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Sister Scholastica—South Carolina; Willaim Bahlarz (father of Susan Sanders) and Judy Parks—Tennessee; Kelly Beard and Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Cathryn Bearov (mother of Cathryn Baker)—Virginia; Val Dunagan, Carol Enseki, Camilla Hansen, and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Karen Crook, Sue Gould, Simon Harratt, Gordon Matthews, Rosalind Oldham, Len Roles, Joan Stocks, and Keith Thomas—United Kingdom.

Richard DeLong urged those attending the convention to take even one person from this list and to write a note or send a card to that person. He spoke of the cards that he had received from singers in the past to console him during times of loss and how

very much that had meant to him. Richard said that when he felt particularly despondent he could read the messages sent from those he both knew and did not know to lift his spirits with the knowledge that others were thinking of him and praying for him. Lynne deBenedette, Richard DeLong, and Mike Hinton led 381b. Sam Sommers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Herb Schroeder offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Doug Stapleton called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 299. Leaders: Marjorie Ben Benwitz 327; John Seaton 48t; Carolyn Deacy 501; Judy Hauff 536; Steve Fletcher “New England” (a new composition); Cathryn Baker “Stafford” (with new words); Sue Kessell 365; Jim Laurie 63; Suzanne Flandreau and members of a visiting choir 540; Matt Wells, Cassie Lang, and Alex Olson 472; Emmie Barford 497; Dave Ressler 455; Laura Clawson 186; Marty DeNys 198; Judy Holst 282; Martha Beverly 430; Steven Schmidgall 473; Jeanette Lowry 142; Paul Figura 143; Lois Hurt 145; Richard DeLong 411.

RECESS

Ted Mercer and Lisa Grayson brought the class back to order leading 278b. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 47t; Beth Hoffman Reed 456; Gary Gronau 426t; Bill Beverly 474; Ted Johnson 269; Anne Heider and Steve Warner 475; Melanie Hauff 215; Louise Holland and Kathy Williams 273; Marcia Johnson 434; Kris Richardson 217; Joan Yeatman 34b; David Barford 195.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met and thanked all for helping to achieve this goal.

Co-Secretary Doug Stapleton reported that over the past 2 days, 147 songs had been led by 174 people from 17 states and England.

The Resolutions Committee made the following statement: “‘He who sings, prays twice.’ (Francis of Assisi) In that spirit, we, the class of the 18th annual Midwest Convention, resolve to thank the officers, volunteers, committee members, cooks, hosts, space providers, pitchers, publicists, spouses, singers, listeners, and all those who had a part in anyway to make the last two days a great success, in praise of God.” Karen Freund and Jerry Enright then called up the officers to lead 146 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. Louis Hughes, Sr. led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Karen Freund and Jerry Enright; Vice Chairs—Lisa Grayson and Ted Mercer; Secretaries—Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 25, 2003**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in May. B.M. Smith called the class to order leading 59. Mary Lambert Smith offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led 82, 81; Miranel Swafford 155; Charlene Wallace 171, 217.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford;

Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary Lambert Smith.

Leaders: Mary Lambert Smith 177, 213t; Stanley Edwards 340, 378t; Reba Norton 270, 480; Thomas J. Willard 36b, 422; Eunice Webb 328, 512; Shelbie Sheppard 179, 272; Eileen Metzger 48t, 106; Todd Mitchell 86, 448t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 222; LaRue Allen 187, 224; Phil Summerlin 411, 475.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 112. Leaders: Sherry Lovvorn 143, 373; Floy Wilder 214, 389; Guy Banks 486, 510; Keith Willard 144, 101b; Teenie Moody 100, 182; Hugh McGraw 124, 319; Thom Metzger 399t, 198; Cecil Roberts 284, 335.

Mary Lambert Smith conducted the memorial lesson with the following deceased remembered: Gladys Woods Enterkin, Carrie Garner, Everette Denney, Kenneth DeLong, Ruth Brown, Bernard Swafford, Ruby Adams, Clarence Lambert, and Vivian Rogers. Mary Lambert Smith led 348b in memory of the deceased and 426t in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Mike Benefield closed the memorial and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.M. Smith leading 298. Leaders: C.W. Garner 299, 223; Inez Chandler 274t, 290; Jeff Sheppard 176b, 208; Lela Crowder 288 (in memory of her uncle), 327 (for her best friend); Jenny Willard 318, 145b; Bobby Jackson 268, 499; Earlis McGraw 181, 438 (for Durwood and Velma Mize who are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary); Carlene Griffin 122, 117 (for Alice Edwards and Hester Edwards); John Plunkett 41, 50t; Elder Homer Benefield 56t, 45t; Mildred Patterson 146, 119; Keith Willard 111b; Todd Mitchell 148; Thom Metzger 376; Phil Summerlin 430; Guy Banks 351; Jenny Willard 392; Eileen Metzger 383; John Plunkett 358; T.J. Willard 106.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led 313t (for Margie Smith) and 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chair—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Eva, Morgan County, Alabama** **May 25, 2003**

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading 46. The morning prayer was offered by Hershell King.

Leaders and selections were as follows: Milford Cobbs 143; Judy Caudle 33b; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Arvid Holmes 460; Hershell King 410t, 97; David Light 112, 172; Larry Ballinger 101t, 49t; Dennis George 360, 278b; Susan Harcrow 29t, 126; David Roberson 100, 275b; Marie Guthrie 434, 220; Bud Oliver 345t, 343. RECESS

The singing resumed with Chairman Milford Cobbs leading 323b. Leaders and selections: Robert Walker 63, 452; Lomax Ballinger 144, 300; Eldagene Roberson 399, 81t; Delone Cobbs 32t; Allison Ivey 31t, 138t; Jackson Harcrow 35, 48t; Blake Sizemore 59, 186; Stuart Ivey 171, 110; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Susan Holmes 441; Susan Holmes and Jane Long 313t; Elene Stovall 76b, 36b; Max Berueffy 64, 131b; Karen Ivey 273, 106.

LUNCH

After enjoying lunch and fellowship, the class was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading 334.

A memorial session was conducted by Elder Daniel Hopper. He made comments about past singings held at this place and the many faces that were missing from our congregation. He then offered prayer.

Judy Caudle led 459 in memory of Bera Bradford, Mamie Buckelew, Lessie Grant, Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Coy Rasco. Jonathon Thompson and Brandon

Thompson led 448t in memory of L.E. Hopper, Izella Hopper, Marvin Hopper, Willard Hopper, Pauline Cobbs, Talmadge Cobbs, and Alta Mae Self. Also remembered were those who are sick or for other reasons could not attend the singing. Judy Caudle led 312b for Wilda Holmes, Herbert Cobbs, and Kimmie Holcomb.

Leaders and selections: David Ivey 500, 345b; Herby Bailey 565, 569b; Pinina Kane 61, 335; Craig Holmes 111t; Elvin Guthrie 163t, 310; Rodney Ivey 224, 215; Sandie Scott 317, 159; Marilyn Burchett 551, 72b; Ramona Light 380, 192; Nell Woodard and J.L. Hopper 108b (in memory of Reuben Woodard); Dan Hopper 139, 213b; Kenneth Fannin 30b, 189; J.L. Hopper 91, 369, 213t (by request of J.C. Rutledge). Milford Cobbs led 45t as the closing hymn. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

JACK C. SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Monday, May 26, 2003

The third annual Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing met at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia on Labor Day. The class was called to order by Chairman John Plunkett leading 49t. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 145t; Malinda Snow 107, 84 (in memory of her father, Tom Snow); Andy Anderson 99, 28t; Jeannette DePoy 436 (for Violet Thomason), 503 (for Cathy White); Thom Metzger 217, 70b; Bob Goodman 551, 497; Charles Woods 77t (in memory of Buford McGraw), 148 (for Arlene); Guy Bankes 120, 481; Lela Crowder 30t (for Amy), 76b (for her uncle, Vernon Stott).

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown). Leaders: Scott DePoy 274t, 36b; Sally Palmer 143, 63; Sandra Wilkinson 388, 100; Eileen Metzger 101t, 101b; Gaylon Powell 512 (in memory of B.E. Matthews), 383; Joan Durdin 72b, 47t; Myra Tucker 40, 114; Andy Morse 480, 347. The class dismissed one hour for lunch, with Andy Anderson asking the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with John Plunkett leading 52t and 452 (in memory of Jack Smith). Leaders: Malinda Snow 349; Andy Anderson 45t; Thom Metzger 448b; Bob Goodman 569b; Charles Woods 378b (in memory of his father, O.H. Woods); Guy Bankes 350; Lela Crowder 300; Sally Palmer 479; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Eileen Metzger 421; Gaylon Powell 442; Joan Durdin 86; Andy Morse 448t; Thom Metzger 42; Guy Bankes 297; Eileen Metzger 567; Gaylon Powell 216.

Andrew Gee, Oakhurst Worship and Music Committee, was invited into the hollow square and requested to hear 85. As a representative of the church, he was thanked for allowing us to use this space and hold this event to remember our friend, Jack Smith. John Plunkett led 346 in honor of Memorial Day.

It had been proposed earlier in the day that consideration be made in next year's session to include use of the "J.L. White Book." This was agreed upon, and next year's singing will use both "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" and the "1911 J.L. White Book" (newly reprinted).

John Plunkett led 323t as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chair—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

BRATTLEBORO ALL-DAY SINGING
First United Methodist Church, Brattleboro, Vermont
Saturday, May 31, 2003

The fifth annual Brattleboro All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Matthew Wojcik leading 34b. Co-Chair Rosie Wojcik led the class in prayer and led 70t.

Leaders: Jenna Strizak 52t; Peter Amidon 200; George Pomfret 479; Lyra O'Brien 94; Bob Parr 95; Kelsey Wessels 440; George Seiler 480; Dennis O'Brien 454; Pleasance Crawford 313b; Rick Johnston 274b; Alexa Gilmore 274t; Bill Holt 73; Robert Dove 84; Ishmael Stefanov 513; Susan Jaster 250.

RECESS

Catherine Oss brought the class back to order leading 142. Leaders: Paul Gauthier 218; Victoria Bolles 532; Elric Elias 99; Kitty Kagay 474; Ken Mattsson 86; Nicola Collett 347; Jean Seiler 68b; Allison Schofield 542; Dan Hertzler 33b; Brian Collett 273; Sheila Kelley 198; Katherine Collett 155; Laura Timmerman 162; Pleasance Crawford 147t; Lyra O'Brien 216; Peter Amidon 47t; Bob Parr 112.

Tony Barrand conducted the memorial lesson, speaking in particular about the passing of Dinah Breunig on March 10th of this year. He referred to the words to verse two of song on page 86, "May I be well prepared to go when I the summons hear." Each of us enters into "the valley of the shadow of death" when we experience illness, but we struggle across that valley to climb up the other side back to health. Dinah fought cancer for many years, but when her time came she saw flowers all around, pansies, and asked for a napkin, as she was at a feast.

The names of the deceased remembered were: Ruth Brown and Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Richard Morganson and Laurette Wojcik—Connecticut; Amy Anderson, Rolf Anderson, Mildred Baldwin, Daniel Shea, and Bruce Wenger—Massachusetts; Bob Metz—Pennsylvania; Virginia Grandidge—Rhode Island; Dinah Breunig, Thomas Lee Hayes, and Gary Snyder—Vermont; Joe O'Hern—Virginia.

Those who were remembered on the sick and shut-in list were: Mary Seiler Kneeland, Dorothy Morganson, Doris Morganson, Marie Betts Bartlett, Nick Mesloh, Dick Raymond, Ed Cates, Theresa Reil, Judy Wagner, Peter Betts, John Sheldon, Molly Mason, and Tom Gibney. Tony Barrand led song on page 288 and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Matt Wojcik 217; Robert Dove 228; Susan Jaster 569t; Kelsey Wessels 129; George Pomfret 28b; Cath Oss 318. Laura Timmerman led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Elric Elias brought the afternoon session to order leading 37b. Leaders: Dennis O'Brien 304; Martha Lang 48t; John Holbrook 145b; Jean Seiler 472; Alexa Gilmore 290; Bill Holt 377; Kate Richardson 329; Bob Metz 178; Andrew Magee 499. There followed a segment of nine songs from Northern Harmony.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with five more songs from Northern Harmony followed by a business meeting. The class resumed singing from "The Sacred Harp" with Kshama Ananthapura leading 426.

Leaders: George Seiler 477; Linda Shea 567; Ken Mattsson 299; Kate Richardson 400; Sheila Kelley 455; Martha Lang 551; Andrew Magee 399b; Victoria Bolles 473; Jenna Strizak 76b; Allison Schofield 384; Kelsey Wessels 270; Laura Timmerman 235; Matthew Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 335.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and Mary Alice Amidon dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairs—Matthew Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik; Secretary—Mary Alice Amidon.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 South

May 31-June 1, 2003

Saturday, May 31

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in June and Saturday before. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 82t. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Danny Griffin 63; Felton Denney 31t; Teenie Moody 270; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 285t; S.T. Reed 505; Carri Grindon 58; Mary L. Smith 57; LaRue Allen 291; Bobby Jackson 480; Andy Anderson 137; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Reba Windom 216; Don Bowen 283; Scott DePoy 318 (for Jeannette DePoy on their 27th anniversary, today); Lela Crowder 306; Henry Johnson 338; Sally House 171; Charles Woods 453; Laura Clawson 430; Andy Morse 547; Sandra Wilkinson 384.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading 122. Leaders: Bill Dunn 345b; Judy Mincey 538.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Chaplain—Louis Hughes, Sr.; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Joyce Lambert and Mary L. Smith.

Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 127; Mary Brownlee 556; Helen Bryson 522; Bud Oliver 145t; Lou Cotney 189; Mildred Patterson 294; Louise Holland 37b; Al Grindon 34b; Martha Ann Stegar 312t; Kelly House 362; Nancy Newell 155; Henry Schuman 530; Donna Duke 101t; Gaston White 236; Kathy Williams, Louise Holland, Noel Buchanan, and Logan Buchanan 208; Aaron Girard 383; Debra Langley Jiles 299; John Plunkett 230; Lisa Webb 369; Edmund Golladay and Hugh McGraw 143; Louis Hughes, Sr. 34t; Jimmie Denney 313t.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 225t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 336; Andrew Snyder 217; Joan Durdin 148; Nathan Green 420; Amanda Denson 142; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Lynda Hambourger 112; Phillip Langley 442; Jeannette DePoy 542; Jeff Sheppard 436; B.M. Smith 28b; Patricia Temple 203; Stephen McMaster 446; Shelbie Sheppard 455; Mary Wright 405; Kiri Miller 419; Dr. Harry Eskew 128; Alicia Green 222; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; George Garner 186.

RECESS

Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckeba called the class together leading 77t and 220. Leaders: Noel Buchanan 475; Kate Grindon 86; Jane Spencer 159; Richard DeLong 567; Raymond Hamrick 310; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Henry Schuman 344; Stephen McMaster 56b; Laura Clawson 95; Bill Dunn 448b; Helen Bryson 454; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Aaron Girard 378b; Sally House 68b; Kelly House 192.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 46 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 1

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 60. Rev. Henry Bizzell offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 171; Carlene Griffin 81t,

155; Danny Griffin 81b, 77b; Mildred Patterson 100, 339; Bobby Jackson 499, 290; Don Bowen 517, 532; Teenie Moody 498, 546; Rev. Henry Bizzell 334, 503; Mary L. Smith 283, 99; Charles Woods 544, 197; Lisa Webb 496, 455; Oscar McGuire 276, 573; Phillip Langley 448t, 192.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class together leading 145t and 132. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 569t, 569b; Kiri Miller 224, 501; B.M. Smith 222, 318; Bentley McGuire 49t.

The memorial lesson was held. Teenie Moody led 146 and 277 for all the sick and shut-ins which included: I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Evelyn Harris, Burnese Harper, Katherine Benefield, Violet Thomason, Art Brackus, Susan Kelly, Pauline Childers, Kelly Beard, Don Clark, and Alice Edwards.

Phillip Langley led 45t in memory of Martha Jean Bracknell Frost and Cindy Huceba Cole. Charlene Wallace, Carly McWhorter, and Avery McWhorter led 354b in memory of Revy Williamson. Kathy Williams led 36b and 163b for the following deceased: Wilford Denney, Clarence Lambert, Leola Smith, Ike Stanford, Carrie Garner, Berta Woods, David Levin, Lavaughn Ballinger, George Rogers, and Doyle Madden. John Plunkett led 541 and 122 in memory of Vivian Rogers, Ruth Brown, Kenneth DeLong, and Everette Denney. Lonnie Rogers led 348b. Louise Hughes, Sr. closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 217, 201; Johnny Wright 145b, 358; Henry Schuman 32t, 40; Kelly Morris 147b, 159.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Hugh McGraw and grandson, Brice Hannah, leading 97. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and Chris Griffin 75, 176t; Pat Temple 72b, 209; Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 362; Aaron Girard 67, 74b; Josephine Denney 143, 101t; Mary Wright 314, 421; Nancy Newell 497, 312b; Andrew Snyder 189, 196; Judith Green 384, 142; Lynda Hambourger 354t, 481; Gaston White 84, 66.

RECESS

Judy Henry and Carolyn Huceba called the class back together leading 225t. Leaders: Raymond Hamrick 350, 87; Martha Ann Stegar 198, 85; Stephen McMaster 229, 269; Louise Holland 323t, 273; Felton Denney 385b; Elder Homer Benefield 111b; Philip Denney 120; Jimmie Denney 128, 268.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry.

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

June 1, 2003

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t and 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy). Phil Summerlin led the morning prayer. Jackie Tanner was appointed as the Arranging Committee. The singing continued with Vice Chairman Shane Wootten leading 378t (in memory of Woodie Walker).

Leaders: Secretary Norma Green 494 (in memory of Jewell Lea, who was buried today); Jackie Tanner 421 (in memory of his grandmother, Minnie Tanner); Rex Wilks 378b (in memory of his parents, J.B. and Ruby Wilks); Floyd Peters 541 (CB); Mattie Townsel 176b; Robert Walker 480; Loretta Smith 39t; Alexandra Makris 153;

Sally House 540; Tommy George 300; Mike Dunn 424; Lisa Geist 276; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 490; Betty Wright 569b; Aaron Wootten 282.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 340, 235, 540 (CB), 517 (WB), and 45t.

RECESS

Chairman David Ivey called the class together leading 34t. Leaders: Lela Crowder 283; Larry Ballinger 50b; Allison Ivey 120; Milton Oliver 403; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 192; Kelly House 383; Kathy James 542 (in memory of her grandmother, Margie Lacy); Scott Ivey 186; Barrett Patton and Rodney Ivey 371; Hunter Hale 163b; Jackson Harcrow 278b; Joel Jenkins 35; Joan Aldridge 110; Gravis Ballinger 220; Phil Summerlin 159 (by request); Bill Dunn 145b.

Chairman David Ivey recognized Aunt Bob Greeson, the oldest living member of Liberty Church (92 years of age); Hunter and Suzanne Hale, who serve in the Foreign Service in Japan; and a group from Trinidad who are on a work assignment in Fort Payne. Chris Green asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading 217. Leaders: Henry Johnson 326; Sarah Harcrow Jenkins 208; Nate Green and Norma Green 168; Laura Clawson 362; Wayne Wootten 268; Chris Green 418; Karen Ivey 475; Lomax Ballinger 430; Betty Shepherd 216; Blake Sizemore 59; the Ivey First Cousins 491b (WB), 486t (WB); Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 478t (WB); Chris Ballinger 342; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 559 (CB); Sandy Ivey 503.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Hobert Ivey and Tony Ivey leading 47t. Leaders: Hobert Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 410t (in memory of Andrew Ivey, whose 100th birthday was today); Max Berueffy 530; Dennis George 532; Marian Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Martha Underwood, Loyd Ivey, and Doug Ivey 501 (CB) (in memory of Ester Ivey), 454; Cindy Tanner and Cassie Franklin 269; Myra Dalton and Darlene Dalton 488 (CB); Bud Oliver and Jack Stiefel 56b (in memory of Andrew Stiefel); Karen Travis and Tim Travis 312b; Sylvia Ivey 138b; S.T. Reed 385t; Amber Springfield 142; Cassie Franklin 224.

Following announcements, David Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Pastor Tony Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 1, 2003**

The Memorial singing at Fellowship Church was held on the first Sunday in June, and was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Henry Guthery welcomed everyone and led 31t.

Leaders: Corene White 37b, 379; Wilton Donaldson 335, 32t; Ruth Walker 290, 340; John Hyde 39b, 129; Willodean Barton 460, 145; Kenneth Tate 144, 343.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class to order leading 105 and 530.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 35, 64; Eldagene Roberson 399b, 385t; Ashley Keeton 178, 212; Flarce Creel 270, 475; Josie Hyde 99, 234; Travis Keeton 441, 428; Buell Cobb 76b, 565.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 40, 138t; Julie Poston 166; Marie Guthrie 88, 189; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Bidde 159, 45t, 231, 497; Edith Tate 336, 389; Ivalene Donaldson 274; Amanda Denson 59, 388. Glenn Keeton closed the morning session with prayer.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery brought the afternoon session to order leading 431 and 402. Leaders: Dewey McMann 354b, 294; Corene White 171, 97; Ozella Blackmon 167; Eldagene Roberson 300; Marie Guthrie 312b; Josie Hyde 507; Edith Tate 137; Faye Donaldson 430; Amanda Denson 319; Ruth Walker 318; Ira Chandler 81t, 371; Willodean Barton 82t; Flarce Creel and Harrison Creel 342; John Hyde 566; Travis Keeton 384, 179; Kenneth Tate 503, 225t; Buell Cobb 294; Josie Hyde 134; Marie Guthrie 298.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Masonic Temple, Altamont, New York** **Saturday, June 7, 2003**

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Jean Seiler leading 31b. David Lockwood offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: George Seiler 31; Patricia Geritz 47, 378; Barbara Swetman 36b, 36t; Paula McGray 37b, 203; Edith Berger 171, 319; Dennis Leipold 318, 300; Bill Holt 148, 217; Rick Johnston 147t, 48t; Dan Hertzler 440, 439; Patricia Geritz 68b, 503; Kshama Ananthapura 39, 72b; Ellen Flanders 38b, 74b.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Laura Timmerman 65, 335; Andrew Magee 30b, 285; Anne Johnston 430, 445; Jenna Strizak 138, 89; Elric Elias 99, 131b; George Seiler 84; Alexandra Gilmore 76b, 29; Linda Shea 379, 71; Matthew Wojcik 142, 456; Lucy Roberts 497, 198; Scott Luscombe 32b, 189; Rosie Wojcik 214, 129; Paula McGray and Jim Picton 299; Jean Seiler 200. David Lockwood offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Holt called the afternoon session to order leading 52. Leaders: Edith Berger 448b; Aldo Ceresa 168; Laura Timmerman 396; Michael Heyerman 128; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Rick Johnston 530; Dennis Leipold 153; Jean Seiler 163b; Lucy Roberts 551; Matthew Wojcik 376; Anne Johnston 180; Alexandra Gilmore 290; Elric Elias 229; MaryAnn Morrison 178; Andrew Magee 277; Ellen Flanders 268; George Seiler 159; Scott Luscombe 195; Jenna Strizak 383; Linda Shea 274.

Announcements of singings were made.

RECESS

Dennis Leipold called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 556; Paula McGray 573; Bill Holt 269; Barbara Swetman 236; Aldo Ceresa 183; Edith Berger 162; Matthew Wojcik 81; Elric Elias 82; Anne Johnston 107; Laura Timmerman 267; Michael Heyerman 457; Fred Kinnaman and Bill Holt 191; Scott Luscombe 481; Kshama Ananthapura 567; Rick Johnston 274b; Jenna Strizak 33b;

Lucy Roberts 569b; Alexandra Gilmore 47b; Andrew Magee 56b; Linda Shea 67; Jean Seiler and George Seiler 146.

Jean Seiler, Patricia Geritz, Fred Kirk, and George Seiler led 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. MaryAnn Morrison dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jean Seiler; Secretary—George Seiler.

**NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SACRED HARP
ALL DAY SINGING
Berryville, Virginia
Saturday, June 7, 2003**

The tenth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June at Grace Episcopal Parish Hall in Berryville, Virginia. The class was called together at 10:00 a.m. by John delRe leading 27. Chaplain Marty DeNys led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 139; Leyland delRe 32t; Pat Temple 203; Marilyn Estep 504; Stephen McMaster 269; Mary Wright 71; Mary DeNys 72b; Adrian Mariano 142; Doron Henkin 278b; Judy Hauff 276; Kathy Manning 405; Tom Tucker 193; Joni Seidenstein 56b; Blake Morris 297; Cathy Tucker 114; John Brode 33b; Jim Strube 551; Laura Densmore 542; Erin Kelly 332; Marty DeNys 454.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—John delRe; Vice Chairman—Leyland delRe; Secretary—Juanita Heyerman; Treasurer—Jim Strube; Arranging- Kat Kinkaid.

RECESS

John delRe called the class together leading 127. Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 126; Hal Kunkel 89; Frank Evans 315; Guy Banks 254; Jayel Tober 351; Diane Mennella 377; Mary Ann Daly 153; Carly Goss 107; Will Reilly 39t; Ben Harrison 448b; Juanita Heyerman 410t; Evan Duncan 80b; Susan Munch 448t; Kat Kinkaid 528; Clare Chapin 510; Lois Badey 159; John delRe 501; Kelly Macklin 327; Leyland delRe 505; Pat Temple 373; Marilyn Estep 547; Stephen McMaster 38b.

Tom Tucker presented a memorial lesson leading song on page 330b for those who we wished to remember who died in the past year: Ruth Brown and Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Frances Duncan and Allen Henkin—Maryland; James Bludworth—Colorado; Phillip Shea—Massachusetts and Nova Scotia; and Jeannette Hardin and Ruth Brown Turner—Virginia. Cathy Tucker led 70t for the sick and shut-ins: Donald Williard—Maryland; Donald Strube—Virginia; and Richard DeLong—Georgia. Marty DeNys closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Mary Wright 421; Mary DeNys 81t; Adrian Mariano 419.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with song on page 37b led by John delRe. Leaders: Laura Densmore 299; Judy Hauff 216; Doron Henkin 100; Kathy Manning 436; Tom Tucker 442; Joni Seidenstein 481; Blake Morris 57; Cathy Tucker 144; John Brode 375; Bev Oneida 362; Jim Strube 66; Laura Densmore 83t; Erin Kelly 383; Marty DeNys 372; D.J. Hatfield 500; Hal Kunkel 447; Frank Evans 228; Guy Banks 486; Diane Mennella 73t; Mary Ann Daly 272; Carly Goss 148.

Judy Hauff was recognized as the Honorary Chair and thanked for returning to Berryville ten years after teaching the first singing school here. She said it was like her own personal “Brigadoon” and led 196.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by John delRe leading 129. Leaders: Will Reilly 147; Ben Harrison 277; Juanita Heyerman 294; Evan Duncan 222; Kat Kinkaid 163t;

Clare Chapin 163b; Lois Badey 63; John delRe 29t; Kelly Macklin 368; Leyland delRe 181; Marilyn Estep 268; Stephen McMaster 282; Pat Temple 111t; Mary Wright 108t; Mary DeNys 77t; Adrian Mariano 123b; Judy Hauff 191; Doron Henkin 192; Kathy Manning 260.

Announcements of future singings were made. Kelly Macklin offered resolutions thanking the officers, committees, and all those who helped set up and clean in the kitchen and everyone who contributed to a wonderful meal.

The class took the parting hand as 62 was being sung. Marty DeNys dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John delRe; Vice Chair—Leyland delRe; Secretary—Juanita Heyerman.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 7-8, 2003

Saturday, June 7

The fifty-seventh session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading 32t and 59. Elder J.L.

Hopper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 87; Jewel Wootten 82t; Dwight Phillips 290, 45t; Chris Green 36b, 388; Willie Mae Moon 441, 225t; Hershell King 67, 35; Gene Wootten 565; S.T. Reed 123b, 421; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 137, 434; Robert Walker 480, 452; B.M. Smith 448b, 475.

RECESS

Singing was resumed with Terry Hullett leading 61.

A motion was made to go into a business session for the purpose of selecting officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 220, 76; Lela Crowder 494, 42; Bud Oliver 39b, 47t; Floy Wilder 142, 183; John Plunkett 125, 88b; LaRue Allen 110, 436; Milton Oliver 224, 222; Genora Whitworth 460, 120; Ernest Phillips 234, 236.

RECESS

Singing was resumed with Chris Green leading 318. Leaders: Elder J.L. Hopper 180, 450; Shelbie Sheppard 200; Elder Philip Gilmore 396, 411; Nate Green and Norma Green 152, 271; Allison Ivey 384; Jeff Sheppard 334, 332; Syble Adams 49b; James Cain 270, 218; Carlene Griffin 155, 548; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; David Carlton 528, 278.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading 40. Leaders: David Ivey 185; Linton Ballinger 213; Glenda Hopper 30, 84; Pam Green 274t; Lomax Ballinger 168; Brenda Merritt 336; Eugene Forbes 76b, 80b; Sandie Scott 282, 154; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 348b, 163b; John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood” (by request of Linda Thomas); Mary Ruth Steifel 277, 274b; Carmon Brothers 340, 97; Velton Chafin 138b; Herby Bailey 70t, 34b; Paula Gilmore 39, 317; Linda Thomas 345b; Vella Dailey 147t, 75; Betty Wright 347; Chris Green 455 (by request).

Announcements were made. Terry Hullett led 48t as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, June 8

Terry Hullett brought the class to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 48t. Chris Green offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 27, 82t; Chris Green 144, 129; Jewel Wootten 101t, 345t; Matthew Lause 45t; Dwight Phillips 49b, 290; Douglas Conn 430, 306; Willie Mae Moon 498, 503; Pam Green 354, 59; Gene Wootten 164, 486t (WB); Herby Bailey 448b, 47t; Buddy Davis 68b, 63; Donna Wootten 278b, 56t; Stanley Edwards 127, 81t; Henry Johnson 406, 435.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chris Green leading 203. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 75, 225t; Wayne Wootten 276, 155; Nina Kane 61, 335; Marty Wootten 31t, 441; Shane Wootten 448t, 300.

Linda Thomas and Doug Conn conducted the memorial lesson. Doug Conn made comments and recited the 23rd Psalm. Linda Thomas read the list of deceased: Leola Green Smith, Clark Phillips, Ruth Brown, Arie Epperson Brown, Alvin Hill, Dessie Huff Bennett, Lavaughn Ballinger, and X.L. Walker.

The Green family (Nate Green, Bennett Green, and Genora Whitworth) led 43 in memory of Leola Green Smith. Chris Green led 176t in memory of Alvin Hill.

Terry Hullett and Jewel Wootten led 457 in memory of Erie Epperson Brown.

Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey led 500 (CB) for the other deceased.

Buell Cobb led 452 for the sick and shut-ins: Calvin Phillips, Eldora Green Moody, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Lamar Smith, Mary Smith, Evelyn Harris, Zelma Harcrow, Martha Woodard, Bill Windom, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. Doyle Alexander closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading 496. Leaders: Chita Blakeley 189, 123t; Nate Green and Norma Green 37b, 326, 318 (in memory of Leola Green Smith); Paula Gilmore 317, 97; Amanda Denson 269, 77t; Betty Sue Johnson, Mary Ann Holmes, and Dwight Phillips 319, 290, 119; Buell Cobb 398; Rebecca Gilmore and Joseph Alexander 45t, 445; Doyle Alexander 384, 400; Susan Harcrow 159, 192; Jonathan Blakeley 224, 73t, 81t; Rodney Ivey 358, 486t (WB), 478t (WB); Marty Wootten 559 (CB); Shane Wootten 501 (CB) (in memory of Freeman Wootten); Rodney Ivey and Linda Thomas 134 (for Aunt Pearl Galbreath), 500 (CB) (in memory of Ruth Brown and Clark Phillips).

Announcements were made. Terry Hullett and Chris Green led 62 as the closing song, and Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia

June 8, 2003

The one hundred thirty-fifth annual session was held at the Alpharetta Municipal Building in Alpharetta, Georgia on the second Sunday in June. Chairman Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 32t. Reuben Ball offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 31b, 73b, 75, 371, 45t; Andy Anderson 370, 79; Scott DePoy 74b, 277; Richard DeLong 81t; Janice Paulk 448b, 36b; Judy Mincey 475, 270; Reuben Ball 318, 480; Jeannette DePoy 569b, 112; Lee Rogers 479, 269.

RECESS

Janice Paulk called the class to order leading 337. Leaders: Cathy White 155, 84; John Plunkett 560, 472; Helen Bryson 222, 568; Andy Morse 540, 313b; Loy

Garrison 295, 143 (for Violet Thomason); Gaston White 173, 35; Andy Anderson 107, 159; Scott DePoy 142; Lela Crowder 430, 42; Laura Ackerman 224, 362.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the afternoon session to order leading 388. Leaders: Matt Hinton 147t; Faye Holbrook 343, 67, 380; Robert Kendrick 354b, 153; Jack Paulk 68b, 452; Mike Castleberry 59; Vaudie Sherer 45t; Helen Bryson 299; Janice Paulk 478; John Plunkett 409.

Richard DeLong and Jeannette DePoy conducted the memorial lesson. Jeannette DePoy spoke of how much the Sacred Harp songbook means to us, and whatever the occasion, we can find a song in the book to inspire or comfort us. We sing today for Kenneth DeLong who knew that very well. We also sing for Mrs. Violet Thomason who presently is ill and a shut-in, but is with us in spirit. Richard DeLong led 348b for the deceased and sick and shut-ins.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 123t. Leaders: Erica Hinton 503; Lee Rogers 217; Loy Garrison 566; Shirley Wagner 196; Gaston White 40; Lela Crowder 87; Judy Mincey 497; Robert Kendrick 72b.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year's session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 323t as the closing song, and Mrs. Ruth Wills dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

NEW HOPE MEMORIAL SINGING **East of Villa Rica, Georgia, off U.S. Highway 78** **June 8, 2003**

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Hugh McGraw leading 85 and 72t. Felton Denney led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 312b; Charlene Wallace 61, 77t, 79; Earlis McGraw 77b, 435, 544; Mary L. Smith 271t, 39b, 63; Jimmie Denney 313t, 294, 46; Josephine Denney 100, 405 (in memory of Everette Denney), 452; Bobby Jackson 30b, 499, 569b; Reba Norton 176b, 274t, 275b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Hugh McGraw leading 145b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

Hugh McGraw called the following leaders: Preston McLendon (98 years old) 45t, who gave a talk on his younger days learning to sing Sacred Harp; Denney Rogers 143 (in memory of his mother, Vivian Rogers), 410t; Eunice Webb 303, 208, 73b (for Alice Edwards and Louise Allen); Cindy Gray 64 (in memory of her mother, Grace Keaton, and grandfather, Leo Lambert), 159, 358; Rev Harold Tyson 30t; Felton Denney 234, 235, 231; Lisa Webb 126, 124, 40.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Charlene Wallace and Margie McLendon leading 87 and 101t. Leaders: Rita Haley 268, 276, 269 (in memory of Mildred Dumas); Nick Griffin 164, 127, 139; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 222 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); Wesley Haley 34b, 479 (in memory of Harry Dumas), 117; Eunice Webb 136, 229, 148; Bobby Jackson 445, 34t; Corene Laminack 59, 108t;

Jimmie Denney 49t, 49b; Lisa Webb 155, 47; Mary L. Smith 113, 448b; Preston McLendon 68b.

Announcements were made. Hugh McGraw led 72b as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Cullman, Alabama, On Highway 69 East

June 8, 2003

The singing which is held at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church near Cullman, Alabama on the second Sunday in June was called to order by David Roberson leading 32t. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 49t, 81t, 129, 171; Gordon Wilkinson 101t, 111t, 145t; Judy Caudle 33b, 312b, 85; David Light 274t, 61, 112; Clayton Ezell 64, 66, 67.

RECESS

David Roberson called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Hershell King 75, 73; Eldagene Roberson 358, 144, 399b; Ramona Light 155, 137, 421; Sandra Light 143, 354b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Roberson leading 97. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 208, 217; Clayton Ezell 480, 294; David Light 384, 200; Judy Caudle 201, 76b; Billy Williams 410t, 145b; Eldagene Roberson 335, 89; Ramona Light 192; Elvin Guthrie 482; David Roberson 480, 517 (WB).

Announcements were made. Because of lack of attendance and support, the decision was made that this would be the last session of this Sacred Harp singing.

David Roberson led 62 as the closing song, and Hershell King dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—David Roberson; Vice Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama

June 8, 2003

The annual Aldridge Memorial Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Elene Stovall leading 36b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Elene Stovall 32t; Max Berueffy 335; Joan Aldridge 441 (in memory of her parents, Robert and Allie Aldridge); Amber Springfield 99; John Hyde 61; Willodean Barton 63; Milton Oliver 318; Ivalene Donaldson 81t; A.A. Malone 181; Corene White 314; Wilton Donaldson 317; Clarence McCool 480; Flarce Creel 475; Travis Keeton 392; Sarah Smith 108t; Gravis Ballinger 535; Allison Ivey 192; Bill Stewart 569b; Earl Ballinger 282; Brenda Merritt 163b.

RECESS

Max Berueffy called the class to order leading 72b and 182. Leaders: Johnny Humber 340, 460; Gary Smith 31t, 565; Edith Tate 212, 532 (in memory of D.M. and Marie Aldridge); John Merritt 240, 358; Fred Killingsworth, Jr. 79; Allison Davis 436, 434; Toney Smith 225t, 227.

Elene Stovall conducted the memorial lesson, leading song on page 316 for the deceased and 430 for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were: Lavaughn Ballinger, Ruth Brown, Allie Aldridge, Leola Smith, Tressie Adkins, Junior Livingston, and Jack Mills. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Lamar Smith, Clercy Rutledge, John Hocutt, Garnsey McGough, Evelyn Harris, and

Lucille Burks. Larry Ballinger led song on page 84 in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Max Berueffy leading 120 and 276. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 88t, 217; Chris Ballinger 89, 350; Karen Ivey 391; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Ozella Blackmon 234; Stuart Ivey 135, 171; Lisa Geist 269, 327; Dennis George 440, 142; Bud Oliver 215, 170; Cassie Franklin 336, 220; David Ivey 511 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); Beth O'dell 442, 477; Ken Tate 222, 426b; Josie Hyde 507; Larry Ballinger 151; Latrive Bailey 384; Kermit Adams 99; Karen Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Beth O'dell 546; Milton Oliver 403; John Hyde and Travis Keeton 297; Brenda Merritt and John Merritt 376; Amber Springfield 408; Toney Smith 278, 564; Dennis George 270; Fred Killingsworth, Fred Killingsworth, Jr., and Elene Stovall 123t.

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall, Max Berueffy, and Joan Aldridge led 46 as the closing song. Fred Killingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Joan Aldridge; Arranging Committee—Amber Springfield.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama** **June 12-14, 2003** **Thursday, June 12**

The twenty-fourth session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading 52t. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Mark Davis 61; Secretary Kathy Williams 385b; Jesse Roberts 217; Cath Oss 318; Dan Huger 99; Berkley Moore 135; Hubert Nall 84; Don Bowen, Corey Jane Zetts, and Kate Sweeney 155; Mary Wright 290; Pat Temple 203; Sandie Scott 317; Cassie Franklin 426; Tish Crocker 274t; Ricky Harcrow 74b; Bill Stewart 480; Elder Donald Smith 380; Henry Guthery 543; David Carlton 344; Charles Woods 197; Josie Hyde 507.

RECESS

Dennis George brought the class back to order leading 108b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Kathy Williams; Chaplain—Elder Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee—Cassie Franklin, Cath Oss, Berkley Moore, and Dan Huger; Finance Committee—Don Bowen, Richard Mauldin, and John Redman; Resolutions Committee—Pat Temple, Sharona Nelson, and Mary Wright; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 454; Eloise Clark 276; Robert Walker 59; Gail Doss 35; Richard Mauldin 36b; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 348b; Uel Freeman 146; Kenneth Calvert 45t; Velton Chafin 521; Daniel Davis 216; David Ivey 341; Catherine Rogan 168; Judy Mincey and Bethanne Hill 475; David Rust 131b; Eugene Forbes 340; Rachel Speer 338; Josh Rogan 192; Delone Cobbs 40; Vernelle Amason 143; Kennon Smith 189; Morgan Bunch 504; Robert Dove 287; Beverly Coates 448t; Louise Holland 147t; David “Chuck” Beasley 33b; Henry Bizzell 34b. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer to bless the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mark Davis opened the afternoon session with 108t. Leaders: Ashley Roberts 442; Bryan Black 56b; Matthew Wojcik 81t; Rodney Ivey 440; Michelle Rogan 215; Jarrod George 270; Daphene Causey 140; Mike Hinton and Amanda Denson 373; Coy Ivey 384; Edward Howton 436; Reed Coates 330t; Ila Ingle 434; Travis Keeton

129; Cheryl Foreman 430; Marlin Beasley 408; Suzanne Flandreau 474; Lou Cotney 218; Sharon Kellam and Dan Stratton 28b; John Marr 296; Gaston White 236; Ginnie Prater 186.

RECESS

Ginnie Ely brought the class to order leading 546. Leaders: Henry Johnson 493; Jim Helke 496; Julietta Haynes 300; Max Berueffy 392; Claire Singleton 163b; Andrew Farris 120; Gary Rogan 324; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 182; Janet Fraembs 378b; Warren Steel 411; Becky Briggs 354; Carroll Lunsford 339; Rosemary Greenaway 28t.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led 323t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Friday, June 13

Chairman Buell Cobb led 31b to bring the Friday session to order. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 38b; Kathy Williams 510; Jesse Roberts 455; Cath Oss 556; Berkley Moore 551; Don Bowen 40; Cassie Franklin 186; Richard Mauldin 72b; Pat Temple 535; Mary Wright 42; Mike Hinton 490; Bob Bonnell 178; Sharona Nelson 66; John Redman 121; Sarah Smith 108t; Vivian Rogan 73b; Roscoe Knight 127.

RECESS

Stanley Smith brought the class to order leading 109. Leaders: Chris Green 418; Marilyn Burchett 29t; John Merritt 163b; Dave Richardson 278t; Jim Carnes 436; Grace Scrimgedur 33b; Kathryn Eastburn 159; J.L. Hopper 369; Lucy Heidorn 155; John Plunkett 564; Myra Dalton 332; Bernice Harvey 176b; Lomax Ballinger 168; Marlen Rust 85; Erskine Vandergrift 59; Diane Mennella 76b; Cora Sweatt 145b; Judy Caudle 94; Virginia Douglas 49b; Linton Ballinger and Coy Ivey 222; Martha Wesley and Judy Mincey 154; H.J. Jackson 400; John Hollingsworth 47t; Tommie Spurlock 430; Willodean Barton 480; John Bealle 434; Carlene Griffin 548; Cassie Franklin 334. The lunch prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

LUNCH

Elder Jesse Roberts called the class together with 175. Leaders: Danny Creel 383; Rodney Ivey, Micah Roberts, and Ashley Roberts 196; LaRue Allen 192; Jeff Sheppard 511; Leon Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 187; Lela Crowder 110; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Pauline Griggs 43; Floy Wilder 422; Elene Stovall 99; B.M. Smith 318; Amber Springfield 142; Emily Creel 112; Mary L. Smith 440; Louis Hughes 540; Charlene Wallace 481; Judith Green 384; Ruth Johnson 172; Nancy Van Den Akker 287; Andrew Snyder 216.

RECESS

Kathy Williams brought the class to order leading 273. Leaders: Jarrod George 274t; Mattie Townsel 317; John Hyde 297; Ann Ballard and Jim Helke 268; Chip Ward 74b; J.C. Rutledge 568; Amanda Denson 236; Alice Bejnar and Tor Bejnar 64; Charlotte Ehrman and Gary Smith 569b; Nate Green and Norma Green 212; Wanda Gregg 358; Tim Reynolds 173; Anita Buswell 143; Cheryl Foreman, Elene Stovall, and Linda Thomas 474; Gary Rogan 209. Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led 46 as the closing song for the Thursday's sessions, and Rev. Maggie Lauterer dismissed the class with prayer.

Saturday, June 14

Chairman Buell Cobb opened Saturday's session with 75. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 129; Kathy Williams 86; Elder Jesse Roberts 58; Dan Huger 210; Berkley Moore 397; Don Bowen 77b; Richard Mauldin 66; Pat Temple 139; Mary Wright 71; Mike Hinton 448b; Sharona Nelson 37b; John Redman 164; Catherine Oss 213t; Jayne Fulmer 300; Erskine Vandergrift 63;

Sheryl Wilson-Bell and Becky Schildman 145t; Beverly Coates 377; Teenie Moody 222; Rachel Speer 148; Ginnie Ely 454.

RECESS

Cath Oss called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 171; Bruce Coates 503; Jackson Harcrow 153; Jean Avery Payne 480; Jorge Carillo 48t; Kurt Davis 45t; Nell Avery Estes 269; Wayne Wootten 276; Ron Harper 108b; Glenn Keeton 163b; Susan Harcrow 172; Henry Zittrouer 61; Larry Brasher 385b. Mike Hinton conducted the memorial lesson. This is always such a special time at a Sacred Harp Convention. A time when we pause to remember and to reflect on the lives of those who have left this hollow square in the last year. We remember because they have passed on the mantle of tradition to other generations. This year we have a number of our dear singers who we recall with great fondness.

I would like to define what a Sacred Harp Singer means to me. Anyone who loves this music, the members of a class, those who listen and love the music, those who drive others to sing, those who bring food, and all of us who love to gather around the hollow square. It is an inclusive term.

Two years ago I was on the Memorial Committee with Ruth Brown. She spoke of the special bond that we singers have for each other, and for the shaped note singing. She said, "You never know when the seat next to you will be empty as another singer leaves our midst." Most of us travel some distance to get to a convention such as this one. Travel is easier than when many of the singers we remember started to attend singings by horse and buggy or more likely a horse drawn wagon, then by car or trains, now by interstate highways and planes, across a state, country, or ocean. Miss Ruth took singers to many new places to sing and to help plant the tradition in many parts of the country. Think of the songs that speak about traveling, because Miss Ruth loved to travel so, and loved this music. How about the rocky road? Or marching to Zion? We sing of taking a staff and traveling on, we sing of the road to glory that seems so long. We talk about buses or trains, and proper stations. We sing of going to a better land, and riding in chariots that attend thy state. We sing of earth's remotest bounds, Minnesota perhaps? We sing of boat travel, the happy sailor, boisterous seas and ships that will take us all home, and to delightful shores. We sing about flights, but not of long waits in boarding areas, or security screeners. Fly, fly, fly, and bidding farewell to every fear, and passing "crystal" ports of light, and not caring to stay here long, and one more river to cross. Where or what is the destination that we sing about? I soon shall view the Promised Land. I soon shall sing with the angel band. Homeward bound, to the New Jerusalem, my happy home, my long sought home. We sing of a place where all will be peace, joy, and love, where pains and sorrows are no more. A house not made with hands, eternal and on high. How would these singers that we memorialize today want us to remember them? Somehow I think they would sing in unison, weep not for me! All is well, all is well. We are in a sure retreat, 'tis found beneath the mercy seat—our eternal home, freed from all care. We have joined that great harmonious choir on sacred ground around the heavenly hollow square. Our singers are indeed in a land of pure delight and they beckon us to follow them when it is time. Give your fellow singers flowers while they live. Isn't it about time to get on the bus, Miss Ruth?

The list of deceased was read: Ruth Brown, Tressie Adkins, Lavaughn Ballinger, Allie Aldridge, Leola Smith, Clark Phillips, Charles Vernon Estes, and Elma Avery—Alabama; Kenneth DeLong, Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Clarence Lambert—Georgia; Katie Wilson and "Uncle" Carl Ledlow—Mississippi; B.E. Matthews and Nora Fowler—Texas; Dr. Richard Enochs—Tennessee; Rob Ingram—Virginia. Buell Cobb led 122 for the Alabama deceased. Mike Hinton and Beverly Coates led 146 for the deceased from all other states.

Beverly Coates led 225t for the sick and shut-ins. Elder Ricky Harcrow closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 538; Jim Helke 235; Andrew Farris 532. Elder Jesse Roberts led the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Mark Davis and Natalie Davis brought the class back to order for the afternoon session with 76b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 421; Shirley Berry 373; Mildred Wyers 490; Brenda Peña 330b; Catherine Rogan 200; Mary L. Smith 313t; Mary B. Smith 119; Reed Coates 137; Warren Steel 315; Claire Singleton 299; Lora Cargo 145b; Bob Simmons 84; Judith Green 117; Julietta Haynes 211; Ginnie Prater 460; Elder Ricky Harcrow 517 (WB).

RECESS

Louis Hughes brought the class to order leading 496. Leaders: Sharon Kellam 312t; Josh Rogan 217; Marlin Beasley 47b; Joan Aldridge 198; Dave Richardson 473; Lou Cotney 189; Andrew Snyder 528; Robert Dove 479; Ashley Roberts 220; Suzanne Flandreau 68; Seth Holloway 388; Sandie Scott 472; Michelle Rogan 110.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

The Finance Committee reported that contributions were such that expenses of the convention were met.

The Resolutions Committee gave the report, and thanked everyone who had a part in making the twenty-fourth National Sacred Harp Convention a success. All officers and committees were thanked for their help and untiring work to make the convention run smoothly.

Secretary Kathy Williams gave the following report: 560 people from 22 states, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and the Czech Republic registered during the convention. There were 171 leaders who led 253 songs. The numbers by states and countries were: Alabama—413; Georgia—52; Florida—16; Texas—12; Tennessee—8; Illinois—7; Mississippi—7; North Carolina—6; Virginia—6; Massachusetts—5; California—4; New York—4; Louisiana—3; Indiana—2; Vermont—2; Ohio—2; New Mexico—2; Arkansas—2; Arizona—1; New Jersey—1; South Carolina—1; Colorado—1; United Kingdom—1; Colombia—1; Czech Republic—1.

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted and added to the minutes. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Daniel Davis 65; Lela Crowder 208; Matthew Wojcik 456; Marilyn Burchett 128.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing of the convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Kathy Williams.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL SINGING

Addington Chapel, Cullman, Alabama

Saturday, June 14, 2003

The annual singing of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial was held at Addington Chapel in Cullman, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 313t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Danny Creel greeted all that came and led 213.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b; Eldagene Roberson 40, 142; Uel Freeman 146, 64; Ivalene Donaldson 334; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 30t; Winell Sanders 569b; Butch White 39b, 77t; John Hyde 61, 63; Dennis George 166, 154; Hershell King 34t, 460; David Roberson 340, 274t.

RECESS

Jackie Tanner called the class to order leading 76b and 222. Leaders: Kinney Graves and Billy Williams 235; Willodean Barton 454, 153, 391; Larry Ballinger 28t, 29t; Kenneth Tate 47t, 73b, 73t; Velton Chafin 521, 274b, 494; Travis Keeton 400, 44; Ann Jett 496, 495; Margaret Keeton 91, 78; Cassie Franklin 475, 418; Josie Hyde 434, 361; Lucy Heidorn 532, 53, 192; Cindy Tanner 217, 270.

LUNCH

Danny Creel called the afternoon session to order leading 275. Leaders: Marie Guthrie 88, 408; Diane Mennella 349, 42, 27; Corene White 37b, 126; Emily Creel 480, 101; Wanda Capps 299, 225t; Flarce Creel 389, 294; Billy Williams 28b; Harrison Creel 348b, 33t; Cindy Tanner 198; Ann Jett 171; Harrison Creel 512; Danny Creel 269.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 402 and 56t as the closing songs. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia

June 15, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lonnie Rogers leading 112 and 101t. Jeff Sheppard led 75 and 439.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Sherry Lovvorn, Josephine Denney, and Gloria Buttram.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 412; Philip Denney 99, 120; Felton Denney 73t, 31b, 155 (for Billy Joe and Evelyn Harris); Bobby Jackson 378t, 378b, 285t; Denney Rogers 318, 410t; Gayle Denney 384, 340; Jimmie Denney 290, 294; Earlis McGraw 284, 148; Reba Norton 282, 177; Louis Hughes, Sr. 176t, 83t.

RECESS

Philip Denney brought the class back to order leading 143. Leaders: Louise Allen 314, 217; B.M. Smith 569b, 475; Karen Rollins, Beverly Rollins, Randa Harris, and Barry Rollins 34b, 268, 222; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t, 49b; Catherine Oss 430, 499; Sharona Nelson 209, 68b; Lela Crowder 87, 442; Sheri Taylor 349 (for her mother), 163b (for Laura Frey); Lisa Webb 103, 159.

Chuck White, Treasurer for the Hopewell Committee, gave a financial report for the church and cemetery.

LUNCH

Chairman Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading 97 and 111b for Tokay Shumake, followed by Paige Harrod leading 100 and 460.

Sherry Lovvorn and Gloria Buttram conducted the memorial lesson. B.M. Smith led 494 for the following deceased: George Rogers, Everette Denney, Ruth Brown, Bernard Swafford, Vivian Rogers, Kenneth DeLong, Alma Brumbelow, Lillian Yates, Elzie Cook, Wilma Harrod, Revy Williamson, Cramer Rogers, Mildred McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Green, Mrs. Bennie Jackson, Tillman White, and

Chuck Lunsford. Lonnie Rogers and children led 405 for the sick and shut-ins.

Chuck White closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 276, 473; Eunice Webb 283, 480, John Plunkett 398, 399t; Louise Holland 35, 31t; Cecil Sanders 303, 235; Stanley Edwards 32t, 146; Josephine Denney and Renita Folds 490, 45t; Renita Folds 225t, 164; Dennis Folds 472, 452; Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, and Sherry Lovvorn 124, 98.

Announcements were made. A collection of \$82.00 was given.

Lonnie Rogers and Philip Denney led 343 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

June 15, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Dennis George leading 82t. Brother Henry Johnson led the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following officers: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Jarrod George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan; Arranging Committee—Rodney Ivey.

Leaders: Chairman Dennis George 114; Vice Chairman Jarrod George 36b, 300; Boyd Scott 68b, 358; Tommy George 354b, 145b; Milton Oliver 348b, 314; Stuart Ivey 99, 298; Joel Jenkins 101t, 35; S.T. Reed 92, 69t; Betty Wright 153, 285t; Jackie Tanner 176t, 111b; Kathy James 480, 430; Richard Ivey 222, 135.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dennis George leading 148. Leaders: Secretary Sandra Jordan 159; Margaret Thacker 303, 569b; Loretta Smith 37b, 39t; Mary Wright 378t, 405; Syble Adams 186, 203; Ed Thacker 498, 441; Diane Mennella 77t, 542; Judy Caudle 232, 234; Henry Johnson 88t, 418; Marty Wootten 182.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Jarrod George leading 274t. Leaders: Jared Wootten 282; Donna Wootten 278b, 56t; Shane Wootten 212, 400 (in memory of Colbie and Faye Allen); Allison Ivey 196, 454; Elene Stovall 192, 422; Sarah Jenkins 340, 142; Mark Brown and Dan Haynes 492 (WB), “When I’ve Traveled My Last Mile”; Bud Oliver 421; Bud Oliver and Coy Ivey 384; Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Russell Varner and Jimmy Haynes 45t; David Ivey 76b (for Lamar Smith, who is shut-in), 134; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 138t, 138b (in memory of Colbie and Faye Allen), 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 27, 477; Betty Shepherd 299; Charles Stiefel and Shane Wootten 445, 335 (in memory of Floyd Stiefel); Rodney Ivey 34t (in memory of Eulas and Helen Ivey), 512; Diane Mennella 28t; Mary Wright 495; Pat Temple 72b; Judy Caudle 85; Shane Wootten 517 (WB) (by request of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wootten).

After announcements, Mark Brown led “Sweet Beulah Land” (by request) as the closing song. S.T. Reed led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Jarrod George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan.

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church),
Natural Bridge, Alabama
June 15, 2003

The ninety-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Natural Bridge, Alabama on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 48t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 131b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde and Faye Donaldson; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield. Leaders: Travis Keeton 179; Debbie Wakefield 546, 436; Kermit Adams 63, 78; Ivalene Donaldson 56t, 129; Leon Ballinger 141, 441; Ginnie Ely 313t, 389; Larry Wakefield 569, 339; Roma Rice 405, 273; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Ozella Blackmon 460; John Hyde 566, 73t; Betty Baccus 340, 100.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back to order leading 176b. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 124, 34b; Sharon Spangler 335, 406; Warren Steel 67, 183; Willodean Barton 498, 290; Clarence McCool 68b, 45t; Margaret Keeton 300, 349; Velton Chafin 564, 521; the family of the late S.L. and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Debbie Wakefield) 333, 426t, 111t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Travis Keeton leading 213t and 358. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 142, 144; Lisa Geist 394, 119; Kathy Eastburn 49t, 73b; Jayne Fulmer 448b, 99; Ila Ingle 500, 530; Larry Ballinger 180, 50b, 181; Helen Langston 391, 505 (CB); Cecil Wakefield 153; Josie Hyde 470, 477, 559 (CB); Wendell Wakefield 168, 421; Faye Donaldson 225t, 270; Ginnie Ely 454; Leon Ballinger 120; Warren Steel 187.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led 297 as the closing song. Warren Steel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Walker County, Alabama
June 15, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 34b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Secretary—Wendy Franklin Boggan; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 82t; David Rust 81t, 123b; Matthew Wojcik 52t, 100; Winell Sanders 225t; Emily Creel 142, 224; Rosie Wojcik 129, 203; Marlin Beasley 336, 192; John Marr 146, 373; Suzanne Flandreau 40, 32t; Ken Tate 457, 432; Jim Helke 350, 341; Chip Ward 112, 442; Nancy Reid 566, 497.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading 45t. Leaders: Claire Singleton 178; Wendy Boggan 30t; Daniel David 49b, 216; Kathy Robinson 436, 434 (for her mother, Kathleen Robbins); Harrison Creel 89, 342; Robert Dove 147t; Dave Richardson 33t, 345b; Grace Scrimgeour 33b, 28b; Ann Jett 327, 269; Marlen Rust 133; Charlotte Ehrman 66, 490; Edith Tate 532; Cassie Franklin 222, 398; Matthew Wojcik 352; Harrison Creel 111b.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the afternoon session to order leading 498. Leaders: Brenda Peña 325, 569t; Sarah Smith 445, 209; Flarce Creel 475, 384; Gary Smith 565, 31t; John Marr 296; Danny Creel 196, 383; Sylvia Childers 59, 143; Elsie Moon 202, 394; Cassie Franklin 494, 76b; Billy Williams 323b, 213b; Emily Creel 101t. Announcements were made. Harrison Creel and Henry Guthery led 37b as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Secretary—Wendy Franklin Boggan.

ANNUAL OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England** **Saturday, June 21, 2003**

The fifth Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Chairman Edwin Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 84. Adrian Bolge offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 535; Rachel Jordan 36b; Steve Fletcher 47t; Anna Stadward 159; Mick Verrier 201; Bernard Collard 120; Alan Weeks 40; Claire Singleton 547; Phil Tyler 284; Ros Clements 171; Adrian Bolge 155; Judy Whiting 68b; Mandy Townsend 318; Helen Brown 371; Margaret Gillanders 49t; Jenny Ellis 86; Tony Singleton 312; Edwin Macadam 504.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam called the class back to order leading 186. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 344; Steve Fletcher 269; Anna Stadward 217; Mick Verrier 107; Dave Richardson 278t; Bernard Collard 454; Alan Weeks 411; Claire Singleton 216; Phil Tyler 430; Ros Clements 312t; Adrian Bolge 515; Judy Whiting 212; Mandy Townsend 112; Helen Brown 379; Margaret Gillanders 99; Jenny Ellis 31t; Tony Singleton "Brightest Days" (own composition); Sheila Girling Macadam 197; Rachel Jordan 501; Steve Fletcher 77t; Anna Stadward 299; Mick Verrier 383. Edwin Macadam "For What Thou Dost Provide" (Moore's Divine Companion, 1750) as the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Dave Richardson leading 30t. Leaders: Bernard Collard 528; Alan Weeks 182; Claire Singleton 442; Phil Tyler 29b; Ros Clements 28b; Adrian Bolge 480.

Bernard Collard conducted the memorial lesson, reading the names of the deceased and then leading 285t. Those remembered: Jim Bundell, Chris White, Ruth Brown (Alabama, USA), Stan Stokes, Rosie Whiffen, Colin Gunton, Roger Lewis, Will Thomas, Roger March, Sarah Day, Tom Mattock, Mary Dalton, Barbara Lockley, Gordon Sibthorpe, Roy Bryan, and Bob Merrett.

The sick and housebound were recalled by Bernard Collard. Those remembered: Gordon Ashman, Hazel Walker, John McDougall, Chris Gardner, Mary Castell, Marian White, Arwen Lockley, Win Tyler, Ken Baddley, Rosalind Oldham, Barbara Foster, Sue Gould, Joan Stocks, Len Roles, Karen Crook, Mike Walcot, Gwen and Julie. Sheila Girling Macadam led 474 to honor those who were remembered. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 441; Mandy Townsend 82t; Jill Thompson 198; Helen Brown 542; Margaret Gillanders 228; Jenny Ellis 481; Tony Singleton 277.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Edwin Macadam leading 236. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 178; Rachel Jordan 546; Steve Fletcher 302; Mick Verrier 272; Dave Richardson 473; Bernard Collard 70t; Alan Weeks 479; Claire Singleton 163b; Adrian Bolge 350; Ros Clements 538; Phil Tyler 89; Jill Thompson 143; Judy Whiting 373.

Announcements were made and invitations extended to other Sacred Harp singing events around the country.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all those who had helped during the day, especially Rachel Jordan, Helen Brown, and Mick Verrier for pitching; Bernard Collard who served as Chaplain; and Judy Whiting for serving as the Arranging Committee. Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Alan Weeks offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama Saturday, June 21, 2003

The second session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading 59. Pastor Jack Gilbreath offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison; Chaplain—Jack Gilbreath; Welcoming Committee—Gayle Richardson and Ann Gilbreath; Arranging Committee—Jim Morrison.

Leaders: Henry Johnson, Jeffrey Richardson, Jim Morrison, and Ceil Morrison 63; Jerry Schreiber 313t; LaRue Allen 171; Carla Smith 213t; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 341, 569b; John Plunkett 569t; Rodney Ivey 426t; Ann Gilbreath 128; Stanley Edwards 340; Sandra Wilkinson 282; Bud Oliver 274t; Susan Harcrow 200; Jeff Sheppard 568; Charlene Wallace 314; Bobby Jackson 480; Jimmie Denney 276; Milton Oliver 321; Louis Hughes 76b; Dennis George 419; Laura Russell 234; Rick Russell 280; Lela Crowder 494; Nate Green and Norma Green 472, 418.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 47b. Leaders: B.M. Smith 231; Tommy George 338, 388; Carlene Griffin 146; Mark Brown 273; Lee Williamon 215; S.T. Reed 214; Eunice Webb 460; Don Bowen 390; Allison Ivey 371; Andy Morse 183; Darlene Dalton 454; Ted Mercer 468; Kathy James 112; Richard DeLong 496; Karen Ivey 285; David Ivey 540; Jerry Schreiber 446; Carla Smith 436; Cindy Tanner 182; Cassie Franklin 432; LaRue Allen 316; Rodney Ivey 172. Pastor Jack Gilbreath offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson brought the afternoon session to order leading 135. Leaders: Ed Thacker 441; John Plunkett 297; Stanley Edwards 81t; Sandra Wilkinson 204; Bud Oliver 42; Susan Harcrow 186; Stuart Ivey 192; Jeff Sheppard 293; Charlene Wallace 439; Bobby Jackson 499; Jimmie Denney 46; Milton Oliver 384; Laura Russell 383; Louis Hughes 408; Dennis George 324; Lela Crowder 430; Rick Russell 349; Nate Green and Norma Green 144; B.M. Smith 213b; Carlene Griffin 117; Mark Brown 49.

RECESS

Lela Crowder called the class back to order with 217. Leaders: Lee Williamon 358; S.T. Reed 345; Darlene Dalton 452; Eunice Webb 225t; Andy Morse 442; Don Bowen 87; Jerry Schreiber 550; Carla Smith 35; Rick Russell 48t; Laura Russell 458; Mark Brown “Sweet Beulah Land” (by request).
Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45t as the closing song. Pastor Jack Gilbreath offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison.

EXETER SINGING
Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, Exeter Township,
Berks County, Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 21, 2003

The Exeter Singing was called to order by Chairman Ted Stokes leading 39t, followed by a welcome to all singers. In the manner of Friends, a brief period of silence was observed.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 155; Molly Sayvetz 34b; Peter Pate 224; Susan Bingham 510; Guy Banks 77b; Betty Hanf 49t; Claire Simon 40; Susan Munch 312b; Ted Stokes 107; Laura Densmore 347; Molly Sayvetz 334; Peter Pate 503; Susan Bingham 178; Guy Banks 474; Betty Hanf 148; Claire Simon 47t; Susan Munch 133; Ginny Landgraf 506.

RECESS

Ted Stokes brought the class back with 63. Leaders: Ted Stokes 48t; Doron Henkin 31t; Frank Totten 551; Ina Henkin 335; Laura Densmore 528; Molly Sayvetz 66; Peter Pate 106; Susan Bingham 198; Guy Banks 481; Betty Hanf 86; Claire Simon 344; Susan Munch 77t; Ginny Landgraf 93; Sabina Callesen 228; Ted Stokes 229; Doron Henkin 236; Frank Totten 268; Ina Henkin 162; Laura Densmore 542; Molly Sayvetz 46; Peter Pate 436; Susan Bingham 454; Guy Banks 180; Betty Hanf 479; Claire Simon 143.

LUNCH

Molly Sayvetz brought the class back with 49b. Leaders: Susan Munch 35; Ginny Landgraf 538; Ted Stokes 442; Doron Henkin 358; Frank Totten 99; Ina Henkin 354b; Children’s Lesson 117; Laura Densmore 488b (CB); Molly Sayvetz 501; Peter Pate 572; Susan Bingham 340; Guy Banks 30; Claire Simon 200; Susan Munch 191; Ginny Landgraf 497; Sabina Callesen 299; Ted Stokes 294; Doron Henkin 38t (CB); Betty Hanf 209; Ina Henkin 71; Laura Densmore 203; Frank Totten 497 (CB); Molly Sayvetz 114; Peter Pate 571 (CB); Susan Bingham 361; Guy Banks 189.

RECESS

Guy Banks brought the class back with 276. Leaders: Claire Simon 408; Susan Munch 260; Ginny Landgraf 351; Sabina Callesen 300; Ted Stokes 159; Doron Henkin 333; Frank Totten 505 (CB); Ina Henkin 275b; Laura Densmore 201; Molly Sayvetz 171; Peter Pate 269; Susan Bingham 30; Guy Banks 486; Betty Hanf 47b.
Announcements were made. Ted Stokes led 65 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. In the manner of Friends, the class was dismissed after a few minutes of silent prayer.

Chairman—Ted Stokes; Secretary—Laura Densmore.

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 21-22, 2003

Saturday, June 21

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Dawson Adams leading 47t. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Chris Rice 36b; Kermit Adams 72b, 99; John Hyde 129, 73t; L.E. Hannah 59, 498; Cecil Wakefield 480, 282; Ivalene Donaldson 81t, 61; Loretta Whitman 147t, 111t, 111b; Wilton Donaldson 75, 335; Nellie Alexander 176b, 108b, 101t; Vernice Phillips 318, 112.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chris Rice leading 426t. Leaders: Ken Tate 31b, 73b; Amber Springfield 410t, 391; Jennifer Allred 39t, 155; Mary Holcomb 35, 30b; Emily Jones 48t, 34b; Joan Gilbreath 59, 68b; Velton Chafin 294, 326; Carol Fannin 136, 122; Lara Hale, Ryan Hale, and Adam Hale 354b, 348b.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading 157, 141, and 235. Leaders: Roma Rice 34t, 334, 406; Kenneth Fannin and Aubrey Fannin 49b, 45t; Lorene Gray 124, 146; Pernie Pelfrey and Joan Gilbreath 145b, 145t; Josie Hyde 137, 200, 298; Clarence McCool 312t, 569b, 490; Jennifer Allred 300.

Chris Rice led 62 as the closing song. Kenneth Fannin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, June 22

Chairman Chris Rice opened the Sunday morning session leading 56t. Dawson Adams offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chris Rice 63; Roma Rice 104, 81t; Travis Keeton 82t, 73t, 61; Leah Pollock 175b, 108t; Dawson Adams 77t, 75; Azilee Adams 34t, 337; Roxie Keeton 30t, 32t; Emily Jones 471, 312t; Barbara Cooksey 143, 65, 155.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 99 and 454. Leaders: Lera Pollock 317, 146, 147t; Loretta Whitman 179, 59, 406.

A memorial lesson was held for those who have passed away since last year. Roma Rice led 101t for Nell Adams, 426t for Rose Altha Taylor, and 405 for Lavaughn Ballinger. The memorial was concluded.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the afternoon session to order leading 47t and 48t. Leaders: John Hyde 566, 197; Betty Claborn 358, 100; Alicia Murray 81t, 129; Pernie Pelfrey 74b; Latrive Bailey 345t, 354b; Cecil Wakefield 208, 209; Sara Berry and Mary Godsey 388, 147t; Nellie Alexander 124, 176b, 176t; Lorene Gray 312b, 111t, 111b; Lauren Allen 45t; Christie Allen 57, 217, 171; Pernie Pelfrey and her family (Lucian Pelfrey, Nancy Faulkner, Edna Earl Pace, and Brenda Morris) 176t, 59, 212; Latrive Bailey 517 (WB); Margaret Keeton 410t.

Chris Rice led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Cullman County, Alabama
June 22, 2003

The sixty-ninth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading 34b. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Betts announced that they were engaged to be married and then led 59. Leaders: Corene White 37b, 146; Stella Pratt 147, 452; Don Robinson 100, 101t; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 81t; Ashley Keeton 168, 108t; Henry Guthery 225t, 283; David Roberson 274b, 222; Ashley Campbell 47b, 143; Betty Shivers 366, 335.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order leading 527. Leaders: Kenneith Calvert and Gaston Calvert 40, 120, 452; Geraldine Watkins 66, 361; Margie Lee and Nancy Tuck 389, 274t, 358; Ercyl Vidrine 145t, 145b; Glenn Keeton 497; Geraldine Watkins and Essie Hollingsworth 339; Judy Caudle 57, 121; Ruth Burleson 32t; Nancy Tuck and Billy Williams 323.

The singing was turned over to the New Hope Church for the purpose of a business meeting. After the business meeting was conducted, Glenn Keeton led 45t, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading 88t and 89. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 349, 455; Marie Guthrie 134, 446; Joyce Hicks 217, 300; Jane Knight 218, 168; Mary Holcombe and Christy Holcombe 77, 47t; Kenneth Fannin 436, 434; Judy Caudle 236; Ashley Campbell 442; Margie Tuck and Nancy Tuck 388; Geraldine Watkins 421; Kenneith Calvert 81, 358; Kenneth Fannin and Mary Holcombe 163; Henry Guthery 161, 568.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Henry Guthery led 267 as the closing song. Kenneth Fannin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 22, 2003

The annual singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 49t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 50b; Leon Ballinger 110; Buddy Ballinger 343; Gravis Ballinger 99; Leslie Brady 31b; Johnny Humber 200; Albert Humber 176b; Emily West 222; Sherry Stover and Linton Ballinger 300; Charles Humber 480; Dwayne Ballinger and Jeffrey Ballinger 168; Carla Smith 172; Willodean Barton 498; L.E. Hannah 500; Larry Humber 100; Rodney Ivey 382; Jill Ballinger and Carol Robbins 405; Ken Tate 389; Liz Owen 442; David White 371; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 108t; Beatrice Brewer 112; Velton Chafin 28t.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Teresa Guyton and Miranda Gilbreath 297; Bill Stewart 569b; Will Thompson and David Ballinger 111b; Ozella Blackmon 419; Bud Oliver 268; Phillip Ballinger and Josh Ballinger 340; Ivalene Donaldson 328; Allison Ivey 217; Flarce Creel, Cassie Franklin, and Emily Creel 384, 142; Jackie Tanner 298; Beverly Nelson and Drue Nelson 299; Elene Stovall 430; Danny Creel 196; S.T. Reed 197; Edwin Ballinger 186; Stuart Ivey 189.

RECESS

Jimmy Ballinger and Leon Ballinger called the class back to order leading 460. Leaders: Beth O'dell, Janet Litton, and Brenda Robbins 155; Beth O'dell, Lynn Neal, and Bethanne Hill 270; Amber Springfield 224; Amber Ballinger and Tory O'dell 400; Jerry Schreiber 362; Joan Aldridge 198; Amanda Ballinger 454; Harrison Creel 342; Wilton Donaldson 490; Julietta Haynes 209.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger called the afternoon session to order leading 89. Leaders: Clarence McCool 312; Betty Baccus 456; Richard Ivey 171; Edward (Bickett) Howton 434; John Merritt and Jimmy Ballinger 163b; Earl Ballinger 177; Susan Harcrow 426b; Nate Green and Norma Green 375; Toney Smith 285t; Cindy Tanner 76b; Chris Ballinger 84; Jeb Owen 208; Max Berueffy 455; Karen Ivey 216; Warren Steel 70b; Milton Oliver 403; Loyd Ivey 97; Buell Cobb 278t; Brenda Merritt 448t; John Etheridge 132; Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Leon Ballinger 424; Lisa Geist 269; Karen Green 144; David Ivey 565; Max Berueffy 532; Cassie Franklin 273; Toney Smith and Robert Pennington 45t; Leon Ballinger, Jeb Owen, and Liz Owen 176t; Jerry Schreiber and Carla Smith 323t; John Etheridge "Mercy Seat".

Larry Ballinger and Leon Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Johnny Humber.

DELONG AND ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia** **June 22, 2003**

The annual DeLong and Roberts Memorial Singing held on the fourth Sunday in June at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia was called to order by Chairman Richard DeLong leading 60. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 32t; Andy Anderson 107, 28t; Cathy White 84, 270; Scott DePoy 410t, 277; Lee Rogers 176b, 464; Eric Tweedy 327, 217; Martha Ann Stegar 313t, 268; Andy Morse 448t, 481; Lela Crowder 440, 224; Brady DeLong 61, 101t; Diane Wall 284, 474; Louis Hughes 284, 378b; Mike Castleberry 319, 515. Richard DeLong led 112 for Violet Thomason who was unable to attend due to illness, but who was able to listen via phone to the song being led for her.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order leading 135. Leaders: Don Bowen 157, 97; Erica Hinton 178, 146; Reuben Ball 318 (for Violet Thomason), 179; Rachel Carlisle 145t, 204; Faye Holbrook 236 (for Lois Hall), 380.

The memorial lesson was held. The flowers placed in the church were in memory of all those singers who have gone on before us. Richard DeLong commented about

those who have died during the last year and led 339 in their memory. Jesse Robert led 316. Those remembered were: Kenneth DeLong, Everette Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Revy Williamson—Georgia; Ruth Brown—Alabama.

Jeannette DePoy made remarks concerning those who are sick and shut-ins and led 229 in their honor. Those who were remembered were: Violet Thomason, Lloyd Caldwell, Nora Roberts, Henry Johnson, Myrtle Smith, Nancy Allen, and Loy Garrison. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Matt DeLong called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 329 and 288. Leaders: Phillip Langley 383; Judy Mincey 497; B.M. Smith 475; Ashley Roberts 372; Rick Russell 40; Helen Bryson 456; Ted Mercer 300; Janice Paulk 518; Raymond Hamrick 402; Jessica Roberts Altman 428; John Plunkett 418; Laura Boyd Russell 189; Andrew Snyder 168; Frances Carnell 183; Susan Roberts 155; Chris Carnell 165; Christy DeLong 454; Jonathan Carnell 86.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order leading 68 and 328. Leaders: Liz Bryant 211; Heather Crosby 480; Robert Kendrick 490; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Leon Carnell 163b; Shirley Wagoner 196; David Yeager 64; Debra Jones 496; Anita Ray 108t; Ted Mercer 278b; Rick Russell and Laura Boyd Russell 276; Richard DeLong and Matt DeLong 34t (by request); Elder Edward Cagle 306.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong, Matt DeLong, and Jesse Roberts led 62 as the closing song. Elder Edward Cagle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Matt DeLong and Jesse Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

OLD SONGS FOLK FESTIVAL **Altamont, New York** **Saturday, June 28, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp book singing at Old Songs Folk Festival was held in the Sheep Barn at the County Fairgrounds on the last Saturday in June, and was called to order by Eric Bean leading 34b. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 313t; Tom Padwa 473; Kathy Forrest 178; George Seiler 480; Patricia Geritz 523; Guy Banks 486; Ginny Huszagh 200; Dick Levine 203; Jean Seiler 142; Barbara Swetman 567; Jim Ulrich 551; Kathy Chillemi 146; Heather Klein 106; Gary Hoffman 107; Chris Haller 183; Juanita Heyerman 347; Michael Kaye 198; Sheila Kelley 300; Michael Ryan 198; Lucy Roberts 82t; Ernest Blake 68b; John Redman 164; David Barial 569b.

Announcements were made. Chairman Eric Bean thanked the class and led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh.

CAMP FASOLA **Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama** **June 29-July 3, 2003**

Sunday, June 29

The first-ever summer camp for teaching Sacred Harp began as campers of all ages checked in and received their room assignments. Campers unpacked, greeted each other, became familiar with the facilities of Camp Lee, and then convened for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Class Singing

David Ivey, Camp Fasola Co-Director, welcomed the class and gave orientation instructions. He added that when he and Jeff Sheppard were planning the camp, they decided that if only 20 people attended they would still hold the camp, and that if 40 people attended it would be a success. But in the end there would be 73 full time campers from 18 states, 22 of which were youth.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 63; Jackson Harcrow 153; Terre Schill 112; Martha Beverly 40; Alex Makris and Neila Nicholson 312b; Blake Sizemore 354b; Don Bowen 276; Henry Schumann and BJ Schnorenberg 32t; Riley Lee 300; Judith Green 384; Mary Elizabeth Lee 36b; Thomas Willard 145b; April Dell 31t; Martha Henderson 65; Tommy George 388; Stephen Shearon 64; Cathryn Baker 277; Richard Schmeidler 155; Annie Grieshop 84; Paul Figura 143; Betty Jones 68b; David Ivey 81t. The evening devotion was given by Samuel Sommers, reading the Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. The book calls for a psalm to be sung, and the class sang 524 for this purpose.

Monday, June 30

The order of events for each day of camp generally was: 8 a.m. breakfast; 9 a.m. rudiments; 10:15 recess/snacks; 10:30 recreation; 12 p.m. lunch; 1:15 lesson; 2:15 recreation; 3:45 recess/snack; 4:00 lesson; 5:00 recreation; 6:00 dinner; 7:30 class or community singing; 9:30 devotions; 9:45 report to quarters; 10:30 lights out.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Breakfast included eggs, sausage, grits, muffins, biscuits, French toast, juice, and fruit. Other meals at camp similarly included abundant amounts of food prepared by the hardworking kitchen staff of Camp Lee.

9:00 a.m. Rudiments

During the three days of instruction at camp, David Ivey taught classes for youth and adult beginners on the rudiments from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition." Jeff Sheppard did the same for more experienced singers. Experienced class: The class learned the shapes of the notes, sang the major and minor scales, and then sang notes at random when Jeff pointed to them on the board. The class then learned the position of "mi"; whole/half/quarter/eighth note recognition; how to count the measures; ties and slurs; where is the melody (not always in the tenor; sometimes it moves around); time signatures; and rhythm.

Jeff mentioned that if you want people to come to your singing, you should attend theirs throughout the year, not just on the Sunday before your singing. In this way, people get to know you and will come to your singing because you came to theirs. Question from a class member: Why do we sing so loud? Jeff replied: For enjoyment. It is just more fun to sing loud and fast. His group in Anniston used to sing this way. They used to criticize people also, if they weren't singing right. But when the group dwindled because of age and they were seeking new members, they would lose potential singers because the new people couldn't keep up and were intimidated. Now, Jeff's group is more careful. With beginners they sing softer and slower so the beginners can learn better, and sing songs the experienced people don't know so that everyone will be more equal.

Youth class: The class members received notebooks and pencils and were instructed to take notes and to draw everything they studied. Everyone drew a staff; a clef sign; note shapes and their names; whole, half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes; measures, phrase bars, and double bars; major and minor scales with shapes and steps (whole or half) marked. The class sang both the major and minor scales and also sang different notes as David pointed to them on the board. The class learned that music contains the elements of pitch, time or length, volume, and accent.

A brace is a set of 4 parts (treble, alto, tenor, bass) linked together. The class looked at songs 36 (single brace), 87 (double brace), and 236 (8 braces). The range of the

different voice parts was discussed: High—treble and tenor for women and men; low—alto for women and bass for men. When the song contains only 3 parts, omitting the alto, altos usually sing the bass part. 138t was used to illustrate this. Different modes of time: common (2/4; 4/4; 2/2); triple (3/4; 3/2); compound (6/4; 6/8). The tempo of these modes: 2/4 is fastest, followed by 4/4 and 3/4; 2/2 and 3/2 are the slowest. This depends on the leader, however.

Accent: The accent is a heavier stress put on some beats than others. In 4/4, the accent is on the first and third beats; in 2/2 and 2/4 time it is on the first beat; in 3/2 and 3/4 time it is on the first and third beats; in 6/8 and 6/4 it is on the first and fourth beats.

The class learned how to beat common and triple time. (Common: down/up, although in 4/4 one can also beat down, in, out, up; triple: down/down/up). The class sang 87, the first song David learned as a child, and 45t.

10:30 a.m. Recreation

Some of the class went canoeing; some did crafts; some rested; and some went to enjoy the fabulous rock slide, a waterfall _ mile up the mountain along a rough trail.

1:15 p.m. Shelbie Sheppard

Shelbie Sheppard taught a class on proper behavior while at singings and especially in the square. Some of her remarks: This is sacred music, not folk music. People who come to a singing, especially those who lead, should conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate for a religious event, because that's what this gathering is to those who have been raised in this music. Wear your best clothes (until a few years ago, no woman would wear anything but a dress); keep talking to a minimum; don't come and go during the singing because this disrupts the class.

When you lead, conduct yourself in a manner that is pleasing to those who are watching. Don't distract people from the music by doing something annoying or ungraceful. Adjust your clothes when you get up to lead so that they are straight. Don't jump, gyrate, bounce, sway, or stoop; don't wave your arm wildly so that the class can't get the beat; tap your foot but don't stomp it; don't throw your book on the floor when you don't need it, but hand it to someone in the front row.

Everyone has their own unique way of leading that no one can duplicate. You can develop your own style in leading, while still remaining graceful.

2:45 p.m. Sacred Harp Geography

Maps of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, and the United States were laid out on a table. From the Sacred Harp minute book, David Ivey read each city and state where a singing is held in the months of January through March. Each class member was assigned a place from the minute book and asked to find it on one of the maps and mark it with a sticky dot. The children showed great enthusiasm for this project. David later asked each singer at the camp to place a pin in their home town on the map of the United States. (Lucy Leddington-Wright, from Coventry in England, had to put her pin on the eastern edge of the map). The map, containing both locations of singings and singers' places of residence, was displayed at Wednesday's evening singing as a testament to how widespread Sacred Harp is becoming.

2:45 p.m. Advanced Rudiments

Jeff Sheppard led a class on advanced rudiments. Topics discussed were:

Where to accent a song in all the different modes of time; how to pitch; raised sixths (sung when singing a song, but not when singing a scale); observing the full value of rests, which is just as important as giving notes their full value; how to tell what key the song is in, and whether minor or major (look for the "mi." The major tonic note is the "fa" above the "mi"; the minor tonic is the "la" below the "mi"); how to sing a D.S. al fine; how to sing choice notes and grace notes; how to start a song with a rest at the beginning (beat the whole measure, including the rest).

Songs: 156, 325, 143, 438, 439, 213t, 213b.

Question from a class member: Is it all right to lead without a book? In Cincinnati this person had heard that it is considered pretentious. Shelbie replied that she has not heard of this idea, and that it is all right to lead without a book if you know the song well enough. She added that if you don't need the book when you are leading, don't drop the book on the floor. Hand it to someone in the front row, or close the book with your other hand while that hand is on the way up from the downbeat.

Keep your finger in the page just in case you need to see it again.

Jeff said that singing master E. I. McGuire used to lead with one hand behind his back. That was the fashion in that time and location. He added that it was a hard task in those days for singing masters to pursue their craft. They had to travel by wagon and mule, and traveling 35 miles could take two or three days. They also had to feed themselves, the children, and the mules, both ways. When they arrived at their destination they would stay with families, or the families in the area would help them set up housekeeping if they were staying for a while. One singing master received a milk cow upon his arrival. He stayed two years. Jeff thinks he gave the cow back when he left.

Shelbie added that when she was growing up in Cleburne County, Alabama, so many singers would attend a singing that only one out of each family would get to lead.

Tom and Seaborn Denson lived in Cleburne County, and Arbacoochee (which gave song 430 its name) is there.

5:00 p.m. Lesson on leading

David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard taught a class on how to lead Sacred Harp songs.

Topics discussed were: The function of a leader (the leader is not a performer—the leader's job is to help the class get the most out of the song spiritually and musically); the function of the front bench tenors (to keep the class together and to help inexperienced leaders); when to repeat and when not to (depends on the type of song, time of day, whether people are tired—be parsimonious with repeats, don't repeat every verse); choosing songs (choose according to the time of day, the mood of the class, what song came before, whether singers are fatigued—don't sing an anthem at the end of the day; faster, more difficult songs can be led right after lunch when people are rested, which is the strongest singing of the day); arm movement (shoulder to waist, no larger); the leader sings the tenor part; the class should sound the chord before singing so that the person pitching knows they have their starting notes; efficient leading practices (be prepared—know your song; have several choices of songs in case someone takes yours; turn to basses to signal a repeat).

7:30 p.m. Evening singing and leading practice

Songs were kept to one verse each, plus shapes, to allow more people to lead.

Leaders: David Ivey 332; Ken Hallock 373; Ann Webb 48t; John Plunkett 571; Larue Allen 222; Rachel Baker 87; Alex Makris 388; B.J. Schnorenberg 290; Sandy and Neila Nicholson (mother and daughter) 354; Blake Sizemore 59; Trevor East 300; Allison Ivey and Jonathan Taft (age 4, youngest camper and great-grandson of George Pullen Jackson) 108t; Julie Lee 109; Lela Crowder 430; April Dell 84; Tommy George 155; Riley Lee 171; Karen Willard 349; Jackson Harcrow 317b; Mary Elizabeth Lee and Tina Reddish 58.

8:30 p.m. Hayride

Despite rain, a good number of campers decided to go on the hayride. The rest had free time.

9:30 p.m. Campfire Devotion

The Monday night vespers was given by Karen Willard. She told the story of how the text of song on 330b came to be written, read the complete hymn, and developed

the theme that, no matter our spiritual beliefs, each can find personal meaning in the hymns of the Sacred Harp if we take the time to look for it. She closed with a prayer.

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Rudiments

Experienced class: The class sang the major and minor scales and discussed time signatures. Then the class worked on songs requested by the campers for some element of difficulty, or to illustrate a point. Songs: 49b (slowly for the beginners, then a little faster); 188 (because of the triplets, which are also short scales); 355 (changes from minor to major in the middle of the song) led by Dennis George; 45b; 349; 367; 447; 304.

Youth class: The class reviewed the major and minor scales and discussed the tonic, or starting note. They practiced beating compound time (down on beats 1,2,3; up on beats 4,5,6). They sang the song on page 87 and talked about the rest on this song, the repeats, and the first and second endings.

The class then reviewed notation, including slurs and joined flags; birds eyes (pause or hold); choice notes (when two notes are printed one above the other in the same part, the singer can choose which he or she prefers); D.C. or D.S./fine; and dynamics or volume (ff-very loud; f-loud; p-soft; pp-very soft). The class drew these things in their notebooks.

The class learned that the composer of the tune is listed at the top right of the page; the author of the words, at the top left.

David Ivey talked about B. F. White's newspaper "The Organ." This contained new music that was submitted to White. People would bring the paper to meetings and sing the songs from it.

The class sang the scales and there was time for questions. The song on page 24 was sung as a practice song.

1:15 History of The Sacred Harp tune book

Richard DeLong, a lifelong singer and composer of 494 and 510 in the 1991 Edition, spoke to the advanced class while Jim Carnes, historian and composer of 372, spoke to the beginners.

Experienced class: Opening song: 128.

Richard DeLong spoke about the history of the book from which we sing. Since 1844 when it was first published, our book has gone through many editions: 1850; 1859; 1869 (last edition while B. F. White was alive); 1884 (by J.L. White; used the 7-shape system); 1897; 1902 (W.M. Cooper; reprinted/revise in 1929, 1949, 1992, 2000; still in use today); 1909 (little used; J.L. White changed the harmony to many songs); 1911 J.L. White edition (still in limited use today); 1911 James edition (the longest volume, containing 580 songs; reprinted in 1921 and 1929; no longer in use); 1936 Denson Revision; 1960 Denson (poor quality of binding and paper); 1966 (revised because of poor quality of the 1960 edition); 1971; 1991 (the second-largest edition; widely used as of 2003).

The class sang 31b and 31t in both the 1909 and 1991 editions, to see what J.L.

White did to the harmony of many songs. Everyone agreed that the harmony in the original book, also the harmony in the 1991 edition, is much better.

Richard mentioned that in 1913, there was a lawsuit over different editions of the Sacred Harp and who owned the copyright. J.L. White was sued by Joe S. James because of his revision of the book. Richard showed the class a newspaper article about this, and another article about a convention of the Central Sacred Harp Association.

Richard then talked about how to key a song. Key from the last note of the song in the bass (this is always the tonic note of the key). Songs in the same key can usually be keyed the same, unless one part goes particularly low or high. Key songs lower in

the morning when singers are not warmed up; higher after lunch when the singing is in full swing; and lower again late in the afternoon when the singers get tired. When unsure of how to key a song, think of a song you know so well that you can sing it in your sleep, and key similar to that. The class then sang 197.

Accents in Sacred Harp: In Denson-type songs (lots of eighth notes and moving notes, with a dance-like feeling) accent on the first and third beats. This gives the song a rocking feeling. Richard compared it to a rocking chair. The class then sang 292 and 392.

The class then divided into two groups and played "Sacred Harp Jeopardy," based on the television game show, which Richard DeLong invented for his high school students. Topics included conventions, churches, songs, page numbers, and revisions. Don Bowen (scorekeeper) and Martha Henderson (game board monitor) assisted Richard in leading the game. Certificates were handed out to the members of the winning side.

Youth class: Jim Carnes talked about the radio show he hosted as a teenager. He recorded some black spiritual songs and stumbled upon Sacred Harp singing. In Caledonia, Mississippi, they recorded some Sacred Harp songs; Marie Aldridge was at that singing. Jim showed the class some old hymnals, talked about time signatures, and read an excerpt from the book "Stars Fell on Alabama" by Carl Carmer.

4:00 p.m. Sacred Harp History and Traditions

Jim Carnes spoke to the experienced class while Richard DeLong spoke to the youth.

Experienced class: Jim Carnes used songs to illustrate the many historical threads contained in The Sacred Harp starting 500 years ago and continuing to the present. He gave the history and then the class sang the song. Songs: 49t: an example of psalm singing, the oldest song in the book. 73: illustrates an academic approach to songwriting that was popular in the 1700s. 327: an early example of a "home-grown" American song using words by Englishman Isaac Watts. 110: both words and music American; commemorates the death of George Washington; illustrates the power of music in a secular society. 47b: the spirit of religious revival from the 19th-century western frontier affected the sound and sentiment expressed in the music. 201 first appeared in Missouri Harmony; perhaps Abraham Lincoln sang this song. 160, from Southern Harmony 1835, illustrates the conflict with Native Americans. 128, Civil War era, was sung at the hanging of Confederate hero Sam Davis, by his request. 80t: an existing song adapted by B.F. White for the 1844 Sacred Harp. 410, about the death of a gold miner (Gold Rush 1849), illustrates the growing sentimentality in popular music. 398, same sentiment. 288 and 404: influence of Stephen Foster. 108t & 108b: the simplicity of these songs reflects people getting back to basics in their lives and faith after the Civil War. 436 & 411 show the influence of Tom and Seaborn Denson and capture the rhythms and organization of many fuguing tunes in the book; gospel currents of the time are heard somewhat in these songs. 500: Hugh McGraw took up the Densons' role of teaching and promoting Sacred Harp. This song is his interpretation of the traditions and the old forms. 547, a new song, is a testament to the bright future of Sacred Harp if we can continue to grow new song writers this talented.

Youth class: Richard DeLong placed a musical scale on the overhead projector. He asked questions and gave out candy as prizes. The class did a worksheet on which they had to draw the four shapes, give the name of the songbook, label the notes, and draw repeat dots on the staff.

Richard also talked about divisions of time; major and minor scales (the minor traditionally was thought of as suitable for sad songs); half steps, their relation to whole steps and how they change the sound of the scales; treble and bass clefs;

syncopation. The class sang a song from each mode of time and practiced keeping time. Then they played Sacred Harp Jeopardy.

Richard talked about how proud he is of this singing tradition and musical heritage, including the religious aspect of the songs.

7:00 p.m. Class singing

Singers kept their songs to one verse, to make time for more people to lead. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 61 (after encouraging new people to lead); Youth: Riley Lee 43; Jackson Harcrow and B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Judith Green and Hannah Baker 384; Tommy George 300; Mary Elizabeth Lee 99; Jeffrey Green 49t; Tina Reddish and Katie Moore 63; Trevor East 361; Alex Makris 59; Brooks Berueffy 124; April Dell 565; Thomas Willard 366; Coleman Berueffy 45t; Rachel Baker 359; Blake Sizemore 186; Turner Berueffy 47t; Sandy Nicholson (mother), Neila Nicholson (daughter), Genny Whitworth (grandmother) 317; Lela Crowder (adult) and Jonathan Taft 100. Adults: Lance Ledbetter 176t; Betty Jones 290; Ken Hallock 148; Lucy Leddington-Wright 40; Shirley Figura and Ann Fox (sisters) 68b; Samuel Sommers 426b; Sandie Scott 147t; Paul Figura 171; Idy Kiser 312; Steve Shearon 127; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Steve Schmidgall 120; Laura Clawson 142; Keith Willard 217; Jeannette DePoy 192; Clarke Lee 542; Jenny Willard 460; Nate and Norma Green 131b; Terre Schill 218; Julie Lee 82; Teenie Moody 430; John Plunkett 354; Martha Henderson 288; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Allison Ivey 282.

Announcements were made. David Ivey requested that students wear their green camp shirts, which Shelbie Sheppard had laundered and folded (all 75 of them), for the group photo and the community singing Wednesday. The class then sang "Happy Birthday" to Samuel Sommers in words and in shapes.

David Ivey then led the class in a game of Sacred Harp trivia, children against adults with assistance from Laura Clawson.

9:30 p.m. Devotion

Julie Lee spoke of the importance of leading our children in the way they should go in life, in church, and in Sacred Harp. Bring your children to Sacred Harp singings so they will come to love it and carry on the tradition. Clarke Lee closed the devotion with prayer.

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Rudiments

Jeff Sheppard led a class in different aspects of difficult songs. He also helped students with songs that they requested. Songs: 193; 550; 143; 532 led by Karen Ivey; 542 led by Jeannette DePoy.

David Ivey continued with the rudiments for beginners. The class reviewed the scales and the half steps. The class also learned about length of notes; dotted notes and their equivalents; ways to fill a measure in different time signatures; and accent. The class practiced accenting in different meters by singing 48t, 354b, 49b, and 43. The class learned to sing in full voice, but to not sing louder than they were able to naturally sing. Each singer should try to match the volume of the person next to him or her and not sing louder than that person. Song 177 was sung to work on soft volumes in one phrase. The class then sang the scales several more times, singing the notes in order and then randomly to practice recognizing intervals.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

After lunch, the campers posed for a group photo in front of the dining hall.

1:15 p.m. Rudiments

The advanced class with Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard practiced songs chosen by the students. Students practiced leading as well as singing. Songs were chosen because they have a difficult passage; they are hard to lead; or the student had long wanted to

learn the song but had not had the chance. Songs: 245, 316, 301, 455, 433, 211, 210, 550, 198.

The beginner class with David Ivey learned songs by parts, while the children worked on a rudiments workbook.

4:00 p.m. Lemonade

Bud and Sammie Oliver taught us how to make their famous and delicious lemonade that they serve at the Lookout Mountain Convention each year. Take 6 dozen lemons, 10 pounds of sugar, 5 gallons of filtered or spring water (no chlorine) and four bags of ice, 7-8 pounds each. Cut the ends off the lemons. Squeeze the juice into a 20-gallon tub and throw the lemons in, too. Add water, sugar, and ice. The class got to drink the lemonade after it was prepared.

4:30 p.m. Bringing Food to a Singing

Shelbie Sheppard discussed how to bring food to a singing. She always takes at least seven or eight dishes. To transport them, she packs them stacked on top of each other inside coolers. We saw some of the dishes she makes, how to prepare them, and what kinds of coolers, containers, and racks work best for transporting food and keeping it hot or cold.

7:00 p.m. Community Singing

Some of the Camp Lee staff, as well as people from as far away as Henagar and Birmingham, joined the campers for this singing. There were about 100 people in attendance.

Leaders kept their songs to one verse to allow more people to lead. Jeff Sheppard called the singing to order and led 112. B.J. Harris gave the opening prayer.

Youth (Under age 18)*

Leaders: David Ivey 217; John Plunkett, Allison Ivey, Lela Crowder, LaRue Allen (camp counselors) 59; Julie Lee and Jonathan Taft* 354b; B.J. Schnorenberg* 87; Turner Berueffy* 48t; Mary E. Lee* 53; Trevor East* 63; Rachel Baker* 355; Coleman Berueffy* 196; Neila Nicholson* 274t; Tommy George* 155; Hannah Baker* and Judith Green* 384; Blake Sizemore* 68b; Lela Crowder and Katie Moore* 222; Thomas Willard* 106; Alex Makris* 145b; Jackson Harcrow* 35; April Dell* 89; Tina Reddish* 33t; Stuart Ivey* 186; Jeffrey Green* 49t; Brooks Berueffy* 79; Riley Lee* 300; Sam Sommers 528; Karen Ivey 208; Richard DeLong 392.

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Jeff Sheppard brought the class back with 216. Leaders: Laura Clawson and Lucy Leddington-Wright 142; Clarke Lee and Don Bowen 503; Jo Pendleton and Terre Schill 178; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 330b; Marlon Beasley and Richard Schmeidler 49b; Sandie Scott, Steve Shearon, and Marilyn Burchett 557; Martha Beverly and Idy Kiser 362; Annie Grieshop and Cathryn Baker 318; Keith and Jenny Willard 434; Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver 99; Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, and Ann Fox 28; Gary and Sarah Smith 146; Nate Green and Norma Green 438; Brooks Berueffy* and Max Berueffy 111b; Jeannette DePoy and Teenie Moody 475; Martha Henderson and Steve Schmidgall 85; Dennis George and Cassie Franklin 270; Henry Schuman and Lance Ledbetter 76b; Susan Harcrow and Ricky Harcrow 182; Milton Oliver and Linda Thomas 321; Ann Webb and Susan Spillman 159; Sandy Nicholson 388; Roy Nelson and B.J. Harris 101t; Eunice Webb and Harvey Austin 303; Joan Aldridge and Amber Springfield 192; Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard 556; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 46. Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Thursday, July 3

9:45 a.m. Parting Hand

Campers had breakfast, packed their gear, and then convened in the Green Lodge, where they were able to visit until the final program.

David Ivey called the class to order. Certificates of participation were handed out to each camper. The class, which had enjoyed this memorable time of learning and fellowship, took the parting hand to 62. We hope to return next year. Secretary: Martha Henderson. Other contributors to these minutes: Laura Clawson, Karen Willard, Steven Schmidgall, and Clarke Lee.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING **Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama** **Friday, July 4, 2003**

The twentieth session of the Independence Day Singing was held at Muscadine Methodist Church in Muscadine, Alabama on Friday, July 4, 2003. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 37b and 36b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 28b; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Windom 216; Jeff Sheppard 110; Mary Lambert Smith 171.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: Martha Beverly 492; Don Bowen 388; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 490; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Leyland delRe 297; Don Clark 41; Judy Hauff 172; Jeff Bell 354t; Betty Jones 361; Steve Shearon 213; Melanie Hauff 215; Thomas Willard 422; Allison Dodson 89; Alexander Makris 119; Jenny Willard 530; Bob Meeks 474; Nate Green and Norma Green 343; Tom Owen 426b; Sam Sommers 358; Bill Beverly 191; Karen Clark 276; Shirley Figura and Paul Figura 143.

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B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 222. Leaders: Philip Denney 344; B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Elsie Moon 234; Hannah Baker and Judith Green 300; Henry Schuman 217; Sandie Scott 235; Ted Johnson 430; Keith Willard 111b; Marcia Johnson 448t; Bill Shetter 157; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Sarah Smith 108t; Liz Bryant 542; Felton Denney 523; Karen Willard 497; Louis Hughes, Sr. 137; Richard DeLong 419; Martha Henderson 499; John Plunkett 346. Lonnie Rogers spoke about the observance and meaning of this day, July 4. He reminded us of what sacrifices had been and are still being made in order for us to have this freedom that we can meet together to sing and enjoy the fellowship of one another. Lonnie Rogers led 389 and asked that all the people who had attended the Sacred Harp Camp Fasola to stand and be recognized.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 278b; Judith Green 384; Tommy George 155; Bud Oliver 73t; Jerry Enright 101t; Dennis George 242; Lee Rogers 485; Rodney Ivey 189; Rachel Baker 270; Katie Moore and Lela Crowder 99; Lucy Leddington Wright and Annie Grieshop 146.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 142. Leaders: Charles Derleth 504; Daphene Causey 304; Barbara Uhlemann 475; Catherine Baker 472; Lynne deBenedette 411; Ben Harrison 332; Marilyn Burchett 128; Tom Ivey 84; Jenny Whitworth 334; Lance Ledbetter and April Gambill 318; Linda Briggs 479; Ken Hallock 29t; Gary Smith 569b; Mary Chris Harrison 370; Mary Lee Smith 294; Karen Freund 442; Bill Ellason 268; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 349; Laura Clawson 186.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading 192. Leaders: Milton Oliver 314; Terri Schill 56b; Laura Ackerman 224; John Uhlemann 212; Eunice Webb 283;

Richard Schmeidler 254; Annie Grieshop 72b; Bobby Jackson 568; David Yeager 178; Harvey Austin 335; Michelle Cull 148; David Carlton 377; Rene Greene 76b; Carol Buche 503; Pam Nunn 454; Paul Figura 40.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Rev. Donald Payne, pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

PIONEER VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING **First Congregational Church, Sunderland, Massachusetts** **Saturday, July 5, 2003**

The third session of the Pioneer Valley All Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Kelsey Wessels leading 52t. Allison Schofield offered the morning prayer.

Officers were elected or appointed as follows: Chair—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chair—Linda Shea; Treasurer—Kshama Ananthapura; Secretary—Rosie Wojcik; Arranging Committee—Linda Shea and Catherine Oss.

Leaders: Linda Shea 448b; Rosie Wojcik 441; Kshama Ananthapura 81t; Katie Mahoney 195; Matthew Sellens 108b; Paul Gauthier 499; Martha Lang 203; George Seiler 347; John Holbrook and Greta Holbrook 523; Victoria Bolles 528; Eric Elias 99; Susan Waters 47b; Joanne Bowman 63; Bob Parr 224; D.J. Hatfield 377; Alexa Gilmore 290; Eric Morgan 340; Scott Luscombe 209; Laura Densmore 333; Sue Hanson 142.

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Matthew Wojcik brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Kelly House 179; Carly Goss 65; Rowan White 335; George Pomfrett 323b; Laura Timmerman 361; Aaron Girard 383; Thom Metzger 89; Ginny Landgraf 385t; Barbara Swetman 472; Gordon Hellegers 82t; Paula McGray 159; Ruth Hooke 198; Sally House 540; Ian Smiley 291; Sheila Kelley 455; Aldo Ceresa 155; Duncan Vinson 67; Inga Knets 318; Rick Johnson 530; Diane Mennella 542; Bill Dunn 345b.

Eric Elias and Alexa Gilmore conducted the memorial lesson. Eric Elias led 270 for the sick and shut-ins: Marie Betts Bartlett, Fritz Mezloh, Nick Mezloh, and Merton Pomfret—Massachusetts; Margaret Peckman—Florida; Marilyn Darch—California; Hugh Anderson—New York; Laurette Wojcik—Connecticut.

Alexa Gilmore led 129 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Dinah Bruenig—Vermont; Judy Wagner—New Hampshire; Michael Wadham, Lillian St. Clair Meitzler, Esther St. Clair Ammann, Robert “Max” Higgins, and David Lewin—Massachusetts; Marguerite Ross—Ontario; Dottie Krumsieg—Illinois; Lavaughn Ballinger and Ruth Brown—Alabama; Donald Edwin Meitzler—Connecticut; David Nagy and Allan Winn—Pennsylvania; Don Juel, Ed Dowey, and Charles Simone—New Jersey; Lou Silver—Florida; Gretchen Marble—California; Thomas Savage and David Luscombe—New York. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer offered by Eric Morgan.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 287; Jessica Holland 474; Kara Morin 178; Susan Louchs 163b; Bob Mills 90; Kelsey Wessels 31t. Jenna Strizak offered grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Linda Shea brought the class back for the afternoon session leading 171. Leaders: Kate Richardson 384; Peter Irvine 37b; Jean Seiler 273; Eliza Cavanaugh 442; Charlie Taylor 456; Jenna Strizak 300; Bradford West 269; Allison Schofield 440; Anne Kazlauskas 260; Mirjana Lausevic 277; Dan Hertzler 562; Kiri Miller 112; Kshama Ananthapura 217; Effie Cummings 122; Kitty Kagay 430; Michael

Heyerman 410; Deborah Betko, Laura Timmerman, and Matanah Betko 47t; Tim Eriksen 285t; Katie Mahoney 324; Eric Morgan 183; Martha Lang 56b; Paula McGray 373; John Holbrook 480; Matthew Wojcik 445.

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The class was called back by Inga Knets leading 312b. Leaders: Laura Densmore 201; Aldo Ceresa 50; Lydia Vernon-Jones 267; Sally House 84; Sheila Kelley 186; D.J. Hatfield 296; Rowan White 148.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Secretary reported that 109 people from 15 states had registered, and 83 leaders had, so far, led 83 songs. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. Charlie Taylor gave the Resolutions Committee report.

It was announced that in 2004 this singing will take place on July 3rd with Linda Shea as Chair. The business session was closed. Announcements of future singings were made.

Leaders: George Seiler 473; Ruth Hooke 48t; Matthew Sellens 146; Kelly House 192; Carly Goss 29t; Guy Bankes 352; Barbara Swetman 196; Jim Desmond 565; Eliza Cavanaugh 452; Lloyd Graves 86; Peter Irvine 36b; Bradford West 426b; Tim Eriksen 274; Allison Schofield 567; Eric Morgan 39t.

Kelsey Wessels, joined by the other officers, led 62 as the closing song. Laura Timmerman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chair—Linda Shea; Secretary—Rosie Wojcik.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 5-6, 2003

Saturday, July 5

The eighty-seventh session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 176b; Secretary Norma Green 350; Loyd Ivey 61; Rodney Ivey 81t.

Lela Crowder and Laura Clawson were appointed as the Arranging Committee for Saturday and led 171.

Leaders: Linda Biggs 178; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Henry Schuman 532; Milton Oliver 403; Boyd Scott 358; Gaston White 236; Duane Chesney 146; Teenie Moody and Jeffrey Green 49t; Paul Figura 36b; David Yeager 240; Annie Grieshop 84; Barbara Uhlemann 474; Shirley Figura 28b; Gary Smith 31t; Cathryn Baker 217.

RECESS

Jackson Harcrow brought the class back together leading 282. Leaders: Alexandra Makris 480; Turner Berueffy and B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Lela Crowder and Katie Moore 222; Tommy George 300; Rachel Baker 270; Thomas Willard 422; Judith Green 142; Brooks Berueffy 124; Hannah Baker and Cathryn Baker 155; Coleman Berueffy 354b; Allison Dodson 145b; Stuart Ivey 371; Blake Sizemore 59; Emily Creel 186; Richard Ivey 182; Marion Wilhoite 37b; Betty Wright 347; Bill Beverly 547; Betty Jones 541.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Louis Hughes, Jr. leading 348b. Leaders: Sandie Scott 487; Michelle Cull 430; Tom Ivey 66; Richard Schmeidler 287; Daphene Causey 434; William Shetter 373; Sarah Smith 290; Lance Ledbetter 76b.

Susan Harcrow, representing DeKalb County Commissioner Ricky Harcrow, presented the Liberty Church community with a plaque recognizing the eighty-seventh session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention for preserving the

history and heritage for which our forbears worked tirelessly. Coy Ivey, Tony Ivey, Norman Greeson, Marlon Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Norma Green then led 486t (WB).

Leaders: Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 99; Stephen Shearon 457 (for Joyce Overdeer Bell); Keith Willard 297; Bob Meek 540 (CB); Jeff Bell 388; Daryl Chesney 454; Joe Todd 58. The lunch blessing was offered by Louis Hughes, Sr.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with B.M. Smith leading 475. Leaders: Karen Willard 441; Richard DeLong 542; Tom Owen 549; Charles Derleth 348b (in memory of Ruth Brown); Linton Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, Jimmy Ballinger, and Earl Ballinger 213t; Shelbie Sheppard 442; Amanda Owen 39t; Ben Harrison 71; Betty Shepherd 216; Leyland delRe 468; Samuel Sommers 548; Melanie Hauff 317; Mary Chris Harrison 86; Danny Creel, Cassie Franklin, and Emily Creel 383; Marcia Johnson 163t; LaRue Allen 200; Martha Beverly 546; Jenny Willard 316.

RECESS

Louis Hughes brought the class back together leading 299. Leaders: Janice Paulk 337; Ted Johnson 377; Jeff Sheppard 43; Elsie Moon 395; Pam Nunn 269.

S.T. Reed counted the ballots and announced the election results: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 456; John Plunkett 416; Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 172; Karen Clark and Carol Buche 335; Beth Todd 225t; Jerry Enright and Bud Oliver 168; Sandra Wilkinson 176b; Chris Green 204; Martha Henderson 88t; Bill Ellason 63; John Uhlemann 362; Karen Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Randall Smith 137; Susan Harcrow and Dennis George 208; Coy Ivey and Michelle Cull 384.

Chairman David Ivey thanked Willard and Betty Wright for the delicious homemade ice cream. Following announcements, David Ivey led song on page 56t, and the class was dismissed in prayer led by Chris Green.

Sunday, July 6

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 32t and 108t. The morning prayer was given by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 135; Secretary Norma Green 510; Shane Wootten 343b (in memory of Lamar Smith).

Joel Jenkins and Allison Ivey were appointed as the Arranging Committee for Sunday.

Leaders: Joel Jenkins 35; Allison Ivey 67; Loyd Ivey 97; Ann Fox 45t; Ken Tate 275b; Ben Harrison 38b; Marty Wootten 276; David Yeager 64; Beth Todd 319; Martha Henderson 406; S.T. Reed 329; Sandie Scott 408; Joe Todd 179; Leyland delRe 505; Betty Wright 424; Hershell King 426t; Daphene Causey 336.

RECESS

Ed Thacker brought the class together leading 398. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 200; Jackson Harcrow 101t; Scott Ivey 186; Jarrod George 145b; Turner Berueffy 111t; Coleman Berueffy 63; Brooks Berueffy 128; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 478t (WB), 282; Richard Ivey 270; Aaron Wootten 421; Sandy Ivey 201; Loretta Smith 37b; Annie Grieshop 40; Judy Caudle 344; Phil Summerlin 58; Laura Clawson 215; Henry Johnson 288.

RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class to order leading 309. Leaders: Paul Figura 217; John Uhlemann 202; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, and Martha Underwood 501 (CB); Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Martha Underwood, and Karen Ivey 454. Susan Harcrow and Henry Johnson, the Memorial Committee, presented the memorial lesson. Susan Harcrow encouraged us all to think of the sick and shut-ins, to send cards and letters to them, to call them, and also to remember to

pray for them. She then read the names of the sick and shut-ins on the list. Those remembered were: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, Ophelia Matthews, Martha Woodard, Kelly Beard, Violet Stark, Liz Price, Bobby Watkins, Elsie Beasley, Little Patrick Stevenson, Betty Hensley, Bruce Kettle, Violet Thompson, Delores Katz, Bob Burns, Trina Peek, and Nancy Yeager. Susan Harcrow led 385b.

Henry Johnson read the names of the deceased: Lamar Smith, Leola Smith, B.E. Matthews, Elder Donald Smith, Ruth Brown, Virginia Bell, Myrtle Meek, Ruby Driskoll, Stephanie Rubin, Art Heffley, Andrew Martinez, Henry Kalcow, James Lavaughn Ballinger, Kenneth DeLong, Jewell Lea, Allie Aldridge, Lucille Burkes, Madeline Faulkner, Clara Bell Hall, Alice Gant, Danny Lester, Sheila Wilson, Vivian Rogers, John Henry Busby, and Boyd King.

S.T. Reed and Bud Oliver led 36b in memory of Lamar Smith. Henry Johnson gave an inspiring account of a special songwriter, Seymour B. Sawyer, who overcame many obstacles through faith before dying at the age of 35 years; led 338; and closed by reading a poem by William Cullen Bryant. Samuel Sommers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Chris Green asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session together leading 318. Leaders: Martha Beverly 283; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 129; Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 146; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Gravis Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Earl Ballinger 212; John Etheridge 125; David Light 192; Amber Springfield 560; Terry Wootten 480; Sandra Jordan 572 (CB); Coy Ivey, Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Jessica Ivey 358, 559 (CB); Jerry Enright 77t; Harrison Creel 89; Myra Dalton 378b; Samuel Sommers 553; Betty Shepherd 299; Jackie Tanner 477; Reba Windom 224; Susan Harcrow 218; Cindy Tanner 327; Elene Stovall and Max Berueffy 532; Cassie Franklin 485; Charles Stiefel, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey 445; Hobert Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 47t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dennis George leading 455. Leaders: Lisa Geist 546; Karen Clark 486 (CB); Randall Smith 298; Melvin Stiefel, Mary Ruth Stiefel, and Joyce Whittington 452; Lynne deBenedette 216; Floyd Peters 68b; Shirley Figura and Marilyn Burchett 551; Bill Beverly 191; Terre Schill 436; Karen Freund 272; Carol Buche 143; Terry Wootten 492 (WB) (by request).

Chairman David Ivey thanked the Arranging Committee of both days for a job well done and then recognized Marian Biddle for all her dedicated work in cleaning and maintaining the church building. Following announcements, David Ivey, Tony Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey led 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed in prayer led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 6, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes, Sr. brought the class to order leading songs on 32t and 138b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford;

Secretary—Belinda Stansberry; Memorial Committee—Mary Lambert Smith;
Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford and Belinda Stansberry 441; Mary Lambert Smith 70t;
Louis Hughes, Jr. 420; Bill Shetter 438; Ted Johnson 378b; Milton Oliver 176t;
Charlene Wallace 283; Bob Meek 515; Karen Willard and Rodney Willard 128; Jeff
Bell 288; Allison Dodson 378t; Lonnie Rogers 318; Amanda Owen 475; Don Bowen
350; Donna Bell and Paige Gilbert 87; John Plunkett 54; Jenny Willard 392;
Dewayne Wootten 75; Herstine Bessey 285t.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Jr. brought the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Carlene
Griffin 146; Tom Owen 528; Haley Morris 119; Judy Mincey 571; Thomas Willard
36b; Melanie Hauff 546; Slomon Twins 560, 282; Tom Ivey 504; LaRue Allen 336;
Preston McClendon spoke on how Sacred Harp has had an influence over him
during his lifetime, and what it means to him.

Mary Smith conducted the memorial lesson, and Marcia Johnson led 32b for the
following deceased: Carrie Garner, Vivian Rogers, Kenneth DeLong, Clarence
Lambert, Everette Denney, Mose Cheatwood, Bernard Swafford, George Rogers,
and Gladys Wood Entrekin—Georgia; Donald Smith, Leola Smith, and Ruth
Brown—Alabama; Art Heffley—Indiana; Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Andrew
Martinez—Florida.

Felton Denney led 48t for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle
Sheppard, Donnie McGraw, Cathy White, Nancy Yeager, Katherine Benefield,
Evelyn Newman, Reby Stanford, and Mattie Lou Pope—Georgia; Alice Edwards
and Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Patrick (grandson of Bettina Smith)—Illinois; Liz
Price and Sonia Matlide—Florida. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.
Leaders: April Gambill, Michael Dierickx, Constance Dierickx, and Jeff Sheppard
62; B.M. Smith 222; Stanley Edwards 340; Bobby Jackson 166.

LUNCH

Louis Hughes, Sr. and Allison Dodson brought the afternoon session to order
leading 155. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 284; Oscar McGuire 573; Kelsey Campbell
and C.W. Garner 59; Shelbie Sheppard 110; Eschol Hughes 112; Keith Willard 114;
Mildred Patterson 358; Marcia Johnson 218; Cecil Roberts 335; Michelle Cull 496;
Josephine Denney 145b; Aaron Little 448t; Eunice Webb 434; James Newman and
Elaine Newman 45t; Inez Chandler 490; Felton Denney 299; Mildred McElroy 314;
Denney Rogers 143; Jeff Sheppard 506; George Garner and Paige Gilbert 436;
Dewayne Wootten 176b; Tom Owen and Amanda Owen 503; Marcia Johnson and
Ted Johnson 348b; Melanie Hauff 196; Karen Willard, Barbara Willard, and Ken
Hallock 183; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 99; Michelle Cull, Bob Meek, and
Brenda Waters 236; Jeff Bell 566; Tom Ivey and Sharon Strong 347; Bill Shetter
513; Slomon Twins 215; April Gambill and Michael Dierickx 354b.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. led 68b as the closing song. Eschol
Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford;
Secretary—Belinda Stansberry.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL **Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods Church),** **South of Nauvoo, Alabama** **July 6, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry
“Doc” Jackson was held on the first Sunday in July. L.D. “Dovey” Jackson, who

passed away last year on July 17th, was added to the list of those for whom the memorial is held.

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 129.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Elder Ronald Gilmore;

Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 146; Josie Hyde 61, 73t; Clarence McCool 565, 569b;

Corene White 37b, 317; Margaret Keeton 321, 499; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle

Gilmore 421, 47t, 47b, 318 (for Flora Otwell); Richard Schmeidler 155, 84, 475;

Travis Keeton 358.

RECESS

Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore called the class back to order leading 74b,

337, 127, and 319 (in memory of Dovy Jackson). Leaders: Anita Narramore and

Ronnie Narramore 111b (in memory of Lavada Gilmore), 348b, 341; Alene

Woodley 399b, 131t; Marlin Beasley 480, 490, 204, 498. Marlin Beasley offered the

noon prayer.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading 205 and 141. Leaders:

John Hyde 297, 75, 225t; Kermit Adams 183, 277, 28b; Janet Jones 335, 283 (in

memory of Estelle Napier), 382; Julie Poston 145b; Latrive Bailey 345t, 345b, 343;

Alvin Beasley 45t, 81t, 72b; Willodean Barton 63, 82t, 460, 290; Marlin Beasley 46,

285t.

Travis Keeton and Elder Ronald Gilmore led 56t as the closing song. L.H. Gilmore

offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Elder Ronald Gilmore;

Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 12-13, 2003

Saturday, July 12

The annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention was held on the third

floor of the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before

in July. Henry Guthery brought the Saturday session to order by welcoming

everyone and then leading 32t. Bud Oliver offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Corene White 117; Marie Guthrie 112, 385; Hershell King 460, 80b;

Flarce Creel and Emily Creel 475, 299, 224, 186; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 31b; David

Roberson 196, 220; Ed Thacker 176t, 441; Brenda Merritt 142, 430.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class back to order leading 123. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 143,

490; Amanda Denson 97, 318.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Eldagene

Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Elizabeth Webb 300, 183; John Merritt 240, “Nothing But The Blood”;

Betsy Shaver 155, 454; Delone Cobb 274t; Cindy Tanner 368, 269; Butch White

and Kenny Graves 77t, 74b; Milton Oliver 314; Elsie Moon 177, 336.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the singing back to order leading 153. Leaders: Glenn Keeton

163b, 231; Mike Grimes 31t, 282; Ann Jett 88, 44; A.D. Chandler 371; Aubrey Tyree

358, 208; Elvin Guthrie 69t; Ruth Walker 48t, 72t; Judy Caudle 428, 448t.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery brought the afternoon session to order leading 568. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 182; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 442, 504; Margaret Thacker 565; Delone Cobb 446, 283; Buell Cobb 43, 285t; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Larry Ballinger 101t; Susan Allred 183, 138t; Jennifer Allred 300, 196; Rachel Allred 159, 276; Herman Wilkinson 215; Ann Jett 496; Mike Grimes and Jo Ann Grimes 238; Caleb Allred 401, 87; Marlin Beasley 192, 47b; Betty Wright 569b, 424; Margie Lee and Nancy Tuck 72b, 335; Ann Ballard 512; Butch White and Kenny Graves 440; Buell Cobb 445, 400.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 13

Henry Guthery brought the Sunday session of the Cullman County Convention to order leading 176. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 409; Wanda Capps 36b, 146; Guy Bankes 344, 350; Hershell King 426t, 97; David Light 112, 384; Velton Chafin 302, 225t; Betty Shaver 294, 378t; David Roberson 100, 340.

RECESS

Henry Guthery resumed the singing leading 331. Leaders: Billy Williams 28b; Judy Caudle 412; Rachel Allred 159; Jennifer Allred and Will Allred 274, 143, 183; Caleb Allred 354b, 45t; Cecil Sanders 480, 282, 133; Marie Guthrie 113, 220.

RECESS

Henry Guthery, along with his son, Scott Guthery, and grandson brought the class back to order leading 177.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Brenda Merritt read the list of names of those friends and loved ones who have died since the last session of this convention. Those remembered were: Edis Guthrie, Rummon Graves, Alta Baker, Lavaughn Ballinger, M.G. Edwards, Tressie Adkins, Mavery Murphy, Lamar Smith, Donald Smith, Iva Cleghorn, Hazel Denson, Pauline Tyree, Samuel Tyree, Bell Woodard, and Rose Altha Taylor. Harrison Creel led 378 in memory of the deceased.

Eldagene Roberson read the names of the sick and shut-ins. Those on the list were: Ulys Walker, Kenneth Fannin, Wilda Holmes, Charlotte Hinkle, Elsie Moon, Mavis Price, Crystal Crocker, Girstel Nail, Alpha Black, Raymond Walker, Carolyn Denson, Elvin Guthrie, and Elsie Beasley. Bud Oliver led 39b in honor of those remembered and unable to attend. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Emily Creel 40, 217; Jennifer Allred 268; Danny Creel 275b, 76b; Bud Oliver 145b, 47b; Brenda Merritt 172, 336; Flarce Creel 144, 148.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery brought the afternoon session to order leading 431. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 569b, 568; Judy Caudle 540, 513; Aubrey Tyree 434, 298; Susan Allred 84; Will Allred 120; Corene White 216; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Caleb Allred 401, 87; Guy Bankes 486, 269; Amanda Denson 83t, 358; Henry Guthery 359; Bud Oliver 145t; Ann Jett 142.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 46 as the closing song. Billy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama
July 13, 2003

The eighty-sixth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July. Chairman Clarence McCool called the class to order leading 61. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Chairman Clarence McCool asked that this be an all day memorial for all our friends and loved ones who have passed away.

The names of the deceased remembered were: Lavaughn Ballinger, Donald Smith, Lamar Smith, and Lucille Burkes.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: A.A. Malone and Etna Barton.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 36b; Josie Hyde 43, 288; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Travis Keeton 127, 179; Amber Springfield 276, 454; Margaret Keeton 78; Chris Ballinger 270, 144; Beth Webb 168, 551; Ivalene Donaldson 166, 343; Marlin Beasley 39b, 498; Clarence McCool 225t.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: John Hyde 297, 159; Debra Wakefield 312b, 57; Johnny Humber 340, 466; Dennis George 88, 546; Gravis Ballinger 300, 220; Max Berueffy 309, 532; Turner Berueffy 87, 354b; Brooks Berueffy 332; Coleman Berueffy 388; John Merritt 213t, 294 (in memory of his mother, Doris Vickery); Clarence McCool 203 (for A.A. Malone), 68b.

LUNCH

Wayne Baines brought the afternoon session to order leading 59 and 155. Leaders: Lisa Geist 542, 291; Elene Stovall 142, 183 (requested by A.A. Malone); Elene Stovall and Brooks Berueffy 439; Bethanne Hill and Max Berueffy 217, 99; Toney Smith 229, 475; Jarrod George 236, 358; Annie Lou Price 298, 299; Ozella Blackmon 282; Earl Ballinger 283; Paula Springfield 316, 389; Bill Stewart 145b, 569; Earline Ellis 445, 349; Faye Donaldson 430, 45t (by request); Willodean Barton 480; Kermit Adams 296, 192; Jack Pate 348b, 341; James Cunningham and Clarence McCool 535; Anna Bell Williams and Clarence McCool 68b.

Clarence McCool led 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove Community,
Sylacauga, Alabama
July 13, 2003

The annual Boiling Springs Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove Community, near Sylacauga, Alabama on the second Sunday in July. The day of singing began with the class singing 59. Kyle Blakeley offered the morning prayer. Elder Jonathan Blakeley led 129.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elder Jonathan Blakeley; Secretary—Lacey Blakeley; Arranging Committee—Daniel Dean.

Leaders: Daniel Dean 31t, 30b; Stanley Edwards 81t, 101t; Hilda Morrison 32t, 100; Kyle Blakeley 146, 75; Lacey Blakeley 77t, 143; William Futral 147t, 341; Virginia Futral 145b, 566.

RECESS

Daniel Dean brought the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Doug Conn 354b, 274t, 85; Myra Goss 34, 170, 127.

LUNCH

Elder Jonathan Blakeley brought the afternoon session to order leading 37b and 37t. Leaders: Jo Snodgrass 36, 111, 373; Maudie Fredrick 426t, 340, 406.

Songs on 318 and 123 were led in memory of Ruth Brown, Elsie White, and Newman Turner.

Special requests were sung: 67, 39b, 39t (for Elder Bufrey Dean, who was not able to attend).

Announcements were made. Elder Jonathan Blakeley led 35 as the closing song, Daniel Dean led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Jonathan Blakeley; Secretary—Lacey Blakeley.

QUEBEC SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION

Milby and Way's Mills, Quebec

July 18-19, 2003

Friday, July 18

The Friday session of the eighth annual Quebec Convention was held at the Old School House in Milby, Quebec. The class was called to order by Cheryl Stroud leading 47t, followed by an opening prayer.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 350; George Pomfret 84; Adrienne Stevenson 480; Paul Gauthier 52t; Janet Ross 50t; Jackie Hall 410t; Scott Luscombe 189; Dan Hertzler 82t; Ian Smiley 330b; Cathy Brochet 503; John Brunskill 551; Victoria Bolles 496; Bobbie Goodell 209; Phil Dutton 198; Guy Bankes 351; George Pomfret 282; Cheryl Stroud 255.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cheryl Stroud leading 146. Leaders: Cathy Brochet 86; Adrienne Stevenson 335; Paul Gauthier 228; Janet Ross 178; Jackie Hall 528; Scott Luscombe 481; Dan Hertzler 384; Ian Smiley 180; Cathy Brochet 452; Victoria Bolles 299; Bobbie Goodell 485; Phil Dutton 163b; Guy Bankes 352; Cheryl Stroud 183.

Announcements were made, and David Dutton led the closing prayer.

Saturday, July 19

The Saturday session was held in the Way's Mills Community Centre. The class was brought to order by Dan Hertzler leading 33b. David Dutton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scott Luscombe "Palatine"; Ian Smiley 65; David Baril 569b; Guy Bankes 569t; Phil Dutton 504; Victoria Bolles 277; Janet Ross 547; Jackie Hall 217; Bobbie Goodell 358; George Pomfret 171; L.H. Spencer 260; Adrienne Stevenson 99; Paul Gauthier 30b; Pleasance Crawford 122; Cathy Brochet 49b; Ame Johnston 445; Bruce Kokerno 209; Jackie Hall 40.

RECESS

Cheryl Stroud called the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Mary Neville 48t; Wendy Gilchrist 565; Rick Johnston 530; Corrone Bryant 34b; Dan Hertzler 440; Scott Luscombe 306; Christopher Wesolowski 143.

Cheryl Stroud conducted the memorial lesson. She read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and then led 68b in their honor. This list included Annie Molnar, Maeann Stevens, Cecil Colbert, John Sheldon, and Merton Pomfret.

The list of the deceased was read, and 47b was sung in their memory. The deceased remembered were: Janet Keller, Ken Madokoro, Robert "Max" Higgins, Elizabeth Edds, Leonard R. Spencer, Mark Khouri, David McLaughlan, Laurie Doyle, Bettie Masset, Judy Wagner, Ginger Tootill, William Tootill, Ira Hescocock, Edgar Byrd, Valera Byrd, Isabelle Pugh, Robert Taylor, George Pugh, David Luscombe, Virginia Grandidge, and Thomas Hayes. The memorial was concluded.

Leaders: Phil Dutton 155; Ian Smiley 291; David Baril 101t. Cheryl Stroud then led 180 as grace before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Cheryl Stroud leading 117 and 299. Leaders: Guy Banks 486; Victoria Bolles 203; Janet Ross 567; Jackie Hall 194; Sue Hill "Sweet Peace"; Bobbie Goodell 151; George Pomfret 479; Phil Dutton 450; L.H. Spencer 320; Adrienne Stevenson 344; Paul Gauthier 542; Mary Neville 163b; Pleasance Crawford 523; Cathy Brochet 535; Ame Johnston 274; Bruce Kokerno 183; Virginia Neville 31t; Rick Johnston 275; Corrine Bryant 74b; Dan Hertzler 31b; Scott Luscombe 39; Christopher Wesolowski 33; Ian Smiley 169; David Baril 47t; Guy Banks "Jubilant".

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading 107. It was reported that there were participants from two Canadian provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and that six states were represented including Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and Maine. There were 50 registered participants and 26 leaders.

Announcements were made regarding upcoming conventions and regular singings, and committee members were thanked.

Next year's convention will be held on July 16th and 17th.

Leaders: Ingrid an de Buda 313; Susan Miller-Coulter 410t; Virginia Bolles 474; Janet Ross 268; Bobbie Goodell 426b; George Pomfret 347; Phil Dutton "Chamberlain Hill"; L.H. Spencer 218; Adrienne Stevenson 76; Paul Gauthier 428; Pleasance Crawford 38t; Cathy Brochet 147; Bruce Kokerno 455; David Baril 66; Wendy Gilchrist 501; Ian Smiley 54.

Cheryl Stroud closed the convention leading 198, followed by prayer and "Parting Hand."

Chairpersons—Chuck Neville and Cheryl Stroud; Secretaries—Phil Dutton and Cheryl Stroud.

MICHIANA SINGING

New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana

Saturday, July 19, 2003

James Nelson Gingerich opened the sixteenth annual Michiana Singing with 59.

Rachel Miller Jacobs offered the opening prayer and then led 40.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 36b; Ann Miczulski 30t; Rachel Baker 270; Roger Williams 367; Sue Kessell 362; John Fink 49b; David Rust 327; Natalia Cecire 300; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Mary Ellen Schrock 178; Tommy George 155; Nancy Yeager 146; Greg Howard 569; Lela Crowder 328; John Bayer 53; Gaston White 66; Sarah Burghardt 181; Jeff Sheppard 196; Wendy Wahn 546; Shane Wootten 171.

RECESS

Rachel Miller Jacobs brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Megan Jennings 29t; Jim Helke 490; Kiri Miller 383; B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Aaron Girard

67; Beth Reed 385t; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 269; Dennis George 456; Hans Bayer and Jubal Bayer 117; Brad Bahler 354b; Steve Warner 86; Martha Beverly 71; Warren Steel 70b; Pauline Childers 384; James Page 202; Karen Freund 131b; Emmie Barford and Sarah Burghardt 410t; Joe Todd 373; Kay Huener 38t; Berkley Moore 75; Linda Speck 479; Dan Huger 47b; Joan Aldridge 189.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Cathryn Baker who spoke about the ministries of people who have gone before us and led 122 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Ruth Brown, Elder Donald Smith, Lamar Smith, Allie Aldridge, and Leola Smith—Alabama; Kenneth DeLong—Georgia; Robert Wagner—California; Marvin Speck and Allen Huggins—North Carolina; Bill DeFotis—Virginia; David Lewin—Massachusetts; Delia Conley and Frances Stuckey—Ohio; Cecelia Hauff—South Dakota; Hugh Anderson—New York; David Carter—Oregon.

Janet Fraembs read the list of names of those sick and shut-in and led 212 in their honor: Sammie Oliver, Stephen Figura, Martha Henderson, Violet Thomason, Bob Scorgie, Danny Oleksa, Violet Stark, Ann Elaine Cullor, and Bruce Kettle. Janet Fraembs closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Samuel Sommers brought the class back for the afternoon session with song on page 477. Leaders: Jan Wright 192; Nathan Barford 260; Hannah Baker and Cathryn Baker 222; Charlotte Wolfe 114; Randy Neufeld 32; Molly Williams 128; Jarrod George 236; Suzanne Flandreau 356; Diane Mennella 377; Debbie Barford 163b; Lee Steinmetz 242; Regina Bayer 399b; Jerry Enright 399t; Beth Todd 284; Shelbie Sheppard 455; Judy Mincey 475.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class together with 497. Leaders: Julie Vea 528; Ted Mercer 139; LaRue Allen 142; Reba Windom and Shelbie Sheppard 216; Anne Heider 454; Richard DeLong 422; Lynne deBenedette 76b; Pam Carson 361; Janet Fraembs 532; David Yeager 240; Cathryn Baker 318; Bill Beverly 547; Lorraine Bayer 100; Kent Beck 319; Dave Barford 168; Rachel Adelstein 245; Donna Wootten 274t.

Announcements were made. James Nelson Gingerich and Samuel Sommers led 62 as the closing song, and Rachel Miller Jacobs dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain—Rachel Miller Jacobs;
Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH **Six Miles Northwest of Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, July 19, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mt. Oak Methodist Church was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Hershell King called the class to order leading 59. Robert Walker offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Hershell King; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: Hershell King 80b; David Light 112, 110; Milton Oliver 176t, 176b; Leonard Hayes 354b, 501 (CB); Ramona Light 172, 45t; Robert Walker 480, 452; Sandra Light 143, 119; Linda Thomas 123t, 31b; S.T. Reed 30t, 79; Ed Thacker 32t, 498; Glenda Hopper 108b, 108t; J.C. Rutledge 401, 426; Eunice Kimbrell 42, 129.

RECESS

David Light brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Matt Jordan 565, 43; Margaret Thacker 68b, 569; Allison Ivey 76b, 186; Carmon Brothers 348b, 338;

Judy Caudle 121, 451; David Ivey 27, 345b; David Light 384 (for his daughter), 200; Matt Jordan 30b, 268.

LUNCH

Hershell King called the afternoon session to order leading 235. Leaders: Milton Oliver 318; S.T. Reed 134, 135; Ed Thacker 57; Judy Caudle 475, 177, 187 (for Rhoda Norris); Robert Walker 63; Allison Ivey 81t, 99; Margaret Thacker 147b; Carmon Brothers 441; Ramona Light and David Light 218, 358; J.C. Rutledge 295, 294; David Ivey 460 (for Arvid and Wilda Holmes, who are sick), 276 (for Rhoda Norris); David Light 192.

Hershell King led 290 as the closing song, and J.C. Rutledge dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Hershell King; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Saturday, July 19, 2003

The eighty-ninth session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t and 42.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Ida Lee Starnes; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt and Travis Keeton; Memorial Committee—Josie Hyde and Charles Kitchens.

Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 348b, 565; Winell Sanders 225t; Travis Keeton 335, 321; John Hyde 129, 73t; Flarce Creel 389, 402; Rachel Allred 159; Sarah Smith 145b, 318; Jennifer Allred 49b, 384; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Glenn Keeton 45t, 475; Ryan Hale 36b, 56t.

RECESS

John Merritt led 145t to reassemble the class to order. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 63, 59; John Beasley 68b; Laura Hale and Adam Hale 348b, 354b; Bill Farris 401, 345b; Carol Crumpton 65; Paula Springfield 380, 340; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Tommie Spurlock 446, 273; Gary Smith 503, 31t; Danny Creel 196, 182.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order leading 144.

Josie Hyde and Charles Kitchens conducted the memorial lesson. Josie Hyde led 78 and 84 in memory of the following deceased: Donald Smith, Lavaughn Ballinger, Tressie Adkins, Lamar Smith, Ruth Brown, Lena Lawson Thornton Barker (aunt of Gary Smith), Edis Guthrie, and Flora Otwell—Alabama; David Moody—Washington; Dinah Breunig—Vermont; Thelma Short—Texas.

Charles Kitchens led 385b and 345b (a favorite of Furn Kitchens) for the sick and shut-ins: L.E. Hannah, Gladys Bonds, Willodean Barton, Dessie Goodman, A.A. Malone, Furn Kitchens, Arlene Kitchens, Elsie Beasley, Ruth Aaron, Elsie Moon, and Mary Myers. Charles Kitchens closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading 130. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 460, 480; Amber Springfield 532, 192; John Hocutt 144; Aubrey Barfield 163t, 193; Stanley Smith 432, 482; Cassie Franklin 418; John Etheridge 419; Wanda Capps 216; Susan Allred 489, 183; Clarence McCool 490, 349 (for his Aunt Dessie Goodman and A.A. Malone); Cindy Tanner 76b; Ozella Blackmon 218; Mary

Gardner 196; Margaret Gowan 406; John Merritt 400; Charles Kitchens 108t, 326; Rachel Allred 276; Brenda Merritt 436, 426b.

Velton Chafin led 294 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Ida Lee Starnes.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, HOLLIS MEMORIAL **New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama** **July 20, 2003**

The one hundred-thirtieth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in July, and called to order by Velton Chafin leading 29t. Linton Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t.

The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Velton Chafin, Brenda Merritt, and Wanda Capps. Leaders: Harrison Creel 348b; Gary Smith 31t; Ann Ballard 284; Bill Farris 87; Aubrey Barfield 551, 383; Winell Sanders 111b; Marlin Beasley 498.

John Merritt presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Joe Beasley Foundation in memory of Marion and Hattie Chafin.

Leaders: Sarah Smith 129; Amber Springfield 224; Paula Springfield 318; Tommie Spurlock 442; Ann Jett 327; Linton Ballinger 306; Stanley Smith 546; Wilton Donaldson 317; Clarissa Springfield 445; Agnes Farris 378t, 418.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 385b; Stuart Ivey 120, 314; Henry Guthery 543; Elene Stovall 182; Travis Keeton 343; Josie Hyde 302; Coy Ivey 59; Ivalene Donaldson 56t; Judy Caudle 403; Margaret Keeton and Bradley Allen 345t; Karen Ivey 144; Corene White 216; Charlie Ballard 354b; Marie Guthrie 220; Wanda Capps 299; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 217, 143, 196; S.T. Reed 103; Bridgett Hill and Elene Stovall 480. John Merritt, Brenda Merritt, and Anthony Chafin presented Ozella Chafin Blackmon with a pin and Velton Chafin with a watch for their outstanding work in keeping this singing going so strong.

James Hollis spoke of the progress of the Church Cemetery Fund and the new paving of the churchyard.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class together leading 512. Leaders: Buell Cobb 138b; David Roberson 78; Cassie Franklin 368; Lisa Geist 180; Naomi Haygood 434; Cindy Tanner 436; Larry Ballinger 91; Jonathon Chafin and John Merritt 294; Rodney Ivey 212, 564; Bill Hogan 64; Margaret Gowen 141; Amanda Denson 142, 181; Emily Creel 186; Allison Ivey 208; Danny Creel 269.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the afternoon session to order leading 530. Leaders: David Ivey 360; Clarence McCool 535, 349; Richard Ivey 283; John Merritt 133, 358 (by request of Gwen Hollis and in memory of Flora Hollis Grady); Wanda Capps 183 (in memory of Vernice Calvert); Rodney Ivey 542; S.T. Reed 313t; Larry Ballinger 276; Ozella Blackmon 282; Coy Ivey 112; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 222; Josie Hyde 507; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 475; Marlin Beasley, Ann Ballard, and Sarah Smith 146, 460 (for Elsie Beasley, who is in the nursing home); Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Allison Ivey 171, 270; Travis Keeton 203; Velton Chafin, Ozella Blackmon, John Merritt, and Brenda Merritt 521; Bridgett Hill, Elene Stovall, and

Rodney Ivey 530; Buell Cobb 278t (by request); Linton Ballinger 189; Judy Caudle 345; Henry Guthery 137; Amanda Denson 278b; Clarence McCool 225t; Ann Jett 43; Gary Smith, Charlie Ballard, and Juanita Beasley 565; Wanda Capps, Emily Creel, and Karen Ivey 532.

Harrison Creel led 46 as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

KALAMAZOO SINGING
Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan
July 20, 2003

The fifth annual Kalamazoo Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation on the campus of Western Michigan University on the third Sunday in July. The class was brought to order by Chairman Bill Beverly leading 171. John Fink offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Fink 159, 186; Jan Wright 313b, 155; Martha Beverly 283, 344; Samuel Sommers 386, 24b; Lynne deBenedette 36b, 182; Warren Steel 396, 392; Reba Dell Windom 442, 142; David Rust 95, 154; Shelbie Sheppard 543, 183.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Roger Williams leading 350 and 222. Leaders: B.J. Schnorenberg 354b; Hannah Baker 300; Rachel Baker 335; Jeff Sheppard 360; Joan Aldridge 228; Emmie Barford 113; Dennis George 224; Nancy Yeager 347; Ann Miczulski 84; Mary List 334; Nathan Barford 245; Pauline Childers 318; Gaston White 236; Pam Carson 369.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ann Miczulski leading 146. Leaders: Joe Todd 103; Lela Crowder 215; Beth Todd 234; Bill Beverly 63; Cathryn Baker 436; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Dan Huger 209; Mary Ellen Schrock 143; Richard DeLong 214; Jo Schultz 198.

LUNCH

Bill Beverly brought the afternoon session to order leading 68b. Leaders: James Page 188; Kiri Miller 430; Jerry Enright 542; Julie Vea 419; Jim Helke 540; Molly Williams 163; David Yeager 143; Judy Mincey 504; Mary Postellon (in memory of Lillian Maschmeyer) 66; David Barford 522; Karen Freund 411; Megan Jennings 472; Ted Mercer 217; Diane Mennella 501; Aaron Girard 320; Debbie Barford 368; Judy Holst 37b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jan Wright leading 107. Leaders: Lela Crowder 374; Jeff Sheppard 293; Judy Mincey 538; Dan Huger 61; Joan Aldridge 475; Annie Grieshop 72b; Richard DeLong 399b; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Dell Windom 269 (by request); Reba Dell Windom 172; Gaston White 40; Dennis George 270; David Yeager 64; Diane Mennella 77t; Lynne deBenedette, Karen Freund, and Jerry Enright 378b; Henry Schuman 530, 532 (by request).

Announcements were made. Bill Beverly led 62 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Beverly; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
July 20, 2003

The Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the third Sunday in July at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama. Eugene Forbes called the class to order leading 59.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

Chairman Eugene Forbes led 32t. Charlotte Bishop led the Introductory Lesson with 453 and 143 as the selections.

Leaders: Mary Jean Payne 401, 63; Jenny Acton 358, 340; Edna Ruth Phillips 490, 334; Bobby Jackson 569b, 499; Leonard Price 290, 72b; Stanley Edwards 101t, 127; Linda Fagan 111t, 335, 36b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order. Leaders: Audress Gurley 517 (WB), 108t; Nell Estes 145b, 313t; Waymond Price 57, 87; Modie McNeal 68; Charlotte Bishop and Jenny Acton 25 (JB); Charlotte Bishop 164; Eugene Forbes 39b.

The memorial lesson was held with Edna Ruth Phillips and Audress Gurley leading 489 for Elder C.V. Estes; Linda Fagan 99 for Elma Avery; Nell Estes and Mary Jean Payne 49 for Maxine Marlett; and Jacob Acton and Charlotte Bishop “Jesus Loves Me” for Elizabeth Rose Acton. The memorial lesson was concluded.

LUNCH

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the afternoon session to order leading 27.

A business session was held.

The Hillabee Convention will be held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in 2004, and Edna Ruth Phillips was elected to lead the Introductory Lesson. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Myra Goss 337, 145t; Stanley Edwards 282; Bobby Jackson 445; Edna Ruth Phillips 405; Eugene Forbes 274t; Jenny Acton and Jacob Acton 112; Myra Goss 340.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song, and Modie McNeal dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

SPIVEY HALL SINGING
Clayton State College and University, Morrow, Georgia
Wednesday, July 23, 2003

The first annual all day Sacred Harp Singing at Spivey Hall was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2003. Hugh McGraw called the class to order with songs on pages 32t and 59. The morning prayer was offered by Louis Hughes, Sr.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—Louis Hughes, Sr. Leaders: Gene Pinion 31b; Lela Crowder 171, 99; Louis Hughes 82t, 76b; Charlene Wallace 77t, 101t; Andy Anderson 37b, 28t; Carolyn Groover 49t, 198; John Hollingsworth 460, 47t; Risse Rudy 77b, 107; John Plunkett 225, 492; Rachel Duys 447, 457; Bobby Jackson 499, 290; Malinda Snow 497; 551; Charles Woods 503, 269.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class back together leading 145b. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 61, 155; Argean Vokes 452, 73; Matt Cartmill 312b, 313b; Lee Rogers 34t, 475;

Raymond Hamrick 369, 287; Daphene Ray 358, 412; Junie Wooten 270, 535; Martha Ann Stegar 63, 84; Glenn Haynes 50, 196; Susan Posey 178, 40; Mildred Johnson 208, 548; Robin Drewry 159; Karen Neuner 463.

LUNCH

Gene Pinion called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 145t. Leaders: Joanna Green 128; Mary Beth Lively 45t; Donna Bailey 350; Janet Re 154, 285b; Shirley Burk 162, 105; Peter Winkler 284, 209; Elise Phillips 299, 81t; Matt Cartmill 504, 547; Morgan Freuler 146; Susan Posey 49b, 236; Alice West 566, 294; Lela Crowder 87, 300; Louis Hughes 384; Charles Woods 110, Carolyn Groover 502; Risse Rudy with Mildred Johnson 220; Glenn Haynes 213.

Announcements were made. It was decided that this would become an annual singing that will be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at Spivey Hall on the campus of Clayton College and State University.

Gene Pinion and Hugh McGraw led 46 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder.

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama Saturday, July 26, 2003

The one hundred-fifteenth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Jonathon Thompson leading 45t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper. Leaders and selections were as follows: Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Arvid Holmes 460; Robert Walker 480, 143; Eunice Kimbrell 134; Marlin Beasley 373, 166; Herby Bailey 47t, 369; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Hershell King 204, 426t; Amber Springfield 76b, 270; Velton Chafin 521, 494; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 32t; Danny Creel 35, 123t; Sarah Smith 290, 288; Delone Cobbs 235, 168.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 448t. Leaders and selections: Lomax Ballinger 144, 145b; Elsie Moon 283, 104; Pininia Kane 61, 82; Travis Keeton 566, 400; Gary Smith 503, 565; Ed Thacker 29t; Rachel Allred 39t; Caleb Allred 274t, 87; Margaret Thacker 49t, 49b (in honor of the Harcrow family during their grief of the loss of Ricky's mother); Larry Ballinger 50b; Jennifer Allred 189, 442. Prayer was offered by Hershell King before lunch.

LUNCH

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and sweet fellowship, the class was reassembled by Jonathon Thompson leading 163t and 171.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Brandon Thompson.

Chairman Jonathon Thompson opened the floor and gave opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the convention to make their request known.

None were received, so the 116th session of the convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 2004. The business session was closed.

Leaders and selections: Billy Williams 161, 182; Richard Ivey 24, 208; Allison Ivey 89, 475; Carol Newman 137, 358; Carmon Brothers 480, 340; Ann Ballard 225t, 384; Glenda Hopper 425, 345t; Susan Holmes 47b, 441; Dan Hopper 140, 451; J.L. Hopper 122, 403; Will Allred 354; Judy Caudle 390 (by request of the Allred family and to remember Kenneth Fannin, who is in the hospital), 329; Danny Creel 222; Dan Hopper 94 (by request of Elsie Moon); Amber Springfield 276; Caleb Allred 401.

Jonathon Thompson led 62 as the closing song, and Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson;
Secretary—Judy Caudle.

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California
Saturday, July 26, 2003

The sixth annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July in the Grand Room of the Porter House at Old Poway Park. The session was called to order by Mary Linn Bergstrom leading 28b. Anitra Kaye offered an opening prayer, and was followed by Jerry Schreiber leading 122.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Vice Chairman—Anitra Kaye; Secretary—Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain—Norma Ruptier; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee—Rick Russell and Jeff Gauthier.

Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 319, 358; Jeff Gauthier 378t, 436; Anitra Kaye 339, 146; Carla Smith 410b, 430; Thich Nu Chon Duc and Jerry Schreiber 362, 66; Norma Ruptier 479, 84.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Beth Webb leading 49t. Leaders: Beth Webb 217, 72b; Jerry Schreiber 236, 254; Mary Linn Bergstrom 159, 474; Pat Keating 313b, 117; Ronn Huss 157, 164; Betty Marvin 73b, 145b; John Marr 373, 192.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jeff Gauthier leading 56t. Leaders: Norma Ruptier and Joshua Sill 148; Chris Thorman 155; Susanna Ball 34b, 36b; Karen Huss 454, 151; Beth Webb 455, 315. Thich Nu Chon Duc offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Anitra Kaye leading 355. Leaders: Laura Russell 70b, 518; Chris Thorman 81, 515b; Rick Russell 240, 269; Betty Herman 40, 442; Jerry Schreiber 550; Carroll Lunsford 100; Jeff Gauthier 250; Anitra Kaye 410t; Pat Keating 215; Ron Huss 177; Susanna Ball 178.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Anitra Kaye leading 369. Leaders: Betty Herman 312b; Karen Huss 365; Jerry Schreiber 242; Betty Marvin 496; Duncan McLeod 475; Norma Ruptier 107; John Marr 163b; Carla Smith 318; Mary Linn Bergstrom 510.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jerry Schreiber leading 274t. Leaders: Joshua Sill 45t; Beth Webb 203; Rick Russell 566; Betty Herman 383; Laura Russell 329; Chris Thorman 195; Duncan McLeod 112; Beth Webb 569b.

A business meeting was then called for. The Secretary and the Resolutions Committee presented reports.

Mary Linn Bergstrom and Anitra Kaye led song 62 as the closing song to conclude the session, and all who wished took the parting hand. Anitra Kaye offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Vice Chairman—Anitra Kaye; Secretary—Jerry Schreiber.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL
Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)
July 26-27, 2003
Saturday, July 26

The one hundred-eleventh session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July.

Earlis McGraw called the class together leading 37b. Rev. David Sanders offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 163t; Charlene Wallace 299, 283 (for Don Bowen); Judy Henry 225t, 77t; Bobby Jackson 490, 100; Jimmie Denney 101t, 146; Mary L. Smith 334, 335 (for Harvey Austin); Felton Denney 317, 549; Teenie Moody 171, 187; Karen Rollins 143, 136; Andy Anderson 73b, 186; Lee Rogers 502, 448t; B.M. Smith 448b, 47t (for Evelyn Harris).

RECESS

The class was called together by Danny Griffin leading 137 and 530. Leaders: Eunice Webb 392, 229; John Plunkett 88b, 381; Shellie Sheppard 36b; Phillip Langley 216, 49b; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Preston McClendon 45t; Helen Bryson 215, 112; Wesley Haley 34b, 300; Josephine Denney 30t; Nick Pasqual 296, 329; Donna Duke 276, 120.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Earlis McGraw leading 544 and 545. Leaders: Lela Crowder 430, 42; Timothy Haley 479, 384; Janice Paulk 90, 98; Henry Johnson 111t, 111b.

A motion was made to go into the business session. The officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Arranging/Memorial Committee—Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckleba.

Leaders: Virginia Dyer 192, 200; Hugh McGraw 553; Jeannette DePoy 328, 213; Jeff Sheppard 140, 129; Lisa Webb 203, 454; S.T. Reed 92, 102; Rita Haley 268, 269; Jack Paulk 68b, 565; Sheri Taylor 35, 147t; Alicia Green 49t, 87; Nick Pasqual 121; Henry Johnson 435; S.T. Reed 425; Helen Bryson 155; Earlis McGraw 369 (for Reby Stanford).

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led 46 as the closing song, and Henry Johnson dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 27

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 435. Rev. David Sanders offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 378b, 106; Charlene Wallace 79, 99; Jan House 276, 284; Mary L. Smith 43, 107; Danny Griffin 457 (for Walker Earnest), 524; Eunice Webb 569b, 318; B.M. Smith 222, 384; Louise Holland 273, 45t; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 343; Patricia Mauldin 63, 146; Milton Oliver 321, 176t; Sharon Hamrick 236, 269.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class together with 345t. Leaders: Myron House 109, 102; George Garner 454; Nick Pasqual 309, 114; Martha Ann Stegar 228, 47t; Rodney Ivey 30t, 56t; Sherry Lovvorn 340, 436; Richard Mauldin 36b, 66; Raymond Hamrick 113; Lela Crowder 139, 339.

Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckleba conducted the memorial lesson. Hugh McGraw led 231 in memory of Revy Williamson, Cindy Huckleba Cole, Doris Haley, Vivian Rogers, Vaughn Dryden, Ruth Brown, Everette Denney, Jean Bracknell Frost, Kenneth DeLong, George Rogers, and Donald Smith.

John Plunkett led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Cathy White, Alice Edwards, Violet Thomason, Evelyn Harris, and Walker Earnest. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.
Louis Hughes led 128 and 540.

LUNCH

Phillip Langley brought the afternoon session to order leading 299. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 347, 329; John Hollingsworth 434; Jeannette DePoy 189, 112; Tommy McGraw 176b, 33b; Laura Frey 178, 358; Henry Johnson 70b, 416; Oscar McGuire 283, 336; Gene Duke 282, 145b; Cecil Sanders 335, 303; Glenda Collins 290, 124; Clyde McWhorter 546, 530; Lisa Webb 126, 117; Hugh McGraw 166; John Plunkett 476, 285b; Nick Griffin 551, 164; Raymond Hamrick 354t; Judy Henry 77b, 333; Henry Johnson 418; Rodney Ivey and Lela Crowder 382; Nick Pasqual 569t.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Phillip Langley, and Rev. David Sanders led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. David Sanders.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi July 27, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi was held on the fourth Sunday in July. Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading 48t and 499, followed by prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Dale Kennedy and John Merritt 176t, 59, 58; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 490; John Hyde 159, 129; Larry Ballinger 135, 139; Hugh Bill McGuire 137, 441; Gravis Ballinger 78, 112, 36t; Ivalene Donaldson 42, 274t; Chris Ballinger 75, 73b, 74b.

RECESS

Dale Kennedy and John Merritt brought the class to order leading 294. Leaders: Dale Kennedy 128, 171, 31t; Faye Donaldson 40, 430, 124; Betty Baccus 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 61 (in memory of Clifford Wakefield), 396; Amber Springfield 410, 127, 81t; Beatrice Brewer 112, 137; John Hyde 566; Josie Hyde 143, 73t, 88t; Julie Poston 145b (for Mae Conwill), 275b (for Junior Poston).

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by John Merritt leading “Mercy Seat” and 77t.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 68b, 569b, 225t; Estes Jackson 82t, 345b, 426t; Beatrice Brewer 45t; Betsy Farris 49b; Wilton Donaldson 317; John Hyde 63; Marlin Beasley 285t; Hugh Bill McGuire 300; Brenda Merritt 89, 383, 144; Ivalene Donaldson 166; Amber Springfield 142; Betty Baccus 100; Amber Springfield 146; Josie Hyde 155; Clarence McCool 147t; Travis Keeton 445, 235; Marlin Beasley 294.

Announcements were made. John Merritt and Dale Kennedy led 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

WARRIOR RIVER - CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama Saturday, August 2, 2003

The one hundred twenty-ninth session of the Warrior River Convention and the one hundred-fourth session of the Clear Creek Convention were held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Elder Philip Gilmore brought the class to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 33b and 32t. Bob Watkins offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 30t; Terry Hullett 64, 48t; Jewel Wootten 68b, 75; Douglas Conn 61, 35; Willie Mae Moon 89, 225t; Carmon Brothers 58, 59; Herby Bailey 47t, 489; Deborah Ritch 108, 168; Milton Oliver 176t, 176b; S.T. Reed 388, 421; Robert Walker 143, 452.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Philip Gilmore leading 36b.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Beecher Yancey; Secretary—Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee—Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Finance Committee—Carmon Brothers and Douglas Conn; Resolutions Committee—Judy Caudle. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 129; Bud Oliver 39b, 39t; Beecher Yancey 569, 565; Margaret Thacker 235, 503; Sarah Smith 72b, 73t; Judy Caudle 155, 177; Ed Thacker 530, 418; Gary Smith 523, 31t.

LUNCH

Elder Philip Gilmore brought the afternoon session to order leading 30b and 270.

Leaders: Betty Wright 323b, 49b; Eloise Wootten 111t, 299; Bob Watkins 34t, 47b; Marlon Wootten 146.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson and led 445 and 67 for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were: Leola Green Smith, Ruth Brown, Lamar Smith, Zelma Harcrow, Alvin Hill, B.E. Matthews, Clark Phillips, Arie Epperson Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Alpha Black, Kenneth Conn, and Johnny Smith.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Eldora Green Moody, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Martha Woodard, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Evelyn Harris, Betty Shepherd, Lillie Lybrand, Ella Lee Robertson, and Elsie Beasley. The memorial lesson was closed.

Elder Philip Gilmore led 317 in memory of Roie Alexander and 270 for Paula Gilmore.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Judy Caudle gave the Resolutions Committee report. Be it resolved that we, the members of the 129th session of the Warrior River Convention and the 104th session of the Clear Creek Convention, wish to express our thanks to:

- God, our Creator who is the fount of many blessings;
- Our forebearers and our men and women who have and are now serving to safeguard and preserve our freedom. We wish to express our heart-felt thanks for being able to meet and sing without persecution;
- Those who have written these old tunes, words, and music which stir our hearts and minds to praise our Lord and Savior;
- All those at Hopewell Church for their sweet fellowship and warm hospitality;
- Our officers for carrying out their duties;

- The singers for their support and love. We pray God will continue to bless us all.

The Finance Committee reported a balance of \$42.45. A collection was taken in the amount of \$170.00. A total of \$30.00 was taken for the minutes, and the balance of \$182.45 was given to Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church.

This will be the last session of the Warrior River—Clear Creek Convention. After much consideration, conferring, and prayer, the members voted to discontinue this singing. We are very saddened because our forefathers sacrificed everything to maintain a great convention that expressed the love they found in the tradition and sacred songs. But, with the decline in interest and attendance, we felt we had no other choice. Many thanks go to our dear friends who have supported us with love, attendance, food, and prayer. May we go forward in His love and guidance and pray this great heritage will never be lost.

Elder Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Marlon Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Beecher Yancey;
Secretary—Jewel Wootten.

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Saturday, August 2, 2003

The sixth annual Eugene Singing was held at the rural church of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Jean Murphy called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 171, and extended a warm welcome to those in attendance. Susan Helf gave the invocation.

A business session was held and the class voted, by acclamation, to accept the following slate of officers: Chairperson—Karen Stingle;

Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Gilkey; Resolutions Committee—Kathy Vlach;
Arranging Committee—Jean Murphy, Gerry Currens, Jim Brock, Carolyn Gilkey,
Mean Marcotte, Martha Johnson, Suzanne Denker, and Jane Grant;
Chaplain—Susan Helf; Registration—Jean Marcotte, Marcia Cutler, David Landazuri, Ginny Currens, and Rachel Foster; Facilities—Jean Marcotte and Will Marcotte; Kitchen—Jane Grant, Jean Murphy, Rachel Foster, Leigh Van Sickle, Fran Ross, John Bredesen, and Tom Payne; Publicity—Jane Grant, Karen Stingle, and Jim Brock; Pitching—Jack Lofton.

Thanks were extended to Tom Payne for hosting a Friday night reception and to Jim Brock for hosting a dinner and ice cream social at his house in the evening.

Leaders: Karen Stingle 85; Jack Lofton 129; Jill Accetta 102; Bruce Rowland 76; Betty Jones 337; Gary Plouff 42; Carolyn Gilkey 178; Meg Larson 38; James Brock 510; Kathy Vlach 532; Tom Payne 497; Martha Johnson 147t; Matthew Sellens 74b; Suzanne Denker 504; Susan Helf 189; Jane Grant 496; David Wright 277; Rachel Foster 335; Dan Thoma 66; David Landazuri 373; Fran Ross 184.

RECESS

David Adee brought the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Gerry Currens 117; Teri Reich 421; Connie Stanton 108; Leigh Van Sickle 40; Jean Marcotte 163b; Jean Murphy 106; Karen Stingle 203; Jack Lofton 302; Jill Accetta 67; Bruce Rowland 30t.

A memorial lesson was held. Fran Ross led 380 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jeanette Denker, Andrew March, and Pat Nidah—Oregon; Lois Jancaitis—Virginia; Everen Miller—Wisconsin; Rita Whaley—Illinois.

The following deceased were remembered with song on page 86: Croyn Daschbach, Emory Via, Trim Bissell, and Margaret Haven—Oregon; Dorothy Ross and Jean

Close—New York; Paul Kulhanek—Washington; Mary Jayne Weismor—Wisconsin; Sally Spiess—California; Billie Perkins—Texas; Muriel Plouff—Massachusetts. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 142; Gary Plouff 153; Jim Brock 100; Meg Larson 143; Kathy Vlach 474; Tom Payne 183. Susan Helf offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Martha Johnson brought the class back to order, followed by the class singing “Happy Birthday” to her, and then she led 198. Leaders: Matthew Sellens 300; Suzanne Denker 180; Susan Helf 84; Jane Grant 503; David Wright 299; Rachel Foster 384; Dan Thoma 65; David Landazuri 454; Fran Ross 455; Gerry Currens 191; Terri Wright 126; Connie Stanton 99; Leigh Van Sickle 280; Jean Marcotte 114; Jean Murphy 312; Karen Stingle 254; Jack Lofton 456; Jill Accetta 332; Bruce Rowland 426b.

RECESS

Gary Plouff brought the class back to order leading 567. Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 268; James Brock 350; Meg Larson 549; Kathy Vlach 362; Tom Payne 236; Martha Johnson 34b; Matthew Sellens 146; Susan Helf 347; David Wright 179; Rachel Foster 82; Dan Thoma 107; David Landazuri 378b; Fran Ross 61; Gerry Currens 159.

Announcements were made. Everyone was invited to attend dinner and singing at the home of Jim Brock.

The next Eugene Singing will be held the first Saturday in August of 2004.

A total of 46 people attended this year’s singing which included Tilke Elkins, a direct descendant of Isaac Watts, and a couple from New Zealand.

The singing was closed with the traditional Eugene closing song of 155, and Susan Helf dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Karen Stingle; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Gilkey.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson’s Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 2-3, 2003

Saturday, August 2

The one hundred fifty-first session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson’s Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the convention by leading 27, 71, and 77t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t and 275t; Donna Duke 73b, 129; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 129; Kathy Williams 494; Richard Mauldin 36b; Kiri Miller 442; Andy Anderson 347; Judy Mincey 376; Richard DeLong 123b; Margie Smith 569b; Bobby Jackson 568; Billy Hollingsworth 236.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Laura Frey leading 178. Leaders: Phillip Langley 436; Sandra Wilkinson 274; Andy Morris 538; Sue Bunch 72b.

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the business session of the convention and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Saturday session—Kathy Williams and Margie Smith—Sunday session—Charlene Wallace and Lisa Webb; Finance Committee—Lori Goode and Lisa Webb; Resolutions Committee—Kiri Miller and D.J. Hatfield; Memorial Committee—Richard Mauldin and Charles Woods.

Leaders: Don Bowen 157; Lori Goode 401; Nick Pasqual 58; Jack Nelson 30b; Rachel Speer 61; Tommy McGraw 475; John Hollingsworth 186; Carlene Griffin 146; Felton Denney 73t; Charles Woods 53; Herman Wilkerson 111b; Lou Cotney 222; Jimmie Denney 101t; Louise Holland 144; Philip Denney 28b; Martha Ann Stegar 501; Oscar McGuire 573.

LUNCH

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the afternoon session by leading song 142. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 284; Charlene Wallace 365; D.J. Hatfield 432; Lisa Webb 334; Morgan Bunch 485; Louis Hughes 466; Bernard Denney 100; Hugh McGraw 354b; Jeff Sheppard 467; Gene Duke 303; B.M. Smith 498; Henry Johnson 88t; Aaron Girard 536; Kathy Williams 506; Kiri Miller 383; Sue Bunch 63; Bill Hollingsworth 137; Nick Pasqual 412; Rachel Speer 89; Jack Nelson 437; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Morgan Bunch 95; Oscar McGuire 34; D.J. Hatfield 396; Aaron Girard 270; Andy Morris 455; Henry Johnson 125; Louis Hughes 512; Sheri Taylor and Jena Frey 25. Sheri Taylor and Richard DeLong led 323t as the closing song for the Saturday session. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 3

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading 39t and 47b. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 77b, 207; Donna Duke 106, 189; Lonnie Rogers 298, 97; Kathy Williams 479, 208; Lori Goode 358, 275b; Philip Denney 120, 84; Bobby Jackson 480, 499; Sue Bunch 49b, 290; Denney Rogers 143, 345t; Mary Lambert Smith 283, 289.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 101t, 340; Eunice Webb 30b, 284; Don Bowen 198, 348b.

The memorial lesson was held at the 11:00 a.m. hour. Richard Mauldin read the following list of deceased, and led 122 in their memory: Ruth Brown, Herschel Coffey, Kenneth DeLong, Everette Denney, Martha Ellis (Martha Ann Stegar's aunt, who died last year), Doris Haley, Clarence Lambert, Beulah Reese, George Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Elaine Dean Valenti, and Revy Williamson.

Charles Woods led 566 for the sick and shut-ins: Nancy Allen, Harvey Austin, Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, June Dean Gresham, Lebron Hinton, John Hocutt, Donnie McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Reba Norton, Mozelle Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Myrtle Smith, Violet Stark, Violet Thomason, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Cathy White, and Floy Wilder.

Richard Mauldin and Charles Woods led 566, and Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 410, 77t; Rachel Speer 506, 440; Eric Tweedy 300, 200; B.M. Smith 99, 318.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading 503.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 216, 387; Andy Anderson 496, 299; Lela Crowder 168, 546; Morgan Bunch 147t, 551; Kiri Miller 430, 37b; Nick Pasqual 185, 314; D.J. Hatfield 385t, 349; Teenie Moody 441, 217; Aaron Girard 74b, 377; Oscar McGuire 276; Richard DeLong 100 (for Mrs. Cofer, who is 98 years old), 399b; Tommy McGraw 30t, 138t.

RECESS

Laura Frey called the class together leading 163b and 178. Leaders: Gene Duke and Donna Duke 345b, 45t; Earlis McGraw 163t, 271t; Jimmie Denney 68b; Louise

Holland 137, 323b; Lisa Webb 454, 124; Kate Wilkins 30t; Richard Mauldin 66; John Plunkett 63.

A motion was made and seconded for the convention to go into a business session. Lonnie Rogers made a motion that a picture of Ruth Brown be put in the minutes as a memorial to Ruth's dedication to Sacred Harp. A letter will be submitted to the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association Board for consideration.

Committee reports were read as follows: Finance Committee—a collection of \$433 was received; expenses of \$60.00 for minutes were deducted, and the remaining funds were given to Wilson's Chapel.

Kiri Miller and D.J. Hatfield presented the following Resolutions Committee report. "This is the 151st session of the Chattahoochee Convention. Lest we take for granted the blessings of these past two days of singing, it is fitting that we reflect, with gratitude, upon those whose support this convention has sustained us.

- First, we are bound to thank our Creator, who gave to us the gifts of music, love, and fellowship in which we have so fully shared during these past two days. For the cool weather, for the break in the rain just as we recessed for dinner, and for safety in travel, may our hearts be grateful.
- Second, we thank the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, the writers of the tunes we share, and our teachers, without whom we would not have this opportunity to meet in song. We thank everyone who has committed resources to the maintenance of Wilson's Chapel, giving the convention such a fine home. In particular, we recognize the Wilson family, whose care for this building over several generations, is an example to all those who cherish Sacred Harp singing. We would also like to thank the officers of this convention, who have organized and coordinated this session, as well as the Memorial Committee and Arranging Committees. We thank everyone who generously supplied delicious and plentiful food for dinner, fortifying the class for the entire afternoon. The Chattahoochee Convention has always been a convention that gathered singers from far away, even when far away was a day's wagon ride from several counties over. Today, we travel by plane and automobile, but the convention's tradition of hospitality has not changed. Those of us who come from a distance to meet here in Wilson's Chapel are thankful for the hospitality shown to us by local singers. We resolve to continue this tradition of hospitality by opening our hearts and homes to members of this convention when they travel to our local conventions and singings.
- Finally, we resolve to meet at Wilson's Chapel on the first Sunday in August, 2004 and the Saturday before for the 152nd session of the Chattahoochee Convention."

A motion was made and carried that the report be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. The business session was closed.

Announcements for future singings were announced. Sheri Taylor and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song, Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION
Kirkland Community Center, Fayette, Alabama
August 3, 2003

The one hundred-fourth session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Kirkland Community Center on the first Sunday in

August. Gravis Ballinger called the class to order leading 34b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Earl Ballinger.

Leaders: Johnny Humber 340; Linton Ballinger 81t; Earl Ballinger 331; Edwin Ballinger 213t; Lisa Geist 196, 269; Wilton Donaldson 335, 75; David Ballinger 300, 176b; Bridgett Hill 101t; Stuart Ivey 171, 217; Emily West 272, 187; Clarence McCool 490, 349; Scott Ivey 186, 424; John Hyde 73t, 124.

RECESS

The class was called together by Buddy Ballinger leading 108b. Leaders: Jimmy Ballinger 410t, 480; Edward (Bickett) Howton 137, 373; Wanda Capps 216; Julietta Haynes 430; Travis Keeton 57, 56t; Tony Ivey 142, 338; Edith Tate 212; Thomas George 155; Velton Chafin 227, 437; Allison Ivey 477, 138t; Leon Ballinger 120, 299.

RECESS

Amanda Ballinger brought the class to order leading 208 and 84.

Leaders: Brenda Robbins and Jill Ballinger 100, 313t; Ed Thacker 532; Josie Hyde 361; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Richard Ivey 399b, 436; Bethanne Hill and Amber Springfield 503, 224; Julie Poston 421; Chris Ballinger 512, 350.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger brought the afternoon session to order leading 49t and 119. Leaders: Beth O'dell 460, 288; Rodney Ivey 88t; Ivalene Donaldson 328; Jarrod George 145b; Sarah Smith 445; Shane Wootten 170; Judy Caudle 220; Loyd Ivey 482, 438; Margaret Keeton 517; Bud Oliver 274t; Karen Ivey 203, 475; Harrison Creel 498; Ann Ballard 129; Max Berueffy 446, 396; Vernice Phillips 318; David Ivey 371; Elene Stovall 211, 564; Dennis George 383, 110; Debra Wakefield 442, 426; Charlie Ballard 354b; Robert Dupree 40; John Beasley 141; Ricky Beasley 47b; Ed Thacker 441.

Announcements were made. Gravis Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger.

UTAH SINGING

This Is The Place Heritage Park, Salt Lake City, Utah Saturday, August 9, 2003

The Utah Singing was held at This Is The Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Jenny Jensen called the morning session to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 448b. Libby Hunter offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jenny Jensen 369; Stan Jensen 335; Stephe Jardine 37b; Jean Applonie 146; Barbara Losse 99; Karen Willard 171; Gordon Rees 180; Mary Ellen Rich 82t; Ken Hallock 59; Pam Carson 361; Libby Hunter 112; Lawrence Rees 164; Maurie Bradford 457; Beth McIver 503; Nathan Rees 201; Bruce Forbes 178; Marilyn Collier 117; Lorelee Rees 315.

RECESS

Stephe Jardine brought the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Marlene Little 45t; Neal Anderson 34t; Wade Kotter 66; Stan Jensen 475; Jean Applonie 454; Stephe Jardine 46; Karen Willard 349; Barbara Losse 34b; Gordon Rees 173; Mary Ellen Rich 569b; Pam Carson 269; Marcus Smith 133; Ken Hallock 373; Jenny

Jensen 500; Libby Hunter 350; Lawrence Rees 68t; Sarah Smith 68b; Maurie Bradford 268. Libby Hunter offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Stan Jensen leading 122. Leaders: Bruce Forbes 198; Marlene Little 48t; Nathan Rees 300; Elizabeth Wilcox 159; Lorelee Rees 132; Dave Sharp 113; Neal Anderson 277; Wade Kotter 455; Brenda Goodwin 50t; Stan Jensen 147t; Jean Applonie 31t; Stephe Jardine 542; Karen Willard 236; Barbara Losse 232; Gordon Rees 63; Marcus Smith 446.

RECESS

Jenny Jensen brought the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Pam Carson 408; Sarah Smith 186; Ken Hallock 128; Jenny Jensen 532; Libby Hunter 139; Lawrence Rees 337; Mary Ellen Rich 303; Dave Sharp 84; Lorelee Rees 72b; Brenda Goodwin 141; Wade Kotter 35; Karen Willard 330b; Nathan Rees 385b; Jenny Jensen 384. Libby Hunter offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

On Saturday evening, a social and informal singing from the “Cooper Book” was held at the home of Lynn and Pam Carson.

Co-Chairs—Stan Jensen and Jenny Jensen; Secretaries—Mary Ellen Rich and Pam Carson.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas August 9-10, 2003

Saturday, August 9

The one hundred thirty-sixth session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman John Morris leading 345. Curtis Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Emmie Morris 293; Neil Vaught 58; Terre Schill 112; Bob McLemore 59; Aubrey Barfield 522; Curtis Owen 204; Willie Ellison 447t; Doris Hanks 450; Earl Ballinger 563; Gary Rogan 276; Coy Ivey 559; Cissy Moseley 511t; Monnie Ross 49t; Wanda Capps 505; Frank Hataway 395b; Tom Owen 416t; Beverly Coates 106. The mayor of Henderson, Foy Brown, greeted and welcomed everyone to Texas and to the city.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class back to order leading 75. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 156; Leon Ballinger 507b; Myrl Jones 142; Nathan Sarvis 427; Rodney Ivey 497; M.H. Creel 54; Donald Ross 116; Joan Aldridge 84; Alexandra Gilmore 101t; Kevin Powell 280; Myra Palmer 299; Ann Jett 515; Berkley Moore 448; Catherine Rogan 186; Diane Ross 168; Johnny Lee 453.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Elsie Moon 404; Edith Owen 410; Tim McClain 343b; Bruce Coates 133; Mike Moseley 65; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; John Etheridge 86. Tom Owen offered the noon blessing for the food.

LUNCH

John Morris brought the afternoon session to order leading 31t. Leaders: Owen Ross 524; Baron Powers 239; Gaylon Powell 216; Joshua McClain 155; Barbara Newell 277; John Plunkett 477; Billy Huckaby 319; H.P. O’Mary 32t; Miki Fryar 288; Jeb Owen 424; Sam Craig 558; Vivian Rogan 148; Stanley Smith 567; Amanda Owen 68; Nate Green and Norma Green 528b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kevin Powell leading 77t. Leaders: Olivia Powell 235; Ryan Ross 120; Zach Rogan 303; Sarah Huckaby 196; Henry Johnson 390; Dennis George 392; Katie Moseley 543; Reed Coates 217; Jeannette Adams 275b; Josh Rogan 122; David Rousseau 341; Wendy Laubach 40; Teresa Hope 571; Robert Vaughn 348b; Jonathan Taft 348t, 268t; Tommie Spurlock 146. Judge Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 10

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman John Morris leading 207.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 300; Monnie Ross 367; Cissy Moseley 270; Berkley Moore 184b; Tommie Spurlock 574; Ryan Ross 402; Wanda Capps 222; Catherine Rogan 218; Alexandra Gilmore 488b; Elsie Moon 230; Diane Ross 171; Johnny Lee 527; Myrl Jones 189; Frank Hataway 336b; Owen Ross 38b; John Etheridge 552.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class back to order leading 73t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 511b; Willie Ellison 451; Curtis Owen 442t; Aubrey Barfield 220; Joan Aldridge 572; Rodney Ivey 98; Donald Ross 211; Liz Owen 384; Stanley Smith 521; Dennis George 350; Beverly Coates 385t; Ann Jett 573; John Plunkett 266b; Tom Owen 544; M.H. Creel 381t; Coy Ivey 449, 486t (WB); Jeb Owen 138t; Nate Green and Norma Green 33.

The memorial lesson was held with Mary Craig giving a very moving devotional entitled "Use the Dash." Owen Ross led 111 in memory of those who had passed away in the last year. Gaylon Powell led 486 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Morris leading 297. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 172; Phyllis Costner 217; Doris Hanks 422; Leon Ballinger 137; Sarah Huckaby 283; Jeannette Adams 164; Kevin Powell 438; Bruce Coates 38t; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514; Gaylon Powell 304; Billy Huckaby 553; Amanda Owen 411; Katie Moseley 68t; Vivian Rogan 282; Reed Coates 76b; Josh Rogan 421; Neil Vaught 47b; Terre Schill 494; Robert Vaughn 387; Sam Craig 100; John Etheridge and Josh Rogan 336; Edith Owen 577; Rodney Ivey 444t; Alexandra Gilmore 99; Johnny Lee 203; Henry Johnson 418; Dennis George 559; Gaylon Powell 45.

Alexandra Gilmore led 488 as the closing song. Tom Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen—John Morris and Emmie Morris; Vice Chairman—Sam Craig;

Secretary/Treasurer—Marion Grant.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

August 10, 2003

The fourth annual Sacred Harp singing which is held at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in August was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Tate leading 49t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The class organized for the day and voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Kenneth Tate and Wilton Donaldson 285t; Wilton Donaldson 75; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 32t; Josie Hyde 234; L.E. Hannah 212, 385b; Julie Tate 167, 147b; John Hyde 297, 313t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 127, 475; Milton Oliver

176t, 270; Bud Oliver 274, 145b, 73t; Karen Ivey 137, 72b; Emily Creel 512, 299; Linton Ballinger 146, 144; S.T. Reed 271t, 271b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Danny Creel leading 76b and 269. Leaders: Corene White 314, 403; Travis Keeton 44, 496; Richard Ivey 81t, 168; Judy Caudle 175, 177; Juliette Haynes 216, 217; Gravis Ballinger 78, 222; Willodean Barton 460, 416; David Ivey 391, 336; Sarah Smith 159; Lisa Geist 546, 273; Allison Ivey 402, 344; Clarence McCool 111b, 225t; Chris Rice 384, 454; Amber Springfield 186, 192.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Kenneth Tate leading 171.

Kenneth Tate introduced the class to a group from California who is making a documentary on Hank Williams. The group was composed of Morgan Neville—Director; Dylan Robertson—Technical; and Colin Escott—Script. The purpose of their being with us was to hear and record songs from the Sacred Harp. The first singing school Hank Williams attended was a shape note school that was taught in Avant, Alabama. Kenneth Tate was asked to lead 48t. The documentary is scheduled to appear on Alabama Public Television in June 2004 and in England on the BBC network.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 418, 147t; Edith Tate 532; Stuart Ivey 183, 442; Gary Smith 39t, 565; Roma Rice 93, 338; Billy Williams 410t, 213b; Christie Allen 200, 187; Parnell Berry 298, 283; Latriva Bailey 46, 300; David Ivey and Allison Ivey 182; Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Karen Ivey 276; S.T. Reed 278b; Josie Hyde 507; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 142; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 354b.

Announcements were made. Kenneth Tate led 59 as the closing song. Billy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Near Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 13, 2003

The one hundred fifty-ninth annual session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church near Gordo, Alabama on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August. Clarence McCool called the class to order leading 36b. David Allison offered the morning prayer. Clarence McCool led 101t.

The class was organized for the day by voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Clarence McCool; Honorary Chairman—A.A. Malone; Arranging Committee—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Johnny Humber 123t, 145t; John Hyde 129, 75; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t, 569b; Tim Reynolds 200, 163b, 203; Jack Pate 348b, 445; Ray O'Mary 405; Sherry Parris and Toney Smith 45t; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Hugh Bill McGuire 78, 142; Bill Stewart 68b, 143.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 323b, 73t, and 48t. Leaders: Mathew Farley and Tim Reynolds 128, 159; Irma Hitt 235, 490; Josie Hyde 137, 358 (by request); Dorothy Elmore 480, 445b; John Van Horn 40, 168, 179; Fay Donaldson 406, 270, 124.

LUNCH

Clarence McCool brought the afternoon session to order leading 45t. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 452, 217; Toney Smith 111b, 57; Earline Ellis 318, 294.

A memorial was held with songs on pages 323b, 452, 445, and 183 led for the following sick and shut-ins: Danny Strickland, Mrs. J.L. Pugh, and A.A. Malone. Jack Pate led 341 for the ones that had passed away since this time last year. The deceased remembered were: Dessie Goodman, Donald Smith, and Lavaughn Ballinger. Jack Pate closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Bill Stewart 81t; Tim Reynolds 86; Hugh Bill McGuire 300; John Hyde 566; Dorothy Elmore 317; John Van Horn 212; Irma Hitt 100; Faye Donaldson 546; Mathew Farley and Tim Reynolds 63; Travis Keeton 155; Josie Hyde 183; Earline Ellis 286, 46; Margaret Keeton 276, 35; Dan Farley played two songs on the harp; Toney Smith 303; Johnny Humber 389. Clarence McCool led 62 as the closing song. Jack Pate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Clarence McCool; Honorary Chairman—A.A. Malone; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

MAQUOKETA RIVER ALL-DAY SINGING **Hopkinton, Iowa** **Saturday, August 16, 2003**

The second annual Maquoketa River All-Day Singing was held at the United Church Methodist Center in Hopkinton, Iowa, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Chairman Michael Moore called the class to order leading 171 and then offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Annie Grieshop 84, 40; Henry Schuman 318 (in honor of Pauline Childers), 480; Rachel Baker 388, 270; Hannah Baker and Cathryn Baker 384, 335; Lou Kujawinski 515, 350; Mary Bachmann 569b, 146; Jim Page 505, 411; Kathy Wood 452, 87; Megan Jennings 501, 383.

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 185, 133; Penny Kujawinski 36b, 102; Hans Guttmann 209, 448b; Cathryn Baker 142, 208; Kathy Kaiser 106, 29t.

Cathryn Baker conducted the memorial lesson and led 111 in memory of the deceased. She pointed out that because the Maquoketa River singing is new, it has no “cloud of witnesses” who have gone before. But we are part of the tradition created by “those who taught us to sing,” and their gifts live in us as though they are still sitting with us, even though they have gone on. The list of deceased remembered were: Cecelia Hauff—South Dakota; Barbara Scudder—Nebraska; Everette Denney—Georgia; Ruth Brown—Alabama; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Howard Marty—Iowa; Virginia Bell—Pennsylvania; Bruce Kettle—Tennessee.

Martha Beverly spoke about the sick and shut-ins and encouraged everyone to keep in touch with those who are unable to attend and enjoy this special music. She read the list of sick and shut-ins and then led 86 for those remembered: Violet Stark—Illinois; Pauline Childers and David Tameluvich—Michigan; Jacob Pearson—Nebraska; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. Henry Schuman closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 284, 391; Jeff Bell 566, 340; Julie Vea 278b, 195; Jeanette Nelson 503, 542. Henry Schuman offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

After sharing fellowship and a bountiful lunch, the class was called back to order by Michael Moore leading 47t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 344, 269 (in honor of Shelbie Sheppard); Johanna Fabke 378b, 150; Jan Kettle 151, 532, 168; Martha Henderson 456, 455, 499; Joan Yeatman 163b, 479, 496; Bill Beverly 110, 297, 120; Jeanette Nelson 330b.

RECESS

Michael Moore called the class back to order leading 45b and 210. Leaders: Henry Schuman 30t; Kathy Wood and Jim Wood 552; Paul Wyatt 66; Jeff Bell 196; Jim Page “South Dakota”; Kathy Kaiser 203; Hans Guttmann 312b; Julie Vea 441; Martha Beverly 216; Megan Jennings 189; Penny Kujawinski 430; Mary Bachmann 497; Nick Pasqual 123; Lou Kujawinski 332; Annie Grieshop 268.

RECESS

Annie Grieshop called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Martha Henderson 323; Cathryn Baker 454; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 417; Penny Kujawinski 440; Kathy Wood 358; Nick Pasqual 48b; Joan Yeatman 49b; Hans Guttmann 49t; Henry Schuman 426b; Jan Ketelle 304; Julie Vea 288. Announcements were made. Michael Moore and son, David Moore, led 347 as the closing song. Henry Schuman offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Michael Moore; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser.

ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME AND RYAN CREEK CONVENTION New Hope Church, Cullman, Alabama Saturday, August 16, 2003

The one hundred-seventh session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred-thirtieth session of the Ryan Creek Convention was held at New Hope Church in Cullman County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Billy Williams opened the convention leading 33b, 47b, and 47t, followed by prayer.

Leaders: Stella Pratt 63, 100; Eldagene Roberson 144, 40; Winell Sanders 225t; David Roberson 222, 202; Ivalene Donaldson 145, 426; Richard Schmeidler 143, 66, 155; Robert Walker 143, 452.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler brought the class back to order leading 34b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

Leaders: Brenda Peña 317, 229; Corene White 171; Josie Hyde 129, 380.

The memorial lesson was held. Josie Hyde read the list of deceased friends and loved ones who have passed away since the last convention and the list of sick and shut-ins who are unable to attend. The deceased remembered were: Charlotte Hinkle, Alpha Black, Elmer Graves, Rummon Graves, Lavaughn Ballinger, Imogene Singleton, Iva Cleghorn, Gladys Paris, Edis Guthrie, and Elder Donald Smith. Billy Williams led 73t and 231 for the deceased. Velton Chafin led 314 for Alpha Black and 183 for the following sick and shut-ins: Gladys Bonds, Elsie Beasley, Dennis Beasley, Uel Freeman, John Hocutt, A.A. Malone, Hazel Denson, Ruth Walker, and Ulys Walker. Kenneth Fannin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Hyde 566, 297; Carol Fannin 47t, 122; Rachel Allred 29t, 453; Jennifer Allred 178, 49b; Gary Smith 503, 565.

LUNCH

Billy Williams called the afternoon session to order leading 323b. Leaders: Kenneth Fannin 115, 170; Mary Holcombe 172, 360; Sandie Scott 408, 278b; Marie Guthrie 430, 280; Caleb Allred 274t, 401; Will Allred 354b, 87; Sarah Smith 72b, 75; Susan Allred 480, 112; class 153 (for Rummon Graves).

Announcements were made. The convention will meet again in 2004 at New Hope Church, Cullman, Alabama.

Billy Williams led 299 and 62 as the closing songs. Stella Pratt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson

CHATTANOOGA SACRED HARP SINGING **Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee** **Saturday, August 16, 2003**

The seventh annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Phil Summerlin called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., and led 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Mel Kersey.

Leaders: Phil Summerlin 39t; Linda Sides 276, 32t; Duane Chesney 34b, 146; Cheryl Foreman 42, 107; Daryl Chesney 171, 145t; Floyd Peters 59, 82t; Coy Ivey 63, 76b; Tim Russell 503, 565; Wayne Hartman 72b, 568; Terry Wootten 201, 283; Mike Thompson 270, 290; Mel Kersey 66, 147b; Nate Green and Norma Green 30b, 343.

RECESS

Gaston White called the class back to order leading 84 and 186. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475, 497; Henry Johnson 56b, 375; John Plunkett 133, 354; Lela Crowder 339, 208; Elder Andrew Huffman 61, 106; Don Bowen 99, 101t; Morgan Freuler 57, 209; Virginia Douglas 49b (for Diane Mennella), 268; Dan Huger 504, 48b; Sandra Wilkinson 212, 176t; Betty Wright 515, 323b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Linda Sides leading 148 and 168 (for Bill Thomas). Leaders: Alan Pritchett 45t (in memory of Johnny Leathers), 457; Aldo Ceresa 50t, 155; Phil Summerlin 97; Duane Chesney 354b; Cheryl Foreman 430; Daryl Chesney 461; Marlon Wootten 441; Floyd Peters 68b; Shane Wootten 56t; Tim Russell 47b; Bud Oliver 47t; Mike Thompson 434; Mel Kersey 347; Gaston White 40; Alan Pritchett 135; Nate Green and Norma Green 324; Judy Mincey 474; Henry Johnson 88t; John Plunkett 297; Lela Crowder 494; Don Bowen 384; Virginia Douglas 455; Morgan Freuler 421; Dan Huger 137; Sandra Wilkinson 274t; Betty Wright 358; Aldo Ceresa 267.

Announcements were made. Phil Summerlin led 147t as the closing song. Following prayer, the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Phil Summerlin; Secretary—Linda Sides.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION **Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Heflin, Alabama** **August 17, 2003**

The one hundred-fourteenth session of the Cleburne County Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August. Chairman Eunice Webb called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 59. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Eunice Webb led 75; Mary Smith 119; Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier 32t, 40, 274t, and 73b (for Alice Edwards and Lois Bowman).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee—Mary L. Smith.

Eunice Webb led 30b. Mary L. Smith led the “Introductory Lesson” from a 1936 Edition of “The Sacred Harp” which was given to the Cleburne County Convention by the family and friends of J.W. Laminack in his memory to be used only for the

expressed purpose of the singing the “Introductory Lesson.” The songs selected for the lesson were: 138t, 52t, 30t.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 31t, 101t, 222; Lonnie Rogers 186, 410t, 389; Teenie Moody 411, 38t, 49t; Milton Oliver 321, 314; Ruth Daniels 335, 378t.

RECESS

Eunice Webb brought the class back to order leading 354b. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 435, 544, 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard and I.V. McWhorter); Betty Wright 569b, 348b, 49b; Howard McGuire 45t, 392, 192; Karen Reaves 445, 457; John Plunkett 27, 131b, 131t; Virginia Dyer 318, 212 (for Louise Allen), 532; Bobby Jackson 341, 340, 499.

Mary Smith conducted the memorial lesson asking that we not only remember those who have passed away in the last year, but all those who have died in the past years. Shelby Sheppard led 142 and 36b for the following deceased: Ruth Brown, Everette Denney, Kenneth DeLong, Vivian Rogers, George Rogers, Lamar Smith, Alpha Black, and Buelah Reese.

Josephine Denney led 143 and 145b for the sick and shut-ins: Lois Bowman, I.V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, Mozelle Sheppard, Harvey Austin, Reba Norton, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, John Hocutt, Lefron Hinton, Dick Mauldin, Alma Owen, and Myrtle Smith. Mary Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 208. Leaders: Michael Turner 358, 294; Henry Johnson 81t, 81b; Charlene Wallace 99, 139, 155 (for Evelyn Harris); Bud Oliver 343b, 345, 76b; Sandra Wilkinson 170, 388, 405; Jimmie Denney 135, 145; Karleen Williams 136, 63; Felton Denney 385t, 387; Stanley Edwards 296, 282; Carlene Griffin and Kirsten Griffin 401, 117, 225t (for Gladys McGraw); Richard Mauldin 66, 34b, 146; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Corene Laminack 46, 68b; Nellie Mae White 106, 100; Lou Cotney 172; Lou Cotney and Bud Oliver 196; Lewis Norton 33b, 37t, 418

A business session was held to discuss the location of the Convention for next year. It was unanimously voted that the home of the Cleburne County Convention would be Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and would remain at this location unless called for by a member of another church in Cleburne County. No other church asked for the singing, so the 115th session will meet at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist church in 2004. End of business session.

Announcements were made. Eunice Webb and B.M. Smith led 69t as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Elder Lewis Norton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

BEASLEY-LEE MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **August 17, 2003**

The thirty-fifth annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee, III Memorial Singing was held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama on the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Chairman Marlin Beasley leading 47t. John Merritt offered the opening prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Gary Smith; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Marlin Beasley led 192 for Lisa Morton and Elsie Beasley. Leaders: Travis Keeton 138t, 73t; Sarah Beasley Smith 290, 288; Richard Schmeidler 84, 475; Ann Beasley

Ballard 421, 277; Winell Sanders 225t; Kermit Adams 285t, 99; Brenda Peña 73b, 317; John Beasley 335, 68b; Sandie Scott 472, 108b; David Carlton 134, 89; Allison Ivey 482, 497.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marlin Beasley leading 32t. Leaders: Gary Smith 31t, 565 (for Juanita Beasley); Beth O'dell 442, 546; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Willodean Barton 480 (for Wilton Donaldson); Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Brenda Merritt 430; Clarence McCool 328, 349; Elene Stovall 216 (in memory of her father, Demus Aldridge), 440; Billy Williams 78, 154; Karen Ivey 331, 567 (for Richard Ivey); Velton Chafin 159 (for the Beasley family); Ricky Beasley 75, 49b. Grace was offered by Earl Ballinger.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley brought the afternoon session to order leading 72. Thanks was given to the young people who prepared and served lunch: Jessica Briggs, Dustin McGowan, Freddie Briggs, Chris Briggs, Tom Beasley, Ross Beasley, Bonnie Beasley Grindle, and Seth Holloway.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300; Dr. Julietta Haynes 142, 211; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 34b, 59; Ivalene Donaldson 204; David Ivey 200; Amanda Denson 327; Max Berueffy 297, 373 (by request); John Merritt 36b (in memory of Elder Donald Smith), 240, 358 (for his mother); Buell Cobb 83t; Earl Ballinger 299; David Jackson 269, 82t; John Hyde 61, 63; Becky Briggs and Jessica Briggs 354; Becky Briggs and Michael Henderson 45t (for Troy and Alene Hallmark); David "Chug" Beasley and Allen Henderson 235; Cora Beasley Sweatt and Exie Lee Henderson 145b; Alvin "Bunk" Beasley 108t; Dorothea McGowan 196; Charlie Ballard 512; Charlie Ballard and Seth Holloway 388; David Beasley 30b, 39b; Josie Hyde 408, 460 (for Elsie Beasley); Harrison Creel 342 (by request). After announcements, Marlin Beasley and Travis Keeton led 46 as the closing song. Dan McCurry offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Gary Smith.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING Santa Cruz, California August 17, 2003

The eleventh annual Northern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Senior Citizens Opportunities Building in Santa Cruz, California on the third Sunday in August. Tammy Heinsohn called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with 503. Chaplain John Brunk offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Janet Herman 59t, 65; Shelley Phillips 491, 352; Betty Marvin 84, 338; Chris Thorman 81t, 196; Pat Teverbaugh 535, 217; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 178, 254; John Marr 163b, 192; Paul Kostka 504, 198; Arnold Zwicky 474, 99.

RECESS

John Marr brought the class back to order with 335. Leaders: Jeff O'Toole 63, 569b; Barry Phillips 168, 351; Jeannette Ralston 73t, 53; Mark Miller 235, 270; Janet Herman 430, 294; Greg Freeman 271t, 269; Kate Munger and Tammy Heinsohn 159; Tammy Heinsohn 479; John Brunk and Barry Phillips 313b, 28t; John Bird and Mark Miller 274b, 324.

The memorial lesson was held with Shelley Phillips leading 437 in honor of the sick and shut-ins and 122 in memory of the deceased. Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes read the names of the sick and shut-ins as well as the deceased.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Peggy Belland, Harry Belland, Sharon Day, Elaine Friedrich, Tom Fuhr, and Lorraine Forry.

The names of the deceased remembered were: Jacques Transue, Jessie Lee, Guillermo Mimiaga, Dwight Cannon, Loren Dick, and Stephen Radley—California; Evan McCombs—Illinois. Shelley Phillips led 474, and Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes concluded the memorial lesson.

Carolyn Deacy led 485 and 501. John Brunk offered the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Arnold Zwicky called the class back to order with 40. Leaders: Janet Herman 532; Mark Miller 29t; Karen Schaffer 31t, 71; John Marr 373; Greg Freeman 376; Shelley Phillips 454; Pat Teverbaugh 193; Chris Thorman 179; Barry Phillips 56b; Arnold Zwicky 312b; Jeannette Ralston 77t; Betty Marvin 388; Peter Ross and Chris Thorman 191; Barbara Davis, Shelley Phillips, and Barry Phillips 547; Ruth McGurk and Shelley Phillips 455; Tammy Heinsohn 276; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 148; Jeff O'Toole 28b.

RECESS

Arnold Zwicky called the class back to order with 36b. Leaders: Barry Phillips 200; Dan Kelly 299; Mark Forry 315, 155; Mark Miller 183; Shelley Phillips 497; Janet Herman 442; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Ruth McGurk and Janet Herman 203; Chris Thorman 475; Karen Schaffer 107; John Marr 146; Greg Freeman 277; Pat Teverbaugh 147; Barry Phillips "Billings"; Arnold Zwicky 120.

Janet Herman expressed her gratitude for those who made this singing possible, and thanked everyone who helped in anyway. Barbara Davis gave the Resolutions report. Tammy Heinsohn led "Ruth" to celebrate Shelley Phillips and Barry Phillips fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Janet Herman led 62 as the closing song, John Brunk offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Janet Herman; Arranging—Carolyn Deacy; Treasurer—Barry Phillips; Secretary—Tammy Heinsohn.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, August 23, 2003

The one hundred-fifth session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 32t. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer. Kermit Adams led 43.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Chris Rice; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 48t; Ivalene Donaldson 56t, 39b; Dawson Adams 39t, 77t (for Gladys Bonds); Stella Pratt 335, 317; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 499; Corene White 37b, 73t; John Hyde 75, 61, 566; Winell Sanders 225t, 108t; Cecil Wakefield 134, 203; Chris Rice 452, 31t; Margaret Keeton 129, 37t.

RECESS

Dawson Adams called the singing back to order leading 68b. Leaders: Lorene Gray 74b, 290; Roma Rice 34t, 72b; Travis Keeton 81t, 82t, 235; L.E. Hannah 35, 85, 275b; Clarence McCool 569b, 490, 30t; Emily Jones 288, 74t, 124.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams brought the afternoon session to order leading 99. Leaders: Josie Hyde 109, 425, 426t; Azilee Adams 337, 111b; Viola Young 290, 155; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 47t, 438, 402; Clarence McCool 146, 147t, 147b; Cecil Wakefield 208 (in

memory of Rose Altha Taylor); Corene White 379; Roma Rice 410t, 97, 104, 523; Margaret Keeton 301; Travis Keeton 321, 138b; Chris Rice 312b; Kermit Adams 101t; Josie Hyde 225t; Kermit Adams 78, 46.
Cecil Wakefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, Near Collinsville, Alabama
August 23-24, 2003
Saturday, August 23

The one-hundredth session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama. Bud Oliver called the class to order and led 32t and 82t. Johnny Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 30t; Milton Oliver 314; Max Berueffy 176b; Randall Smith 36b; Doyle Ashley 192; Betty Wright and Linda Nix 424; Hershell King 35; Mattie Townsel 68b; Pat Temple 203; Boyd Scott 58; Hubert Nall 217; Paula Oliver and Milton Oliver 354b; Eunice Webb 436; William Shetter 171; George Seiler 183; Clayton Ezell 182; Gary Smith 31t; Floyd Peters 100.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading 42.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith; Arranging Committee—Max Berueffy; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Becky Browne.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 47b; James Marshall 479; Lee Rogers 454; Bill Aplin 480; Alice Moran 40; Don Bowen and Syd Caldwell 353; Michelle Cull 430; Mary L. Smith 29t; Steve Warner 475; J.L. Hopper 407; Buddy Ballinger 399b; Bobby Watkins 348b; Tim Reynolds 91; Wayne Hartman 72b; Judy Mincey 497; Aubrey Barfield 283; Gordon Wilkinson 434.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading 108b. Leaders: Sandie Scott 472; Daryl Chesney 569b; Sandra Wilkinson 278b; Duane Chesney 85; Jeanette Lowry 260.

Susan Harcrow presented a proclamation from Ricky Harcrow and the DeKalb County Commission recognizing the 100th annual session of the Lookout Mountain Singing Convention.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 218; Edith Tate 73t; Bridgett Hill 134; Edward Howton 318; Rodney Ivey and Kate Sweeney 426b; Dave Ressler 298; Jim Carnes 440; Johnny Lee and Mel Kersey 503; Jarrod George 270.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 222. Leaders: Laura Clawson 362; Linton Ballinger 306; Jackson Harcrow 159; Tommy George 300; Blake Sizemore 388; John Etheridge 383; Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin 512; Tommie Spurlock 376; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 384; Richard DeLong 224; Becky Browne 304; Reba Windom 216; Jean Seiler 299; Lynne deBenedette 411; Amber Springfield 142; Jerry Enright 168; Lisa Geist 542; Shelbie Sheppard, Susan Harcrow, and Karen Ivey 76b; Anne Heider 532; Wanda Capps and Flarce Creel 432; Lomax Ballinger 144; Philip Gilmore 448t.

RECESS

Phil Summerlin brought the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: John Plunkett 564; Roy Turrentine 99; Julie Veal 195; Amanda Denson 294; Dan Huger 347; Robert

Walker 452; Vicki Aplin 421; Darlene Dalton 309; Chris Noren 189; Jackie Tanner 112; LaRue Allen 200.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led 47t as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 24

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading 36b. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 47t; S.T. Reed 56t; Milton Oliver 321; Randall Smith and Doyle Ashley 300; Max Berueffy 323t; Henry Johnson 138t; Johanna Fabke 84; Mary Wright 290; Sarah Smith 129; Jeff Bell 184; Judy Caudle 528; Bill Caldwell 344; Charles Franklin 74; Karen Freund 442; Joanne Bowman 565; Teenie Moody and Coy Ivey 384; Carol Chapman, Syd Caldwell, Don Bowen, and Tom McGraw 542; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 486t (WB); Anita Buswell and Syd Caldwell 73b.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class to order leading 101t. Leaders: William Shetter 163b; Jeannette DePoy 375; Jackson Harcrow 457; Scott Ivey 424; Paula Oliver and Milton Oliver 124; Blake Sizemore 87; Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, Colin Neal, and Olivia Hill 30t; Dennis George 426; Earlis McGraw and Tom McGraw 213t; Louis Hughes 492; Mary Brinkman 313b; Bob Meek and Rob Coulston 454; Norma Green 63; Terry Hullett 203; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 335; Ed Thacker 546; Alanna Blanks and Bryant Beard 478t (WB); David Carlton 377; Jewel Wootten 58.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading 135. Leaders: Travis Keeton 343; Richard Mauldin 66; Mike Grimes 496; David Light 110; Linda Thomas 217; Earl Ballinger 283; Daphene Causey 269; Loretta Smith 274t; Gravis Ballinger 222; Kyle Blakeley 30b; Stuart Ivey 445; Chris Rice 480; Charles Woods 530; John Hyde 275b; Joel Jenkins 37b; Billy Williams 448b; Chris Ballinger 350; Mike Thompson 59.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 145t. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 276; Tony Ivey 229; Syble Adams 171; Loyd Ivey 97; Hobert Ivey and Loyd Ivey 426t.

Becky Browne and Henry Johnson conducted the memorial lesson. David Ivey and Rodney Ivey led 76b in memory of Lamar Smith. Becky Browne led 146 for the other deceased: Leola Smith, Virginia Bloom, Ray Bloom, Lena Barker, Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Charlotte Hinkle, Alpha Black, Elmer Graves, Allie Aldridge, Lucille Burkes, Clara Smith, Elder Donald Smith, and Dessie Goodman; Jim Dancer—Arkansas; David Wilkinson and Robert “Bob” Warner—California; Kenneth DeLong, Vivian Rogers, and Everette Denney—Georgia; Myrtle Meek—Kentucky; Virginia Bell—Pennsylvania; Hugh Anderson—New York; Bruce Ketelle—Tennessee; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Leon Murphy, Dean Fitzgerald, B.L. McCollum, James French, Harvey Ford, Robert Grimes, and Danny Lester. Henry Johnson led 68b for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, Beau Caldwell, I.V. McWhorter, Betty Hass, Mary Gardner, Doris Littrell, Betty Shepherd, Eldora Moody, Gary Gronau, Andra Scott, Jeanine Singleton, Donnie McGraw, Kelly Beard, Betty Hensley, Bill Green, Cathy White, Violet Thomason, Dennis Beasley, Elsie Beasley, Bob Scorgie, Lebron Hinton, Dick Mauldin, Val Eng, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, John Hocutt, Myrtle Smith, Gerald McCurdy, Betty Hensley, Carolyn Denson, Martha Woodard, Ernie Jett, and A.A. Malone. George Seiler closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 236; Clarence McCool 349; Josie Hyde 507; Beth O'dell 560; Susan Harcrow and Marlon Wootten 43; Joan Aldridge and Reba Windom 216; Cindy Tanner 327.

RECESS

Leaders: George Seiler and Jean Seiler 31t; Randall Smith and Eloise Wootten 137; Lela Crowder 328; J.W. Oliver, W.M. Oliver, Ardell Turnure, Lela Wagner, Sue Wills, Laura McGill, and S.T. Reed 85; Jonathan Blakeley 31b; Jerry Enright 77t; Reba Windom, Karen Freund, and Lynne deBenedette 172; Scot Oliver 100; Syd Caldwell and Susan Harcrow 168; Kristy Finley 73t.

Announcements were made. The Lookout Mountain Convention wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way with making this convention possible. Bud Oliver and S.T. Reed led 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith.

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Scott County, Mississippi** **August 23-24, 2003** **Saturday, August 23**

The seventy-fifth annual session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church in Scott County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August for two days of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

President Mark Davis brought the class to order with 37b. Chaplain Arlon Gardner led in prayer. Thanks were given to Mr. Alfred Bailey for providing comfort and beauty for the convention.

Leaders: President Mark Davis 76b, 87; Vice President John Van Horn 47b, 171; Secretary Jean Gray 297, 114b; Chaplain Arlon Gardner 448t, 457; Mike McNeil 573 (CB), 522 (CB); Hugh McGuire 174 (CB), 565; Billy Hollingsworth 39b, 236; Joe Cobb 28b, 38b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with President Mark Davis leading 74b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 442, 408; Andrew Albers 267b (CB), 39 (CB); John Hollingsworth 176t, 82t; Tim Gray 40, 101t; Gaston White 84, 66; Denise Richardson 28t; Darlene Reynolds 336t (CB), 348t (CB). Chaplain W.M. Allen returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

After a bountiful lunch the singing resumed for the afternoon session with President Mark Davis leading 29b. Leaders: Emily Mayes 235, 145b; W.M. Allen and Henry McGuire 75, 282; Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire 200, 196; Ann Fox 45t, 143; Misty Mullis 480, 358; Ann Ballard 490, 421; Bobby Caldwell 281b (CH), 216t; Junie McNeil 319, 145t; Bill Hogan 51 (CH), 138t (CB); Ester Mann (assisted by dad, W.M. Allen) 346 (CH), 318.

President Mark Davis called for a motion to open the convention for business. For the election of officers, a motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers. Various committees were appointed. Officers/Committees: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Chaplain—W.M. Allen; Arranging Committee—Junie McNeil; Memorial Committee—John Hollingsworth and Ester Mann; Locations Committee—Henry McGuire, John Van Horn, and Arlon Gardner; Business and Credentials Committee—Hugh McGuire, Tim Gray, and Colvin Mann; Resolutions Committee—Andrew Albers and Alice McGuire.

RECESS

The singing resumed with President Mark Davis leading 65. Leaders: John Merritt and Gordon Cotten 258 (CH), 380 (CH), 85; Brenda Merritt 142, 336; Warren Steel 224, 378b; Mark Tew 338, 273; Anne Steel 268, 178; Colvin Mann 147t, 164; Hannah Albers 392 (CB).

Announcements were made. A new singing will be held near Vicksburg. Alfred Bailey stated that there was a need to establish a building fund.

President Davis led "The Drone" as the dismissal song, and W.M. Allen dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 24

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday morning session with 30t. Chaplain W.M. Allen offered the morning prayer. President Mark Davis welcomed everyone, offered a special thanks to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, and recognized delegates from Chickasaw and Calhoun counties.

Leaders: President Mark Davis 36b, 29t; Vice President John Van Horn 217, 176b; Secretary Jean Gray 119, 108; Chaplain W.M. Allen 59, 117 (CH); Hugh McGuire 54 (CH), 320, 507 (CB); Arlon Gardner 183, 373, 378t; Billy Hollingsworth 484b (CB), 225t (CB), 365 (CB).

RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class back to order with 207. Leaders: Wilma Mitchell 248 (CH), 569; Andrew Albers 344, 109t (CB), 559 (CB); Henry McGuire 91, 327, 269; John Hollingsworth 460, 230, 138t; Gaston White 63, 35, 186. Chaplain W. M. Allen returned thanks.

LUNCH

President Mark Davis brought the afternoon session to order leading 61 and 78. Leaders: Darlene Reynolds 184 (CH), 355 (CH); Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire 299, 159; Ann Ballard 204, 512, 268; Tim Gray 222, 308 (CH); Haley Gray 289 (CH); Haley Gray and Madelyn Freeman 388; Ann Fox 101t, 567; Ester Mann and W.M. Allen 171, 288, 136; Bobby Caldwell 86 (CH); Bobby Caldwell, Hugh McGuire, and Hugh Bill McGuire 117.

The 2:00 p.m. committee reports were given. The Memorial Committee led 100 and 76 (CH), and concluded with prayer by W.M. Allen; and the Business and Resolutions Committee reported. It was moved and seconded to accept all reports as given. Antioch Primitive Baptist Church requested the convention next year.

RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Paula Freeman 350 (CH), 168 (CH); Junie McNeil 104, 32t; Colvin Mann 155, 355; Hannah Albers 145b; Billy Hollingsworth 172 (CH); Gaston White 192; Ann Ballard 335; Hugh McGuire 393 (CB).

A motion was made to adjourn. Announcements were made. A special thanks was given to Mr. Alfred Bailey and Antioch Primitive Baptist Church. The class was dismissed with "The Drone" and prayer by Chaplain W.M. Allen.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Old Fuller Cemetery Church, Ider, Alabama** **Saturday, August 30, 2003**

The Young People's Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August at Old Fuller Cemetery Church in Ider, Alabama. The singing was called together for the day and welcome was made by Shane Wootten leading 82t. Sam Sommers offered the morning prayer.

Officers for the day were: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Sarah Jenkins; Finance—Blake Sizemore and Riley Lee; Arranging—Laura Clawson.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 317; Jackson Harcrow 35; Sarah Jenkins 186; Laura Clawson 95; Betty Wright 515; Margaret Thacker 303; Robert Walker 143; Mattie Townsel 37b; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Norma Green 84; Gaston White 236; Dennis George 280; Loretta Smith 47t; Loyd Ivey 59; Loyd Ivey and Coy Ivey 420; Lou Kujawinski 232; Randall Smith 76b; Gary Smith 569b; Ed Thacker 104.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class back together leading 101t. Leaders: Daphene Causey 327; Bridgett Hill 64; Seth Holloway 388; David Lee 282; Penny Kujawinski 474; Cindy Tanner 198; Louis Hughes 112; Elene Stovall 182; Jeff Sheppard 564; Mark Brown 142; Henry Johnson 111t; Elric Elias 99; Eloise Wootten 318; Bobby Watkins 47t; Clarke Lee 287.

RECESS

Sarah Jenkins called the class together leading 155. Leaders: Sandy Ivey 201; DeVann Jackson 159; Jerry Enright 300; Jesse Roberts 172; LaRue Allen 436; Marty Wootten 546; Reba Windom 192; Karen Freund 56b; Sam Sommers 412; Scott Ivey and Hobert Ivey 425; Alexa Gilmore 39t; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 145; Chris Carnell 165; Allison Schofield 542; Riley Lee 222; Aaron Wootten 270; Donna Wootten 274; Ashley Roberts 532; Mary Elizabeth Lee 430; Jenny Mann 148; Katie Mahoney 81; Blake Sizemore and Jackson Harcrow 87; Matt Wojcik 456; Kelsey Wessels 89; Lela Crowder 440; Jenna Strizak 383; Jessica Roberts Altman 168; Rodney Ivey 215; Susan Harcrow 426; Bud Oliver 42.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten called the afternoon session together leading 345. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 384; Allison Schofield and Kelsey Wessels 277; Jenna Strizak and Katie Mahoney 319; Ashley Roberts, Jessica Altman, and Chris Carnell 273; Matt Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 214; Karen Freund and Laura Clawson 442; Mary Elizabeth Lee and Lela Crowder 224; Donna Wootten and Sarah Jenkins 217; Aaron Wootten and Marty Wootten 421; Elric Elias and Alexa Gilmore 324; Bobby Watkins and Mercy Watkins 225t; Jackson Harcrow, Blake Sizemore, and Riley Lee 43; Billy Williams 54; Jerry Enright and Bud Oliver 39b; Sam Sommers 386; Penny Kujawinski and Lou Kujawinski 473.

The chairman called for announcements. At this time there was no invitation to host this convention for the year 2004. It was decided at a later time that the singing will be held at Old Fuller Cemetery Church at Ider, Alabama.

Shane Wootten and Jackson Harcrow led 146 for the closing song, and Clarke Lee dismissed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Sarah Jenkins.

MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING

Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, August 30, 2003

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the eighth annual Maidencreek All Day Singing which was held on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Guy Bankes called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 77b. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Officers and committees for the day were: Chairman—Guy Bankes; Treasurer—Ruth Shaffer; Secretary—Gina Balestracci; Chaplains—George Seiler

and Willie Israel; Memorial Committee—Diane Mennella, Dennis Leipold, and Laura Densmore; Coordination/Publicity—Doron Henkin; Location—Betty Hanf; Housing/Publicity/Arranging—Laura Densmore; Set-up—Pat Pingel; Registration—Susan Munch; Pitching—Paula McGray, Jean Seiler, and Ginny Landgraf.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 556; Laura Densmore 148; Doron Henkin 203; Ginny Landgraf 89; Ted Stokes 213b; Betty Hanf 97; George Seiler 480; Susan Bingham 446; Paula McGray 373; John Hewes 73t; Gina Balestracci 430; Jean Seiler 142; Donna Abrahams 496; John Merritt and Jim Picton 240; Rachel Speer 101t.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Willie Israel 163b; Roland Hutchinson 250; Susan Hanson 473; Aldo Ceresa 48b; Barbara Swetman 448t; Mary Ellen Schrock 178; John Holbrook 282; Guy Bankes 68b; Hal Kunkel 434; Brenda Merritt 437; Kathy Manning 215.

RECESS

Ted Stokes brought the class to order leading 159. Leaders: Claire Simon 107; Dennis Leipold 455; Elizabeth Cusick 86.

Diane Mennella conducted the memorial lesson for the sick and shut-ins, and led 330b in their honor. The following were remembered: Helene Smith—New York; Mado Venier—France; Jane Roman—Maryland; Margaret Peckman—Florida; Marilyn Darch—California.

Dennis Leipold conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased, and led 285t in their memory. The following were remembered: Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Lamar Smith, and Elder Donald Smith—Alabama; Ruth Bateman—Georgia; Phillip Shea and Michael Wadham—Massachusetts; Dr. Don Jael and Dr. Ed Dewey—New Jersey; Andreas Albrecht, Hugh Anderson, and Harry Bingham—New York; Rev. Allan Winn—Pennsylvania. Laura Densmore gave a short eulogy for Hugh Anderson and led 163b in his memory. George Seiler concluded the memorial with prayer. The blessing for lunch was given by Willie Israel.

LUNCH

Guy Bankes brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 155. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 362; Charlotte Ehrman 569b; Blake Morris 214; Diane Mennella 192; George Seiler 347; Susan Bingham 454; Ruth Shaffer “Wie soll ich dich empfangen”; Paula McGray 66; John Hewes 311; Gina Balestracci 112; Jean Seiler 200; Donna Abrahams 457; John Merritt 400; Rachel Speer 216.

RECESS

Diane Mennella brought the class back to order leading 300. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson “Relly’s Third”; Willie Israel 551; Blake Morris 228; Kathy Manning 327 (in honor of Paula McGray and Jim Picton); Sue Hanson 479; Aldo Ceresa 163t; Brenda Merritt 47b; Hal Kunkel 171; Charlotte Ehrman 503; Barbara Swetman 542; Mary Ellen Schrock 143; John Holbrook 475.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. In addition to all the officers and committees, thanks were expressed to Ted Stokes for the social held after the singing. End of business session.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Leaders: Claire Simon 91; Dennis Leipold 497; Gerry Hoffman 272; Diane Mennella 191.

Guy Bankes led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Willie Israel.

Chairman—Guy Bankes; Secretary—Gina Balestracci.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

Georgetown, Texas

August 30-31, 2003

Saturday, August 30

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Main Street Baptist Church in Georgetown, Texas on Sunday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August. Chairman Morris Nelms called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with 36t and 395. Prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger.

Leaders: Vice Chair Amanda Owen 84, 47; Secretary Pat Blundell 136, 164; Beverly Coates 111t, 129; Robert Vaughn 539, 387; Vivian Rogan 49t, 100; John Baker 120, 192; Doris Hanks 112, 442; Frank Price 323b, 571; Barbara Moore 171, 61; Mike Hinton 559, 146; Edith Owen 293b, 367.

RECESS

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 203; Cassandra Baker 159; Gary Rogan 99; David Moseley 137; Diane Ross 332; Al Rogers 336t; James Moseley and Heather Cannon 68t; Kevin Powell 416t; Jeb Owen 224; Terre Schill 218; Curtis Owen 470; Sarah Huckaby 65; Leon Ballinger 195; Olivia Powell 450; Tom Owen 434; Cheryl Foreman 140; Billy Huckaby 217; Dick Steil 72; Katie Moseley 142; Donald Ross 101b; Cissy Moseley 343; Reed Coates 48t; Liz Owen 299; Scott Curran 384; Bruce Coates 511t. Curtis Owen asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Morris Nelms called the class back to order with 29t. Leaders: George Jones 558; Vivian Rogan 507; Robert Vaughn 348b; Marilyn Burkland 553; Gary Rogan 155; Mike Hinton 544; Beverly Coates and Lee Waters 143; Frank Price 563; Barbara Moore 29; David Moseley 198; Cheryl Foreman 98; Chris Adams 282; Diane Ross 379; Gaylon Powell 298; Sarah Huckaby 270; Scott Curran 196; Edith Owen 484; Leon Ballinger 297; Al Rogers 575; Terre Schill 383.

RECESS

Chairman Morris Nelms called the class back to order with 239. Leaders: John Baker 110; Kevin Powell 300; Cassandra Baker 505; Jeb Owen 186; Olivia Powell 168; Curtis Owen 85; Dick Steil 393; Bruce Coates 567; Doris Hanks 515; Tom Owen 183; Katie Moseley 222; Donald Ross 123b; Cissy Moseley 355; Reed Coates 76b; Liz Owen 119; Billy Huckaby 543.

Morris Nelms led 47b as the closing song. Elder Billy Moseley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 31

Vice Chair Amanda Owen opened the Sunday morning session, held at the Georgetown Community Center, at 9:30 am with 101t and 31t. Prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Secretary Pat Blundell 400; Donald Ross 287; Doris Hanks 422b; Leon Ballinger 186; Liz Owen 288; Mike Moseley 54t; Cassandra Baker 323b; Billy Huckaby 421; Terre Schill 134; Dick Steil 268t; Edith Owen 276; Chris Adams 384; Sarah Huckaby 385t; Mike Hinton 61; Diane Ross 341; Gaylon Powell 131t; Cissy Moseley 500; Curtis Owen 278b; Barbara Moore 38t; Jeb Owen 212; Katie Moseley and Heather Cannon 543; Tom Owen 131; Olivia Powell 274t; Al Rogers 451; John Baker 192; Kevin Powell 132; Scott Curran 290.

RECESS

Vice Chair Amanda Owen called the class back together with 411. Leaders: Mike Moseley 567; Diane Ross 299; Chris Adams 497; Donald Ross 373; Curtis Owen

453b; Katie Moseley 99; Billy Huckaby 155; Mary Owen 45t; Doris Hanks 444t; John Baker, Ralph Dixon Love, and Jo Pendleton 39; Edith Owen 507.

A memorial lesson was held with Olivia Powell reading scripture. Dick Steil led 395b for the deceased: James Ballinger, B.E. Matthews, Ruth Collins, and Richard Goodrum.

Barbara Moore led 59 for the sick and shut-ins: Ophelia Matthews, Verna Powell, Armo "Buddy" Baker, W.M. "Pete" Baker, Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, Linda Henthorn, Lavena Owen, Frances Daniels, and G.L. Hinton. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Jeb Owen.

Leaders: Pat Blundell 401; Dick Steil 128. The lunch prayer was offered by Donald Ross.

LUNCH

Leaders: Mike Hinton 535t; Heather Cannon 336; Al Rogers 63; Terre Schill 536; Scott Curran 400; Cassandra Baker 31b; Tom Owen 271b; Sarah Huckaby 283b; Barbara Moore 427; Gaylon Powell 272; Doris Hanks 235; Donald Ross 297; Mike Moseley 306; Diane Ross 171; Chris Adams 146; Katie Moseley 68t; Curtis Owen 149; Olivia Powell 40; Dick Steil 49; Billy Huckaby 335; Edith Owen 36; Leon Ballinger 127; Al Rogers 45; Cissy Moseley 410; John Baker 64; Mary Owen 47b. Vice Chair Amanda Owen closed out the fall session with 176. The closing prayer was offered by Billy Huckaby.

Chairman—Morris Nelms; Vice Chair—Amanda Owen; Secretary—Pat Blundell.

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING **Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama** **August 31, 2003**

The annual Lacy Memorial Singing held on the first fifth Sunday following July 4th was called to order with Chair Reba Windom leading 59. The morning prayer was led by Samuel Sommers. Reba Windom led 378t (in memory of Woodie Walker, Nora Lacy, and Maude Lacy).

Elene Stovall and Allison Ivey were appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: David Ivey 349 (in memory of Woodie Walker); Rodney Ivey 208; Elene Stovall 99; Norma Green 61; Laura Clawson 385b; S.T. Reed 345b (in memory of Uncle John Lacy); Allison Ivey 440; Don Bowen 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy); Milton Oliver 176t; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Joel Jenkins 480; Loretta Smith 348b; Earl Ballinger 177; Kathy Lee 299; Julie Lee 82t; Wilton Donaldson 490; Teenie Moody 270; Jackie Tanner 172; Jo Dell Albi 76b; John Plunkett 485; Sandra Wilkinson 384.

RECESS

Hobert Ivey and Loyd Ivey brought the class back together leading 47t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475; Mary Elizabeth Lee 192; Scott Ivey and Karen Ivey 424 (in memory of Andrew Ivey); Judith Green 542; Jackson Harcrow and Aaron Wootten 282; Riley Lee 300; Sarah Jenkins 340; Chris Rice 454; Stuart Ivey 137; Lela Crowder 222; Matthew Wojcik 532; Alexa Gilmore 171; Allison Schofield 215; Mike Thompson 112; Kelsey Wessels 217 (in memory of Karen House and Richard Hooke); Clarke Lee 448t; Bobby Watkins 73t; Seth Holloway 294; Barrett Patton 168.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Wayne Wootten and Shane Wootten leading 155.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 425; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 478t (WB); Karen Freund 278t (for Lynne deBenedette); Ed Thacker 452 (in memory of Henry and Lora Ott and for Troy and Lorene Ott, Jeanette Beam Martin, Emma May, and Willie Mae Gilmore); Penny Kujawinski 102; Elric Elias

67; Kathy James 430; Phil Summerlin 350; Sarah Smith 290; David Lee 503; Gary Smith 31t. David Lee asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Reba Windom brought the afternoon session to order leading 142. Leaders: Betty Shepherd 216; Linton Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 224; Becky Browne 362; Dave Ressler 189; Daphene Causey 200; Max Berueffy 272; Joan Aldridge 198; Samuel Sommers 528; Susan Harcrow 269; LaRue Allen 302; Rosie Wojcik 195; Louis Hughes 496; Jenna Strizak 335; Coy Ivey, Allison Schofield, and Kelsey Wessels 559 (CB) (for his 92 year old aunt, Bob Greeson, who was in attendance); Lou Kujawinski 477; Dennis George 196; Bud Oliver 145t; Jerry Enright 399t (in memory of Margie Lacy); Randall Smith 36b (in memory of his father, Lamar Smith, whose last singing he attended was the Lacy Memorial in 2002); Eloise Wootten 456; Cindy Tanner 336; Tony Ivey 332; Betty Wright 97; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Sandy Ivey 56t; Charles Stiefel and Rodney Ivey 445; Sylvia Ivey and Jared Wootten 145b; Wayne Hartman 72b; Butch White 77t.

Following announcements, Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 45t (by request) and 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by David Lee.

Chair—Reba Windom; Vice Chair—Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormack), Jefferson County, Alabama** **August 31, 2003**

The twenty-ninth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin who welcomed everyone and led 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

Edis Guthrie's name was added to this memorial.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 75; Corene White 146, 379; Janet Shipp 300, 268; Henry Schuman 318, 426; John Hyde 129, 73t; Winell Sanders 225t; David Roberson 100, 340; Flarce Creel 135, 475; Elvin Guthrie 482, 99 (in memory of Edis Guthrie, who passed away since the previous singing); Ellis Shipp 334, 448t.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the singing back to order with 275b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 388, 288; Willodean Barton 454, 123, 101t; Edith Tate 532; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Ann Jett 212, 269; Margaret Keeton 155; Marie Guthrie 25 (JB), 430; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 81t; Josie Hyde 183, 203, 477; Amber Springfield 441, 276; Amanda Denson 77t, 290; Kenneth Tate 40, 503, 30t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading 56t. Leaders: Velton Chafin 57; Eugene Forbes 145t, 143, 299; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 108, 159, 117; Corene White 216; Regina Hill 358, 408; Henry Schuman 195; Amber Springfield 192; Margaret Keeton 91; Chris Bell 385, 33b; Josie Hyde 224; Marie Guthrie 336; Elvin Guthrie 126; Edith Tate 139; Kenneth Tate 73b; Ellis Shipp 108; Amanda Denson 278b; John Hyde 297; Travis Keeton 64.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 52 as the closing song, Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Elvin Guthrie; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama
Monday, September 1, 2003

The annual Labor Day Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama, on the first Monday in September (Labor Day). Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order at 9:30 a.m. and led 59. Samuel Sommers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 82t; Richard DeLong 60; Charlene Wallace 79; John Plunkett 133; LaRue Allen 220.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong;
Secretaries—Charlene Wallace and Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging
Committee—Josephine Denney and Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t; Lee Rogers 327; Scott DePoy 74b; Felton Denney 73t; Kelsey Wessels 129; Tommy McGraw 33b; Eunice Webb 512; Philip Denney 84; Daphene Causey 222; Allison Schofield 440; Dennis George 128; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Jenna Strizak 81t; Samuel Sommers 434; Matt Wojcik 218; Rosie Wojcik 475.

RECESS

Richard DeLong reassembled the class leading 430. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 560; Reba Windom 299; Winfred Kerr 89; Floy Wilder 297; B.M. Smith 318; Bridgett Hill 276; Oscar Brown 460; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Oscar McGuire 573; Lou Cotney 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 378b, 378t (for Bill Green, Beufa Green, and Eldora Moody); Don Bowen 388; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 124; David Hokansan 47b; Sandra Wilkinson 300.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading 335 (in honor of Harvey Austin who is in the hospital). Leaders: Phillip Langley 442; Virginia Dyer 193; Stanley Edwards 101t; Corene Laminack 459; Wilton Donaldson 565; Ivalene Donaldson 56t; Les Scott 155; Louise Holland 49b; Billy Joe Harris 303.

Sonja Randall gave a report on behalf of the Preservation Society of Shoal Creek Church. A collection of \$171.00 was presented to the Society from the Sacred Harp Singers.

Jeff Sheppard led 122 in memory of Ruth Brown and for the sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 97. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 362; Henry Schuman 195; Bethanne Hill 39t; Judy Mincey 501; Debra Gross 448b; Joan Durdin 148; Anita Hill 30t; Ruth Daniel 127; Erica Hinton 178; Matt Hinton 63; Evelyn Harris and Rodney Ivey 47t; Kelsey Wessels 448t; Allison Schofield 274t; Jenna Strizak 270; Rosie Wojcik 144; Matt Wojcik 542; Reba Windom and Dennis George 358 (in memory of Annie Holley, Virgil Holley, Ida Holley, and Herman Holley); Samuel Sommers 380; Lonnie Rogers and Rodney Ivey 45t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Richard DeLong led 46 as the closing song, Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong;
Secretaries—Charlene Wallace and Shelbie Sheppard.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
Saturday, September 6, 2003

The ninety-eighth session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) in Jefferson County, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Velton Chafin called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 62. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t.

The class organized with the class voting to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: John Hyde 63, 297; David Robertson 220, 222; Ellis Shipp 108b, 457; Corene White 37b, 403; Winell Sanders 111b; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Billy Williams 189, 54; Janet Shipp 215, 126; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Charles Kitchens 418, 317; Flarce Creel 499, 314; Max Berueffy 300, 278, 411, 217 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Marie Guthrie 280, 389.

RECESS

Harrison Creel reassembled the class leading 335. Leaders: Naomi Haygood 480; Travis Keeton 477, 482, 172; Margaret Keeton 78 (in memory of Tressie Adkins), 572; Milton Oliver 378b, 224; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 385; Josie Hyde 200, 361; Henry Guthery 511, 527, 158; Amber Springfield 197, 349; Gary Smith 532, 503, 515; Velton Chafin 150. Charles Kitchens offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing for the afternoon session with Velton Chafin leading 57. Leaders: Willodean Barton 390, 391; Cassie Franklin 138b, 432; Sarah Smith 73t, 100; Edith Tate 137, 139; Ellis Shipp 426; Charles Kitchens 81, 42; Milton Oliver 403; Naomi Haygood 460; John Hyde 566; Corene White 379; David Roberson 76; Amber Springfield 270; Henry Guthery 149; Gary Smith 565; Josie Hyde 507; Marie Guthrie 166; Billy Williams 96, 45t; Travis Keeton 340; Cassie Franklin and Flarce Creel 475; Henry Guthery 541; Velton Chafin 519 (WB).

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Edith Tate.

OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING
Oberlin, Ohio
Saturday, September 6, 2003

The sixth annual Sacred Harp Singing in Oberlin, Ohio was held at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Beth Todd called the class to order leading 68b. Jane Wells led the class in an opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers: Chairman/Secretary—Charles Wells; Treasurer—Joe Todd; Arranging Committee—Chloe Maher and Charles Well; Chaplain—Jane Wells.

(OH) indicates songs from Oberlin Harmony.

Leaders: Jo Schultz 34b, 84; Joe Todd 32t, 401; Jane Wells 31b, 146; Chloe Maher 39t, 501; Charles Wells 159, 10 (OH); Gerry Hoffman 37b, 40; Beth Todd 82t, 299; Jo Schultz 472, 361; Joe Todd 86, 87; Chloe Maher 394, 23 (OH).

RECESS

Jane Wells called the class to order leading 155 and 44 (OH). Leaders: Sarah Pilzer 474, 73 (OH); Gerry Hoffman 270, 101t; Charles Wells 8 (OH), 9 (OH); Tom

Schultz 503, 117; Beth Todd 16 (OH), 179; Jo Schultz 224, 232; Joe Todd 124, 36 (OH). Jane Wells offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sarah Pilzer called the class to order with 107 and 178. Leaders: Jane Wells 535, 504; Dan Dropko 58, 451; Gerry Hoffman 142, 64 (OH); Charles Wells 284, 60 (OH); Tom Schultz 313, 81; Beth Todd and Jennifer Scolnick 225, 491; Jo Schultz 171, 198; Joe Todd 122, 106.

RECESS

Chloe Maher called the class to order with 546 and 547. Leaders: Naomi Morse 272, 455; Avery Book 2 (OH), 470; Jane Wells 47t, 75 (OH); Daniel Dropko 300, 56b; Stefan Amidon 430, 267; Gerry Hoffman 458, 31t; Jo Schultz 532; Beth Todd 200. Announcements were made. Charles Wells thanked all those who helped in making this singing possible. Charles Wells led 62 as the closing song, Jane Wells offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman/Secretary—Charles Wells.

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING **Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church,** **Near Tallapoosa, Georgia (Off Hwy. 100)** **September 7, 2003**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, near Tallapoosa (just off Hwy. 100), Georgia on the first Sunday in September. Charles Woods called the class to order leading 73b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charles Woods 275t; Bobby Jackson 569b, 317; Charlene Wallace 105, 171; Felton Denney 277, 155.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Judy Henry and Josephine Denney; Chaplain—Felton Denney; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t, 544; Eunice Webb 136, 112; Stanley Edwards 290, 282; Miranel Swafford 32t, 313t; Jimmie Denney 72b, 276; Mildred Patterson 146, 108b; Katherine Benefield 108t.

RECESS

Bobby Jackson brought the class to order leading 285t. Leaders: Mildred Johnson 87; Jeff Sheppard 319, 564; Josephine Denney 75, 100; B.M. Smith 373, 284; Inez Chandler 114, 274; Johnny Wright 159, 300; Lisa Webb 566, 542; Hugh McGraw 287, 310; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 138t; Cecil Roberts 49b, 303; Carlene Griffin 117, 503.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Charles Woods leading 145b. Leaders: Virginia Dyer 217, 192, 193; Richard Mauldin 36b, 37b.

Judy Henry conducted the memorial lesson. Jeff Sheppard led 335 and 111b in memory of the following deceased: Harvey Austin, Beulah Reese, and Ruth Brown—Alabama; James Robinson, Vivian Rogers, Wilford Denney, Willard King, Irene Sanders, Everette Denney, and Revy Williamson—Georgia.

Lonnie Rogers led 45t and 343 for the sick and shut-ins: Lois Stanson, Estelle Flowers, Dick Mauldin, Lebron Hinton, Willie Carolyn Denson, Scott Moore, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, John Hocutt, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, and Alice Edwards.

The memorial was closed with prayer led by Josephine Denney.

Leaders: Homer Benefield 56t, 63; Karen Rollins 143, 34b; Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 104, 68b; Johnny Wright 294, 145t; Eunice Webb 208, 392; Felton Denney 299, 385b; Stanley Edwards 340; Inez Chandler 490; Cecil Roberts 378t; Virginia Dyer 28b (for her nephew who is returning from Iraq today); Richard Mauldin 66; Hugh McGraw 369.

Announcements were made. Charles Woods led 420 as the closing song, Felton Denney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House),
Fayette County, Alabama
September 7, 2003

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) in Fayette County, Alabama on the first Sunday in September. Max Berueffy brought the class to order leading 32t and 36b. M.O. Sides offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 91; Travis Keeton 400, 203; Josie Hyde 234, 428; Elene Stovall 430, 196 (for Reba Windom, who is sick); M.O. Sides 72b, 571 (CB); Milton Oliver 405, 384; Sarah Smith 406, 145t; John Hyde 129, 73t; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Ruth Wyers 337, 490.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Max Berueffy leading 131b. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 42, 77t (in memory of her mother, Hattie Berry, and Gladys Bonds, who is in the nursing home); Andrew Farris 178, 120; Gary Smith 31b, 565; Julie Poston 421; Tim Cook 503 (for Marvin Rhodes, who is ill), 160b; Judy Caudle 220, 218; Clarence McCool 345b, 225t; Faye Donaldson 371, 138t; Marlin Beasley 452 (for his son, Dennis, and his wife, Juanita Beasley), 498.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Max Berueffy leading 535 (for Jewel McCool). Leaders: Larry Ballinger 101t, 113; Margaret Keeton 448b, 321; Gravis Ballinger 76b, 270; Willodean Barton 63, 480; Lisa Geist 546, 192; Latrive Bailey 345t; Fred Killingsworth, Jr. 457; Travis Keeton 445 (for Clearcy Rutledge), 284; Milton Oliver 314; Tim Cook 350; Judy Caudle 76t; Andrew Farris 532; Ruth Wyers 206; M.O. Sides 475, 530; Clarence McCool 68b (for A.A. Malone, who is ill); Josie Hyde 477; Gravis Ballinger 215; Lisa Geist 327; Larry Ballinger 119; Marlin Beasley 460; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 146; Latrive Bailey 300; Elene Stovall 436 (in memory of Demus Aldridge, Marie Aldridge, and Myrtle Aldridge).

Willow Rush asked that this convention be held here, Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), again in 2004.

Announcements were made. Max Berueffy led 46 as the closing song, Fred Killingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Max Berueffy; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

RIVANNA RIVER ALL DAY SINGING
Charlottesville, Virginia
Saturday, September 13, 2003

The first annual Rivanna River All Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in September at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist in Charlottesville, Virginia. The class was called together at 10:00 a.m. by Diane Ober leading 171. Hank Schutz led the opening prayer. Greetings and opening remarks were made by Diane Ober, and elections were held.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chair—Diane Ober; Vice Chairman—John Alexander; Secretary—Beverly Oneida; Treasurer—Judy Cahill; Chaplain—Hank Schutz; Arranging—Kat Kinkade; Housing—Lynn Heath; Kitchen—Frances Schutz. Pitching was shared by Blake Morris and John delRe.

Leaders: John Alexander 28b; Bev Oneida 34b; Hank Schutz 49b; Judy Cahill 45t; Don Polaski 192; Kristen Szakos 268; John delRe 129; Josie Kinkade 86; Bonnie Jayel Tober 276; Winston Barham 284; Kat Kinkade 299; Kelly Macklin 446; Blake Morris 148; John Daniel delRe and Leyland delRe 180; Frances Schutz 147t; Bev Oneida 107; Kristen Szakos 454; Hank Schutz 186; Don Polaski 350.

RECESS

Blake Morris called the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: James Strube 114; Frank Evans 229; Gail Doss 183; John delRe 300; Josie Kinkade 448b; Bonnie Jayel Tober 351; Winston Barham 145t; Kat Kinkade 440; Kelly Macklin 215; Leyland delRe 112; Blake Morris 214; Frances Schutz 178; Bev Oneida 362; Kristen Szakos 155; Hank Schutz 313b; Don Polaski 332; James Strube 144; Frank Evans 228; Gail Doss 504; John delRe 481.

RECESS

Diane Ober called the class back to order by leading 117. Leaders: Leyland delRe 191; Tim Slattery 344; Bonnie Jayel Tober 547; Winston Barham 324; Kat Kinkade 441; Kelly Macklin 444; Blake Morris 297.

Bev Oneida conducted the memorial lesson. The group was blessed by having no one on the list of deceased.

Bev Oneida led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: J. Carr Dorman, Rosemary Taibbi Johnson, Eldon Leach, Diane Knippers, and Roberta Proffitt. The memorial was concluded.

Leaders: Kristen Szakos 47b; John Daniel delRe 501; Hank Schutz 503. Hank Schutz said grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Don Polaski called the class together after lunch leading 73b. Leaders: James Strube 354b; Frank Evans 222; Gail Doss 269; John delRe 125; Peggy Dyson-Cobb 73t; Tim Slattery 497; Bonnie Jayel Tober 181; Winston Barham 146; Kat Kinkade 163t; Kelly Macklin 408; Leyland delRe 398; Blake Morris 532; Kat Kinkade 455 (for Berta Stored); Bev Oneida 142 (with second verse compiled by Kat Kinkade); Kristen Szakos 288; Hank Schutz 479; Don Polaski 198; James Strube 277; Frank Evans 267; Gail Doss 99; John delRe 70t; Peggy Dyson-Cobb 40; Tim Slattery 538; Bonnie Jayel Tober 209.

RECESS

Blake Morris called the class together leading 82t. Leaders: Gail Doss 34t; Winston Barham 79; Kat Kinkade 528; Blake Morris 273; Bev Oneida 203; Kristen Szakos 128; Frank Evans 163b; Hank Schutz 106; James Strube 66; Gail Doss 290; Tim Slattery 68b; Diane Ober 52t; Bonnie Jayel Tober 200; Winston Barham 63; Kat Kinkade 67; Blake Morris 474.

Gail Doss read the Resolutions Committee Report, thanking God for the opportunity to sing together, the officers for organizing the singing, and the kitchen helpers and cooks for the great food.

Announcements were made.

Leaders: Tim Slattery 49t; Hank Schutz 347; Blake Morris 515; Bev Oneida "Bankes".

Diane Ober led 62 as the closing song. Hank Schutz dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Diane Ober; Vice Chairman—John Alexander; Secretary—Beverly Oneida.

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama
September 13-14, 2003

Saturday, September 13

The one hundredth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was held at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was brought to order by Max Berueffly leading 32t. Harrison Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Max Berueffly 36b; Secretary Nora Parker 317; Harrison Creel 335; Jerry Enright 101t; Cassie Franklin 76b; Marlin Beasley 480; Berkley Moore 67; Bridgett Hill 276; Coy Ivey 99; S.T. Reed 138b; Hershell King 204; Cathryn Baker 436; Pat Temple 72b; Billy Huckaby 282; Edith Tate 73t.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Cassie Franklin leading 88t. Leaders Don Clark 171; Charles McCravy 143; Norma Green 354t; Roy Turrentine 146; Neila Nicholson 87; Gary Smith 31t; Mary Wright 121; Richard Mauldin 66; Jewel Wootten 138b; Alex Makris 84; Ricky Harcrow (who welcomed everyone) 163t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Susan Harcrow; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary (Permanent)—Nora Parker; Assistant Secretary—Cindy Tanner; Chaplain—Jeb Owen; Arranging Committee—Cassie Franklin and Lela Crowder; Memorial Committee—Danny Creel, Karen Freund, and Jeannette DePoy; Resolutions Committee—Chris Green and Sarah Jenkins; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey, Blake Sizemore, and Aaron Wootten; Locating Committee—David Ivey and Coy Ivey. End of business session.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 349; Mattie Townsel 388; Henry Johnson 29b; Terre Schill 298; Genny Whitworth 338; Sue Bunch and Morgan Bunch 485; Blake Sizemore 59; Chris Green 318; Leon Ballinger 460; Sarah Smith 290.

A photo was made of the group that attended the 100th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association.

Also, a history of the convention was printed and was available for a donation of at least \$25.00 to the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 358. Leaders: Don Bowen 503; Jennifer Allred 455; Pinina Kane 61; Elsie Moon 177; Herby Bailey 569b; John Plunkett 464; Betty Wright 410t; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 274t; Doug Conn 400; Susan Allred 112; Flarce Creel 475; David Carlton 528; Phil Summerlin 35.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Susan Harcrow leading 159 and 430.

Leaders: Chris Rice 384; Jeb Owen 208; Amber Springfield 402; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Ann Jett 327; B.M. Smith 273; Lela Crowder 328; Danny Creel 383; Lynne deBenedette 196; Linton Ballinger 297; Liz Owen 29t; David Ivey 203; Rachel

Allred 39t; Laura Clawson 542; Karen Clark 569t; Jackie Tanner 182; Jenny Jensen 353; Judy Hauff 71; Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 348b; Sarah Coates Huckaby 319; Ted Mercer 419; Karen Freund 216; Richard DeLong 411; Melanie Hauff 564; Sally House 448t; Greg Carroll 49b.

RECESS

Susan Harcrow called the class to order leading 123t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 201; Stan Jensen 300; Sarah Jenkins 532; Julietta Haynes 211; Aaron Wootten and Jackson Harcrow 421; Cindy Tanner 434; Bud Oliver 278b; Billy Williams 299. Susan Harcrow led 46 as the closing song, Chaplain Jeb Owen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 14

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Susan Harcrow leading 32t. Chaplain Jeb Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Susan Harcrow 75; Jackson Harcrow 282; Blake Sizemore, Jackson Harcrow, and Travis Peek 59; Nora Parker 276; Cindy Tanner 217; Jeb Owen 362; Lela Crowder 171; Cassie Franklin 216 (for Wanda Capps); Rodney Ivey 440; Chris Green 418; Sarah Jenkins 142; Danny Creel 269; Karen Freund 428; Jeannette DePoy 55; David Ivey 472; Henry Schuman 426b; Teenie Moody 222; Glenn Keeton 163b; John Hyde 297; Cathryn Baker 318; Terry Hullett 421; Joel Jenkins and Susan Harcrow 186; Willie Mae Moon 411; David Light 110.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Aaron Wootten leading 270. Leaders: Gary Smith 569b; Sally House 299; Milton Oliver 176t; Mary Lambert Smith 383; Charles Franklin 358; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 499; Josie Hyde 507; Terre Schill 396; Randall Smith 76b; Richard Mauldin 133; Mary Wright 148; Lucy Heidorn 40; Wayne Wootten and Marty Wootten 441; Billy Huckaby 47b; Kathy Robinson 192 (for Kathleen Robins); Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wooten, and Jared Wooten 282.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jackie Tanner and Rodney Ivey leading 81t. Leaders: Karen Ivey 288; Donna Wootten 56t; Ken Tate 29t; Ivey Ellis and Allison Ivey 87.

Karen Freund conducted the memorial lesson. Karen spoke of the discomfort of speaking before a crowd, but when she was at a Sacred Harp singing, this task became easier with the love she had from all the people around her. She stated that the love was like none other ever experienced. We enjoy the singing, fellowship, and what we feel is love. When we can't make it to a singing, we miss this love of our fellow singers. Perhaps, those that are on the sick and shut-in list would have been here today if they had not been ill. So, we pause to remember those that are sick and enfold them in our love. Please remember these folks with cards, phone calls, e-mail messages, and visits to let them know that we love and care for them, and miss their not being with us today. Jeannette DePoy read the list of the sick and shut-ins.

Jeannette DePoy and Karen Freund then led 27 for those named: Viola Stark, Ophelia Matthews, Lebron Hinton, Dick Mauldin, Kelly Beard, John Hocutt, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Cathy White, Violet Thomason, Dennis Beasley, Pauline Childers, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Edna Jackson, Elsie Beasley, Ernie Jett, Gail Floyd, Betty Shepherd, and Carolyn Denson.

Danny Creel spoke about the deceased singers. Jeannette DePoy read the list of the deceased: B.E. Matthews—Texas; Everette Denney and Vivian Rogers—Georgia; Ruth Brown, James Townson, Lavaughn Ballinger, Harvey Austin, Leola Smith, Albert Ryals, Zelma Dell Harcrow, Elder Donald Smith, Clara Smith, Danny Lester, Alpha Black, Lamar Smith, Jane Phillips, Lucille Burks, Charlotte Hinkle, and

Dessie Goodman—Alabama; Cecilia Hauff—South Dakota. Danny Creel led 275b for the deceased and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 97; Mike Hinton 480; Amanda Denson 442; Richard Ivey 336; Chris Ballinger 300.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Susan Harcrow leading 200. Leaders: Max Berueffy 532; Larry Ballinger 215; Stuart Ivey 99; Richard DeLong 112; Lisa Geist 224; Sarah Coates Huckaby 39t; Leon Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 212; Darlene Dalton 454; Jennifer Allred 178; Terry Wootten 42; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Jenny Jensen 34t; Coy Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Ivey Ellis 384; Travis Keeton 392; Buell Cobb 69b; Will Allred 354b; Laura Clawson 430; Ted Mercer 352; Judith Green 542; Jerry Enright 77t. Marlin Beasley spoke about the Joe Beasley Memorial Foundation, and of its purpose of providing scholarships, 21 this year. Melanie Hauff led 456.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Sarah Jenkins and Chris Green, Resolutions Committee, offered the following report. The Holy Scripture instructs God's children to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs making melody in their heart to the Lord; and, we recognize that it is through singing that we have the privilege of coming into the Lord's presence. It is the sincere desire of Sacred Harp singers to use their time, talent, and treasure to praise God through song. Let it therefore be resolved by the 100th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association that thanks be given to God for his wonderful blessings to us. We also thank:

- The Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church family with an extended sincere appreciation for their wonderful hospitality;
- Each one who helped in providing food and refreshments;
- And, the convention officers for an excellent job well done.

We encourage each singer to faithfully continue the great tradition of Sacred Harp singing until the time when all God's children sing together in Heaven.

David Ivey and Coy Ivey, Locating Committee, reported the 101st session will be held at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September 2004.

The Finance Committee Report was given. The balance brought forward was \$1,222.55; total expenses for the convention was \$611.92; a collection was received in the amount of \$601.00; leaving a balance on hand of \$1,211.63.

A proposal was made by Jerry Enright to provide \$100 to assist in the expenses of the United Convention history booklet compiled by Susan Harcrow, John Plunkett, Joyce Walton, and others. The convention voted and passed to contribute the \$100.00. The \$100.00 is included above in the total expenses of the convention.

A total of 11 states were represented during the two days of singing. The business session was closed.

RECESS

The class was reassembled with Susan Harcrow and Rodney Ivey leading 455 (for Jap and Joyce Walton, who were unable to attend). Leaders: Rachel Allred 489; Harrison Creel and Flarce Creel 512; Robert Walker 68b; Wayne Hartman 72b; Kaleb Allred 401; Berkley Moore 179; Liz Owen 129; Stan Jensen 122; Henry Johnson 326; Julietta Haynes 172; Judy Hauff 546; Jewel Wootten 283; Billy Williams 78; Sarah Smith 108t; Chita Blakeley 278b; Coy Ivey 486t (WB).

Announcements were made. Susan Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow led 146 as the closing song as all who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Jeb Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Susan Harcrow; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Chaplain—Jeb Owen; Secretary—Nora Parker; Assistant Secretary—Cindy Tanner.

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Village Hall, Cumnor, Oxford, United Kingdom
September 13-14, 2003

Saturday, September 13

The eighth United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10.00 a.m. by Vice Chair Sheila Girling Macadam who welcomed all those attending, and announced that the Convention would be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Ruth Brown and Gordon Ashman, who in their individual ways had influenced the lives of many present in Cumnor this day. She then led 34b. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer.

Chairman Edwin Macadam led song on page 84, and Sheila Girling Macadam introduced Shelbie Sheppard of Anniston, Alabama, who was to give singing schools on both Saturday and Sunday as guest leader of the Convention.

Shelbie introduced Jane Galant, daughter of Ruth Brown, and Pearl Guier, niece of Ruth Brown, and expressed her appreciation for their efforts in bringing the “bus tour” to England, the last trip that Ruth planned. Shelbie spoke of her first experiences of Sacred Harp singing and how several of the song titles provided her with happy memories of her youth in Georgia and Alabama. She drew attention to the religious aspect of Sacred Harp singing, which for her was like being in church by the depth of feelings the music and the words engendered. Shelbie commented on front bench decorum, leading styles, and the advantage of singing the tenor when leading a song. As a demonstration of how it was possible to improve on leading style, the following leaders were given help with technique: Bernard Collard 63; Dick Wolff 155; Jenny Ellis 29; Alice Metherell 209.

RECESS

Mick Verrier brought the class back to order leading 201. Leaders: Pearl Guier 448b; Ros Clements 77b; Jeff Sheppard 75; Ruth Cooper 171; Reba Windom 192; Judy Whiting 212; Floy Wilder 430; Steve Fletcher 448t; Louis Hughes 112; Mandy Townsend 480; Eugene Forbes 405; Bernard Collard 70t; Elene Stovall 142; Paul Gailiunas 148; Linda Thomas 350; Dennis O'Brien 304; Rachel Jordan 501; Richard Schmeidler 474; Tony Singleton 163b; Matthew Wojcik 542; Margaret Gillanders 228; Pam Nunn 200; Ken Baddley 287; Paul Setford 273; LaRue Allen 222; Helen Brown 532; Lyra O'Brien 94; Ian West 32t; Rosie Wojcik 129; Dave Townsend 457; Adrian Bolge 72b; Hannah Cooper 133; Mick Verrier 163t; Shelbie Sheppard 195. Ruth Cooper offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 28t. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 66; Jill Thompson 504; Jeff Sheppard 325.

Steve Fletcher conducted a Celebration Lesson, reflecting on our need to give thanks for the good things that happen to us and to others. Jill Thompson read a list of those with special reasons to be joyful. We heard news of restoration of health, school success, a long-awaited move to part-time work, and a recent engagement. Tony Singleton led 40 to close the Celebration Lesson.

Leaders: Ros Clements 312b; Ruth Cooper 198; Reba Dell Windom 454; Judy Whiting 318; Floy Wilder 227; Steve Fletcher 77t; Louis Hughes 76b; Mandy

Townsend 82t; Eugene Forbes 426b; Bernard Collard 149; Dennis George 215; Alan Weeks 306; Pleasance Crawford 313b; Nelda Henry 39b; Dennis O'Brien 299.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rachel Jordan leading 146. Leaders: Lou Cotney 218; David Moore 38t; Richard Schmeidler 254; Tony Singleton 86; Isabelle Walker 49t; Matthew Wojcik 270; Hannah Cooper 276; Pam Nunn and Misha Myers 269; LaRue Allen 302; Rosie Wojcik 440; Dave Townsend 434; Lyla O'Brien 216; Ian West 135; Helen Brown 327; Edwin Macadam 236; Sheila Girling Macadam 347; Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard 56t. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer. A social evening of dance and song commenced with an Alternative Singing session led by Mick Verrier, taken from a collection of tunes submitted by Convention participants.

Sunday, September 14

Chairman Edwin Macadam called the convention to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 49t. Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

Sheila Girling Macadam led 28b and welcomed Shelbie Sheppard back for her second singing school of the convention. Shelbie invited Jane Galant and Pearl Guier into the square to lead 36b with her in memory of Ruth Brown. Shelbie continued to offer advice in leading skills and worked with Mick Verrier on the song on page 272. She laid great emphasis on the ability to give direction to the class, and called on Judy Caudle to demonstrate her leading of the song on page 193. Shelbie drew attention to the need for some tunes to be led by beating time in four and worked with Sheila Girling Macadam leading 28b as an example. The "Southern Bus" members were asked to sing 183 to indicate an instance of the raised 6th, together with a change in tempo. She encouraged everyone to quit analyzing every detail of a song and just sing for the pure pleasure of singing.

RECESS

Matthew Wojcik brought the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Phil Tyler 340; Floy Wilder 224; Adrian Bolge 515; Lou Cotney 384; Judy Whiting 178 (for Arwen Lockley, taken ill during the session and about to be driven home); Jeff Sheppard 176; Margaret Gillanders 523; Dennis O'Brien 240; Ken Baddley 481; Catherine Tyler 148; Dave Richardson 278t; Linda Thomas 472; Jill Thompson 99; Louis Hughes 492; Rachel Jordan 473; Alan Weeks 479; Judy Caudle 94; Paul Setford 410t; Reba Windom 196; Bernard Collard 49b; Pleasance Crawford and Chris Crawford 147t; Tony Singleton 300; Pam Nunn 280; Steve Fletcher 38b. Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson using the analogy of the central character of "The Man Who Planted Trees" by Jean Giono, considered the work of the lives of Ruth Brown and Gordon Ashman. Ruth Brown had for years been instrumental in organizing the "Southern Bus: singers' visits to Sacred Harp singing throughout the United States. The fruits of her labors were in seeing the happiness she enabled so many people to share in the gift of song. Gordon Ashman, as co-founder of the West Gallery Music Association, made no less an impact on the lives of many of the UK Sacred Harp community. Deep and lasting friendships, devoted relationships, and marriages had happened as a result of his deep and enthusiastic commitment to English Psalmody. Both Ruth Brown and Gordon Ashman had been planters of trees. Ken Baddley led 490 for the deceased. Those we remembered were: Gordon Ashman, Jim Bundell, Roger Lewis, Roger March, Will Thomas, Stanley Stokes, Jack Bower, Rosie Whiffen, Roy Cavie, Charlie Lawrence, Gordon Sibthorpe, Tara Tierney, Jane Darnell, Frederick Cramp, Wendy Lawrinson, and Will Atkinson—United Kingdom; Ruth Brown, Leola Smith, Elder Donald Smith, Lamar Smith, and Harvey Austin—Alabama; Richard Morganson—Connecticut; Grandma Fross—Washington; Betal Liotta—Ontario, Canada.

For the sick and housebound, Bernard Collard told us how important it was to reach out to those who are in difficulty. He recalled instances of when those housebound might go for days without talking to anyone at all. It is so easy to pick up the phone, just do it, you might make someone's day.

Isabelle Walker read the names of the sick and housebound, and Sheila Girling Macadam led 36b in their honor. Those remembered were: Stan Whiting, Mike Whiting, Derek Winstanley, Mary Kellaway, John McDougall, Gladwys Carlin, Paul Butler, Joan Stocks, Len Roles, Mel Browne, Pat Francis, Jenny Dean, Annie Molnar, Evelyn Ward, Connor McDougall, Rosalind Oldham, Barbara Foster, Rob Mahoney, Gordon Long, Win Tyler, Arwen Lockley, Davis Morganson, Dorothy Morganson, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. The memorial was concluded. Edwin Macadam led "For What Thou Dost Provide" (Moore's Divine Companion, 1750), and together with Ian Ferguson, offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mandy Townsend leading 84. Leaders: Eugene Forbes and Mary Frances Forbes 143; Ruth Cooper 441; Dennis George 455; Ros Clements 457; Nelda Henry and Floy Wilder 108t; Dave Townsend 33b; Richard Schmeidler 543; Helen Brown 556; LaRue Allen 528; Mick Verrier 146 (for his daughter, Emily); Rosie Wojcik 442; Edwin Macadam, Elspeth Chantler, and Vonnice Chantler 276.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Sheila Girling Macadam, Dave Elliott, and Dave Wood leading 186. Leaders: Lyra O'Brien 553; Paul Gailiunas 335; Elene Stovall 430; Lou Cotney 172; Catherine Tyler, Carmel Wood, and Vicki Elliott 268; Dennis O'Brien 339; Reba Windom and Shelbie Sheppard 216; Mandy Townsend 106; Rachel Jordan 269; Matthew Wojcik 189; Dennis George 208; LaRue Allen 373; Jeff Sheppard 220; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Shelbie Sheppard and Elene Stovall 436 (by request).

Sheila Girling Macadam thanked Shelbie, and presented her with an Oxford University canvas bag as a memento of the convention. She also thanked Jeff Sheppard for making the journey across the Atlantic to accompany Shelbie and presented him with a small gift.

Announcements of forthcoming singings were made, and the Chairman then called for the officers' reports.

The Arranging Committee announced that 79 songs were led on Saturday and 63 on Sunday (including the workshop pieces), 101 singers attended over the weekend, including 28 from America and 3 from Canada.

Richard Schmeidler gave the Resolutions Committee report, and proposed a vote of thanks to all those who made this convention possible.

- First and foremost it is right that we give thanks to Almighty God who has brought us all together to enjoy the gift of fellowship in song;
- Edwin and Sheila Macadam, for organizing the convention;
- Chaplain Bernard Collard, and Assistant Chaplain Ken Baddley;
- The chancellors of the convention exchequer, Alan Weeks and Ken Baddley;
- The pitchers—Rachel Jordan, Helen Brown and Jeff Sheppard;
- Food co-ordination team of Ann Weeks, Jenny Ellis, Jean Barton, Sue Setford, and Isabelle Walker;
- The registration team of Judy Whiting, Rachel Jordan, Isabelle Walker, and Bernard Collard;
- The site co-ordination by Adrian Bolge and Alan Weeks, and;
- The Alternative Singing Session team of Mick Verrier, Ken Baddley, and Tony Singleton.

Bernard Collard offered the parting prayer, and the outgoing committee invited the incoming committee organizing the 2004 convention to join them in the square to lead song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand.
Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Vice Chairman; Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church,
Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama
September 20-21, 2003

Saturday, September 20

The eighty-ninth session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading 32t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 503; Pearl Guier 127, 87; Jeff Sheppard 123t, 99; Dennis George 77b, 288; Charlene Wallace 85, 135; Bud Oliver 30t, 145b; Henry Johnson 68b, 81t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee—Mary Lambert Smith.

There was a discussion on the merits of cutting this convention from two-days to a one-day singing. The class decided to vote on Sunday.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 303; Nate Green and Norma Green 441, 278b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading 539. Leaders: S.T. Reed 102, 103; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Felton Denney 235, 535; Eunice Webb 283, 208; Stanley Edwards 282, 290; Lou Cotney 384, 497; Milton Oliver 270, 314; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 318; Tommy George 300, 155; Amber Springfield 448t, 276; Jimmie Denney 313t, 46.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson brought the afternoon session to order with 225b. Leaders: Jim Carnes 432, 89; Karleen Williams 124, 40; Robert Walker 143, 452; Cassie Franklin 332, 399b; Hershell King 285t, 176b; Kenneith Calvert 490, 543; Dennis George 142, 358; Eunice Webb 460; Bud Oliver 39b; Charlene Wallace 129; Nate Green 60; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Lou Cotney 172; S.T. Reed 385t; Stanley Edwards 103; Amber Springfield 373; Felton Denney 385b; Cassie Franklin 167; Jimmie Denney 480; Jeff Sheppard 436; Milton Oliver 430; Kenneith Calvert 493; Robert Walker 63; Jim Carnes 207; Hershell King 97; Bud Oliver 47t; Pearl Guier 45t; Carolyn McCarreth 294.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and Henry Johnson led 146 as the closing song. Hershell King offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 21

Billy Joe Harris brought the Sunday morning session to order with 82t. Bud Oliver offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 37b; B.M. Smith 32t, 59; Charlene Wallace 77t, 517 (Don Bowen requested this in memory of his father, E.C. Bowen); Mary Lambert Smith 43, 123t; Pearl Guier 127, 40; Jeff Sheppard 113, 121; Daphene Causey and Sharon

DuPriest 212, 460; Milton Oliver 75, 325; Oliver Hill 99, 39t; Richard Mauldin 282, 299; Teenie Moody 87, 30t.

RECESS

Billy Joe Harris brought the class to order with 225t.

A business session was held. B.M. Smith was elected to act as Vice Chairman in the absence of Henry Johnson who could not be here this day. The class voted to keep this convention as a two-day convention. The business session was concluded.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 303; Stanley Edwards 97, 217; Bethanne Hill 33b, 159; Earlis McGraw 425, 435; Linda Thomas 103, 47t; S.T. Reed 27, 28b; Mattie Townsel 68b, 112.

Mary Lambert Smith conducted the memorial. Bud Oliver led 142 and 122 in memory of: Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Harvey Austin, Leola Smith, Beulah Reese, Lamar Smith, Floy Driskell, and Leon Murphy.

• Alabama; Revy Williamson, Vivian Rogers, and Everette Denney—Georgia. Richard Mauldin led 146 in honor of the sick and shut-ins: Estelle Flowers, Lois Stanson, Dick Mauldin, Lebron Hinton, Alice Edwards, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Dennis Beasley, Elsie Beasley, Shelbie Sheppard, and the Roy Nelson family. Mary Lambert Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.M. Smith leading 335. Leaders: Ed Thacker 337, 400; Sarah Smith 129, 73t; Robert Walker 480, 63; LaRue Allen 120, 432; Bud Oliver 170, 42; Lou Cotney 200, 222; Gary Smith 403, 565; Carlene Griffin 70t, 155; Eunice Webb 392, 436; Mary L. Smith 271b, 313t; Jeff Sheppard 273 (for Rene Greene), 440 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Charlene Wallace and Hester Edwards 73b, 104 (for Alice Edwards); Pearl Guier 358 (for her sister); Oliver Hill 101t, 274t; Richard Mauldin 133; Stanley Edwards 340; Mattie Townsel 137; B.M. Smith 393 (for Margie Smith); Bethanne Hill 76b; Sarah Smith and Gary Smith 384; Evelyn Harris 270; class 192, 186, 441.

Announcements were made. Billy Joe Harris and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairmen—Henry Johnson and B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Decatur, Illinois

September 20-21, 2003

Saturday, September 20

The nineteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Rock Springs Center for Environmental Discovery. Terry Hogg called the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. After welcoming remarks, thanking everyone who came, he led 34b. Mark Graber offered the opening prayer.

Previously elected or appointed officers and committees included: Chairmen—Terry Hogg and Berkley Moore; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore and Barbara A. Moore; Memorial Committee—Jim Page and Lee Steinmetz; Finance Committee—Barbara A. Moore; Resolutions Committee—Becky Schildman and Janet Fraembs; Steering Committee—Terry Hogg, Berkley Moore, Becky Schildman, Janet Fraembs, and Don Baker. Songs were called from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition”, and “The Missouri Harmony, 1994 replica Edition.”

Leaders: Berkley Moore 123b; Barbara A. Moore 141; Janet Fraembs 284; Don Baker 312b; Becky Schildman 128; Lori Graber 127; Jessica Beer 74b; Bob Meek

515; Jerome Colburn 42; Dave Ressler 84; Jill Accetta 277; David Rust 138t; Gwen King 107; Joan Aldridge 276; Michele Cull 36b; Dorothy Amare 89.

RECESS

Terry Hogg brought the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 49b; Paul Figura 100 (MH); James Page 131 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 510; Peggy Brayfield 57b (MH); Samuel Sommers 548; Pete Ellertsen 32t; Penny Kujawinski 75 (MH); Shirley Figura 68b; Terry Hogg 112; Berkley Moore 215; Jessica Beer 392; Lori Graber 368; Bob Meek 490; Jerome Colburn 159.

RECESS

Berkley Moore resumed the singing leading 229. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 421; Dave Ressler 46b (MH); Jill Accetta 29b; Don Baker 129; David Rust 102; Gwen King 436; Joan Aldridge 142; Michele Cull 168; Dorothy Amare 155; Lee Steinmetz 28b; Paul Figura 36b (MH); James Page 110 (MH).

Chaplain Don Baker asked the blessing, and the class was adjourned.

LUNCH

Peggy Brayfield brought the class back together leading 335. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 497; Val Dunagan 288; Dick Dunagan 273; Samuel Sommers 426b; Peggy Brayfield 121 (MH); Pete Ellertsen 135; Penny Kujawinski 474; Shirley Figura 30b; Terry Hogg 535; Jessica Beer 328; Lori Graber 430; Bob Meek 294; Jerome Colburn 148; Berkley Moore 37t (MH); Janet Fraembs 218; Dave Ressler 181; Jill Accetta 171.

At this time the Resolutions Committee presented a certificate of thanks to Peggy Brayfield in appreciation for all she has done to promote Sacred Harp singing in Illinois and to wish her well as she leaves in January for a two-year Peace Corps assignment to the Union of South Africa. Becky Schildman, Janet Fraembs, and Peggy Brayfield then led 178.

RECESS

Terry Hogg brought the class back to order leading 501. Leaders: Mary Bachmann—"Huntington II"; David Rust 528; Joan Aldridge 228; Michele Cull 448t; Dorothy Amare 460; Lee Steinmetz 250; Paul Figura 65b (MH); James Page 31t (MH); Lou Kujawinski 350; Val Dunagan 66; Dick Dunagan 45t; Samuel Sommers 207.

Terry Hogg led 46 as the closing song. Pete Ellertsen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A social time of food and fellowship was enjoyed at the home of Terry Hogg.

Sunday, September 21

The Sunday session was called to order by Terry Hogg leading 36b. Don Bardsley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Berkley Moore 56b; Barbara A. Moore 145b; Janet Fraembs 91; Don Baker 133; Becky Schildman 117; Lori Graber 120; Jessica Beer 370; Jill Accetta 67; Peggy Brayfield 38b; Penny Kujawinski 99; Presley Barker 28b (MH); Don Bardsley 163b; Mike Veech 218; David Rust 52b; Joan Aldridge 276; Lee Steinmetz 154.

RECESS

Mike Veech brought the class back leading 147t. Leaders: James Page 105 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 332; Val Dunagan 171; Dick Dunagan 312b; Samuel Sommers 518; Terry Hogg 340; Janet Fraembs 143; Don Baker 267; Lori Graber 327; Jessica Beer 446; Peggy Brayfield 556; Jill Accetta 106; Berkley Moore 278b; Penny Kujawinski 83t; Presley Barker 112.

James Page conducted the memorial lesson and spoke for the deceased. He reminded us of the connections to one another and to all living things that we experience through our Sacred Harp traditions. One of the most meaningful of those traditions is the Memorial Lesson, when we remember those who have sung with us or shared a

place in our lives. All creatures and the whole earth are a part of that connection. We may have diverse viewpoints and come from different backgrounds, but we all share one “Ground of Being” and, as the hymn tells us, “Through every age, eternal God, Thou art our rest, our safe abode” so that as we come to our final resting place, we are safe and at peace. He then led 142 as we remembered: Elder Donald Smith, Lamar Smith, Ruth Brown, Allie Aldridge, and Lucille Burks—Alabama; Bruce Ketelle and Roberta Grimes—Tennessee; Myrtle Meek and Jim Zehm—Kentucky; Bill Keasby—Oregon; Carl “Bud” Hamilton (son of Hazel Henry)—Illinois. Lee Steinmetz spoke for the sick and shut-ins and recalled a recent time when he was recovering from surgery and was cheered by the gift of flowers (Give them the roses while they live...), an unexpected surprise (a frog jumping out of the flowers), and being told that he was prayed for. He admonished us to cheer our friends who are sick and to let them know we are praying for them. He then led 565 for: Virginia Evans, Karen Hojnacki, Billie Mowery, Sandy Walker, Sharon White, and Suzanne Checchia—Illinois; Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, and Vera Handrick—Wisconsin; Betty Hensley and Scott Moore—Kentucky; Nick Pender—Georgia; Alan Bates—England. He then closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Don Bardsley 285t; Mike Veech 547.

Lori Graber asked the noon blessing, and the class was adjourned.

LUNCH

Don Bardsley brought the class back leading 479. Leaders: David Rust 195; Joan Aldridge 269; Lissa Blood 297; Lee Steinmetz 513; James Page 106 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 473; Val Dunagan 474; Dick Dunagan 65; Kathy Kaiser 504; Samuel Sommers 24b; Terry Hogg 212; Berkley Moore 101 (MH); Janet Fraembs 235; Don Baker 162; Becky Schildman 148; Lori Graber 454; Jessica Beer and Joan Aldridge 383.

RECESS

Presley Barker brought the class back leading 116 (MH). Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 385b; Jill Accetta 549; Kathy Kaiser 335; Penny Kujawinski 384; Presley Barker 63t (MH); Don Bardsley 336; David Rust 365; Joan Aldridge 189; Lissa Blood 290; Lee Steinmetz 81; James Page 411; Lou Kujawinski 477; Val Dunagan 352; Dick Dunagan 448b; Samuel Sommers 176t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Berkley Moore leading 348b. Leaders: Jessica Beer 101t; Jill Accetta 76b; Peggy Brayfield 385t; David Rust 74t; Kathy Kaiser 86; James Page 45 (MH).

A business session was held to hear various committee reports.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given. “Be it resolved that we give thanks to God, whose name we praise to:

- The many members of the Sacred Harp community who came from near and far;
- The Rock Springs Center for Environmental Discovery for the use of this beautiful facility;
- The many singers who provided leadership, hard work, and food and drink to sustain and revive us;
- Terry Hogg, Larry Devocell, and Helen Hogg who served so graciously as Decatur hosts;
- The Holy Spirit who moved among us and made us one family.”

The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. The class sang 347 as the closing song, and Peggy Brayfield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen—Berkley Moore and Terry Hogg; Secretary—Janet Fraembs.

**CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama
September 21, 2003**

The thirty-second session of the annual Sacred Harp Memorial singing was held on the third Sunday in September at Shady Grove Church, better known as Keeton Cemetery, in Nauvoo, Alabama. The singing is dedicated to the memory of Bennie Keeton.

Glenn Keeton called the class together, welcomed everyone, and led 32t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led 34b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129, 343; Marlin Beasley 145b, 337, 336; John Hyde 73t, 124, 275b; Ashley Keeton 222, 300; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 138b; Clarence McCool 68b, 569b; Debra Wakefield 426b, 432; Billy Williams 54, 450, 189.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Glenn Keeton leading 75 and 77t. Glenn Keeton talked about his grandfather, Bennie Keeton, and the love he had for Sacred Harp music. Leaders: Dr. Julietta Haynes 200, 269; Gravis Ballinger 110, 112; Velton Chafin 332, 567; Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 159, 63; Max Berueffy 470, 495, 157; Flarce Creel 475, 328; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Faye Donaldson 40, 78 (in memory of Tressie Adkins).

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order and led 348b and 209. Leaders: Lisa Geist 272, 202; Kermit Adams 277, 186; Edith Tate 88t, 389; Roma Rice 382, 496; Henry Guthery 558, 456; Elene Stovall 556, 192; Larry Ballinger 93, 98; Josie Hyde 66, 302; Harrison Creel 317, 111b, 512; Ila Ingle 335, 434; Hazel Gilmore and Elder Ronald Gilmore 406, 460, 498; Estelle Gilmore and L.H. Gilmore 74t, 34t (in memory of Howard Godsey); Glenn Keeton 231 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Willodean Barton and Margaret Keeton 171, 480; Willodean Barton 155.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Travis Keeton led 235 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

**THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (WHITE BOOK)
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
September 21, 2003**

The annual singing convened with John Plunkett leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 48t; Sandra Wilkinson 95b (in memory of Horace Hamrick), 535 (in memory of her uncle, W.B. Wilkinson); Helen Bryson 112, 389t; Bob Goodman 60, 478t; John Hollingsworth 544t, 154b; Chairman Tom Hanson 512, 517.

The Chairman then appointed the following committees: Arranging Committee—Sandra Wilkinson and Leslie Hanson; Nominating Committee—Carol Hanson; Memorial Committee—Helen Bryson and Judy Mincey. Leaders: Douglas Faith 461, 26 (in back of book); Lee Rogers 95t, 218; Jeannette DePoy 490b, 293b; Rodney Ivey 113, 511; Allison Ivey 224, 406.

RECESS

Chairman Tom Hanson called the class to order leading 45t.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey;

Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra Wilkinson.

John Plunkett provided a status report on the project to reprint the J.L. White Book and announced tentative plans for the books to be available by Spring 2004. Tom Hanson expressed the desire of the Hardeman singers to have the inaugural singing from the reprinted J.L. White Book at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church.

Leaders: Chairman John Plunkett 97; Rita Haley 63, 239; David Ivey 526, 519; Don Clark 480b, 348; Bill Hollingsworth 487t, 486t; Richard Ivey 61, 297; Wesley Haley 108t; Karen Clark 504, 550t; Lela Crowder 545t, 499. Prayer was offered at the lunch table by John Plunkett.

LUNCH

Tom Hanson brought the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 341, 138b; Raymond Hamrick 498t, 487b; Judy Mincey 481, 55t; Jesse Roberts 137, 222; Andy Anderson 479b, 59; Martha Ann Stegar 299, 47t; Deborah Grosse 171, 155.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson and gave a brief talk about how we should remember those who could not be here today and those who have passed away in the past year. She also recalled others from the past who had been good and faithful members of this singing class.

Judy Mincey led 540 for the following deceased: Vivian Rogers, Everette Denney, and Doris Haley—Georgia; Leola Smith, Lamar Smith, and Ruth Brown—Alabama.

Rodney Ivey led 179 for the following sick and shut-ins: Cathy White, Violet Thomason, Floyd Faith, Marlene Faith, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Quanton Watts, Grace Watts, Judy Tanksley, Cenus Heptinstall, Richard DeLong, and Kelly Beard. The memorial lesson was concluded with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Carol Hanson 40, 380t; Joan Durdin 148, 29t; Rebecca Higgins 491t, 408; Linda Thompson 119, 101t; Leslie Hanson 274t, 388.

RECESS

Chairman John Plunkett brought the class together leading 34t. Leaders: Karen Clark 264b; Bill Hollingsworth 492; Marion Wilhoite 282; Don Clark 495; Rodney Ivey, David Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Richard Ivey 491b; Henry Johnson 88t.

Following announcements, Chairman John Plunkett led 550b, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by John Hollingsworth.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey;

Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra Wilkinson.

SMYRNA ANNUAL SACRED HARP SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **September 21, 2003**

This singing was a memorial tribute to Thomas L. Futral who went home to be with the Lord on September 16, 2003. Brother Futral was a giant leader of Sacred Harp music in our area and will be sorely missed by his family, as well as his church family. Jack Nelson brought the class to order leading 75. Eugene Forbes offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretaries/Arranging Committee—Virginia Futral and Nelda Henry.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 30t; Eugene Forbes 61, 63; Edna Phillips 480, 335; Myrlene Redmond 341, 569b; Nelda Henry 112, 378t; Audress Gurley 517 (WB), 108t; Jenny Acton 340, 334; Larry Acton 59; J.R. Waters 45t; Floy Wilder 373, 186; William Futral 490, 147t.

Preaching services were held.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class to order leading 40 and 42. Leaders: Virginia Futral 145b, “A Light At The River”; Tommy Futral 300, 147b, 49b; Eddie Henry 36b; Eugene Forbes 100; Verlie McDaniel 460; Edna Phillips 301; Myrlene Redmond 358; Audress Gurley 37; Jenny Acton 143; Floy Wilder 318; William Futral 565; Hazel Nelson 491b (WB), 421 (special request); Myrlene Redmond 200, 159; Jenny Acton 25 (JB).

Jack Nelson led 438 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretaries—Nelda Henry and Virginia Futral.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Niwot, Colorado

September 27-28, 2003

Saturday, September 27

The fourteenth session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Daniel Davis leading 34b. The opening prayer was given by David Lee.

Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 84; Ginny Ely 313t; Leon Ballinger 299; John Schaffer 350; Mary Lou Van Laanen 49b; Joanne Hoover 40; David Lee 99; Claire Singleton 178; Toby Tenenbaum 124; Carol Selleck 179; Hill Grimmet 195; Katharine Hough 372; Kathy Lee 146; Brent Wilson 72b; Earl Ballinger 331; Deb Robson 452; Johnny Lee 503; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Berk Meitzler 496; Jenny Jensen 441; John Holbrook 480; Anita Landess 540.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Mike Hinton leading 373. Leaders: Ed Stevens 282; Peggy Brayfield 148; David Hough 32b; Connie Stanton 108t; Kirk Dameron 155; Rhonda Griswold 128; Louise Tenenbaum 457; Gary Gronau 362; Pamela Carson 361; Stan Jensen 217; Marilyn Murata 274; Chris Kermiet 324; Sharman Wilson 277; Laurie Sommers 135; Daniel Davis 216; Donald Klein 45b; Ginnie Ely 196; Earl Ballinger 187; Claire Singleton 455; Kathy Lee 171; Toby Tenenbaum 370; Hill Grimmet 497; Peggy Brayfield 344. Chaplain Russ Nye offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by John Schaffer leading 313b. Leaders: Stan Jensen 565; David Lee 39t; Deborah Johnson 31t; John Holbrook 162; Joanne Hoover 477; Sharon Kermiet 385b; Connie Stanton 66; Leon Ballinger 490; Brent Wilson 551; Louise Tenenbaum 267; Nancy Nordz 82t; David Hough 384; Carol Selleck 82b; Berk Meitzler 569b; Sharman Wilson 159; Johnny Lee 175b.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Mike Hinton leading 543. Leaders: Katherine Hough 269; Ed Stevens 347; Deb Robson 276; Jenny Jensen 448t; Don Klein 139; Pamela Carson 532; Anita Landess 164; Rhonda Griswold 147t; Gary Gronau 411; Daniel Davis 65; Sandy Klein 209.

Marilyn Murata led 46 as the closing song, Russ Nye offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 28

The Sunday morning session was called to order by John Schaffer leading 32t. Russ Nye offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 189; Mike Hinton 418; Joanne Hoover 481; Leon Ballinger 175; Peggy Brayfield 48b; Earl Ballinger 177; Kathy Lee 490; Ed Stevens 294; Deb Robson 34t; David Hough 30t; Mimi Wright 39t; Toby Tenenbaum 86; Claire Singleton 454; Johnny Lee 566; Nancy Nordz 114; Daniel Davis 40; Katherine Hough 376; Ginnie Ely 475; Berk Meitzler 426t; Connie Stanton 34b; Hill Grimmet 250; Mary Lou Van Laanen 68b.

RECESS

Singing resumed with David Lee leading 76b and 229, followed by Daniel Davis "Gallup" (his own composition).

Ginnie Ely and Kathy Lee conducted the memorial lesson. Ginny Ely remarked about the purpose of this service and quoted appropriate words from many of the songs, and then led 122 for those who have passed away this past year.

The deceased remembered were: B.E. Matthews—Texas; Ruth Brown and James Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Everette Denny—Georgia; Lillian St. Clair Meitzler—Connecticut; Esther St. Clair Ammann—Massachusetts; Reid Sanders—California; Ellen Klein—South Dakota; Arnie Newton—Colorado; Mary Margaret Hill Grimmet—Missouri.

Kathy Lee led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: G.L. Hinton and Marlin Beasley—Alabama; Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Virginia Evans—Illinois; Sara Reba—Connecticut; Michele Casson—Vancouver, British Columbia; Violet Forbes and Jeri Krafft—Colorado. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jeanne Schaffer 143; Alice Poinier 163b; David Hough 270; Loraine Berger 66; Anita Landess 170; Marilyn Murata 224; Don Klein 512; Sharon Kermiet 180. Prayer was offered by Russ Nye.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Leon Ballinger leading 503 and 137.

Leaders: Sandy Klein 117; John Schaffer 236; Mike Hinton 365; Peggy Brayfield 504; Carol Selleck 401; Joanne Hoover and David Lee 235 (walking time to the tune); David Lee 47b; Toby Tenenbaum 268; Connie Stanton 36b; Linda Jones 59; Loraine Berger 159; Ed Stevens 288; Mimi Wright 319; Earl Ballinger 123t; Claire Singleton 474; Nancy Nordz 107; Katherine Hough 378b; Berk Meitzler 148; Alice Poinier 198; Ginnie Ely 546.

RECESS

Daniel Davis brought the class to order leading 183 and "La Bajada" (his own composition); Hill Grimmet 327; David Hough 371; Joanne Hoover 408.

A business session was held to hear reports from various committees.

Many thanks were extended to all the officers and their committees who did an outstanding job to make this convention possible, and to those responsible for the wonderful food.

The generous donations covered the expenses.

The Rocky Mountain Convention will be held in New Mexico next year with the date, time, and place announced at a later time.

Sharon Kermiet led 62 as the closing song, Russ Nye offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Secretary—Jeanne Schaffer and John Schaffer.

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota
September 27-28, 2003

Saturday, September 27

The fourteenth Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Co-Chairs Eleanor Haase and Joan Fritz leading 171. Gordon Olsen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 59; Cathy Lutz 481; Matt Wells 501; Stephen Parker 32t; Jim Pfau 480; Stacey Berkheimer 388; Bill Waddington 350; Martha Henderson 456; Midge Olsen 454; Jim Goetz 312b; Jeanette Nelson 129; Katherine Katie Kocha 216; Steve Luttinen 56b; Jeff Bell 30t.
RECESS

Steven Levine brought the class back to order leading 565.

A brief business meeting was then convened for the purpose of electing the Co-Chairs of next year's convention, Stacey Berkheimer and Paul Wyatt.

Leaders: Michael Moore "America," (lyrics by Isaac Watts and tune by Stephen Jenks); Robin Fox 203; Syble Adams "Song of Praise" (her own composition); Ted Mercer 131t; Ann Miczulski 569b; Charlie Obert 500; Carol Buche 196; Cindy Kisse 186; Robert Sullivan 299; Peter Irvine 282; Cathryn Baker 142; Doug Donley 198; Kiri Miller 224; Alex Dixon 274t.

RECESS

Denise Kania brought the class back with 128. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 528; Thomas J. Willard 422; Val Eng 504; Scott Schroeder 87; Tim Eriksen 131b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Julie Vea 426b; Kathy Kaiser 384; Eliza Cavanaugh 47b; Richard Green 137. Gordon Olsen offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Wells called the class back with 38t. Leaders: Cathy Lutz 276; Bob Dixon 82t; Darlene Dalton 503; Francis Gurtz 448; Jennifer Blair 335; Susan Green 157; Bernard Collard 217; Reba Windom 269; Jill Accetta 102; Keith Willard 99; Laura Clawson 215; Hans Guttman 270; Kit Pfau 218; Louis Hughes, Sr. 496; Kristin Irving 376; Laura Densmore 542; Gordon Olsen 277; Collette Miller 436.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back to order leading 74b. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 72t; Guy Bankes 486; Jessica Beer 106; Christine Stevens 352; Margo McCreary with her father-in-law and Val Eng 523; Bill Beverly 547; Johanna Fabke 122; Todd Mitchell 86; Lisa Grayson 455; James Page 538; Martha Beverly 344; Kshama Ananthapura 72b; Jenny Willard 392; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Tim O'Brien 178; Jennifer Blecha 370; Mary Ann Evans 453.

Announcements were made. Eleanor Haase and Joan Fritz led 566 as the closing song, Gordon Olsen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 28

Co-Chairs Eleanor Haase and Joan Fritz convened Sunday's class leading 34b. The opening prayer was given by Gordon Olsen. Leaders: Steven Levine 475; Hans Guttman 37b; Kit Pfau 47t; Paul Wyatt 391; Kristin Irving 499; Gordon Olsen 497; Laura Densmore 83t; Mary-Jean Minor and Tivey 49b; Martha Beverly 377; Paul Landskroener 347; Keith Willard 278b; Lynn Dixon 68t; Guy Bankes 151; Jan Ketelle 368; Bill Waddington 362.

RECESS

Stacey Berkheimer reconvened the class with 354b. Leaders: Bill Beverly 191; Claudia Egelhoff 464; James Page 26; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Bob Dixon 163b; Laura Clawson 385b; Paul Figura 192; Julie Vea 327; Jim Goetz 52t; Jill Accetta 201;

Michael Moore 36b; Kshama Ananthapura 445; Bernard Collard 300; Anna Pfau 178.

RECESS

Janette Nelson reconvened the class with 66. Leaders: Val Eng 198; Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 186; Lisa Grayson 528; Jennifer Blair 361.

Jeff Bell, Darlene Dalton, Martha Henderson, and Stephen Parker presented the memorial lesson. The list of those sick or shut-in included: Marlin Beasley, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama; Bill Burke and Marjorie Parker Burke—Arizona; Tricia Ryan, Marilyn Dareh, and Sara Curry—California; Margaret Peckman—Florida; Nick Pender—Georgia; Suzanne Checcia and Violet Stark—Illinois; Janet Bell—Maryland; Ann Taylor—Minnesota; Jo Henderson and Phil Henderson—Nebraska; James Z. Bell, Cindy Peters McKeel, and Clay Peters—Pennsylvania; Jane Spivey—Texas; Vern Handrick, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, and Barbara Stansfield—Wisconsin; Bonnie Brassler—Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Alan Bates—London, England.

Jeff Bell talked about our need for healing, not just in body, but also in mind and spirit, then led 50b in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Martha Henderson, reading the words to hymn 208 from the Lloyd's hymnal, spoke eloquently about our always being within three feet of death and therefore of our need to appreciate the presence of those with whom we sing, then led 285t in memory of the deceased.

The list of those who have died included: Ruth Brown, Elder Donald Smith, and Leola Smith—Alabama; Freyda Epstein and Barbara Neal—California; Everette Denney—Georgia; Evan McCombs, Robert Sanders, Anthony Jeffries, and Dorothy Kunzer—Illinois; Howard Marty and John Beal—Iowa; Grace McCreary and David Lewin—Massachusetts; Nancy Hargrave, T. Egelhoff, Zell Deverell, Barbara Neal, Helen Stevens, and Marij Ellen Storms—Minnesota; Ruby Neely—Nebraska; Matt Hall and Hugh Anderson—New York; Virginia Bell—Pennsylvania; Cecilia Hauff—South Dakota; Bruce Ketelle—Tennessee; Dinah Breunig—Vermont; Vernon Sell—Wisconsin; Eldon Cheater—Manitoba, Canada; Gordon Ashman, Rosalind Oldham, and Arwen Lockley—United Kingdom. Stephen Parker closed the memorial with prayer. Gordon Olsen offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cathy Lutz called the class to order with 128. Leaders: Matt Wells 318; Steven Schmidgall 473; Darlene Dalton 454; Cathryn Baker 340; Louis Hughes, Jr. 411; Kim Bahmer 107; Reba Windom 216; Tim Eriksen 171; Katie Kocha 112; Eliza Cavanaugh 270; Peter Irvine 100; Syble Adams 203; Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilly 245; Denise Kania 142; Ted Mercer 421; Jenny Willard 434; Stephen Parker 31t; Kiri Miller 383; Steven Levine 474; Louis Hughes, Sr. 76.

The afghan crocheted by Eloise Jerome was raffled and won by Lara Andersen.

RECESS

Carol Buche reconvened the class leading 209. Leaders: Jessica Beer 332; Aubrey Hemminger and Paul Wyatt 155; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Felicia Stevens 84; Johanna Fabke 150; Christine Stevens 542; Jim Pfau 430; Midge Olsen 218; Paul Wyatt and Stacey Berkheimer 99.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

The Resolutions Committee, Laura Densmore, offered an eloquent and gracious resolution of thanks to all those who had a hand in organizing this year's convention. The Treasurer reported that we met our expenses.

The Arranging Committee reported that all leaders were called and that we lead 78 songs on Saturday and 65 on Sunday for a total of 144 lessons. The roll of states was

taken, showing singers from 16 states, one Canadian province, and the United Kingdom: Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, Manitoba in Canada, and Oxfordshire, England. Co-Chairs Joan Fritz and Eleanor Haase led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Gordon Olsen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Eleanor Haase and Joan Fritz; Corresponding Secretary—Jim Pfau; Recording Secretary—Stephen Parker; Treasurer—Matt Wells.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Morgan County, Alabama** **September 28, 2003**

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Milford Cobbs who welcomed everyone and led song on page 46. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer. Leaders and selections were as follows: J.L. Hopper 171, 145t; Eunice Kimbrell 129; Arvid Holmes 64; Judy Caudle 273, 276; Jonathon Thompson 68b, 45t; Ramona Light 155, 421; Delone Cobbs 52t, 40; Sarah Smith 290, 73t; Clayton Ezell 231, 390; Nancy Thompson 145b, 203.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading 358. Leaders and selections: Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Milton Oliver 32t, 270; Lomax Ballinger 168, 299; Carol Newman 378t, 373; Steve Cobbs 285t, 460; Robert Walker 480, 452; Sandie Scott 235b, 159; Gary Smith 523, 503; Dexter Cobbs 61.

LUNCH

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and sweet fellowship, the class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading 127.

A memorial session was held. Jonathon Thompson and Brandon Thompson led 383 in memory of Willard and Annie Mae Holmes, and 384 in memory of Willard Hopper. Judy Caudle led 459 in memory of Bera Bradford, A.A. Malone, Lavaughn Ballinger, and Ruth Brown.

Ben Bradford gave a short history of the September singing at this place, quoting information he had received from Uncle Herbert Cobbs. He said the singing was begun in 1886 after the school building was constructed on this site. The first chairman of this singing was 18-year-old Jess Woodard. The singing held on this date, September 28, 2003, is the 118th session to be held at Gum Pond. Thank you, Ben.

Leaders and selections were as follows: Bud Oliver 345t, 343b; Marilyn Burchett 42, 72b; S.T. Reed 277, 278b; Pininia Kane 426t, 345b; Linton Ballinger 146, 144; Susan Holmes 313t, 441; Herby Bailey 489, 34b; Hershell King 176b, 389; Carmon Brothers 108t, 348b; Althea Gibbs 569b, 47t; Craig Holmes 36b; Glenda Hopper 297, 120; Dan Hopper 449; Dan Hopper and Carol Newman 220; Dan Hopper 91 (by request for Ramona Light), 61 (for Margie); Judy Caudle 358 (by request for Cotton Shaddix); J.L. Hopper 270 (by request for Marlin Beasley), 75 (for Faye Cobbs).

Milford Cobbs led 62 as the closing hymn, and the class took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
September 28, 2003

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in September. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading 48t. Cecil Wakefield offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 82t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 59, 99; Dawson Adams 328, 77t; Corene White 314, 379; Cecil Wakefield 480, 282; Roma Rice 128; Clarence McCool 225t; Clarence McCool and Elene Stovall 183 (in memory of Alonza A. Malone); Stella Pratt 460, 100; Richard Mauldin 36b, 66; Nellie Alexander 176b, 278b; John Hyde 61, 73t.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order with 78. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 81t; Edith Tate 212, 213; Dennis George 38b, 39t; Carla Morris 143, 145t; Jim Brown and Doug Clapp 159, 268; L.E. Hannah 85, 187; Billy Williams 189, 84; Wanda Capps 430, 142; Max Berueffy 330b, 203; Willodean Barton 111b, 418.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the class back to order with 56t. Leaders: Julie Poston 74b; Elene Stovall 172, 532; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 389, 30t; Vernice Phillips 318, 112; Harrison Creel 89, 317; Margaret Keeton 535, 499; Larry Ballinger 28t, 164; Amanda Denson 53, 340, 155; Josie Hyde 68b, 477; Kermit Adams 408.

Announcements were made. Kermit Adams led 46 as the closing song. Kenneth Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice.

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION
South Congregational Church, Middletown, Connecticut
October 3-4, 2003

Friday, October 3

The twenty-eighth session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Neely Bruce leading 105 and 280. Rev. Mary Klaaren led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Shea 300; Sheila Macadam 28t; Grace Scringeour 33b; Peter Amidon 200; Lila Farrar 268; Anne Kazlauskas 203; Margaret Bornick 40; Richard Schmeidler 66; Jean Seiler 217; John Holbrook 480; Sue Hanson 209; Dan Hertzler 556; Kitty Kagay 440; Rachel Speer 448t; Bill Holt 112; Jane Zanichkowsky 547; John Redman 164.

RECESS

The class was called together by Neely Bruce leading 314. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 36b; Laura Clawson 274t; Ronald Bornick 454; Matthew Wojcik 340; Sheila Kelley 455; Bill Dunn 37b; George Seiler 168; Ian Smiley 341; Neely Bruce 277; Guy Banks 481; Rachel Adelstein 128; Scott Luscombe 32b; Rick Johnston 99; Ginny Landgraf 378b; Jackie Hall 327.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Neely Bruce leading 192. Leaders: Kelly House 542; Heather Klein 47b; Robert Dove 479; Dennis O'Brien 162; Robert Stoddard 163b.

Neely Bruce led 308 as the closing song, Rev. Mary Klaaren led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, October 4

The convention was called to order by Neely Bruce leading 207. Rev. Mary Klaaren offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chair Katie Mahoney 32; Kelly House 350; Charles Cofone 66; Lynne deBenedette 82t; Sarah Beasley Smith 129; Anitra Kaye 369; Dave Eckerson 87; Susan Loucks 504; Cathy Brochet 547; Diane Mennella 77t; Debbie Moody 288; Jim Ulrich 569; Mary Neville 49b; Bobbie Goodell 473; Michael Kaye 68b; Edwin Macadam 538; Marcia Tucker 497; Seth Holloway 354b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Neely Bruce leading 332. Leaders: Victoria Bolles 503; Lyra O'Brien 553; Paul Gauthier 228; Patricia Garitz 523; George Pomfret 143; Jenna Strizals 102; Richard Lee 81; Mary Ann Hagen 191; Kshama Ananthapura 146; L.H. Spencer 250; Paula McGray 286; Alice Kast 567; Laura Timmerman 220; Aldo Ceresa 171.

The convention went into a business session with a discussion held concerning days/format/length of this singing. The majority preferred adding Sunday, whether or not the Friday evening singing is retained. There was no formal vote on the matter.

A motion was made by the Rhode Island singers to host the convention in 2006. It was voted on and carried.

RECESS

Neely Bruce called the class back to order leading 137. Leaders: Gina Ballestracci 430; Rebecca Edwards 111; Catherine Collett 155; Kim Mattson 299; Michael Heyerman 183; Lauren Weintraub 47b; Brian Collett 254; Barbara Swetman 71. Neely Bruce conducted the memorial lesson, read the names of the deceased, and led 122 in their memory. Those remembered were: Lavaughn Ballinger, Ruth Brown, A.A. Malone, and Elder Donald Smith—Alabama; Howard Hoover—Arizona; Timothy Lull, Ron Mortimore, and Martin Zanichkowsky—California; Lee Stewart—Colorado; Richard Morganson—Connecticut; Gordon Ashman, Jim Bundell, and Dennis Southwell—England; Mary Bruce—Georgia; Robert Sander—Illinois; Rob Higgins, Julie Ince Thompson, and Michael Wadham—Massachusetts; Judy Wagner—New Hampshire; Dr. Don Juel and Dr. Ed Dowey—New Jersey; Hugh Anderson, Roddie Duel, Marjorie Graves, Matt Hall, David Luscombe, Ruth McDonald, and Flora Wallace—New York; Virginia Grandidge—Rhode Island; Dinah Breunig, Frank Shaffer, and John Sheldon—Vermont; David Moody—Washington; Mabel Reed and Bill Kushel. Lydia Vernon-Jones read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and Jean Seiler led 86 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Rev. Mary Kaaren, and the class was dismissed for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Neely Bruce leading 344. Leaders: Laura Clawson 186; Bradford West 245; Eliza Cavanaugh 274t; Nora Connor 300; Allison Schofield 142; Sally House 496; Dan Hertzler 384; Linda Shea 270; Roland Hutchinson 112; Matthew Wojcik 282; Bill Dunn 34b; Rebecca Parish 106; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Dennis O'Brien 454; Sara O'Halloran 268; Nicola Collette 315; Mary Ellen Shrock 178; Steve Marini 236; Gary Smith 31; George Seiler 269; Neely Bruce 40.

RECESS

Neely Bruce called the class back to order leading 380. Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 218; Robert Stoddard 510; Sheila Macadam 474; Jean Seiler 475; Grace Scrimgeour

287; Peter Amidon 528; Guy Bankes 189; Ian Smiley 431; Scott Luscombe 306; Sun Hanson 280.

The class went into a business session to hear committee reports. All reports were accepted as given, and the business session was closed. Leaders: Ronald Bornick 84; Ginny Landgraf 447; John Redman 361; Robert Dove 107; Rachel Speer 328. Announcements were made. Neely Bruce led 62 as the closing song, Rev. Mary Klaaren led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Neely Bruce; Vice Chair—Katie Mahoney; Secretary—Kelly House.

COOPER BOOK SINGING **Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama** **Saturday, October 4, 2003**

Mark Brown brought the class to order with 461. Pastor Dennis Hall offered the morning prayer. Mark Brown led 82 and turned the morning session over to Syble Adams.

Syble Adams asked that songs called by attendees be sung with no leader for a short while. Songs sung in this fashion included 29b, 38t, 54t, 57, 55, 50t, 229, and 410. Syble Adams led 84 and turned the class back to Mark Brown.

Officers are chosen on the day of the singing. Chairman/Arranging Committee—Mark Brown; Secretary—Darlene Dalton.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 138; S.T. Reed 74b, 133; Ed Thacker 107t; Joan Aldridge 515; Robert Walker 143; Gene Wootten 164; Myra Dalton 225; Henry Johnson 395t.

Mark Brown led 59 in “The Sacred Harp” (to a different tune) and dedicated it to his grandmother, Mrs. Morene “Maw-Maw” Brown.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class back with 440b and 563. Leaders: Tony Ivey 486; Linda Thomas 573; Eloise Wootten 572; Loretta Smith 511b; Betty Wright 395b; Billy Williams 286b; Nate Green and Norma Green 503, 544; Sandy Ivey 535t; Mike Grimes 540, 559; Dewayne Wootten 541; Cindy Tanner 516; Rodney Ivey 497; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 98; Shane Wootten 292b, 522; Hershell King 397, 204.

LUNCH

Mark Brown brought the class back with 335. Leaders: John Etheridge 477, 51; Amber Springfield 505; Don Clark 566, 176b; Karen Clark 498b, 509; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 500, 488b; Rhonda Arnold and Syble Adams 559 (in memory of Syble’s mother, Delta Wootten); Syble Adams “Nearer Home” (WB), 574; Cassie Franklin 355; Louis Hughes 340; Margaret Thacker 343; Darlene Dalton 511.

Mark Brown opened the floor for recognition of the sick and shut-ins, as well as the recently deceased, and led 518 by request.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 344; Henry Johnson 378b; Ed Thacker 393t; Myra Dalton 416t; Karen Clark and Darlene Dalton 336t; Shane Wootten 478; Cassie Franklin 491; Syble Adams “Song of Praise” (her original composition).

After announcements, Mark Brown led 146 as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Darlene Dalton.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL**
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
October 5, 2003

The thirty-seventh annual session of the singing held as a memorial for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Roie Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, J.B. Lowe, Alton Lowe, Rev. James Putman, and Freeman Wootten was held on the first Sunday in October at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading 59. Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144, 87; Philip Gilmore 30t, 32t; Jewel Wootten 100, 122; Willie Mae Moon 217, 225t; Pam Green 111t, 274t; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Gene Wootten and Jewel Wootten 347; Gene Wootten 486t (WB); Nate Green and Norma Green 39t, 51; Carmon Brothers 348b, 480; Henry Johnson 135, 205; Donna Wootten 278b, 56t; Glenn Keeton 278t, 475.

RECESS

Terry Hullett called the class to order leading 235. Leaders: Chris Green 335, 236; Deborah Ritch 286, 183; Judy Caudle 120, 121; Eloise Wootten 208, 441; Elene Stovall 430, 198; Beecher Yancy 48t, 47t; Susan Harcrow 35, 159; Marlon Wootten 171; Rodney Ivey 371, 318; Shane Wootten 43, 300.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading 166 and 297 in memory of Ruth Alexander, widow of Alvin Alexander, who passed away in November 2002. Leaders: Judy Caudle and Linda Thomas 149, 345b; Paula Gilmore 270, 317; Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Bud Oliver 418 (in memory of Aunt Nettie Green); Henry Johnson 267; Glenn Keeton 49b; Donna Wootten 76b; Eloise Wootten 424; Willie Mae Moon 224, 401; Carmon Brothers 490; Susan Harcrow 408; Beecher Yancy 565; Rodney Ivey 49t; Chris Green 106; Shane Wootten 170; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, John Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 45t; Jewel Wootten, Shane Wootten, and Terry Hullett 501 (CB) (in memory of Freeman Wootten).

Elder Philip Gilmore and Terry Hullett led 146 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

TOM HARPER AND GANUS WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
Old Sardis Church (County Road 17), Near Lynn, Alabama
October 5, 2003

The forty-fifth session of the Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Old Sardis Church, now held as a memorial to Tom Harper and Ganus Wakefield was held on the first Sunday in October. Ganus Wakefield's name has been added to this memorial at the request of Ila Ingle, daughter of Tom Harper. Ganus Wakefield was one of the organizers of this singing in the late 1950's or early 1960's.

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 48t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 44, 43; Steve Miles 59, 234.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton and Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 179; Willodean Barton 63, 274t; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t; Stella Pratt 460, 100; David Berry 45t; Larry Wakefield and Julie Poston 317, 569b; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 490; Beth Mobley 385b; John Hyde 73t, 297; Thyra Ballentine 471, 480.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class back leading 124. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 61 (in memory of Minnie Farris); Corene White 37b, 216; Edith Tate 294 (by request); Faye Donaldson 270, 284; Harrison Creel 111t, 512; Jeannette Tidwell 120, 222 (in memory of her mother and father); Lisa Geist 394, 546; Alan Barnett 128 (in memory of his grandmother); Gravis Ballinger 36b, 78; Steve Miles, Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, Leah Miles, and Crystal Grober 388, 143. The pastor of the church welcomed everyone and offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Hyde brought the afternoon session to order leading 566. Leaders: Kermit Adams 220, 99; Ila Ingle 470 (in memory of her mother), 500 (in memory of her father); Larry Ballinger 162, 282; Clarence McCool 68b, 349; Steve Miles and Daniel Miles 373, 454 (in honor of Homer Miles); Margaret Keeton 448b, 213b; Josie Hyde 43, 84; Jeannette Tidwell, Crystal Grober, and Amanda Miles 72b, 163t; Flarce Creel 475.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led 235 as the closing song. Homer Miles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

YELLOW SPRINGS SINGING **Rockford Chapel, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **Saturday, October 11, 2003**

The twenty-eighth semi-annual singing was called to order by David Rust leading 68b, who then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Fred Todt 101; Linda Coppock 147; Debbie Hall 171; Eric Conrad 284; Marlon Rust 148; Laura Weber 31; Christine Cox 163b; Claire Outten 112; Samuel Sommers 548; Jo Schultz 546; Mike Hieber 49; Sheryl Pockrose 82b; Greg Howard 569b; Joan Rett 178; Sharon Courneen 40; David Rust 344.

RECESS

Fred Todt called the class back to order with 350. Leaders: Linda Coppock 385b; Debbie Hall 348; Eric Conrad 70b; Jim Coppock 86; Marlon Rust 29; Laura Weber 547; Michelle Cull 384; Chris Cox 515b; Claire Outten 269; Samuel Sommers 426b; Jo Schultz 224; Mike Hieber 276; Sheryl Pockrose 94; Greg Howard 270; Joan Rett 368; Fred Todt 245.

A brief business session was held in which the minutes were approved. Linda Coppock led 542, and Samuel Sommers offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

David Rust brought the afternoon session to order leading 87. Leaders: Fred Todt 288; Linda Coppock 196; Debbie Hall 436; Eric Conrad 163t; Jim Coppock 504; Marlon Rust 277; Laura Weber 430; Chris Cox 491; Claire Outten 202; Michelle Cull 236; Samuel Sommers 524; Jo Schultz “Ten Thousand Charms” (NH); Greg Howard 373.

RECESS

Debbie Hall called the class back to order with 192. Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 157; Joan Rett 133; Fred Todt 200; Mike Hieber 37b; Debbie Hall 362; Linda Coppock 189; Eric Conrad 126; Marlon Rust “Singing School” (SH); Jo Schultz 198; Chris Cox 108; Brad Bahler 117; Claire Outten 186; Samuel Sommers 386; Fred Todt 182.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Eric Conrad leading 142; Marlon Rust “Musgrove” (SH); David Rust 528; Claire Outten 48b; Samuel Sommers 232; Jo Schultz 503; Chris Cox 49b; Linda Coppock 38b; Laura Weber 28; Sheryl Pockrose 564; Daniel Coppock 107; Eric Conrad 168; Debbie Hall 556.

Announcements were made.

We have been meeting at the Yellow Springs Friends Meetinghouse and/or Rockford chapel for semi-annual singings since 1990. We really appreciate Friends’ sharing their facility with us. We began as an attempt to create a critical mass of singers in Ohio at least twice a year. At that time there were only two regularly meeting Sacred Harp groups, one in Columbus and one in Cincinnati, and neither one had a solid core group of singers.

Because there are now strong groups in Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland, Ada, and Louisville, Kentucky, we feel we have accomplished what we set out to do and are now not as necessary as we once were.

Because there are many more singings scheduled, we often do not draw as many singers as we once did, and because Antioch College would like recompense for Rockford Chapel and Yellow Springs Friends Meeting would like a larger contribution for the use of their facilities, we propose laying down the semi-annual singings at Yellow Springs.

Our thanks go to our hosts, Yellow Springs Friends Meeting and Antioch College and to the wonderful singers who traveled many hours to join us and make the Yellow Springs singings one of the best in the Midwest.

Following announcements, Fred Todt led 155; Samuel Sommers 46. David Rust offered a closing prayer, and the officers led 343 to close.

Chairman—Fred Todt; Vice Chair—Linda Coppock; Treasurer—Debbie Hall; Secretary—Eric Conrad.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Five Points, Tennessee October 11-12, 2003

Saturday, October 11

The Saturday evening session used “The Sacred Harp, 1992 Cooper Revision.” The ninth annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 85 and 135.

Elder J.L. Hopper offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 54, 38t; Gordon Wilkinson 112, 134; Kerene Box 405; Earl Ballinger 559, 336; Judy Caudle 98, 484b; Bob Meek 511t, 367; Doris Littrell 40, 358; Harrison Creel 511b, 355.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 449. Leaders: Bud Oliver 505, 515; Sarah Smith 290; Kenneth Tate and Hannah Tate 501, 497; Emily Creel 89, 222; Mike Morris 63, 72; Joanne Grimes and Mike Grimes 500, 488b; Marlin Beasley 571, 444t; Glenda Hopper 310, 410; Danny Creel 39; Brenda Merritt 563; Elder J.L. Hopper 573, 122, 459; Sandie Scott 408, 532; John Merritt 392, 564; Wanda Capps, Flarce Creel, and Hannah Tate 411, 572; Velton Chafin 225t; Gary Smith 553b; Mike Grimes 393t, 229; Mike Grimes and Bob Meek 540; Marilyn Burchett 175, 107; Margie Norwood 451.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 132 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, October 12

The book used for the Sunday session was “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.”

Tim Reynolds called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 49t and 84. Gary Smith offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 119; Gordon Wilkinson 512, 530; Kerene Box 159; Larry Ballinger 139, 138t; Clay Mattox 124; Marlin Beasley 87, 175; Flarce Creel 475; Mike Morris 59, 49b; Velton Chafin 68b, 78; Sandie Scott 472, 176t; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 499; Lomax Ballinger 312b, 313t; Sarah Smith 100; Margie Norwood 405.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 171.

The class went into a business session and voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;
Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee—Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 544; Heidi Nolen 448t, 72b; Gravis Ballinger 112, 200; Emily Creel 217, 101t; Bud Oliver 145b, 145t.

RECESS

Gordon Wilkinson called the class back to order by leading 168. Leaders: Doris Littrell 268, 490; Bob Meek 270; Bob Meek and Mike Morris 454; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Marilyn Burchett and Sandie Scott 551; Harrison Creel 498, 111b.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 66. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 212, 213t; Lucy Heidorn 73t, 155; Earl Ballinger 203, 211; Gary Smith 523, 31t.

A memorial was conducted for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins. David Carlton led 163b for the following deceased: Roberta Grimes, Thelma Watson, Jack Chadwell, and Alice Gant—Tennessee; Lavaughn Ballinger, Ruth Brown, A.A.

Malone, Lamar Smith, Elder Donald Smith, Clara Smith, Elvin Morris, and Edis Guthrie—Alabama; Myrtle Meek and Madeline Faulkner—Kentucky.

Brenda Merritt led 426t for the following sick and shut-ins: Frances Mattox—Tennessee; Edith Tate, John Hocutt, Elsie Beasley, Kim Watkins, Charlie Ballard, Ruth Aaron, Lena Woodley, and Uel Freeman—Alabama; Dennis Beasley—Florida; Pauline Childers—Michigan; William J. Reynolds—Texas. John Merritt closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 299; Paige Hunter 535; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; Judy Caudle 77b, 94; David Carlton 95, 496; Alicia Williams 340, 341; Laurens Blankers 339, 40; Danny Creel 137, 269; Brenda Merritt and John Merritt 358, 189; Clayton Ezell, Vella Bea Ezell Gillespie, Arlene Ezell Richardson, Kerene Ezell Box, Thelma Ezell Elliott, and Mina Belle Ezell Gillespie 294; Clayton Ezell and Linda Moore 182; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, and Lucy Heidorn 342.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Timothy J. Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson;
Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 12, 2003

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial singing was held on the second Sunday in October at Muscadine Methodist Church on the second Sunday in October.

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order with 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led 101t; B.M. Smith 82t, 36b.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier, Josephine Denney, and Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Pearl Guier 40, 303; Josephine Denney 405 (in memory of Everette Denney), 171 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); John Plunkett 534, 308; Pam Nunn 155, 186; Louis Hughes 512, 540; Jeannette DePoy 499 (in memory of her mother, Anne Block), 460; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 222; Daphene Causey 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown), 32t (in memory of Jimmy Causey); Milton Oliver 97, 441; Teenie Moody 440 (in honor of Jo Thornton, a niece who is seriously ill), 430.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 335 (in memory of Harvey Austin). Leaders: Tommy McGraw 91, 475; Karen Rollins 489, 143 (in memory of her mother, Vivian Rogers); Jimmie Denney 63, 61; Mary L. Smith 146 (in honor of the Bernice Harper family), 471; Richard Mauldin 77t, 49b (in honor of his father and the father of Mike Hinton); Carlene Griffin 70t; Stanley Edwards 87, 127; Lela Crowder and Cindy Snider 99, 42; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 81t, 290.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 73b (for Alice Edwards) and 454 (for his grandson, Benjamin Greene). Leaders: Andy Anderson 135, 496; Charlene Wallace 177, 201; Richard DeLong 202 (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates), 395 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Fallon Dyer 294, 269; Felton Denney 523, 234; Eunice Webb 270, 318; Lou Cotney 384, 497; Oscar McGuire 283, 336; Virginia Dyer 323b, 200; Corene Laminack 503, 457; Cecil Roberts 235, 284; B.J. Harris 278b, 274t; Ruth Daniels 47t, 378t; Nellie Mae White 100; Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier 212, 104 (for Alice Edwards).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Jeff Sheppard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING **Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama** **October 12, 2003**

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., extended greetings to everyone, then led 32t, 34t, and 36b. Joshua Keeton offered the morning prayer. Ashley Keeton led 77t.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairladies—Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairmen—Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton; Secretary/Memorial Committee—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Joshua Keeton 503, 317, 108t; Clarence McCool 101t, 569b, 68b (in memory of A.A. Malone); Travis Keeton 129, 146, 321; Ashley Campbell 47b, 30t, 196.

RECESS

Arthur Gilmore called the class back together leading 565, 30b, 491b (WB). Leaders: Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 34b, 73b, 213b; Joyce Keeton and Joshua Keeton 59, 40, 143; Elder W.G. McGough 283, 45t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jimmie Gilmore and Pamela Gilmore who led 235 and 192 in memory of all the deceased Harper family members, A.A.

Malone, Dessie Goodman, Lavaughn Ballinger, Rose Altha Taylor, and Sidney McMunn. Josie Hyde is very ill and not able to be here today, and we remembered her. Pamela Gilmore led 430 and 142 in memory of her aunt, Lavada Gilmore, and the memorial was closed. Billy Williams offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Jimmie Gilmore leading 378t and 43. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 274t, 278t, 490; Ila Ingle 87, 335; Ashley Campbell 442; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 504, 546; Dwight Ingle 59, 445, 269, 119; Margaret Keeton 39b, 410t; John Beasley 410b, 285t; Latrive Bailey 345t, 345b, 384; Glenn Keeton 294 (by request of Garnsey McGough).

Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Elder W.G. McGough offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We appreciate all who came and supported this singing and welcome everyone back again next year.

Chairladies—Jimmie Gilmore and Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairmen—Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

October 12, 2003

The seventy-seventh session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing is held in memory of its founder, Elder C.G. (Uncle Tobe) Keith, and long time singing school teacher, Henry Ott. Loretta Smith called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. and led 37b. Pastor Steve Lea offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Loretta Smith 39b; Billy Thompson 535, 563 (CB); Margaret Thacker and Chris Murdock 565, 480; Shane Wootten 100, 138t; Aaron Little 503; Stuart Ivey 61, 350; Rodney Ivey 101t, 303; Ed Thacker 97, 566; David Ivey and Winnie Blevins 136, 358; Henry Johnson 38b, 326; Darlene Dalton 309, 454; Dennis George 47b, 101b; Sarah Jenkins 99, 347; Kathy James 542, 30b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Loretta Smith leading 82t and 492 (WB). Leaders: Karen Ivey 441, 112; Steve Killingsworth 312b, 59; William B. Crider 410t; Eddie Brown and Mary Brown 457, 106; Floyd Peters 68b, 285t; Marty Wootten 448, 445; Linda Thomas 123t, 63. Donald Carroll asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Loretta Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 452. Leaders: Chris Rice 426b; Joel Jenkins 186; Coy Ivey 505 (CB) (in memory of Henry Ott and Luther Biddle), 486t (WB); Rodney Ivey and Bill Gifford 45t (in memory of Bill Gifford's grandfather, Elder C.G. Keith); Chris Green 388; Jackie Tanner 270; Robert Walker 143; Allison Ivey 200; David Killingsworth 216.

Loretta Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 348b for the sick and shut-ins and for the deceased. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Richard Shipman, Lester Shipman, Eliza Harris, Leon Wade, Howard Gothard, Lorene Ott, Troy Ott, Rachel Downer, Patricia Wootten, Juanita Ivey, and Glenn Ivey.

The deceased remembered were: James Lamar Smith, James Townson, and John Henry Busby. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Susan Harcrow 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 141; Ricky Harcrow 449 (CB); Scott Ivey 424; S.T. Reed 161; Eloise Wootten 490; Pam Green and Donna Ivey 274t; Tony Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Betty Shepherd 47t; Phillip Gilmore 31t; Cindy Tanner 189; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 388 (by request).

Announcements were made. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 62 as the closing song. Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairs—Loretta Smith and Amy Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Jacksonville, New York** **October 17-18, 2003**

Friday, October 17

The fifteenth annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Close Hall, Jacksonville, New York on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Ginnie Ely offered prayer before the evening meal.

Co-Chair Eric Bean called the class to order at 7:00 p.m. with 48t. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thom Metzger 34b; Scott Luscombe 39t; Jean Seiler 47t; Margaret Bornick 40; Walter Hartley 155; Susan Hengelsberg 344; Deanna Anderson 49b; Richard Schmeidler 543; Patricia Geritz 479; Michael Heyerman 270; Joy Wheeler 143; Bob Parr 528; Lucy Roberts 48t; Ginny Huszagh 181; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Eileen Metzger 178; Dan Hertzler 384.

RECESS

Ginny Huszagh called the class back with 46. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 38; Robert Wheeler 63; George Seiler 183; Ginnie Ely 349; John Redman 164; Anne Kazlauskas 100; Guy Banks 189; Hal Kunkel 99; Bill Holt 73t; Tim Wheeler 48b; Ron Bornick 186; Thom Metzger 274t; Dennis Leipold 371; Howard Katz 481; Neely Bruce 362; Scott Luscombe 430; Jean Seiler 299; Ernest Blake 268; Margaret Bornick 504; Walter Hartley 236; Richard Schmeidler 84; Patricia Geritz 68b; Bob Parr 440; Joy Wheeler 569b; Dan Hertzler 475; Deanna Anderson 117; Susan Hengelsberg 474; Eileen Metzger 26; Anne Kazlauskas 126. Eric Bean offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, October 18

The Saturday morning session was called to order by Eric Bean leading 48t.

Neely Bruce conducted a singing school leading 152, 83, 90, 513, and 355.

Officers and committees for the convention were: Co-Chairs—Eric Bean, Thom Metzger, and Ginny Huszagh; Arranging Committee—Ron Bornick, Neely Bruce, Dennis Leipold, Richard Schmeidler, and Barbara Swetman; Housing—Lucy Roberts; Recording Secretaries—Susan Hengelsberg, Juanita Heyerman, Eileen Metzger, and Thom Metzger; Treasurer—Jennifer Cook.

RECESS

The class reconvened with Thom Metzger leading 49t and Dennis Leipold leading 52t.

The singing school continued with Neely Bruce leading 143. Neely illuminated the composition of various fuguing structures by leading 223, 299, 297, 163, 193, 550, 304, 434, 380, 522, 536, 504, and 532. He finished the singing school by leading songs 175 and 236.

Robert Wheeler offered the closing prayer, and the class adjourned for lunch. Eileen Metzger said grace for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Dennis Leipold leading 35. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 81t; Bob Parr 215; Patricia Geritz 503; Thom Metzger 475; Richard Schmeidler 254; Juanita Heyerman 330t; Scott Luscombe 306; Walter Hartley 106; Robert Wheeler 350; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Mryka Hall-Beyer 133; Jerusha Wheeler 155; Laura Timmerman 484; John Redman and Stephanie Levy 84.

Thom Metzger conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased, remembering Hugh Anderson as well as speaking of his friend, Dave, who is now dying. He then led 385b. Those remembered were: Lavaughn Ballinger, Ruth Brown, and Elder Donald Smith—Alabama; Ron Mortimore—California; Lee Stewart—Colorado; Gary Blake and Dan Blake—Florida; Judy Wagner—New Hampshire; Hugh Anderson, Ken Coleman, Andrea Most Herman, Ethel Jones, Matt Jones, Marie Law, David Luscombe, and Hestella Yaple—New York; Dinah Breunig and John Sheldon—Vermont; Ken Madokoro—Quebec.

Bill Holt spoke for the sick and shut-ins, and led 31t in their honor. Those remembered were: Marlin Beasley—Alabama; Margaret Peckman—Florida; Donald Goliher—Illinois; Jeanette King—Maryland; Frederick Allen and Marie Barlett—Massachusetts; Kathy Guglielmi, Marie Hans, and Karl Schontz—New York; Jane Herrmann—Pennsylvania; Paul Butler—Vermont; Demian Martin—Ontario. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Tim Wheeler 180; Ginnie Ely 196; Aldo Ceresa 122; Susan Hengelsberg 127; Hal Kunkel 342; Guy Bankes 151.

RECESS

Leaders: Eileen Metzger 30t; Dennis Leipold 101t; Bill Holt 224; Chris Haller 497; Michael Heyerman 442; Deanna Anderson 159; George Seiler 480; Lucy Roberts 198; Cuba Ray 86; Neely Bruce 87; Barbara Swetman 417; Ginny Huszagh 200; Margaret Bornick 334; Eileen Metzger 108; Ron Bornick 454; Thom Metzger 319; Dan Hertzler 171; Jason Law 268; Jean Seiler 209; Bob Parr 456; Richard Schmeidler 120.

RECESS

The class reconvened with Margaret Bornick leading 276. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 546; Aubrey Hemming 347; Walter Hartley 146; Robert Wheeler 147b; Anne Kazlauskas 61; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Jerusha Wheeler 299; Laura Timmerman 27; John Redman 496; Tim Wheeler 217; Aldo Ceresa 107; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Hal Kunkel 89; Guy Bankes 444; Bill Holt 101b; Chris Haller 551; Michael Heyerman 39t; Deanna Anderson 148; George Seiler 168; Cuba Ray 401; Barbara Swetman 542; Margaret Bornick 312; Eileen Metzger 179; Thom Metzger 399t; Ron Bornick 178; Ginny Huszagh 66. George Seiler said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing was resumed with Ginny Huszagh leading 47t. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 104, 36 (Indian Melodies); Dan Hertzler “O Turn Ye” (American Vocalist); Sue Hengelsberg 336 (CB); Bill Holt 505 (CB); Ginnie Ely 38 (CB); Neely Bruce 70 (EH); Laura Timmerman 488 (CB); Guy Bankes “Lyngham” (West Gallery); Aldo Ceresa “The Warning” (American Vocalist); Barbara Swetman 92 (EH); Laura Timmerman 381 (Harp of Ages); Denise Morris 354; Pat Geritz 501; Walter Hartley 452; Hal Kunkel 288; Bob Parr 114; Lucy Roberts 82t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Chris Haller 267; Tim Wheeler 191. Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Eric Bean, Thom Metzger, and Ginny Huszagh; Recording Secretaries—Susan Hengelsberg, Juanita Heyerman, Eileen Metzger, and Thom Metzger; Treasurer—Jennifer Cook.

TRI-STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia Saturday, October 18, 2003

The day of singing began at 9:00 a.m. with the class singing song on 31b. Bryant Lee and Martin Highsmith opened the convention by welcoming everyone and leading 53 and 63. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Clarke Lee.

Leaders: Rachel Lee and Hannah Highsmith 40; Bryant Lee and Amy Lee 127; Riley Lee 392; April Dell 508; Tina Reddish 388; Mary Elizabeth Lee 186; Jenny Steuver and Stephanie Steuver 348t, 393t; Tatum Strickland 573; Karen Clark 55; Amy Lee 54t; Kit Pfau 41; Shane O'Neal 31t; Bill Aplin 385t; Laura Densmore 98; Johnny Lee 571.

RECESS

The class was called back to order. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 225; Kathy Wallace 47t; Nate Green and Norma Green 70b; Stan Jensen 563; Kathy Williams 140; Alice Bejnar 340; Hans Guttman 47b; Louis Hughes 507b; Bob Bonnell 285t; Agnes Farris 410; Dinah East 128; Russ Scholz 376; Orvil Murray 511t; Tommie Spurlock 574; Jenny Jensen 559.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Riley Lee and Shane O'Neal leading 43. Leaders: Ashley Roberts 183; Don Clark 446t; Bernard Collard 336t; Tor Bejnar 411; Louis Hughes, Jr. 38t; Aubrey Barfield 220; Loretta Jones 144; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 72; Bill Farris 401; Tollie Lee 509; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Jessica Altman 217; Bud Oliver 440b; Jeff Draughn and Francine Draughn 478; James Gardener 171.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Mary Elizabeth Lee and Trevor East leading 59. Leaders: Les Singleton 484; Billy Kelley 466; Glenda Cason 199; Frank Hataway 395b; Lois Bonnell 505; Ann Barnett 133; Ashley McKathan 491; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 45t; Willis Lee 527; Clarke Lee 264b; Kathy Lee 299; Kit Pfau 337; Jenny Steuver 500; Laura Densmore 83t; Bernard Collard 70t; Lindsey Johnson and Tatum Strickland 180, 361.

RECESS

Arlene Strickland and Brooks Strickland brought the class to order leading 149. Leaders: Steve McDowell 239; John Etheridge 319; Trevor East 300; Wanda Sasser 235; Phillip Reeves 283t; Kathy Wallace 82; Hubert Sasser and Hugh Maze 506; Ashley Roberts 185.

Announcements of upcoming sings were made. Bryant Lee and Martin Highsmith thanked everyone for coming. The young people of this area worked together to host this convention. They are thanked and congratulated for the good job they did in organizing and leading the convention.

The next session of the Tri-State Convention will be held in Port St. Joe, Florida in October 2004.

Bryant Lee and Martin Highsmith led 377b as the closing song, Elder Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Bryant Lee and Martin Highsmith.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, October 18, 2003

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

Mary Lambert Smith called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led 59.

Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Mary Lambert Smith led 30b, 31b; Teenie Moody 317 (in memory of her grandfather, M.F. McWhorter), 171; and Mary Lambert Smith 318.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairlady—Mary Lambert Smith; Vice Chairlady—Teenie Moody; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards. Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 146; Lou Cotney 172, 218; Stanley Edwards 496, 340; Corene Laminack 335, 186, 159; Bobby Jackson 435, 401; Sarah Smith 111t, 384; Eugene Forbes 155, 208.

RECESS

Mary Lambert Smith brought the class to order leading 63 and 405 (in memory of Everette Denney). Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b, 222 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); Gary Smith 503, 523; Karleen Williams 341, 100; George Garner 436 (in memory of his mother, Carrie Garner); Jimmie Denney 68b, 72b; Marlin Beasley 207, 319 (lesson dedicated to Millard and Pearl McWhorter).

LUNCH

Mary Lambert Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 61. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 225t, 489; Cathryn Baker 270, 277; John Plunkett 314, 74t; Milton Oliver 36b, 32t; Felton Denney 231, 385b; Henry Johnson 123t (in memory of Ruth Brown), 138t; Shelbie Sheppard 141, 139; Bill Joe Harris 47t (in memory of his mother-in-law, Estelle Warren), 303 (for his wife, Evelyn Harris); Henry Schuman 112, 217, 498; Eunice Webb 475, 512; Jeff Sheppard 409, 227; Lewis Norton 208 (for his wife, Gertrude), 418, 30b; Hester Edwards and Eunice Webb 388 (for Judd Wheeler who is ill and in memory of his wife, Janet Wheeler); Jeff Sheppard, Eunice Webb, and Hester Edwards 454 (for Ben Greene, grandson of Jeff Sheppard), 271, 104 (for Alice Edwards, Alma, and Louise, sisters of Hester Edwards); Teenie Moody 37b (for her son, Tom McGraw, her sister, Mozelle Sheppard, and her sister, Bernice, who lost a daughter on Friday, and in memory of her brother); Lonnie Rogers and B.M. Smith 45t.

Announcements were made. Mary Lambert Smith and Teenie Moody led 46 as the closing song, Mary Lambert Smith led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Mary Lambert Smith; Vice Chairlady—Teenie Moody; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

COLUMBIA SINGING **Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Missouri** **Saturday, October 18, 2003**

The annual Columbia Singing was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Lou Kujawinski called the class to order leading 47, followed by prayer.

The class was organized with the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone; Treasurer—Becky Ashbaugh; Arranging Committee—Penny Kujawinski; Memorial Committee—Susan Green and Cherry Hinderberger; Chaplains—Kathy Schubert and Cherry Hinderberger. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 148; Anne Missavage 373; Becky Ashbaugh and Penny Kujawinski 274; Cindy Stone 40; Kathy Schubert and Penny Kujawinski 535; Susan Green 350; Paul Figura 46 (MH); Presley Barker 54 (MH); Dan Brittain 22 (MH); Dave Ressler 142; Karen Isbell 34 (MH); Becky Browne 36b; Gary Gronau 171; Wendy Hofmann 56b.

Karen Isbell spoke about how plans are underway to publish the Missouri Harmony in hard back with Dan Brittain assisting in the project by resetting some of the songs.

RECESS

Cindy Stone called the class back to order leading song on page 143. Leaders: Emily Gruber 215; Shirley Figura 68b; Lila Leland 31t; Susan Green 474; Paul Figura 146;

Presley Barker 16 (MH); Dan Brittain 419; Dave Ressler 183; Karen Isbell 200; Becky Browne 179; Gary Gronau 283; Penny Kujawinski 472; Emily Gruber 86; Shirley Figura 49b; Wendy Hofmann 430; Dave Ressler 189. Kathy Schubert offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lou Kujawinski called the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Becky Browne 222; Gary Gronau 300; Karen Isbell 270; Dan Brittain 193; Susan Green 35; Dave Ressler 83t; Paul Figura 23 (MH); Emily Gruber 26 (MH); Wendy Hofmann 481; Penny Kujawinski 542.

Cherry Hinderberger conducted the memorial lesson and began by noting that many of us have friends and relatives who have passed on who may have really inspired us to sing. One such person was her grandmother. Susan Green led songs 128 and 56b for the deceased: Ruth Brown, Lamar Smith, and Leola Smith—Alabama; Everette Denney—Georgia; Virginia Bloom and Ray Bloom of Missouri.

Gary Gronau spoke about the great loss to the singing community represented by the passing of such people as Ruth Brown, who has done so much to spread and foster this singing tradition in the north and mid-west.

Susan Green read the list of sick and shut-ins and a passage of scripture from Hebrews 2:16-18. She reminded us of how we need to remind ourselves that many people live day in and out with pain and suffering, some of whom we even sing with, and yet we are not always aware of their suffering. Those remembered were: Mr. McGowan—Missouri; Doris Carter and Annie Grieshop—Iowa. Susan Green closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Presley Barker led 39t.

RECESS

Wendy Hofmann and Khala Ashbaugh called the class back to order leading 70. Leaders: Shirley Figura 28b; Dan Brittain 399b; Dave Ressler 40 (MH); Becky Browne 20 (MH); Karen Isbell 11 (MH); Paul Figura 268; Emily Gruber 442; Susan Green 391; Presley Barker 497; Gary Gronau 496; Dave Ressler 178.

Lou Kujawinski thanked everyone for their attendance, especially those having to travel a distance; those who prepared the food; and Wendy Hofmann, Dave Ressler, and Dan Brittain for sharing in the pitching of songs.

Announcements were made. Lou Kujawinski led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Cherry Hinderberger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - OREGON **Waverly Heights United Church of Christ, Portland, Oregon** **October 18-19, 2003** **Saturday, October 18**

The eleventh annual Oregon session of the Pacific Northwest Convention was held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Matthew Sellens called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 448b. Bruce Rowland offered the morning prayer. A short business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Sellens; Secretary—Marie Brandis; Treasurer—Kathy Vlach; Resolutions—Suzanne Denker.

Chairman Matthew Sellens introduced our special guest, Matt Wojcik from Brattleboro, Vermont. Mr. Wojcik led an advanced singing school Saturday morning, concentrating on fugue singing. He also gave histories of Sacred Harp singing in New England and how it differs from traditional Sacred Harp singing in the American South. His insights and experience were appreciated by all singers in

attendance as we continue to expand our knowledge of Sacred Harp singing traditions, and to value each of them. The class was dismissed with Bruce Rowland offering the blessing for dinner.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Meg Larson leading 63. Leaders: Matthew Sellens 74b; Jessica Beer 77; Katharine Hough 29t; Marie Brandis 328; Dan Thoma 66; David Zaworski 155; Jack Lofton 228; Gary Plouff 274t; Martha Johnson 196; David Wright 192; Meg Larson 70t; Greg Saue 143; Karen Willard 550; Sally House 171; Rosie Wojcik 460; Jane Grant 163; David Hough 270; Betty Marvin 73b; Caleb Hardy 86; Tom Payne 362; Matthew Wojcik 436; Lucinda Saue 209; Fran Ross 106; Jim Brock 344; Kathy Vlach 49b; John Carson 312b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Susan Helf leading 34b. Leaders: Pat Nida 457; Teri Reich 133; David Jensen 159; Bruce Rowland 426b; Jean Murphy 147b; Eric Holt 146; Sally House 47b; Matthew Sellens 125; Jessica Beer 498; Rachel Foster 335; Dan Thoma and Julie Thoma 68b; Katharine Hough 372; Jack Lofton 340; Marie Brandis 318; David Zaworski 531; Gary Plouff 319; Martha Johnson 532; David Wright 200; Greg Saue 31t; Karen Willard 330b; Lucinda Saue 186; Matthew Sellens 36b. Bruce Rowland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. A social and informal singing was held Saturday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marie Brandis and David Zaworski with about 35 singers attending.

Sunday, October 19

Chairman Matthew Sellens called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 171. Leaders: Matthew Sellens 106; David Hough 32t; Jessica Beer 446; Matt Wojcik 81; Tom Payne 375; Jill Accetta 39t; Teri Reich 126; Bruce Rowland 282; David Wright 546; Susan Helf 112; Marie Brandis 391; Jack Lofton 454; Jean Murphy 189; Gary Plouff 153; Katharine Hough 442; Kathy Vlach 192; Jane Grant 119; Sally House 84; Ken Cofield 61; Karen Willard 181; Rosie Wojcik 440; Eric Holt 448b; Martha Johnson 497.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Meg Larson leading 503. Leaders: Dan Thoma 350; Fran Ross 496; Scott Kennedy 569b; John Carson 324; Betty Marvin 287; Pat Nida 235; Greg Saue 99; David Zaworski 38b; Caleb Hardy 268; Suzanne Denker 504; Marsha Cuttler 45t; Matthew Sellens 108b; David Hough 179; Jessica Beer 392.

Suzanne Denker and Pastor David Zaworski conducted the memorial lesson. Drawing on the poetry of "Vale of Sorrow," it is the grief of love that we feel sorrow at the loss of loved ones because we do love them, because they have meant so much to us. Even as we grieve, we celebrate the gift of their love. Suzanne Denker led 59 for the sick and shut-ins.

David Zaworski led 83t for the following deceased: Lance Greenleaf, Karen Von Riesen, Norabel Miller, and Kathy Blago—Oregon; Ann App and Paul Kulhanek—Washington; Ruth Brown—Alabama; Claudine Snyder—Texas; Muriel Plouff—Massachusetts; Hazel Camp—Georgia; and Dorothy Ross—New York. Pastor David Zaworski closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Meg Larson opened the afternoon session leading 49t. Leaders: Jean Murphy 551; Tom Payne 107; Susan Helf 347; Scott Kennedy 68; Matthew Wojcik 383; Kathy Vlach 475; Jill Accetta 406; Teri Reich 49b; Ken Cofield 71; Betty Marvin 338. A short business meeting was held. Kathy Vlach reported that contributions had covered all expenses of the convention. Thanks were given to David Wright and Jack Lofton for pitching this weekend;

Julie Thoma for organizing the food and singer spouses, Beryl Morrison and David Beer, for helping in the kitchen, ensuring that refreshments and food were available when required; those who attended the convention; Matt and Rosie Wojcik for their invaluable contributions to our love of all Sacred Harp singing.

Special thanks was given to the congregation of the Waverly Heights United Church of Christ for giving up their worship space (and time) for our convention; and for joining us in singing as a form of worshipping God.

A total of 71 people were registered over the weekend, with 140 songs led. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: David Wright 73t; Fran Ross 198; Pat Nida 218; Rosie Wojcik 217; Caleb Hardy 40; Marie Brandis 67; Jack Loftin 378b; Gary Plouff 567; Katharine Hough 236; Sally House 430; Eric Holt 475; Karen Willard 53.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Martha Johnson leading 147. Leaders: Meg Larson 501; Greg Saue 523; Dan Thoma 37; David Zaworski 294; Jill Accetta 495; Scott Kennedy 178; Betty Marvin 369; Matt Wojcik 269; Kathy Vlach 145; Ken Cofield 117; Rosie Wojcik 32; Eric Holt 288; David Hough 30; Fran Ross 361; Tom Payne 58; David Wright 456; Teri Reich 421; Caleb Hardy 344; Pat Nida 479; Matt Wojcik 300; Jessica Beer 332; Marie Brandis 542; Katharine Hough 183; Rosie Wojcik 499.

Announcements of future singings were made. Matthew Sellens led 36b as the closing song as those who wished took the parting hand to close the convention.

Pastor David Zaworski led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Sellens; Secretary—Marie Brandis.

REID MEMORIAL **Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **October 19, 2003**

The eighty-fourth session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 335. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

The singing is permanently organized with the following officers:

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner;

Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 63, 101t; Sarah Smith 129; Clarence McCool 349; Ed Thacker 163t; Clayton Ezell 66; S.T. Reed 65; Marlin Beasley 47b; Elsie Moon 392; Chip Ward 112; Coy Ivey 456; Velton Chafin 482; Elene Stovall 528; Jarrod George 127; Beth O'Dell 442.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Franklin leading 270. Leaders: Kenneth Tate 312t; Henry Johnson 570; Joan Aldridge 454; Tommy George 300; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 32t; Chris Ballinger 163b; Gary Smith 31t; Shane Wootton 542; Jackson Harcrow 282; Daphene Causey 140; David Ivey 220; Gordon Wilkinson 436; Linton Ballinger 208; Cathryn Baker 142; Faye Donaldson and Julie Poston 284; Willodean Barton 480; Travis Keeton 388; Larry Ballinger 215; Karen Ivey 371; Dennis George 224; John Hyde 297; Ann Jett 269.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Danny Creel and Cassie Franklin leading 76b.

Leaders: Danny Creel 383; Lisa Geist 377; Eugene Forbes 168; Max Berueffy 532; Pauline Childers 234; Allison Ivey 440; Lucy Heidorn 460; Myra Dalton 566; Susan Harcrow 99; Judy Caudle 174; Edie Richardson and Veronica Richardson 159; Richard Ivey 187; Julianna Jett 88t; Earl Ballinger 89; Amber Davis 217; Harrison Creel 111b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Harrison Creel leading 498. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 276; Darlene Dalton 277; Milton Oliver 314; Rodney Ivey 430; Buell Cobb 82b; Henry Schuman 426b; Shelley Calvert 146; Edith Tate, Edie Richardson, and Kenneth Tate 73t; Kermit Adams 192; Charlotte McCarn 143; Gravis Ballinger 203; Chris Green 465; Jackie Tanner 222; Flarce Creel 475; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 434; Wanda Capps 216; Wilton Donaldson 565; Cindy Tanner 198; Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 182; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 327; Max Berueffy and Cassie Franklin 328; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 564; Cathryn Baker 318; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 384; Ed Thacker 441; Dennis George and Shane Wootten 172; Marlin Beasley, Sarah Smith, and Gary Smith 274t; Earl Ballinger and Beth O'Dell 546; Susan Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow 186; Joan Aldridge and Elene Stovall 189; Henry Johnson 205; Clarence McCool 535; Larry Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 299; Milton Oliver and S.T. Reed 403; Henry Schuman 280; Judy Caudle 202; Jarrod George and Tommy George 354; Cassie Franklin, Amber Davis, and Chip Ward 358; Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, and Harrison Creel 342.

After announcements were made, Harrison Creel led 512. Carl Estes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner;
Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING **Embry Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, October 25, 2003**

The twenty-seventh annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Embry Hills Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order by Lela Crowder leading 82t and 101t. Bryan Black offered the opening prayer. Bryan Black led 102; Laura Akerman 479, 84; and Kelly Morris 147t, 159.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Yeager; Vice Chair—Cathy White; Secretary—Laura Akerman; Arranging Committee—Kelly Morris and John Plunkett; Finance—Andy Anderson and John Hollingsworth; Memorial—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: David Yeager 425, 350; Cathy White 270, 148; Nancy Yeager 146, 47t; John Hollingsworth 230, 460; Lee Rogers 34t, 431; Hans Guttman 142, 38b; Helen Bryson 175, 361.

RECESS

Cathy White called the class back with 268. Leaders: Malinda Snow 117, 312b; Bill Scott 455, 85; Joan Durdin 45t, 72b (in memory of Ed Turner); Andy Anderson 28t, 335; Deborah Gross 551, 183; Al Grindon 344, 49b; Karen Morris 383 (in memory of Ed Turner), 168; Susan Scott 318, 480.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with David Yeager leading 178. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 81, 143; Andy Morse 313b, 417; Judy Mincey 376, 510.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson, and led 72t in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. John Plunkett concluded the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Dan Huger 86, 569; John Whittemore 40, 47b; Charlene Wallace 95, 441; Cary Grindon 315, 504; Phillip Langley 182, 216.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Malinda Snow leading 448t. Leaders: John Plunkett 495, 540; Wendy Boggan 30t, 63; John Redman 91, 236; Susan Posey and Arlen Folsom 107; Hans Guttman 171, 209; Dan Huger 32t; Lela Crowder and Portia Nunnally 87.

Following announcements, David Yeager led 347 as the closing song, John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Yeager; Vice Chair—Cathy White; Secretary—Laura Ackerman.

GREAT RIVER ROAD SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

**Jordan's Chapel and Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi
Saturday, October 25, 2003**

The class was called together at Jordan's Chapel by John Merritt, leading "Angel Band" (OSH) and 29b (CB). Randy McCollum offered the opening prayer. Gordon Cotton gave a message of welcome and led 218 (OSH). Singing was from the Cooper Book, the Alabama Christian Harmony, and the Old School Hymnal.

Leaders: John Merritt 564; Wanda Gregg 470, 143; Brenda Merritt 76, 142; Mike McNeil 573, 522; Paul Figura 146, 575; A.E. Probst 574, 239; Nancy Van Den Akker 497; John Lee Van Horn 38t, 36b; Mark Davis and Bobby Caldwell 82, 54t.
RECESS

The class was called back to order with John Merritt leading 243b. Leaders: Mark Davis 128, 154b; Ester Mann and Mark Davis 505, 484b; Jean Gray 288, 358; Barbara McNeil and Mike McNeil 559, 571; Ann Fox and Paul Figura 388, 507b. Gordon Cotton offered some remarks on reviving the tradition of Sacred Harp singing in the area, and a small group sang "Who Will Sing for Me." John Merritt asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class reconvened at the Old Courthouse Museum where Gordon Cotton, the curator, offered a welcome to members of the local community who had come to listen, and led an opening prayer.

Leaders: John Merritt 59, 49t; Mark Davis 155, 200; Mark Davis and Natalie Davis 572; John Lee Van Horn 132, 488b; Mike McNeil 204t (CH), 47 (CH); Bobby Caldwell and Mark Davis 38b, 216t (CH); Jean Gray 63, 127; Barbara McNeil 54t, 559; Nancy Van Den Akker 229, 192; Paul Figura 101t, 40; A.E. Probst and John Merritt 159, 45b; Ann Fox and Paul Figura 107; Shirley Figura 484b; Brenda Merritt 543b, 47b; John Lee Van Horn 235; Wanda Gregg 239; Ester Mann 451b, 171; John Merritt "Nothing But the Blood", 571, 117 (CH); John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 331t.

Gordon Cotton extended an invitation to hold a singing at the museum next year, and closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—John Merritt; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama Saturday, October 25, 2003

The Coy Putnam Memorial singing was called to order by David Light leading 274t and 100. Hershell King led 340. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman—David Light; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

Leaders: David Light 200; Robert Walker 569b, 460; Marlin Beasley 153, 76b; Anita Landess 312b, 297; Carmon Brothers 59, 45t; Sandra Light 143, 354b.

RECESS

David Light called the class back to order with 76b. Leaders: Glenda Hopper 202, 192; Richard Mauldin 66, 36b; Brenda Peña 362, 277; Ernest Phillips 39b, 424; Ramona Light and David Light 110, 302; Elder J.L. Hopper 81, 181.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by David Light leading 274. Leaders: Hershell King 35; Robert Walker 68b; Anita Landess 490, 229; Richard Mauldin 146; Ernest Phillips and Irene Jordan 64; J.L. Hopper 407; Marlin Beasley 341. David Light led 425 as the closing song, Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Irene Jordan.

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Morton, Mississippi October 26, 2003

John Merritt called the class together with 14 (OSH). Andrew Albers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Merritt 46, 116; Nancy Van Den Akker 546, 78; Velton Chafin 225t, 478; John Lee Van Horn 511t, 140; Karen Clark 563, 367; Ann Fox and Paul Figura 107t, 135; Shirley Figura 49b, 63; Paul Figura 128, 239.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Andrew Albers leading 41 and 176b. Leaders: Don Clark 30t, 171; Wanda Gregg 155, 28b; Brenda Merritt 559; Kate Merritt and Brenda Merritt 137; Kate Merritt and Hannah Albers 392; Ester Mann and Colvin Mann 59, 400 (in thanksgiving for her father's swift recovery from a stroke); Kurt Davis 45t; Mark Davis and Natalie Davis 572; Mark Davis 53, 203, 200; Paul Figura 47b; Karen Clark 411; Ann Fox and Paul Figura 449.

The song on page 369 was led for the blessing, Don Clark offered prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Murray Simmons leading 355 and 67. Leaders: Hannah Albers 145b; John Lee Van Horn 263; Karen Clark 410, 509; Nancy Van Den Akker 100; Don Clark 286b; Wanda Gregg 408; Brenda Merritt 101t; Kate Merritt 522, 447t; Ester Mann and Colvin Mann 143; Colvin Mann 159; Andrew Albers 438; Paul Figura 340; Shirley Figura 274t; John Merritt 496t.

Paul Figura led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Merritt; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker.

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH Newell, Randolph County, Alabama October 26, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading 101t. Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church, offered the morning prayer. Billy Joe Harris led 32t and 503.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Sherry Lovvorn.

Leaders: Mary Lambert Smith 70t, 35; Margie Smith 313t, 569b; Eugene Forbes 155, 299; Sherry Lovvorn 143, 146; Stanley Edwards 496; Geraldine Rice 168, 171; Rodney Ivey 75, 88t; Eunice Webb 406, 373; Bobby Jackson 274t, 499; Floy Wilder 123t, 120; John Plunkett 52t, 52b.

RECESS

Billy Joe Harris brought the class to order leading 147t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 448b, 100; Ann Webb 274b, 48t; Henry Johnson 535, 566; Teenie Moody 76b, 45t; Jeff Sheppard 121, 322; LaRue Allen 106, 371; Hans Guttman 128, 122; Allison Ivey 277, 186. Frank Bell made comments about the people who have supported this singing in the past and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers and Sherry Lovvorn brought the class to order leading 389. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 217; Geraldine Rice 222; John Plunkett 467; Floy Wilder 236. Henry Johnson and Sherry Lovvorn conducted the memorial lesson. Sherry Lovvorn led 358 for the sick and shut-ins. Henry Johnson led 338 in memory of the deceased. Rev. Julian Murphy closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 348b; Eunice Webb 318; Jeff Sheppard 335; Ann Webb 384; Bobby Jackson 480; Allison Ivey 192; Eugene Forbes 208; Teenie Moody 73b; Hans Guttman 112; Reba Norton 177; LaRue Allen 300; B.M. Smith 475; Frank Bell and Pam Williams 341, 339; Margie Smith 225t; John Plunkett 399t; Rodney Ivey 47t; Henry Johnson 47b.

Announcements were made. In 2004, the singing will start at 9:30 a.m. CT. Lonnie Rogers and Billy Joe Harris led 405 in memory of Everette Denney, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother Williams.

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W.A. PARKER MEMORIAL New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama October 26, 2003

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 63. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Marlin Beasley led 31b.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Sarah Smith.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 32b, 168; Brenda Peña 569; John Hyde 313t, 566; Corene White 37b, 73t; Billy Williams 297, 448b; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Travis Keeton 343, 146; Willodean Barton 119, 460.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Marlin Beasley leading 101t. Leaders: Gary Smith 565, 31t; Flarce Creel 475; Clarence McCool 77t, 68b; Elene Stovall 172, 222; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Anita Landess 540, 170; Harrison Creel 89; Josie Hyde 137, 155; Max Berueffy 123t, 121.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Marlin Beasley leading 75. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 276; Larry Ballinger 139, 133; Becky Briggs 318, 480; Ottis Sides 530, 378, 235; Latriva Bailey 143; Charles Kitchens 429; Elene Stovall 32t; Billy Williams 78 (for Etma Barton who is 100 years old today).

A memorial was held. Angel Woodley and Marlice Ray led 426 and 192 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers. Josie Hyde led 442 (by request) for the Myers family.

Nora Parker led 277 and 299 in memory of W.A. Parker. Richard Mauldin led 35 and 294 in memory of Willie Carolyn Denson.

Leaders: Alvin Beasley 30t, 81t; Travis Keeton 74b; John Beasley 335, 39t; Brenda Peña and the Beasley family (Marlin Beasley, Sarah Smith, Alvin Beasley, and Becky Briggs) 480 (for Elsie Beasley); Cassie Franklin 95, 83; Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin 498, 512, 342; Anita Landess 441; Max Berueffy 340, 532 (for Edith Tate); Larry Ballinger 371; Richard Mauldin 358.

Marlin Beasley led 62 as the closing song. Billy Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker.

B.I. WOOD AND ALVIS BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama** **Saturday, November 1, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for B.I. Wood and Alvis Brothers was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Ron Crocker called the class to order leading 138b. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens; Arranging

Committee—Ella Ruth Chamblee, Ruby Brothers, and Billie Dean Hornsby.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 48t; Willowese Malone 147t, 354b; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 569b, 565; Hershell King 410t, 544; Judy Caudle 33b, 366; Bessie Holbrooks 30t, 30b; J.L. Hopper 295, 461; Glenda Hopper 32t, 39b; Deborah Ritch 335, 312b.

RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading 340. Leaders: Doris Brown, Billie Dean Hornsby, and Gloria Hutchens 33b, 490, 348b; Willowese Malone 89, 127; Ed Thacker 108b, 358; Margaret Thacker 235, 147b; Hershell King 80b, 97; Judy Caudle 85, 108b, 290; Bessie Holbrooks 45t, 100; J.L. Hopper 81t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ron Crocker leading 49b. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 27; Glenda Hopper 34b, 43; Deborah Ritch 274, 373, 388; Doris Brown, Billie Dean Hornsby, and Gloria Hutchens 399b, 378t, 146, 566.

A memorial lesson was held with Ron Crocker leading 285 and 282 in memory of Alvis Brothers, B.I. Wood, Oma Wood, Enis Walls, Ester Walls Brown, and other deceased. J.L. Hopper led 143 as a special request. Also remembered were the sick and shut-ins which, included Carmon and Ruby Brothers who were unable to attend. Ron Crocker led 62 as the closing song, Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens.

DENNEY MEMORIAL **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **Saturday, November 1, 2003**

The Denney Memorial singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. This singing was formerly held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia on the same date with Everette Denney as Chairman, and this singing is dedicated to his memory. Everette Denney died on December 29, 2002.

Felton Denney called the class to order leading 37b. Philip Denney offered the morning prayer. Josephine Denney led 101t and Felton Denney led 31t.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairman—Bernard Denney; Secretary—Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Philip Denney 401, 84; Bernard Denney 100, 145b; Jimmie Denney 313t, 276; Bobby Jackson 341, 499; Karen Rollins 34b, 143; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t.

Preston McClendon, who is 99 years old, led 127. This song was the very first song he ever led, 95 years ago, and it was here at Emmaus Church.

RECESS

The class was reassembled. Philip Denney and Moena Denney led 405 in memory of Everette Denney who would have been 88 years old today. Moena Denney expressed how pleased she was that everyone came and that we were remembering Everett. She also expressed gratitude for her friends, who would always be in her heart, and asked for the prayers of everyone.

Leaders: Mary Lambert Smith 27, 63; Earlis McGraw 114, 132; B.M. Smith 122, 123t; Paige Harrod 112, 222; John Plunkett 55, 151; Anita Landess 312b, 297; Carlene Griffin 117, 448b; Jeff Sheppard 41, 140; Jeannette DePoy 448t, 306; Richard DeLong 399b, 134 (in memory of Mary Ann Denney).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bernard Denney leading 61. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 303, 284; Donna Duke 40, 155; Lou Cotney 189, 384; Charlene Wallace 388, 421.

A motion was made by Philip Denney to extend the business session for the purpose of selecting a name for the singing. The motion was seconded. After discussion, it was voted and approved to make this singing be know as the Denney Memorial which would meet at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia on Saturday before the first Sunday in November each year. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 489; John Plunkett 569t, 539; Anita Landess 540; Eunice Webb 434; Jeff Sheppard 403; Jeannette DePoy 570; B.M. Smith 149; Richard DeLong 103; Cecil Roberts 335, 49b; Bobby Jackson 288; Lou Cotney 497; Earlis McGraw 425; Lonnie Rogers and B.M. Smith 164; Philip Denney 340 (in memory of J.D. Muse), 120.

Announcements were made. Philip Denney and Lonnie Rogers led 46 as the closing song, and Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairman—Bernard Denney; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO/HYDE PARK ANNIVERSARY SINGING Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois Saturday, November 1, 2003

The fifth annual Hyde Park/University of Chicago Anniversary Singing was called to order by Vice Chairman Jeremy York leading 82t. Chaplain Jim Swanson gave the invocation. Jim Helke led 73b and Jim Swanson led 275t.

The business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeremy York; Vice Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Suzanne Flandreau; Arranging—Rachel Adelstein; Memorial Committee—Marcia Johnson and Megan Jennings; Finance—Randy Neufeld; Resolutions—Cathryn Baker.

Leaders: Cathryn Baker 270; Ted Johnson 137; Hugh Thomas 477; James Page 232; Suzanne Flandreau 370; Henry Schuman 335; Anne Heider 155; Samuel Sommers 184; Ann Miczulski 300; Steve Warner 171; Martha Beverly 274t; Bruce Holmes 146; Rachel Adelstein 91; Megan Jennings 29t; Nick Pasqual 353; Marcia Johnson 196; Randy Neufeld 107; Ariel Weinberg 192; Ted Johnson 368; Anne Heider 198; Jim Helke 218; Martha Beverly 430; Jim Swanson 397; Samuel Sommers 380.

RECESS

Jim Helke called the class together leading 35. Leaders: Cathryn Baker 468; Bill Beverly 120; Jeremy York 365; Ann Miczulski 317; James Page 26; Steve Warner 147t; Ted Mercer 299; Megan Jennings 542; Nick Pasqual 446; Suzanne Flandreau 203; Anne Heider 475; Henry Schuman 426b; Rachel Adelstein 268; Randy Neufeld 148; Hugh Thomas 64; Ariel Weinberg 42.

Marcia Johnson conducted the memorial lesson, and led 547 for the following deceased: Mary Hackney—Florida; Daniel Levey—Hawaii; Bruce Ketelle—Wisconsin; Cecilia Hauff—South Dakota; Stephanie Rubin and Art Heffley—Illinois; Robert Warner—California; Ruth Brown and Willie Carolyn Denson—Alabama; Robert Sanders and Anthony Jefferson, doormen at 5000 Cornell in Chicago where the Hyde Park singers regularly sing; the victims of the recent high rise fires in Chicago, and all victims of war throughout the world.

Megan Jennings led 216 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Stark and Jack Kressly—Illinois; Bob Scorgie and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin; Kenneth Russell—Pennsylvania; Jeremy Jennings—Michigan; and Mary Thomas—Canada. Jim Swanson closed the memorial with prayer. Bruce Holmes led 102.

LUNCH

Cathryn Baker called the class together for the afternoon session leading 81t. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 548; Ted Johnson “The Bible’s Rose” (his own composition); Martha Beverly 319; Jim Helke 154; Sue Kessell 362; Jim Swanson 396; Melanie Hauff 383; Bill Beverly 523; Judy Hauff 418; Marcia Johnson 345b; Ted Mercer “Agatite” (Midwest Supplement); Ann Miczulski 361; Nick Pasqual 350; Randy Neufeld 99; Suzanne Flandreau 40; James Page “Experience” (his own composition); Megan Jennings 189; Hugh Thomas 28b; Ariel Weinberg 191; Jeremy York 183; Rachel Adelstein 151; Bruce Holmes 47t; Henry Schuman 532. Hugh Thomas, Ariel Weinberg, and Megan Jennings led 472 as an alumni lesson.

RECESS

Judy Holst called the class together with 379. Leaders: Jim Helke 33t; Sue Kessell 385b; Lisa Grayson “Converse” (Midwest Supplement); Samuel Sommers 112; Martha Beverly 467; Hugh Thomas 178; Henry Schuman 195; James Page “New Durham” (Midwest Supplement).

After announcements, Cathryn Baker gave a resolution of thanks to Quaker House for the venue, and to other participants for their work and assistance. Jeremy York and Jim Helke led the traditional closing song on page 347, while the class took the parting hand. Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jeremy York; Vice Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Suzanne Flandreau.

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING **Old Sardis Church, Lynn Park, Alabama** **Saturday, November 1, 2003**

This singing was held in celebration of Velton Chafin’s eighty-first birthday. The morning sessions were held from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition,” and the afternoon session was held from the “Cooper Book.”

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 31b. John Merritt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35; Corene White 37b, 146; John Hyde 544, 297; S.T. Reed 27, 176b; Travis Keeton 400, 290; Thurman Nall 49b, 348b; Marie Guthrie 192, 411; Marlin Beasley 175, 336.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 426b. Leaders: Latrive Bailey 300, 384; Gary Smith 503, 34b; Margaret McGowan 141, 358; Sarah Smith 32t, 75; Julie Poston 111t; Margaret Keeton 511, 517; Max Berueffy 436, 530; Eldagene Roberson 142, 385b; Velton Chafin 437; Henry Guthery 97, 460; J.A. Mosley 341, 282; Milton Oliver 270, 76b; Larry Ballinger 76t, 77b; Edith Tate 73t; Elvin Guthrie 298, 266; John Merritt 245; Brenda Merritt 340.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 225. Leaders: Billy Williams 498b, 468; Thurman Nall 336, 292b; Milton Oliver 505; Larry Ballinger 39; J.A. Mosley 572; Ozella Blackmon 522, 559; S.T. Reed 569; John Merritt 45b; Max Berueffy 54t, 344; Henry Guthery 86, 497; Edith Tate 404; Velton Chafin 478; Marlin Beasley 571, 563; Brenda Merritt 54, 488. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL **South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27 and I-20** **November 2, 2003**

The annual all-day Sacred Harp Memorial singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 60. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 59; Carlene Griffin 75, 155; Danny Griffin 35, 37b; Mildred Patterson 108b, 100; Margie Smith 373, 494; Stanley Edwards 384, 101t; Ed Thacker 57, 108t; Bob Goodman 569b, 497; LaRue Allen 546, 198; Anita Landess 170, 58; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 196, 269; Preston McClendon 45t; Junior Robinson 40; Don Bowen 337, 283 (in memory of E.C. Bowen).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class began singing with Phillip Langley leading 475 and 142. Leaders: Jarrod George 236; Debra Jiles 143, 300; Eunice Webb 318, 392; Aaron Little 378t, 480; John Whittemore 159, 48b; B.J. Harris 225t, 303; Sherry Lovvorn 340, 454; Lonnie Rogers 97, 222; Kelly Morris 147t, 114; Mary Lambert Smith 434, 206; Teenie Moody 302, 284; Lisa Webb 496, 49b; Coy Ivey 456, 137; Bobby Jackson 490, 112; Amanda Denson 365, 276; Hugh McGraw 146 (for Lillie Todd and Grace Neese).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 435 and 225b. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 274t; Lela Crowder 436, 430; Dennis George 506, 215; Charles Woods 453; Shelbie Sheppard 29b, 505 (in memory of Buford McGraw and Lloyd Redding); B.M. Smith 34b, 28b (for Myrtle Smith); Richard Mauldin 290, 168 (in memory of Ruth Denson Edwards and all the deceased Denson family); Tommy George 354; Louis Hughes 569b, 217; Rodney Ivey 220, 64; Elene Stovall 192, 216; Henry Johnson 390, 435; Jeff Sheppard 426b (in memory of Flora Skinner).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Judy Henry leading 117. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 200, 442; Judy Mincey 510, 501; Laura Akerman 543, 532; Max Berueffy 446, 530; Felton Denney 299, 385b; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Sheri Taylor 440, 542.

After announcements were made, Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 347 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia** **November 2, 2003**

The eighty-fourth session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman David Grant leading 52t. Jon Robinson offered the opening prayer.

The following committees were appointed by Chairman David Grant: Arranging Committee—Oscar McGuire; Nominating Committee—Raymond Hamrick and Wesley Haley; Memorial Committee—Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks. Leaders: David Grant 325; Oscar McGuire 75, 171; John Hollingsworth 335, 114; Jon Robinson 452, 45t; Rita Haley 63, 117; Tim Meeks 318, 491; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276; Otis Hester 542, 142; John Plunkett 330b, 285t; Bonnie Rewis 441, 496.

RECESS

President David Grant called the singing back to order with 482. Leaders: Timothy Haley 299, 384; Myrtice Meeks 206, 129.

The business session was held with the following officers duly elected to serve for the coming year: President—David Grant; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Rita Haley; Chaplain—Jon Robinson. The officers' terms begin at the end of this session. The singings for 2003 were reviewed. All singings were renewed for the coming new year.

Raymond Hamrick requested to speak before the convention. Permission was granted, and he presented a new singing to be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March 2004 in Macon, Georgia at Mercer University. Hugh McGraw will teach a singing school on Friday night before. The convention unanimously agreed to support this new singing.

Treasurer John Hollingsworth presented the Treasurer's report, which was unanimously accepted as presented. The business session was adjourned with Jon Robinson offering prayer.

LUNCH

President David Grant opened the session after lunch with 403. Leaders: Mary Brownlee 497, 354t; Wesley Haley 77b; Brittainy Rewis 34t, 354b; Kay Robinson 339, 155; Bob Meeks 73b, 323b; Marjorie Robinson 72b, 373; Polly Hester 490, 480; Raymond Hamrick 92, 225t; Sandra Wilkinson 282, 274t; Louanne Turner 515, 147. The memorial lesson followed. Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks came forward to present the following shut-ins and led 290 in their honor: Richard Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Martha Johnson, Myra Smith, Patty Meeks Beasley, Bob Corbin, Louise Bartley, Joyce Harrison, Charles Crawford, Estelle Flowers, and Runelle Crawford (all of Georgia).

Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks led 565 in memory of those who had passed away since the last convention: Doris Haley and J.J. Sills (passed away the morning of the convention, November 2, 2003). The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: John Plunkett 278t; David Grant 448t; Otis Hester 224; Sandra Wilkinson 149; Rita Haley 120.

Announcements were made. President David Grant led 69b as the closing song. He then talked about his summary of the entire Bible. He gave out copies of his outline and asked each member to read his work. Jon Robinson closed with prayer.

President—David Grant; Vice President—Oscar McGuire; Chaplain—Jon Robinson; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Rita Haley; Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **November 2, 2003**

The ninety-eighth session of the annual Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. Christopher Rice called the class to order leading 59. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Chris Rice 426t; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Cecil Wakefield 268, 282; Sarah Smith 318, 137; Clarence McCool 112, 172; Nellie Alexander 81, 274t; Marlin Beasley 111t, 37b; Ivalene Donaldson 335; John Hyde 168, 129; Vernice Phillips 222, 143; Gary Smith 503, 68b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Wilton Donaldson leading 32t. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 120, 138t; Linton Ballinger 378t, 213t; Faye Donaldson 430, 225; Lisa Geist 45t, 180, 546; Travis Keeton 157, 179; Roma Rice 495, 496; Kermit Adams 277, 285t; Sharon Spangler 108t, 406; Larry Ballinger 119, 50b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chris Rice leading 34 and 384.

Leaders: Ken Tate 358, 124; Jayne Fulmer 146, 297, 273; Connie Robbins 294, 111b; Dawson Adams 77t; Latrivi Bailey 517 (WB), 300; Clarence McCool 569; Julie Poston 166; Sarah Smith and Gary Smith 72b; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 73t; Lisa Geist 215; Larry Ballinger 73b; Jayne Fulmer 454 (in memory of the Shaddix family); Cecil Wakefield 134, 373; Travis Keeton 201; Ken Tate 83 (for Edith Tate); Kermit Adams 99.

Chris Rice led 40 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Rice; Vice Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING **Plum Grove Church at Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin** **Saturday, November 8, 2003**

The seventeenth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Johanna Fabke leading 52t. Becky Browne offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Julie Vea 421; Jan Ketelle 36b; Dick Dunagan 66; Val Dunagan 350; Marjorie Matthews 218; Cathryn Baker 216; Dave Ressler 189; Peggy Brayfield 28t; Martha Beverly 171; Denise Kania 474; Berkley Moore 67; Janet Fraembs 532; Gary Gronau 163t; Kit Pfau 58; Megan Jenning 383; Steven Levine 441; Paul Figura 436.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford; Chaplain—Carol Enseki; Arranging Committee—James Page; Memorial Committee—Carol Crawford and Carol Enseki; Treasurer—Dick Dunagan; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 411; Karen Isbell 224; Eleanor Haase 384; Marcia Johnson 434; Paul Wyatt 53; Lisa Grayson 419; Brad Hunnicutt 35; Ted Johnson “The Bible’s Rose”; Collette Miller 183; Kathy Kaiser 203; Jeanette Nelson 504; Francis Gurtz 472; Karen Freund 300; James Page, Martha Klasen, and Johanna Gorman Baer 272; Christine Stevens 352; Carl Crawford 280; Terry Hogg 212; Edward Thomas and Marcia Johnson 76b; Jerry Enright 168. Carol Enseki offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Wells called the class to order leading 38t. Leaders: Jim Crawford 186; Michael Moore 202; Judy Hauff 102; Becky Browne 142; Ted Mercer 103; Jeanette Lowry 475; Martha Henderson 456; Jim Helke 37b; Matt Wells 318.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Carol Enseki and Carol Crawford who led 163 for the deceased and 566 for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were: Vern Handrick—Wisconsin; Ruth Brown, Lamar Smith, and Lavaughn Ballinger—Alabama; Everette Denney—Georgia; Nancy Hargrave and David Erceg—Minnesota; Bruce Ketelle—Tennessee; Cecelia Hauff—South Dakota; Anthony Jefferson, Robert Sanders, and Stephanie Rubin—Illinois; Dinah Breunig - Vermont; Matt Ettinger and Mary Hackney—Florida; Virginia Bloom and Ray Bloom—Missouri; Art Heffley—Indiana; troops and citizens in Iraq; fire victims. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Mary Agee, Bob Scorgie, and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin; Nick Pender—Georgia; Alan Bates—England; Suzanne Checcia, Violet Stark, and Ted Leeb—Illinois; Kelly Beard and Dick Haase—Texas; Tricia Ryan and Sara Curry—California; Pat Cirkus—Florida; Eleanor Phillips—Massachusetts; children in need. Carol Enseki closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Bill Beverly 86; Henry Schuman 217; Connie Karduck 222.

RECESS

Brad Hunnicutt brought the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: Mike Draney 178; Megan Jennings 269; Paul Wyatt 569b; Collette Miller 368; Jeanette Lowery 260; Christine Stevens 542; Brad Hunnicutt 369; Francis Gurtz 566; Becky Browne 270; Judy Hauff 448t; Terry Hogg 535; Jeanette Nelson 479; Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 442; Steven Levine 164; Janet Fraembs 335.

RECESS

Jim Helke called the class back to order leading 334. Leaders: Paul Figura 481; Melanie Hauff 271t; Peggy Brayfield 313b; Matt Wells 29t; Johanna Fabke 122; Martha Beverly 319; Karen Isbell and Gary Gronau 496; Cathryn Baker 480; Eleanor Haase 99; Marcia Johnson and Ted Johnson 485; Berkley Moore 290. Following announcements and thanks, Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford led 62 as the closing song, and Carol Enseki dismissed the class with prayer. Chairmen—Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, November 8, 2003

The nineteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 59. Mark Taylor offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 81t; David Carlton 47t, 48t; Laurens Blankers 276, 40; Sandie Scott 46, 86; Fay Thompson 128, 53; Roy Turrentine 49b, 68b.

RECESS

Clayton Ezell called the class back to order leading 231 and 390. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 496, 36t; Mark Taylor 124, 143; Heidi Nolen 448t, 312b; Bob Simmons 532, 569b; Debbie Sides 84, 73b; Gordon Wilkinson 208, 200.

RECESS

Mike Grimes called the class back to order leading 225t and 424. Leaders: Gary Smith 503, 565; Judy Mincey 376, 475.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together for the afternoon session leading 148 and 117. Leaders: Sarah Smith 318, 137; Marlin Beasley 314, 340; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Richard Shadinger 145t, 294; Ann Ballard 144, 406; Lewis Frost 178, 452; Jo Ann Grimes 45t, 236; John Plunkett 45b, 71; Dorothea Gibson 354b, 196; Andy Gay 133, 61; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; John Merritt 268, lined out "The Mercy Seat," 333 (LD).

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 146 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING
First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 8, 2003

The Dallas County Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Gary Rogan leading 49t and 48t. Curtis Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 52t; Reed Coates 49b; Doris Hanks 384; Ryan Ross 209; Esther Huckaby 358; Josh Rogan 421; Edith Owen 493; Robert Handel 490; Amanda Owen 475; Leon Ballinger 299; Catherine Rogan 40; Billy Huckaby 176t; Terre Schill 103; Jeb Owen 283; Diane Ross 455; Susan Sanders 178; H.P. O'Mary 75.

RECESS

Gary Rogan called the class back to order leading 299. Leaders: Sarah Huckaby 344; Bruce Coates 163b; Liz Owen 328; Vivian Rogan 282; Donald Ross 566; Michelle Rogan 110; Tom Owen 496; Crystal Visco 63; Curtis Owen 480; Katie Moseley 330t; Robert Vaughn 535; Beverly Coates 377; Cissy Moseley 532; Avon Miller 506; Ben Brown 159; Brandon Franklin 76b; Zach Rogan 215; Esther Huckaby 270; Kim Ritchie 84; Ryan Ross 120; Reed Coates 137; Doris Hanks 34t; Robert Handel 234; Edith Owen 34b; Leon Ballinger 168; Amanda Owen 354t; Catherine Rogan 171; Billy Huckaby 448t. Tom Owen offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bruce Coates called the class to order for the afternoon session leading 111. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 499; Jeb Owen 472; Terre Schill 396; Diane Ross 347; Gary Rogan 313t; Susan Sanders 551; H.P. O'Mary 35; Sarah Huckaby 454; Vivian Rogan 503;

Donald Ross 284; Liz Owen 430; Crystal Visco 146; Tom Owen 426b; Bruce Coates 313b; Katie Moseley 39t; Curtis Owen 441; Avon Miller 553; Beverly Coates 278.

RECESS

Bruce Coates called the class to order leading 31b. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 67; Cissy Moseley 235; Ben Brown 85; Kim Ritchie 143; Ryan Ross 192; Doris Hanks 448b; Reed Coates 217; Robert Handel 348b; Amanda Owen 99; Zach Rogan 280; Billy Huckaby 47b; Leon Ballinger 268; Terre Schill 56b; Susan Sanders 45t.

Bruce Coates led song on page 549 as the closing song. Gary Rogan dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Gary Rogan; Vice Chairman—Bruce Coates; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION

Richmond, Virginia

November 8-9, 2003

Saturday, November 8

The twelfth annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November at the Varina Masonic Lodge in Richmond, Virginia. The class was called to order by Blake Morris leading 274t. Sandra Hack Polaski offered the morning prayer. Sandra Hack Polaski led 354b; Mary Wright 145b; and Lois Badey 117.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gail Doss; Vice Chairman—Blake Morris; Treasurer—Lois Badey; Secretary—Mary Wright; Chaplains—Sandra Hack Polaski, Don Polaski, Craig Baughan, and Henry Bizzell; Memorial—Kathy Manning; Arrangements—Stephen McMaster and Bev Oneida; Pitching—Blake Morris, Doron Henkin, John delRe, and John Feddersen; Kitchen—Pat Temple and Bev Oneida; Flyers and Forms—Judy North; Registration—Norma Morris.

Leaders: Pat Temple 318; Gail Doss 142; Brian Sears 217; Bev Oneida 362; Blake Morris 415; Kat Kinkade 277; Frank Evans 229; Stephen McMaster 171; Kelly Macklin 377; Elizabeth Cusick 178; Tom Ivey 146; Sue Hanson 209; Leyland delRe 297; Doron Henkin 192; Joan Aldridge 189; Don Polaski 351; Henry Bizzell 34b; John delRe 448b; D.J. Hatfield 296; Hal Kunkel 59; Kathy Manning 87.

RECESS

The class was called together by Kelly Macklin leading 452. Leaders: Gail Doss 222; Dan Raessler 567 (led by Doron Henkin); Mary Wright 405; Lois Badey 159; Pat Temple 232; Sandra Hack Polaski 475; Brian Sears 313b; Bev Oneida 448t; Blake Morris 228; John Daniel delRe 180; Kat Kinkade 383; Frank Evans 191; Stephen McMaster 347; Kelly Macklin 408; Elizabeth Cusick 86; Leyland delRe 98; Tom Ivey 195; Don Polaski 477; Sue Hanson 473; Doron Henkin 94. Sandra Hack Polaski offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gail Doss called the afternoon session together with 99. Leaders: John delRe 78; Kathy Manning 352; Henry Bizzell 127; Joan Aldridge 150; D.J. Hatfield 79; Hal Kunkel 550; Ina Henkin 160b; Gail Doss 124; Mary Wright 324; Lois Badey 148; Pat Temple 400; Sandra Hack Polaski 446; Brian Sears 267; Bev Oneida 266; Blake Morris 370; Frank Evans 38b; Stephen McMaster 112; Kelly Macklin 468; Elizabeth Cusick 481; Tom Ivey 84; Leyland delRe 172.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Gail Doss leading 128. Leaders: Sue Hanson 332; Doron Henkin 300; Henry Bizzell 163b; Joan Aldridge 474; John delRe, Kelly Macklin, John Daniel delRe, and Leyland delRe 181; D.J. Hatfield 376; Hal Kunkel 302; Ina

Henkin 398; Sandra Hack Polaski 455; Brian Sears 288; Kathy Manning 153; Don Polaski 436; Doron Henkin 573; Tom Ivey 186; Sue Hanson 203; John delRe 333; D.J. Hatfield 201; Stephen McMaster 282; Blake Morris 214.

Don Polaski dismissed the class with prayer.

A late afternoon session, organized by Blake Morris, featured new music and music from sources other than “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.”

Sunday, November 9

The Sunday session was called to order by Blake Morris leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Don Polaski.

Leaders: Mary Wright 421; Pat Temple 27; Guy Bankes 77b; Bev Oneida 284; Don Polaski 73b; Joan Aldridge 63; Tom Ivey 501; Sue Hanson 49t; Blake Morris 503; Mary Wright 108t; Pat Temple 566; Guy Bankes 556; Bev Oneida 547; Don Polaski 515; Lynda Hambourger 318; Frank Evans 284; Joan Aldridge 535; Tom Ivey 335; Craig Baughan 324; Sue Hanson 82; John Feddersen 378b; Gail Doss 212; Blake Morris 103; Guy Bankes 151.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class together leading 141. Leaders: Kathy Manning 75; Hal Kunkel 224; Lynda Hambourger 348t; Frank Evans 269 (led by Blake Morris); Craig Baughan 390; John Feddersen 550; Joan Aldridge 546; Don Polaski 441; Tom Ivey 254; Sue Hanson 430; Gail Doss 162; Hal Kunkel 534; Bev Oneida 213; Mary Wright 510; Pat Temple 137; Guy Bankes 391; Lynda Hambourger 106; Frank Evans 110.

Kathy Manning conducted the memorial lesson. She discussed transitions in life, the links between mind and body and acceptance with grace, and then led 229 for the deceased. Those remembered were: Allie Aldridge, Lucille Burkes, and Elder Donald Smith—Alabama; Hugh Anderson—New York; Rosemary Johnson—Virginia; George Clements—Nova Scotia; Dorothy Blake—Canada. Kathy Manning led 129 in honor of the sick and shut-ins: George Bryan, Carol Cauthorne, Miriam Kilmer, Judy Peery, Margaret Rennie, and Carole Vance—Virginia; Jane Roman and Martha Von Herman—Maryland; Marilyn Darch—California; Margaret Peckman—Florida. Craig Baughan concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Craig Baughan 126; John Feddersen 477; Gail Doss 150; Hal Kunkel 500; Tom Ivey 504; Don Polaski 198; Sue Hanson 142; Bev Oneida 440; Mary Wright 42; Guy Bankes 65; Lynda Hambourger 302; Frank Evans 268; Kathy Manning 304.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Blake Morris leading 35. Leaders: Hannah Polaski 299; Craig Baughan 178; John Feddersen 189; Gail Doss 505; Hal Kunkel 280; Tom Ivey 66; Pat Temple 220; Joan Aldridge 222; Don Polaski 480; Sue Hanson 497; Mary Wright 173; Guy Bankes 486; Lynda Hambourger 112; Frank Evans 344; Craig Baughan 347; John Feddersen 536; Pat Temple 323; Gail Doss 543; Blake Morris 442; Hal Kunkel 565; Tom Ivey 334; Don Polaski 454; Sue Hanson 163t; John Feddersen 236 (for George Tutwiler).

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees. The Treasurer’s report was given by Blake Morris.

Sue Hanson gave the Resolutions report thanking all of those without whom the convention would not have been a success. Thanks were extended to all officers and committees; those who made arrangements; pitching; who worked in the kitchen and those who brought food; who handled the flyers, forms, and registration; those who opened their homes to visitors; and thanks to God for the good weather, fine fellowship, and glorious music.

Announcements were made. The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November (November 13-14, 2004). Song on page 62, and a closing prayer concluded the convention. Chairman—Gail Doss; Vice Chairman—Blake Morris; Secretary—Mary Wright.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH **Oxford, Alabama** **November 9, 2003**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Billy Joe Harris and Max Berueffy leading 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Billy Joe Harris and Max Berueffy 31b, 82t; Pearl Guier 303, 448b; Rodney Ivey 225t, 503; Judy Caudle 272, 33b; Richard Mauldin 122, 288; Olivia Hill 274t, 24b; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 318; Glenda Collins 124, 290; S.T. Reed 123b, 123t; Elene Stovall 172, 217.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Max Berueffy leading 56t. Leaders: Louis Hughes 39t, 163t; Reba Norton 460, 61; Colin Neel 30t, 45t; Betty Shepherd 270, 299; Bud Oliver 298, 170; Karen Rollins 136, 34b; Jackie Tanner 36b, 138t; Bridgett Hill 134, 384; Felton Denney 569b, 566; Carlene Griffin 306, 517; Dennis George 518, 234; Bethanne Hill 159, 335; B.M. Smith 273, 222; Cindy Tanner 269, 327.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Max Berueffy leading 206. Leaders: Max Berueffy and Lynn Neel 283, 47b; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 138b; Charlene Wallace 84, 331 (in memory of Ruby Phillips); Rodney Ivey and Lonnie Rogers 146 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Shelbie Sheppard 142, 186; Ed Thacker 212, 425; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Stanley Edwards 81t, 340; Lou Cotney 218, 497; Henry Johnson 341, 205; Eunice Webb 392, 475, 284; Jeff Sheppard 540, 571; Dennis George 358 (by request); Rodney Ivey 47t (for Evelyn Harris).

Announcements were made. Billy Joe Harris and Max Berueffy led 62 as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL **Cross Roads Church, North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Saturday Night, November 15, 2003**

The annual Cross Roads Sacred Harp Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. George Garner called the class to order leading 68b. Lonnie Roger offered the opening prayer. Miranel Swafford led 348b, 155; Mary Lambert Smith 59, 45t; and Corene Laminack 159, 335.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—George Garner; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansberry; Arranging Committee—Mary Lambert Smith.

Leaders: C.W. Garner 144, 145b; Stanley Edwards 384, 32t; Karleen Williams 40, 100; Hugh McGraw 64; Eunice Webb 101t, 303; Cecil Roberts 146, 284; Lonnie Rogers 75, 225t; Teenie Moody 37b, 76b; Inez Chandler, Euzel Wood, Ceford Wood, and Theo Waddle 490, 109, 457.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with George Garner leading 89. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 290; Charlene Wallace 49t, 63; Cynthia Fielder and Miranel Swafford 340; Karleen Williams and Charlene Wallace 106; Karleen Williams and Lonnie Rogers 97; Eunice Webb 544; Cecil Roberts 503; Corene Laminack and Hester Edwards 345t, 73b; Cecil Roberts and Chris Summerlin 335; Hugh McGraw and Micah Kee 35.

Chairman—George Garner; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansberry.

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL (GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, AND GENE) Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama November 16, 2003

The thirty-third session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 129. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. The class organized, voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 348b; Clarence McCool 430, 349; Chris Ballinger 49b, 49t; Willodean Barton 122, 274t; Velton Chafin 355; Lucy Heidorn 88t, 186; Richard Mauldin 276, 36b; Max Berueffy 157 (for Elene Stovall), 187; Sarah Smith 290; Ivalene Donaldson 39b; Gravis Ballinger 200, 112; Lisa Geist 428, 454; Stella Pratt 460.

RECESS

John Hyde brought the class back to order leading 275b and 63. Leaders: Corene White 403; Harrison Creel 498; Larry Ballinger 50b, 119; Amanda Denson 201, 142; Edith Tate 146; Marlin Beasley 270; Brenda Merritt 336, 470; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 163b, 546; Earl Ballinger 337; Seth Holloway 452, 388; John Merritt 358, 240.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading 203. Leaders: Ken Tate 108b, 29t; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; Vernice Phillips 222, 143; Flarce Creel 389, 475; Gary Smith 565; John Merritt and Gary Smith “Mercy Seat” (LD); Jayne Fulmer 99, 273; Chris Rice 496, 384; Margaret Keeton 543; Kermit Adams 272, 78; Steve Miles 268, 152; Debra Wakefield 542, 426b; Josie Hyde 507; Sharon Spangler 153, 171; Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Helen Langston, Faye Donaldson, Julie Poston, and Betty Baccus 480, 134, 426t (in memory of the Wakefield family); Harrison Creel 335; Clarence McCool 225t; Richard Mauldin 66; Max Berueffy 213t; John Merritt “Nothing But The Blood.”

The date of this singing has been changed. It will now be held on the third Sunday in November.

Travis Keeton led 277 as the closing song, Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL
Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia
November 16, 2003

The annual singing at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Judy Mincey leading 59. Ed Smith offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Judy Mincey 47t; Ed Smith 214; John Plunkett 52t, 50b (for Oscar McGuire, Herman Wilkinson, and Kelly Beard); Lee Rogers 31t, 475; Don Clark 48t, 49b; Andy Anderson and Tony Hammock 39t, 45t; Charlene Wallace 171, 276 (for Oscar McGuire); Floyd Peters 68b, 285; John Hollingsworth 176t, 114; Jeannette DePoy 394, 430.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers. Chairman Judy Mincey placed before the meeting a proposal to rename the singing for Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis, who were strong supporters, and to make it a memorial singing. This change was adopted by unanimous vote.

RECESS

Chairman Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Phillip Langley 384, 215; Alan Pritchett 47b (in memory of Tiffany Sisson); Jennifer Kearn 479, 63; Kelsey Smith 354b, 44; B.M. Smith 222, 441; Sandra Wilkinson 311, 288; Brittany Mitchell and Bob Mitchell 358, 282.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Ed Smith opened the afternoon session leading 274. Leaders: Kathy White 168, 318; Bobby Jackson 569b, 499; Karen Clark 86, 569t; Darlene Dalton 489, 454; Don Bowen 225t (for Lonnie Rogers and Gladys McGraw), 354t; Martha Ann Stegar 277, 268; Jimmy Williams 96, 125; Wayne Hartman 287; Coy Coggins 100, 108t; Carlene Griffin 146, 283; Karen Clark 501; Andy Anderson and Tony Hammock 307; Wayne Hartman 35; Judy Mincey, Martha Cumming, Joan Bale, Faye Holbrook, and Glenda Luglar 510 (for Richard DeLong), 45t.

Judy Mincey and Ed Smith led 62 as the closing song. Bob Mitchell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION
Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama

November 22-23, 2003

Saturday, November 22

The one hundred-fourth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Chairman David Ivey called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 32t. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Henry Johnson 385t; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 112; Bud Oliver and Max Berueffly 145t; Jewel Wootten 145b; Mattie Townsel 68b; Hubert Nall 64; Jimmy Ballinger and David Ballinger 340; Sarah Smith 290; Berkley Moore 43; Robert Walker 569b; Wilton Donaldson 348b; Richard Mauldin 77t; Ruth Wyers 75; Corene White 171; Coy Ivey with Melissa Block, and Andrea Hsu of National Public Radio 384; Linda Shea 567; Bill Beverly 547; Andy Anderson 496; Milton Oliver 270; Marlin Beasley 408.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Edith Tate and Bud Oliver 73t; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Colin Neel 30t; Rachel Baker 388; Hannah Baker

and Cathryn Baker 300; Olivia Hill 24b; Alex Makris 76b; Bethanne Hill 33b; Kermit Adams 99; Terry Hullett 203; John Hyde 297; J.C. Rutledge 454; Sandra Wilkinson 282; Velton Chafin 521; Hershell King 426; Charlene Wallace 481; Josie Hyde 224; Cheryl Foreman 328.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cassie Franklin leading 280. Leaders: Martha Beverly 56b; Laura Timmerman 274t; Gary Gronau 192; Julietta Haynes 200; Kshama Ananthapura 37b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 512; Karen Freund 383; Doron Henkin 385b; Amanda Ballinger 215; Penny Kujawinski 472; Bridgett Hill 276; Leigh Barr Sher 28b; Don Bowen 466; Michelle Cull 480; Karen Willard 36b; Eliza Cavanaugh 299; Ila Ingle 436; John Plunkett 539; Shelbie Sheppard, Jim Neel, and Colin Neel 455; Jeannette DePoy 394; Charles Kitchens 179. Samuel Sommers offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Max Berueffy and Rodney Ivey leading 81t, followed by Laura Clawson leading 542.

It was moved and seconded to go into a business session for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were duly elected and committees were appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Cassie Franklin, Linton Ballinger, and Bud Oliver; Memorial Committee—Shelbie Sheppard and Richard DeLong; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen; Resolutions Committee—Richard Mauldin and Becky Browne; Chaplain—Samuel Sommers. A motion was made and seconded to close the business session.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Buddy Ballinger 110, 306; Becky Browne 434 (for Karen Isbell); Lela Crowder and Linda Cotton 442; Samuel Sommers 548; Daphene Causey 223; Lisa Geist 273; Dennis George 362; Betty Shepherd 216; Floy Wilder 336; Danny Creel 222; Lynne deBenedette 430; Richard DeLong 411; LaRue Allen 220; Amber Springfield Davis 217; Joan Aldridge 475; Henry Schuman 318 (for Pauline Childers); Susan Harcrow 183; Pam Nunn 236.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading 166. Leaders: Amanda Denson 272; Jerry Enright 176t; Lou Cotney 172; Tim Cook 49t; Darlene Dalton 309; Judy Caudle 428; Wayne Hartman 35; Lou Kujawinski 473; Adrian Nall 288; Charles Franklin 74b; Flarce Creel, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 198; Travis Keeton 398; Buell Cobb 565.

After announcements were made, Henry Johnson led 45t as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 23

The Sunday morning session began at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Henry Johnson leading 59. Chaplain Samuel Sommers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Max Berueffy 157; Gary Smith 569b; Willie Mae Moon 568; Eugene Forbes 168; Nate Green and Norm Green 283; David Yeager 240; Debbie Wakefield 432; Earl Ballinger 430; Helene Langston 391; Jackie Tanner 182; Nancy Yeager 479; John Etheridge 460; Jan Ketelle 296; Clarence McCool 349; Harrison Creel 530.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 273. Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 384; Herby Bailey 523; Jayne Fulmer 155; Colin Neel 39t; Rachel Baker 117; Alex Makris 119; Olivia Hill 274t; Hannah Baker 335; Brian Kelly 345t; Doron Henkin 333; Eloise Wootten 234; Leigh Barr Sher 47b; Berkley Moore 551; Penny Kujawinski

83t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 492; Karen Freund 421; Loyd Ivey 89; Martha Beverly 344; Cathryn Baker 340.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cassie Franklin leading 400. Leaders: Judy Caudle 316; Linda Shea 330t; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Kshama Ananthapura 81t; Jeannette DePoy 99.

Richard DeLong and Shelbie Sheppard conducted the memorial lesson and led 229 for the deceased and 179 for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were: Cecelia Hauff—South Dakota; B.E. Matthews—Texas; Myrtle Meek—Kentucky; Virginia Bloom and Ray Bloom—Missouri; Dinah Breunig—Vermont; Hugh Anderson—New York; Vivian Rogers and Everette Denney—Georgia; Lois C. Smith, Mabel Hartman, and Bruce Ketelle—Tennessee; Robert Sanders and Anthony Jefferson—Illinois; Gordon Ashman—United Kingdom; Lamar Smith, Leola Smith, Etoile Smith, Ruth Brown, Lavaughn Ballinger, Donald Smith, Allie Aldridge, Willie Carolyn Denson, Zelma Harcrow, Alpha Black, Beulah Reese, Jane Phillips, Harvey Austin, A.A. Malone, John Henry Busby, Ann Deason, Lucille Burkes, Dessie Goodman, Rose Altha Taylor, Lena Barker, Clark Phillips, and Erskine Vandegrift, Jr.—Alabama.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Reba Windom—Michigan; Karen Isbell—Missouri; Oscar McGuire, Imogene Bradshaw, and Herman Wilkinson—Georgia; Kelly Beard and William R. Reynolds—Texas; Linda Sides—Tennessee; Paul Butler—Vermont; Marie Bartlett—Massachusetts; Betty Haas—Arkansas; Elsie Beasley, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Anna Wootten, Kelly Beard, Lebron Hinton, Dick Mauldin, and John Hocutt. Samuel Sommers closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 232; Tony Ivey 29b; Gary Gronau 285t; Bill Beverly 86; Karen Willard 53; Jerry Enright 77t. Samuel Sommers offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Johnson leading 45b. Leaders: Floy Wilder 373; Laura Clawson 269; Stuart Ivey and Allison Ivey 362; Pam Nunn 196; Becky Browne 304; Lela Crowder 215; Dennis George 532; Lynne deBenedette 76b; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Susan Harcrow 186; Richard DeLong 542; Amber Springfield Davis 546; Samuel Sommers 426b; LaRue Allen 200; Danny Creel 137; Joan Aldridge 198; Richard Ivey and Marion Wilhoite 282; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Larry Ballinger 151; Bridgett Hill 142; Cindy Tanner 189.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading 113. Leaders: Michelle Cull 112; Lou Kujawinski 350; Charles Franklin 480; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 371; Bobby Watkins 58.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Richard Mauldin and Becky Browne gave the Resolutions Committee report.

The Resolutions Committee respectfully submits the following resolution to the members of the 104th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention. We resolve:

- To give thanks to God, our Creator, who has sustained us and blessed us through His wondrous love and freely offered grace.
- We thank God for inspiring the poets and composers of these songs, hymns, and anthems that we meet together to sing, and for the people He has anointed over so many years at varied locations who have worked to teach, preserve, and promote this special music we all hold so dear.

- To remember with respect and honor all lovers of Sacred Harp Music, and the memory of our many friends, loved ones, and ancestors who established our traditional style of Sacred Harp singing and admonished us to “seek the old paths and walk therein.”

We thank our officers and committees for two days of joyful and spirited singing that was enjoyed even more due to the organization and cooperation by all who made the convention run so efficiently. The Arranging Committee did a splendid job calling the leaders and did it so very well that it looked easy, which we all are aware, was not. We also give our thanks to all those who provided the delicious food, as well as the desserts that tempted our inner resolve but delighted our taste buds. This appreciation also extends to the folks who helped with the serving and clean up both days.

Once again we extend our deep, heartfelt thanks to the church members at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their church for this convention.

We also wish to remember those who have given their lives and health for the freedoms we enjoy today, and we ask for safety and protection to those presently serving throughout this world.

We shall continue to encourage our singing companions to meet and sing together as often as possible and to meet here again next year for the 105th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention.

Last, but not the least of our resolves, we want every singer that came from near and far to know that your presence here has made this singing special to each of us this year. Without any one of you, and our non-singing visitors, we would not have had the wonderful singing we have experienced together these two days.

Linda Thomas gave the Finance Committee report. Balance brought forward \$3,094.30 plus interest of \$58.79 for a total of \$3,153.09; collection \$1,137.76; total forward \$4,290.85. Expenditures: supplies and food \$752.76; gift to church \$250.00; cleaning of church \$75.00; minutes \$60.00. Total expenses \$1,137.76. Balance after expenses \$3,153.09.

A motion was made and seconded to accept reports as given and to close the business session.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 56t; Darlene Dalton 147t; Don Bowen 145b; Ron Farris 401; Wayne Hartman 63; Bethanne Hill and Amber Davis 47t; Mattie Townsel 143; Ila Ingle 500; Josie Hyde 507; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 436; Bud Oliver and Coy Ivey 270; Richard Mauldin 84; Travis Keeton 44; Marlin Beasley 317.

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall gave the following report. There were 132 who registered from 17 states. A total of 110 leaders led 98 songs on Saturday; 97 leaders led 91 songs on Sunday; a total of 207 leaders leading 189 songs over the two days of singing.

Henry Johnson and Max Berueffy led 62 as the closing song, Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 22, 2003

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, November 22nd. Forty members were present. President Jeff Sheppard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcomed the assembly, and thanked the members for their

support this past year. Secretary David Ivey provided the following report to the assembly.

SHMHA successfully edited, published, printed, and distributed the “Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings” for the seventh consecutive year. The number of books distributed in 2003 was approximately 2,800. SHMHA and the Sacred Harp people are indebted to the Editor, Mrs. Shelbie Sheppard, for her tireless contribution of hundreds of hours of work in typing, arranging, and editing the minutes. The 2003-2004 edition will include the first collection of historical information for the births, deaths and places of burial of Sacred Harp singers. Singers were encouraged to continue to collect and provide this information for future editions. Office equipment will be purchased this year for the Editor’s use in producing the annual publication. The price for singings will remain \$30 per day for 2004. Shelbie Sheppard made a number of suggestions and recommendations regarding submittal of minutes by secretaries.

SHMHA held the first-ever summer camp for the purpose of teaching and traditional practice of Sacred Harp singing. 73 full time campers from 18 states, 22 of which were youth, participated in Camp Fasola. Other singers also participated in the community singing. SHMHA plans to hold the second annual camp in 2004. More information on Camp Fasola dates and registration will be provided at fasola.org.

Thanks were extended to Janet Herman and Jane Hancock for their contribution of “In Sweetest Union Join” CDs to SHMHA for its primary fundraiser over the past four years. Thanks were extended to Susan Harcrow, Rodney Ivey, John Plunkett, and Joyce Walton for their contribution of “United Sacred Harp Musical Association Historical Booklets” as a SHMHA fundraiser. Bethanne Hill, Max Berueffy, and Elene Stovall were recognized for their contribution of proceeds from the sales of Bethanne’s “Pleasant Hill” painting depicting aspects of all-day Sacred Harp singings.

The 2003 financial report was presented with handouts provided to all members present. All receipts and expenses were itemized. The report recognized contributors and a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

It was reported that SHMHA received a “Final Letter of Determination” from the Internal Revenue Service in 2003 confirming their preliminary finding in 1999 that SHMHA is properly operating as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

President Jeff Sheppard made concluding remarks and adjourned the meeting. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

President—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—David Ivey.

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION **Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **November 29-30, 2003**

Saturday, November 29

The one hundred thirty-fifth session of the Union Musical Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, and was called to order by Chairperson Jessica Altman leading 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Jesse Roberts. Vice Chairperson Lela Crowder led 171; Secretary Helen Bryson 332 (for her friend, Kayleen Drissell).

Jesse Roberts led the Introductory Lesson: 57, 175, 155, 142, 284, and 501. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 89, 475 (for Cathy White); Andy Anderson 441, 282; Charlene Wallace 63, 79; Phillip Langley 224, 383; John Plunkett 70t (for Judy Mincey), 152; Judy Whiting 318, 503.

RECESS

The class was called back with Lela Crowder leading 97.

The convention went into a business session with the following officers elected and committees appointed: Chairperson—Lela Crowder; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson; Chaplains—Jesse Roberts and Bobby Cagle; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong and Jeannette DePoy; Finance Committee—Andy Morse and Andy Anderson; Locating Committee—Faye Holbrook and Reuben Ball; Resolutions Committee—Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee—Jessica Altman and Ashley Roberts.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 218, 273; Ginny Landgraf 326, 361; Wayne Hartman 35, 34b; Anita Landess 334, 338; Reuben Ball, Jr. 490, 497; Ray Richards 111b, 73b; Ros Clements 287, 339; Bobby Cagle 496, 47b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lela Crowder leading 76b. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 146, 371; Violet Thomason 170, 189, 112, 434; Richard DeLong 482 (for Loy Garrison and Dorothy Garrison), 123b; Sandra Wilkinson 388, 384; Andy Morse 472, 540; Ashley Roberts 47t, 344; Jesse Roberts 30b; Reuben Ball, Jr. 480, 499; Lee Rogers 485; Wayne Hartman 72b; Anita Landess 77b; Judy Whiting 474, 515; Ros Clements 510, 228; Ginny Landgraf 547, 447.

Announcements were made. Lela Crowder led 323t as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 30

Lela Crowder called the Sunday session to order by leading 24b. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Vice Chairman John Plunkett 467; Jeannette DePoy 213t, 217; Henry Johnson 108t, 393; Charles Woods 565, 391; Jackson Harcrow 48t, 35; John Hollingsworth 460, 138t; Sarah Jenkins 101t, 208; Kathy James 430, 30b; Ted Mercer 285b, 352; Susan Harcrow 113, 350; Loy Garrison 74b; Rodney Ivey 75, 39b; Bobby Cagle 373, 46.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lela Crowder and John Plunkett leading 223.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 81b, 522; Debra Grosse 384, 186; Tony Hammock 335, 30t; Joel Jenkins 282, 480; Lance Ledbetter 318, 36b; Judy Mincey 571, 538.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy and Richard DeLong. The names of the following deceased were read: Vivian Rogers, Elder William Cagle, and Everette Denney—Georgia; Ruth Brown and Harvey Austin—Alabama; Don Juel and Ed Dowe—New Jersey; Tim Lull—California; Gordon Ashman, Jim Bundell, and Stan Stokes—United Kingdom. Jeannette DePoy led 138b in memory of those named.

The following names were read for the sick and shut-ins: Oscar McGuire, Hermon Wilkinson, Sue Champkin, John McDougal, Rob Mahoney, Linda Sides, Robert Kendrick, Jap Walton, Nora Roberts, Elder Charles Cagle, Bonnie Cagle, Regina Cagle, Donnie McGraw, Gladys McGraw, Kelly Beard, and Cathy White. Richard DeLong led 499 for all those named, and then led 573 especially for Oscar McGuire. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Bobby Cagle.

LUNCH

Lela Crowder called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 99.

Leaders: Reba Windom 76b, 216; Judy Whiting 222, 212; Andy Anderson and Tony Hammock 28t, 317; Ginny Landgraf 283 (for Don Bowen), 455; Ray Richards 45t, 354b; Ros Clements 370, 496; Jesse Roberts 461, 473; Richard DeLong 375, 61; Anita Landess 164; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 149; Ashley Roberts 145t, 436; John Plunkett 441, 495; Joan Durdin 312b, 148; Jessica Altman 274t, 428.

The business session reconvened for the purpose of hearing reports. The Finance Committee report was read, which stated that convention expenses had been met. The report was approved and accepted as read.

Jesse Roberts read the Resolutions report, which was accepted by the convention. The Locating Committee announced that Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church will be host to the convention in October of 2004 (first fifth Sunday and Saturday before following Labor Day). The business session was closed.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 45b; Sarah Jenkins and Joel Jenkins 299; Ted Mercer 202; Reba Windom 171; Susan Harcrow, Jackson Harcrow, and Rodney Ivey 142.

Announcements were made. Lela Crowder and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song, Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lela Crowder; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

JOSEPH JACKSON BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 13-14, 2003**

Saturday, December 13

The ninth annual Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial Singing was held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama on the second Sunday and Saturday before in December. The class was called to order by Chairman John Beasley leading 68b. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Henry Schuman; Arranging Committee—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 192, 480; Richard Schmeidler 474, 475; Henry Schuman 32t, 318; Sandie Scott 108, 408; J.L. Hopper 137 (CH), 172 (CH); Josie Hyde 225b, 223; Virginia Douglas 49b; Becky Beasley Briggs 333 (LD), 334 (LD); Tim Cook 507b (CB), 393t (CB); Jim Helke 575 (CB), 571 (CB).

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler brought the class to order leading 84. Leaders: Betty Marvin 287, 73b; Wilton Donaldson 490, 499; John Hyde 39b, 566; Julietta Haynes 421, 406; Mako Cook 70b (CH), 67b (CH).

LUNCH

John Beasley called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: John Merritt 45b (CB), 258 (CH); Travis Keeton 129, 343; Marilyn Burchett 496, 324; Velton Chafin 521, 31t; Cora Beasley Sweatt 47b, 111; Glenda Hopper 81b, 81t; Ann Beasley Ballard 380 (LD), 274; John Redman 57, 50 (LD); Dorothea McCowan 559 (CB), 58; Sarah Beasley Smith 159, 384; Gary Smith 503, 565.

RECESS

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading 290. Leaders: David Carlton 134, 411 (CB); Brenda Merritt 76b, 82t; Brenda Pena 137 (CB), 313 (CH); Seth Holloway 143, 145; Alvin Beasley 45t, 59; Marlin Beasley, Diane Studdard, Lylia Bryant, and Susan Harris 72, 358; Marlin Beasley (by request) demonstrated lining, using 333 (LD).

Chairman John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 146 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 14

The Sunday session was called to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 34b.

Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 276, 38t; John Beasley 32t, 33b; Sandie Scott 225t, 282; Henry Schuman 112, 426b; Emily

Creel 217, 186; Earl Ballinger 331, 322; Brenda Pena 548, 441; Warren Steel 440, 74t.

RECESS

Betty Marvin brought the class to order leading 551. Leaders: Betty Marvin 154; Bridgett Hill 134, 384; Olivia Hill 335, 24b; Clarence McCool 430, 535; Jayne Fulmer 454, 300; Guy Bankes 456, 151; Bethanne Hill 159, 503; Ricky Beasley 68, 111; Kermit Adams 81t, 28b; Tim Reynolds 273, 66; Becky Briggs 396, 405; Glenn Keeton 163b, 117; Jim Helke 418, 196; Cecil Wakefield 208, 310; Ivalene Donaldson 204.

Gary Smith conducted the memorial lesson, read the names of the deceased, and led 47b in their memory. The names of the deceased remembered were: Elder Donald Smith, Nell Adams, Lena Lawson Baker, Etoile Lawson Smith, A.A. Malone, James Lavaghn Ballinger, and Ruth Brown—Alabama; Madeline Faulkner—Kentucky; Hugh Anderson—New York; Lois Liles Crump Smith—Tennessee.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: John Hocutt, Elsie Beasley, Ophelia Lawson Heupel, Earl Sweatt, Uel Freeman, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Juanita Beasley—Alabama; Bill Reynolds—Texas; Floyd Smith—Tennessee. Marlin Beasley led 340 in their honor. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading 317. Leaders: Danny Creel 76b, 269; Travis Keeton 203; John Hyde 297; Julietta Haynes 216, 192; Wilton Donaldson 499; Brenda Merritt 137; David Beasley 72, 73t; Johnny Humber 288; Gravis Ballinger 200; Virginia Douglas 49b, 268.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class to order leading 484 (CB). Leaders: John Merritt and Olivia Hill 392 (CB); Larry Ballinger 50b; John Redman 349, 513; Marilyn Burchett 567; David Carlton 448t; Josie Hyde and Warren Steel 225; Alvin Beasley 30t; Dorothea McCowan 442; Marlin Beasley 498, 460 (for Elsie Beasley); Cora Sweatt 46; Seth Holloway 274t; Gary Smith 31t; Ann Ballard 81b; Dorothea McCowan 218; Sarah Smith, John Beasley, Cora Sweatt, David H. Beasley, Ann Ballard, Becky Briggs, Alvin Beasley, and Marlin Beasley 146.

Chairman John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 48t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

SACRED HARP SINGERS

HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is the first version of an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. We plan to continue to print this listing in future years. Please send your contributions to Shelbie at: minutes@fasola.org. (Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters.)

- A**
- J.L. Abrams**
b. January 9, 1905
d. January 10, 1997
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama
- Leslie Abrams**
b. April 7, 1908
d. September 19, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama
- Andrew W. Adams**
b. December 3, 1884
d. October 30, 1965
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- E. Elcaney Adams**
b. January 14, 1863
d. November 15, 1934
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Jamima Adams**
b. September 8, 1859
d. December 20, 1939
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Jessie A. Adams**
b. October 1, 1890
d. December 7, 1973
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Maude Godsey Adams**
b. April 8, 1896
d. May 24, 1985
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Merrell B Adams**
b. October 8, 1924
d. August 4, 1944
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Mina Godsey Adams**
b. October 11, 1886
d. November 11, 1967
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Ralph Adams**
b. September 8, 1922
d. August 4, 1988
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- W.E. Adams**
b. October 18, 1882
d. May 26, 1961
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama
- Grady Albright**
d. November 17, 1994
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama
- Matthew Lane Albritton**
b. January 26, 1924
d. December 25, 2001
Bethlehem P.B.C. Cemetery
Chicora, Florida
- Allie Mae Aldridge**
b. 1909
d. May 14, 2003
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama
- D.M. Aldridge**
b. August 17, 1901
d. July 28, 1986
Johnson School House
Fayette Co., Alabama
- Marie Creel Aldridge**
b. March 22, 1917
d. August 6, 2000
Tri-Cities Mem. Garden
Florence, Alabama
- Colbie Allen**
d. November 26, 1995
Alabama
- Maudie Anderson**
b. July 15, 1904
d. November 20, 1974
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama
- Conola (Okie) Austin**
b. May 30, 1924
d. November 8, 2001
Pleasant Ridge B.C.
Whiteplains, Calhoun Co.,
Alabama
- Harvey E. Austin**
b. May 11, 1925
d. September 5, 2003
Pleasant Ridge B.C.
Whiteplains, Calhoun Co.,
Alabama
- Ben Avery**
1916-1988
Bacon Level (Randolph Co.)
Roanoke, Alabama
- Bill Avery**
1912-1974
College Park, Georgia
- Elder H.R. (Roy) Avery**
1906-1999
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama
- Elma Duck Avery**
1910-2003
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

J.A. (Jim) Ayers

Lillie Bell Ayers

B

Basha Baines

b. August 17, 1903

d. March 28, 1963

Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Charlie W. Baines

1898-1992

Zion P.B. Church

Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

John T. Baines

b. December 22, 1894

d. August 20, 1973

Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Marion Baines

b. October 23, 2896

d. 1957

Zion P.B. Church

Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Suley A. Baldy

b. December 21, 1891

d. December 25, 1958

Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Troy Dan Baldy

b. July 22, 1915

d. December 25, 1986

Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

William D. Baldy

b. August 13, 1888

d. March 24, 1967

Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

James Lavaughn Ballinger

b. January 25, 1928

d. April 22, 2003

Bethel Baptist Church
Fayette, Alabama

Fred Cecil Battles

b. April 12, 1909

d. November 16, 1989

Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery
Gallant, Alabama

Hettie Brothers Battles

b. April 24, 1910

d. November 11, 1977

Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery
Gallant, Alabama

Joe Beasley

d. October 5, 1995

J.T. (Tom) Bell

Liberty Baptist Church

Henagar, Alabama

Hattie Berry

b. February 5, 1900

d. June 7, 1988

Winston Memorial
Haleyville, Alabama

Willie Berry

b. October 7, 1896

d. May 10, 1968

Winston Memorial
Haleyville, Alabama

Wynelle Morris Birchfield

1930-1992

Restlawn Mem. Gardens

Lanett, Alabama

Ms. Jessie Lee Bishop

1893-1977

Rocky Mt. P.B. Church

Daviston, Alabama

Alpha Ophelia Black

b. 1912

d. July 25, 2003

Liberty Cemetery
Helicon, Alabama

Dura C. Blackmon

b. February 8, 1902

d. October 4, 1994

Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Fannie Blackmon

b. August 16, 1886

d. April 7, 1981

Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

H. Martin Blackmon

b. December 23, 1888

d. February 24, 1996

Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Newton D. Blackmon

b. May 2, 1886

d. September 10, 1958

Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Gedie Blaylock

1881-1976

Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ruth Dorris Blaylock

1896-1976

Zion P.B. Church

Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ezra C. Bowen

b. May 25, 1905

d. July 9, 1993

Napeolon Church of Christ
Woodland, Alabama

Mollie Obara Bradford

b. March 13, 1896

d. January 28, 1976

Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Leman B. Brown

b. May 16, 1907

d. May 27, 1992

Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Ruth Burnham Brown

b. August 4, 1910

d. May 20, 2003

Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Mary Lou Jackson Burks

b. February 28, 1900

d. December 18, 1990

New Harmony Cemetery
Lomax, Alabama

Jerry M. Burnes

b. September 23, 1887

d. March 27, 1967

Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Nannie J. Burnham

b. June 23, 1873

d. June 7, 1952

Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Robert H. "Uncle Bob"

Burnham

b. May 3, 1870

d. July 14, 1964

Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

John Henry Busby

b. 1914
d. February 26, 2003
Concord Cemetery
Henagar, Alabama

C**Alfred Marcus Cagle**

b. October 5, 1884
d. December 19, 1968
New Georgia Church
Cemetery
near Villa Rica (Pauling Co.),
Georgia

Hazel Morris Cagle

1928-1996
Restlawn Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Inez Lee (2nd wife of A.M.) Cagle

New Georgia Church
Cemetery
near Villa Rica (Pauling Co.),
Georgia

John Manuel Cagle

b. September 20, 1900
d. April 25, 1988
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Maggie Denson Cagle

Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

W. K. (Kim) Cagle

1921-1998
Restlawn Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Willie Mae Carroll

b. May 25, 1908
d. October 31, 1971
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lessie Albright Cates

b. January 8, 1913
d. February 11, 1995
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Walker B. Cates

b. February 11, 1908
d. February 23, 1984
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Edna "Roxie" Chesser

b. 1908
d. October 30, 2003
Sardis Cemetery
Chesser Island, Okefenokee
Swamp, Georgia

Susie L. Harmon Christian

b. January 29, 1878
d. October 13, 1955
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Andrew Alexander Clay

b. March 16, 1902
d. January 26, 1971
Oak Grove Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Odell Cleveland

b. 1912
d. December 13, 1995
Evergreen Cemetery
Sylacauga, Alabama

Clellan Cobb Cobb

Alabama

Forney Cobb

d. June 1, 1995
Alabama

Pauline Hopper Cobbs

b. December 18, 1919
d. March 19, 1990
Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

George Elliot Cox

b. August 23, 1921
d. January 31, 2002
Memorial Hill Gardens
Cemetery
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Charlie Oliver Creel

b. October 1, 1890
d. June 26, 1981
Alabama

Thomas Hayden Creel

b. June 15, 1930
d. March 6, 1998
Oakwood Cemetery (Masonic
section)
Gardendale, Alabama

Aver Crider

d. October 31, 1995
Alabama

Lindsey Crider

d. October 31, 1994
Alabama

Silas Curtis

b. December 29, 1899
d. January 1, 2002
Union Grove Church
Double Springs, Alabama

D**Lillian Ruth Northcutt Daffron**

b. May 26, 1916
d. August 8, 2002
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Ananias Davisson

b. February 2, 1780
d. October 21, 1857
Massanutten Cross Keys
Cemetery
Cross Keys (Rockingham
Co.), Virginia

Ann Deason

d. October 17, 2003
Centerville, Alabama

J.C. Deason

b. December 25, 1910
d. February 11, 1992
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

John Deason

b. December 30, 1905
d. July 30, 1975
Old Pleasant Hill
Cumberland Presbyterian
Church Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Mary Sovella Elam Deason

b. September 9, 1884
d. November 19, 1968
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Wiley Ezra Deason

b. March 9, 1879
d. September 24, 1962
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Lewis Everette Denney

b. November 1, 1915
d. December 29, 2002
Carroll Memory Garden
Carrollton, Georgia

Amanda Burdette (1st wife of T.J.) Denson

b. January 7, 1861
d. September 19, 1910
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Colonel Paine Denson

b. October 8, 1882
d. January 30, 1955
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Howard Denson

b. August 4, 1897
d. July 17, 1950
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

James M. (brother of Levi) Denson

Levi Phillip Denson
Arbacoochee
Arbacoochee, Alabama

Lola Mahalia Akers (2nd wife of T.J.) Denson

Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Seaborn McDaniel (son of Levi) Denson

b. 1854
d. April 18, 1936
Mt. Pisgah (Winston Co.)
near Nesmith, Alabama

Sydney Burdette (wife of S.M.) Denson

Mt. Pisgah (Winston Co.)
near Nesmith, Alabama

Thomas Jackson (son of Levi) Denson

b. January 20, 1863
d. September 14, 1935
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Adeline E.B. Dorris

b. February 13, 1855
d. January 1, 1923
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Rev. W.M. Dorris

b. June 1, 1863
d. March 27, 1920
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Jesse Franklin Dryden

Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Joseph Vaughn Dryden

b. 1948
d. July 4, 2003
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Roxie Haney Duffey

b. August 18, 1958
d. January 18, 1999
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Harry Dumas

d. November 3, 1994
Georgia

C.C. Dyer

b. June 1, 1900
d. November 21, 1990
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Carrie Lee Dyer

b. October 16, 1895
d. April 29, 1927
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Esther G. Dyer

b. January 24, 1907
d. May 26, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.A. Dyer

b. October 6, 1893
d. June 28, 1969
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

E

Cecil Edwards

b. July 23, 1912
d. February 21, 2001
Pine Grove Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Ruth Denson Edwards

b. July 3, 1893
d. April 25, 1978
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Elder Vernon Estes

1934-2000
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

F

Myrtice Mann Faircloth

1926-2000
Columbus, Georgia

Colonel Franklin Fannin

b. March 10, 1868
d. June 28, 1954
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Harvey Lee Fannin

b. September 18, 1900
d. July 14, 1979
Colombia, Tennessee

Lougaina Adams Fannin

b. November 18, 1888
d. October 6, 1981
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Raymond Otis Fannin

b. May 1, 1912
d. November 21, 2000
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Haleyville, Alabama

Robert Misseldine Fannin

b. April 2, 1902
d. August 28, 1997
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Sara L. Fannin

b. September 25, 1875
d. January 7, 1918
Pleasant Ridge P.B.C.
Russellville, Alabama

Clinton Faulkner

1915-1998
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Annie Wallace Forbes

1893-1960
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Betty Rosser Forbes
1936-2000
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Byron Forbes
1924-1968
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Chester Forbes
1890-1975
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Martha Frederick
b. August 30, 1919
d. January 19, 2003
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Paul Frederick
b. July 8, 1922
d. April 20, 2002
Maple Hill Cemetery
Huntsville, Alabama

Thomas LaFayette Futural
b. November 28, 1921
d. November 16, 2003
Smyrna Cemetery
Goodwater, Alabama

G

Alice Merritt Gant
b. January 15, 1904
d. May 19, 2003
Woodlawn Cemeter
Nashville, Tennessee

Lola Akers Denson Gibbs
1878-1971
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Ruby Sheppard Gibson
b. April 19, 1913
d. October 14, 1995
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

T.A. (Thurman) Gibson
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

Will Gifford
Mountain Home Cemetery
Henagar, Alabama

Runie Glover
d. January 15, 1994
Ozark, Alabama

Ada Fannin Godsey
b. December 12, 1907
d. September 16, 1998
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Clinton L. Godsey
b. December 4, 1907
d. February 15, 1993
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Emley J. Godsey
b. October 25, 1863
d. January 28, 1919
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Era T. Godsey
b. June 17, 1897
d. February 14, 1986
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

George Ann Godsey
b. May 6, 1878
d. October 4, 1934
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Herbert H. Godsey
b. May 22, 1908
d. January 14, 1981
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Howard H. Godsey
b. December 16, 1909
d. March 2, 1991
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Jasper Godsey
1883-1948
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Joseph Acey Godsey
b. March 20, 1901
d. January 23, 1974
Pleasant Hill B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Levi W. Godsey
b. November 25, 1884
d. September 9, 1974
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Louis Godsey
b. November 26, 1875
d. August 9, 1941
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Lucretia Adams Godsey
b. September 12, 1886
d. July 4, 1965
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Martha J. Fannin Godsey
b. November 12, 1905
d. June 23, 1968
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Palmer Godsey
b. September 11, 1898
d. August 17, 1983
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Robert W. Godsey
b. May 2, 1865
d. May 3, 1932
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ruthie E. Godsey
1889-1974
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ted Godsey
d. February 15, 1995
Alabama

Ira W. Gray
b. August 21, 1896
d. January 9, 1981
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Herbert Chester Green
b. November 17, 1894
d. April 19, 1960
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Lois Majorie Green
b. May 8, 1929
d. February 18, 1995
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Nettie Alcedora Phillips Green
b. June 9, 1897
d. November 12, 1984
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Rev. William David Green
b. September 14, 1872
d. June 1, 1964
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

H

Willa Mae Lacy Haney

b. March 31, 1934
d. June 23, 1997
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Annie Harper

b. September 27, 1905
d. July 4, 1989
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Arthur M. (Mack) Harper

b. October 22, 1901
d. September 27, 1984
Winston Mem. Cemetery
Haleyville, Alabama

Minervia Harper

b. September 1, 1901
d. April 29, 1996
Winston Mem. Cemetery
Haleyville, Alabama

Tom Harper

b. September 1, 1903
d. November 21, 1996
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Cleo Cook Hawkins

b. March 5, 1907
d. August 21, 1998
Bruce Cemetery
Bruce, Mississippi

Lydia Avery Hawkins

b. November 30, 1907
d. December 7, 2002
Wehadkee Cemetery
Rock Mills, Alabama

Jack Hicks

Viola Hicks

d. April 11, 1994

Eddie Hill

b. July 12, 1911
d. January 3, 2002
Macedonia M.B. Church
Webster County, Mississippi

Violet Denson Hinton

b. February 13, 1915
d. August 7, 1989
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Carlton Hitchcock

d. December 1, 1994
Georgia

Vena Holley

b. 1906
Rabbitown Baptist Church
Rabbittown (Calhoun Co.),
Alabama

Annice Hyatt Holmes

b. April 18, 1904
d. June 14, 1963
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Izella Nickles Hopper

b. September 5, 1901
d. April 26, 1978
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Lama E. Hopper

b. July 14, 1894
d. November 26, 1985
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Marvin W. Hopper

b. March 16, 1922
d. May 17, 1989
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Willard O. Hopper

b. September 15, 1927
d. May 19, 2000
Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Lona Godsey Horton

b. March 19, 1894
d. August 12, 1984
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Robert J. Horton

b. June 10, 1890
d. November 5, 1965
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Karen E. House

b. March 18, 1968
d. June 12, 2000
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Dr. James Levert Howell

b. June 16, 1917
d. May 23, 2002
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

I

Andrew Ivey

b. June 1, 1903
d. August 10, 1987
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Eulas Ivey

b. January 7, 1907
d. February 23, 1981
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Helen Ivey

b. January 14, 1906
d. March 19, 1995
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

J

Carl Jackson

b. August 30, 1899
d. January 7, 1965
Ephesus Church Cemetery
New Site, Alabama

Dana Jackson

d. March 15, 1994
Georgia

Elizabeth Gammill Jackson

b. November 27, 1936
d. July 11, 1901
Columbia Co., Arkansas

Henry (Doc) Jackson

d. June, 1995
Alabama

John Andrew Jackson

b. April 9, 1818
d. February 2, 1860
Columbia Co., Arkansas

Pearl Jackson

b. March 10, 1901
d. June 20, 1993
Ephesus Church Cemetery
New Site, Alabama

Thomas Jefferson Jackson

b. December 24, 1863
d. January 2, 1931
New Harmony Cemetery
Lomax, Alabama

Ira James

Joseph S. James, Jr.

Joseph Stephen James

b. March 20, 1849
d. 1931

Eula Smith Johnson
b. March 20, 1910
d. September 20, 2001
Anniston Memorial Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Erma Mann Jones
b. 1906
d. January 14, 1995
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Addie Junkin
b. September 2, 1887
d. July 19, 1948
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Arthur Junkin
b. May 15, 1888
d. November 21, 1969
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lucile Sudduth Junkin
b. October 22, 1914
d. March 16, 2003
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mattie T. Junkin
b. March 19, 1882
d. October 29, 1977
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Milton Junkin
b. January 15, 1883
d. August 22, 1954
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

K

C.G. (Uncle Tobe) Keith
Alabama

**Andrew J. "Uncle Jack"
Kerr**
b. August 24, 1872
d. March 23, 1970
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Henry Kerr
b. May 12, 1896
d. March 30, 1994
Upper Cane Creek M. Cem.
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Elias L. King
1828-1876
Columbia, Georgia

Joel King
1809-1871
Columbia, Georgia

Edna Mae Knowles
Rest Haven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

L

John M. Lacy
b. November 10, 1869
d. January 24, 1958
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

L.C. (Lindbergh) Lacy, Jr.
b. August 29, 1932
d. July 9, 1999
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Leonard C. Lacy
b. October 25, 1902
d. February 3, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Margie Peek Lacy
b. August 20, 1911
d. October 8, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Maude Lacy
New Home Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Noah Lacy
b. April 11, 1908
d. July 12, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Nora Ivey Lacy
b. March 21, 1905
d. September 11, 1967
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Wallace Lacy
New Home Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Harrison Newton Lambert
b. June 21, 1878
d. October 15, 1967
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Homer N. Lambert
b. August 24, 1900
d. October 17, 1959
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Ludie McWhorter Lambert
b. December 21, 1898
d. May 13, 1976
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Maggie H. Lambert
b. December 30, 1882
d. May 22, 1953
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

James T. (Jimmy) Little
b. February 3, 1910
d. February 18, 1980
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Oxford, Alabama

Willie E. (Bill) Little
b. January 15, 1908
d. February 16, 1990
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Oxford, Alabama

Cora Tee Livingston
b. December 17, 1913
d. October 20, 1993
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Lois S. Livingston
b. August 12, 1908
d. April 21, 1982
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Murry L. Livingston
b. June 9, 1908
d. January 13, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

M

Alonzo A. Malone

b. December 6, 1915
d. September 23, 2003
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Evie W. Malone

b. June 15, 1901
d. January 21, 1984
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Jones R. Malone

b. November 25, 1873
d. February 13, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.D. Malone

b. September 24, 1899
d. March 4, 1982
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Annie Mann

1892-1990
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Hoyt Mann

1918-1979
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

J.B. "Tobe" Mann

1861-1962
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Moses Lee Mann

1888-1982
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Maxine Mann Marlett

1922-2002
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

James F. Martin

b. June 29, 1890
d. June 2, 1979
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

James Verble Martin

b. August 3, 1914
d. March 8, 1993
Pleasant Hill B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

John Homer Martin

b. February, 1880
d. April 17, 1963
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Evie Martin

b. June 26, 1893
d. June 16, 1976
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Jane Martin

b. March 13, 1850
d. July 17, 1943
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Oneal Mathis

1910-1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.B (Bill) Matthews

Pauling Co. between
Dallas & Villa Rica, Georgia

Tommye Denson Mauldin

b. August 6, 1916
d. September 6, 2001
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Iris Mann Mayfield

1921-1969
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

Elder J.W. McCool

b. December 18, 1885
d. October 14, 1957
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Elizabeth McCool

b. March 3, 1849
d. February 24, 1913
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

F.M. McCool

b. October 10, 1844
d. August 15, 1922
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lizzie McCool

b. September 17, 1886
d. November 9, 1940
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lyda Abrams McCool

b. December 24, 1891
d. April 21, 1975
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

M. Ida McCool

b. June 7, 1879
d. May 22, 1972
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mabel E. McCool

b. February 6, 1909
d. July 15, 1990
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Robert L. McCool

b. September 29, 1906
d. May 12, 1970
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Sarah Springer McCool

b. June 21, 1913
d. June 28, 1999
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Thomas Floyd McCool

b. March 3, 1909
d. July 16, 1989
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Walker McCool

b. October 30, 1893
d. February 6, 1942
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Will N. McCool
b. December 10, 1880
d. October 9, 1962
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Zelma Dyer McCool
b. December 30, 1901
d. April 1, 1936
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ellen McGarity
b. August 8, 1906
d. February 27, 1995
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Henry McGarity
b. January 22, 1900
d. October 1, 1970
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ila Mann McGhee
1903-1998
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Buford McGraw
Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Mt. Zion, Georgia

Henry Newton (Bud) McGraw
b. November 18, 1884
d. January 27, 1969
Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Mt. Zion, Georgia

Octavia Bishop (wife of T.B.) McGraw
Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Mt. Zion, Georgia

Thomas Beatrice (Tom) McGraw
b. July 15, 1892
d. November 13, 1970
West View Cemetery
Atlanta, Georgia

Jessie Pearl Groover McWhorter
b. August 30, 1903
d. November 6, 1990
Antioch Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

John Clyde McWhorter
b. September 8, 1887
d. December 16, 1954
Buttram Family Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Martha Jane McWhorter
b. March 14, 1861
d. October 3, 1931
Mt. Paran Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Millard F. McWhorter
b. July 5, 1902
d. April 21, 1981
Antioch Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Millard Filmore McWhorter
b. November 21, 1858
d. March 16, 1946
Mt. Paran Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Camilla Yates Morris
1889-1977
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Elder Arnslo W. Morris
1908-1985
Restlawn Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Elvin Deason Morris
b. July 31, 1913
d. September 20, 2003
Memorial Hill Gardens
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Janie Yates Morris
1882-1948
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Kenneth L. Morris
1915-1978
Restlawn Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Lon Morris
1931-1884
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Sinie F. Morris
1917-1980
Restlawn Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Robert (Willie Bob) Morrison
b. April 19, 1918
d. April 17, 1978
Green Hill Memorial
Gardens
Childersberg, Alabama

Rodger Morrison
b. September 15, 1943
d. January 5, 1997
Pratville Cemetery
Prattville, Alabama

N

Arneis Webb Norton
d. June 9, 1995

Arvie M. Norton
b. December 13, 1915
d. October 12, 2003
Forestlawn Gardens
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Garnett Norton
b. October 7, 1914
d. May, 1983
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Vera Denson Nunn
b. October 17, 1913
d. June, 1989
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

O

Emma Oliver
b. November 11, 1871
d. April 3, 1966
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

Laura Oliver
b. August 6, 1894
d. March 24, 1960
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

W.A. Oliver
b. May 28, 1893
d. February 20, 1962
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

W.S. Oliver

b. June 24, 1866
d. October 18, 1948
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

P**Earl David Pelfrey**

b. August 12, 1907
d. January 14, 1985
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ruby Phillips

b. February 22, 1919
d. August 16, 2000
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Virgil Phillips

b. August 10, 1916
d. March 29, 2000
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Bessie Pearl Fannin Pinkard

b. August 31, 1894
d. June 29, 1960
Russellville, Alabama

Gilbert Pope

b. September 28, 1910
d. November 16, 1966
Cross Roads Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Mattie Lou Pope

b. June 2, 1915
Cross Roads Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Jonie L. Pugh

b. March 2, 1904
d. April 19, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Eula Shaddix Pulliam

b. June 23, 1894
d. May 1, 1983
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

R**Emmie Wallace Ray**

1896-1974
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Ida Dorris Ray

Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lloyd Redding

b. October 13, 1915
d. November 13, 1985
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

J.D. Reed

b. October 31, 1891
d. July 23, 1963
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

Martha Reed

b. 1866
d. December 25, 1938
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

W.T. Reed

b. 1862
d. November, 1950
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

Beulah Reese

b. 1908
d. July 29, 2003
Anniston Memorial Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Hoyt Renfroe

d. July 24, 1995
Alabama

Gaines W. Rice

b. December 6, 1881
d. October 29, 1967
Orange Baptist Church
Russellville, Alabama

Velma H. Sheppard

Richardson
b. July 10, 1926
d. December 17, 1998
Rome, Georgia

Vivian Denney Rogers

b. July 15, 1917
d. December 12, 2002
Ephesus Cemetery
Ephesus, Georgia

T.J. Ross

d. May 29, 1994
Florida

Ina Wallace Rosser

1913-1995
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

S**Ola Maria Jackson Scott**

b. April 28, 1891
d. December 25, 1910
Chilton Co., Alabama

Alta Mae Hopper Self

b. May 23, 1935
d. October 3, 1998
Hartselle Memory Gardens
Hartselle, Alabama

Alton Smith Shaddix

b. January 20, 1910
d. February 28, 1983
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Andrew Clinton Shaddix

b. December 3, 1888
d. November 15, 1953
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Patricia Shaddix

b. January 29, 1943
d. August 22, 1996
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Ranzy Shaddix

b. April 3, 1887
d. April 7, 1954
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Carrie Ellen Henley

Sheppard
b. April 14, 1890
d. December 31, 1941
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

George Frank Sheppard

b. March 1, 1885
d. September 21, 1942
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

Jerry Franklin Sheppard

b. April 4, 1922
d. June 19, 1998
Roanoke Memorial Gardens
Roanoke, Alabama

Clara Deason Smith

b. May 11, 1908
d. August 19, 2003
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Elder Donald Smith

b. January 16, 1936
d. July 2, 2003
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Elder Virgil C. Smith

b. September 4, 1911
d. May 29, 1986
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

James Lamar Smith

b. August 22, 1918
d. June 24, 2003
Mt. Pleasant Church
near Crossville, Alabama

Leola May Green Bailey Smith

b. January 9, 1915
d. January 23, 2003
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Mattie L. Harmon Smith

b. November 15, 1882
d. January 2, 1952
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Dr. J. Sam Snoddy

b. March 15, 1899
d. April 30, 1964
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Forrest Stallings

Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Margie Ivey Stallings

b. March 27, 1895
d. April 30, 1981
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Alice Estella Smith Sudduth

b. February 4, 1879
d. August 26, 1961
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Alvin Lee Sudduth

b. January 10, 1917
d. October 26, 1973
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Everett L. Sudduth

b. November 24, 1910
d. March 13, 1974
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Icie M. Sudduth

b. January 18, 1910
d. March 5, 1988
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.P. "Bud" Sudduth

b. April 17, 1901
d. March 12, 1978
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.W. Sudduth

b. December 1, 1905
d. June 4, 1971
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Jarrett Sudduth

b. January 5, 1884
d. July 13, 1956
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Julia Sudduth

b. August 17, 1883
d. April 1, 1960
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Liza Sudduth

1886-1968
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Monroe Sudduth

1882-1950
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mose O. Sudduth

1880-1952
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ovella Sudduth

b. April 27, 1908
d. October 9, 1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.J. Sudduth

b. February 29, 1878
d. January 24, 1947
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

T**Boyd Tanner**

Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Inez Wallace Thomaston

1911-1996
Moultrie, Georgia

Bertha Lee Jackson Traywick

b. February 14, 1896
d. February 23, 1913
Chilton Co., Alabama

Mattie Eliz Jackson Traywick

b. January 8, 1890
d. March 17, 1935
Chilton Co., Alabama

Florence (Dude) W. Turner

b. January 14, 1914
d. February 13, 1965
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

W**Effie M. Walker**

b. August 17, 1919
d. October 20, 1993
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Woodie Lacy Busby Walker

b. August 25, 1911
d. December 17, 2000
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Alton Wallace
1905-1975
Dadeville, Alabama

Bartow Wallace
1903-1987
Big Springs Baptist Church
Ashland, Alabama

Clanton Wallace
1921-1976
Dadeville, Alabama

Marshall Wallace
1901-1959
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Mary Wallace
1876-1933
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Maude H. Wallace
b. November 18, 1888
d. February 20, 1975
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Melton Wallace
1919-1996
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Mitchell B. Wallace
1871-1954
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Virgil Wallace
1897-1954
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

W. Manuel Wallace
1892-1969
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Walter E. Wallace
b. April 27, 1881
d. October 5, 1969
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Angie Jackson Walters
b. November 7, 1901
d. June 6, 1996
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Alice Estella Smith Warren
b. June 3, 1904
d. May 30, 1982
Old Harmony Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Louella Warren
b. May 11, 1910
d. August 2, 1991
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Spencer Preston Warren
b. May 4, 1906
d. February 16, 1985
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

William Chester Warren
b. November 24, 1900
d. August 4, 1952
Old Harmony Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Delia Godsey Watts
b. September 18, 1891
d. January 29, 1970
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Milford Watts
b. February 11, 1915
d. April 13, 2002
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Arlin W. Webb
1900-1978
Forestlawn Garden &
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Dula Webb
b. 1902
d. August 6, 1995
Forestlawn Gardens &
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Hardy B. Welborn
1865-1951
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Martha A. Welborn
b. January 16, 1867
d. February 5, 1948
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

B.T. Wheat
b. December 15, 1852
d. August 17, 1935
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.G. Wheat
b. June 7, 1892
d. May 13, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mamie Wheat
b. May 13, 1900
d. February 1, 1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Naomi Wheat
b. January 20, 1896
d. March 20, 1995
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Nelson Wheat
b. July 7, 1897
d. September 29, 1967
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

S.B. Wheat
b. January 17, 1852
d. May 18, 1930
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

T.L. Wheat
b. November 24, 1889
d. February 17, 1965
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Benjamin Franklin White
b. September 20, 1800
d. December 3, 1879
Oakland Cemetery
Atlanta, Georgia

Elijah Wilks
b. December 23, 1882
d. March 17, 1969
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

J. Bonard Wilks
b. February 20, 1907
d. September 10, 1973
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Dewey Williams
d. November 11, 1995
Ozark, Alabama

**Revy D. Wallace
Williamson**
b. January 20, 1916
d. November 7, 2002
Carroll Memory Gardens
Carrollton, Georgia

Shannon Wilson
1958-2000
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Carlton Wood
d. December 8, 1993
Georgia

Freeman Wootten
b. June 12, 1921
d. November 7, 2001
Antioch Baptist Church
Ider, Alabama

Walter T. Wyers
b. July 23, 1928
d. March 23, 2000
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Y

William Yates
1876-1941
Langdale Cemetery
Valley, Alabama

2002 AND 2003 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 2002 and 2003 minutes. We have listed the date of death when known. It is not our intention to omit any name or date. If you can supply these dates, we would appreciate it if you would share them with us. We realize that some names may be spelled wrong or listed in the wrong state, but this was not intentional.

DEATHS 2002

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2002 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-03-02	A. Curtis Carter (89 years old)	Alabama
01-03-02	Eddie Hill	Mississippi
01-06-02	Reba Edwards	Alabama
01-06-02	Ruby I. Wilks	Alabama
01-07-02	Pearl Patillo (96 years old)	Alabama
01-08-02	Helen Smith Hall	Alabama
01-20-02	Ethel McGough	Alabama
01-21-02	Frank Joseph Sills	Tennessee
01-30-02	Curtis Rogers	Alabama
01-31-02	George Cox	Alabama
02-01-02	Peter Vea	Wisconsin
02-02-02	Doris Vickery	Alabama
02-06-02	William Ryan	Alabama
02-09-02	Wilford Denney	Georgia
02-21-02	Verdie (Berta) Woods	Georgia
03-04-02	Polly Moore	Alabama
03-12-02	Elizabeth Rose Acton	Alabama
03-15-02	Mary Stiefel	Alabama
03-22-02	Lucille Tolbert	Alabama
04-13-02	Milford Watts	Alabama
04-17-02	Idumea Wiggins	Alabama
04-18-02	John Bailey	Illinois
04-20-02	Paul Frederick	Alabama
04-00-02	Hubert Anderson	Tennessee
05-02-02	Mary Frances Beasley Lee	Florida
05-02-02	Lucille Garner	Georgia
05-14-02	Nell Temple	Georgia
05-23-02	Dr. James L. Howell	Alabama
06-02-02	John Lacy	Alabama
06-16-02	Ike Stanford	Georgia
07-17-02	L.D. "Dovy" Jackson (97)	Alabama
08-07-02	John Eric Reaves	Alabama
08-07-02	Warren G. Meadows	Alabama
08-08-02	Lillian Ruth Daffron	Alabama
08-10-02	Flora Leona Skinner (94)	Alabama
08-12-02	George Rogers	Georgia
08-25-02	Roy Bryan	United Kingdom

08-00-02	Paul Turpin	California
08-00-02	Herschel Coffey	Alabama
09-04-02	Kenneth DeLong	Georgia
10-02-02	Cindy Cole	Georgia
10-13-02	John Bishop	New York
10-00-02	Maxine Marlett	Alabama
10-00-02	Martin Hoover	Indiana
11-07-02	Revy Williamson	Georgia
11-07-02	Floy Driskill	Alabama
11-21-02	Elder Charles V. Estes	Alabama
11-22-02	Freeman Albright	Alabama
11-23-02	Edis Guthrie	Alabama
11-23-02	Linda Walton	Georgia
11-00-02	Ruth Alexander	Alabama
12-03-02	B.E. Matthews	Texas
12-09-02	Lydia Hawkins	Alabama
12-12-02	Vivian Denney Rogers	Georgia
12-21-02	Tressie Adkins	Alabama
12-29-02	Everette Denney	Georgia

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Elizabeth Rose Acton	*George Cox Clyde Crossfield Silas Curtis	David Holcomb Aubrey Holmes Linus "Bud" Hook
Nell Adams	*Lillian Ruth Daffron	*Dr. James L. Howell
Roger Adams	*Floy Driskill (granddaughter of Bob Burnham)	Bertha Humphries L.D. "Dovy" Jackson
Gladys Phillips Adamson	Murtie Mae Dubois	Mamie Jenkins
Robert Adamson	*Reba Edwards	Thedus Keeton
*Tressie Adkins	*Elder Charles V. Estes	Tommy Knox Bobby Lacy
*Freeman Albright	Betty Etheridge	*John Lacy
*Ruth Alexander	Charles D. Farris	Obie Laminack
Buddy Bailey	*Paul Frederick	Jane Lester
Ethel Bannister	Winnfred Gilbert	Eddie Lumpkin
Odie Beasley	Russell Gilliland	*Maxine Marlett
Cleo Bennett	George Glass	Kelly Mayfield
Edward Black	Hubert Godsey	Harold McElroy
Janis Brackett	Susie Gosdin	Barbara Ann McGough
Annie Brothers	Lessie Grant	Bernice McGough
Curtis K. Brothers	Morris Gray	*Ethel McGough
William A. Brown, Sr.	*Edis Guthrie	Pearlie McGough
Callie Calvert	Elbert Hale	Auburn McGraw
Harold Calvert	*Helen Smith Hall	Bonnie Meadows
*A. Curtis Carter	Pauline Harris	*Warren G. Meadows
J.B. Chapman	*Lydia Hawkins	*Polly Moore
Wilbur Chesser	Scott Henderson	Febby Nail
Elmo Chrestman	Donald Hendrix	Ed Nelson
Nora Chupp	Mrs. Jackie Hendrix	
Lorene Clay	Irene Godsey Hipp	
Arthur Cobbs		
*Herchel Coffey		

Nelda Nelson
Edward Joe Norton
Hazel Parker
Bonnie Pate
*Pearl Patillo
Michael/William
Payton (twins)
Robert Peek
Chris Phillips
Estelle Screws
Powell
Joan Railey
Ford Reaves
*John Eric Reaves
Wilma Robbins
*Curtis Rogers
*William Ryan
Bob Sawyer
Albert Sharit
*Flora Leona
Skinner
Gaines Smith
Ruth Smith
Robert Spurlock
*Mary Stiefel
Franklin Story
Mae Thomas
Ronald Thompson
*Lucille Tolbert
Lula Underwood
*Doris Vickery
Ollie Walker
Dossie Warren
Michael Warren
*Milford Watts
*Idumea Wiggins
*Ruby I. Wilks
Ralph Darrell
Williams
Shannon Wilson
Sheila Wilson
George Wyatt

Arkansas

Betty Jane Craig

Arizona

Donna Ruth
Willard Moser
Sandra Terry

California

Jean Armstrong

Jay Byrne
Jack Dodson
P. Esten
Lolly Haskell
Jean Johnson
Barbara Neal
John Leslie
Janet Moffett
Ahiche Movlin
Jeanneth Nelson
Alice Pirie
Pat Reif
Ladon Sheats
May Smith
Gerald Suk
Sally Spiess
Michael Strathdee
Laura Turpin
Paul Turpin
David Wilkerson

Connecticut

Donald Edwin
Meitzler
Bob Williams

Florida

Viola Geiger
*Mary Frances
Beasley Lee
Alan Lomax
Andrew Martinez
Lydia Pinney
Randy Wells
Al Whitehead
Donald Woodard

Georgia

Claude Allen
Rube Allred
Susie Bass
Etta Bivins
Opal Bonner
Eileen Bowers
*Cindy Cole
Elsie Cook
*Kenneth DeLong
Everette Denney
*Wilford Denney
Martha Stegar Ellis
*Lucille Garner
Christine Harrell
Wilma Harrod

Billy Hickox
Norma House
Sarah Jones
Travis Kelley
S.T. McClendon
Othell Moore
Ellen Nash
Virginia Redman
Estelle Akins Reid
Allie Reynolds
Butch Rogers
*George Rogers
*Vivian Rogers
*Ike Stanford
*Nell Temple
Rusty Thompson
*Linda Walton
Elmer Wilkinson
Jack Williams
*Revy Williamson
*Verdie (Berta)
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New Mexico

Everett Yoder

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Frank Harlan Bean
Harry Bingham
*John Bishop
Jack Carman
Harry DuBrin
Mia Durso
Richard Edwards
Margallen Fichter
Marie Law
Timmy Mills (10
years old)
Son of Warren and
Doris Nolt (3
years old)
Robert Norton
Betty Perino
Emil Schau
Sidney Waintrob
Mr. Westmiller
Jack Zwaska

North Carolina

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Gertrude Houser
Harold Houser
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Carrie Dickenson
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Monica Stachnik

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Ed Pritchard

Washington

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Jean Hardy
Paul Kulhanek
Nina O'Banion
Shirley Partlow
Anne Jespersen
Mimi Weiss

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Kathy Prussing
Lolly Simpkins

Wisconsin

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John Lohmann
Kathleen Lorsten
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Mary Jane Wiesmor

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Hy Bean
Sacha Block
Joseph Brooks
Bob Carey
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Joanna Collins
Earlston Doc
Hettie Belle Hughes
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Paul Funk
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Jerry Gibson
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Jack Jackson
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Rosalind Kranis
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Alvin Reeves
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Polly Rowe
Christopher Sargent
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Wallace

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Spike Milligan
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Brian Osborne
Vera Richardson
Tony Rose
Gertrude Rowe
Winston Smith
Maggie Stevens
Louis Stones
Ray Stride
Christopher Turner
Trevor Vale
Holly Wells
Bob Wigglesworth
Marilyn Wood

Japan

Takeko Kubo

New Zealand

Rupert Sellens

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Listed by Date

01-07-03	Myrtle Meek	Kentucky
01-19-03	Martha Frederick	Alabama
01-25-03	Leola Smith	Alabama
02-26-03	John Henry Busby	Alabama
03-09-03	Bernard Swafford	Georgia
03-10-03	Dinah Breunig	Vermont
03-16-03	Lucille Sudduth Junkin	Alabama
04-07-03	Clarence Lambert	Georgia
04-22-03	Lavaughn Ballinger	Alabama
05-05-03	Madeline B. Faulkner	Kentucky
05-14-03	Allie Aldridge	Alabama
05-14-03	Carrie Garner	Georgia
05-19-03	Alice Gant	Tennessee
05-20-03	Ruth Brown	Alabama
05-30-03	Jewell Lea	Alabama
06-24-03	Lamar Smith	Alabama
07-02-03	Elder Donald Smith	Alabama
07-04-03	Vaughan Dryden	Alabama
07-13-03	Hugh Pease Anderson	New York
07-18-03	Cecelia Hauff	South Dakota
07-24-03	Zelma Harcrow	Alabama
07-25-03	Alpha Ophelia Black	Alabama
07-29-03	Beulah Reese	Alabama
08-19-03	Clara Deason Smith	Alabama
08-00-03	Gordon Ashman	United Kingdom
08-00-03	Jane Phillips	Alabama
09-05-03	Harvey Austin	Alabama
09-16-03	Thomas L. Futral	Alabama
09-20-03	Elvin Deason Morris	Alabama
09-23-03	A.A. Malone	Alabama
10-12-03	Arvie M. Norton	Alabama
10-17-03	Ann Deason	Alabama
10-21-03	Willie Carolyn Denson	Alabama
10-22-03	Erskine Vandegrift, Jr.	Alabama
10-30-03	Edna "Roxie" Chesser	Georgia
11-02-03	J.J. Sills	Georgia

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*Allie Aldridge
 *Harvey Austin
 Elma Avery
 Alta Baker
 *Lavaughn Ballinger
 Lena Barker
 Dessie Huff Bennett

*Alpha Ophelia
 Black (91)
 Bera Bradford
 Arie Epperson
 Brown
 *Ruth Brown
 Mamie Buckelew
 Leon Burgess
 Lucille Burkes

*John Henry Busby
 Vivian Carlson
 Iva Cleghorn
 Kenneth Conn
 *Ann Deason
 *Willie Carolyn
 Denson
 Hazel Denson
 Libby Drury

*Vaughan Dryden
M.G. Edwards
*Martha Frederick
*Thomas L. Futral
Virginia Glasgow
Dessie Goodman
Elmer Graves
Rummon Graves
Clara Bell Hall
*Zelma Harcrow
Alvin Hill
Charlotte Hinkle
*Lucille Sudduth
Junkin
Boyd King
*Jewell Lea
Danny Lester
*A.A. Malone
Sidney McMunn
Talmadge Meadows
*Elvin Deason
Morris
Leon Murphy
Mavery Murphy
*Arive M. Norton
Flora Otwell
Gladys Paris
Clark Phillips
*Jane Phillips
Coy Rasco
*Beulah Reese (95)
Albert Ryals
Henry C. Sherer
Imogene Singleton
*Clara Deason
Smith
*Elder Donald
Smith
Etoile Smith
Johnny Smith
*Lamar Smith
*Leola Smith
Wayne Smith
Rose Altha Taylor
Grace Tolleson
James Townsel
Pauline Tyree
Samuel Tyree
*Erskine Vandegrift,
Jr.
X.L. Walker
E.M. Watson

Irene Watson
Bell Woodard

Arkansas

Jim Dancer
Dr. James Frock

Arizona

Howard Hoover

California

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Loren Dick
Freyda Epstein
Sheila Horton
Diane Jones
Jessie Lee
Timothy Lull
Ron Mortimore
Robert Plunkett
Gretchen Marble
Guillermo Mimiaga
Stephen Radley
Reid Sanders
Alan Shempe
Jacques Transue
Robert "Bob"
Warner
David Wilkinson
Martin
Zanichkowsky

Colorado

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Arnie Newton
Kenneth Rebman
Lee Stewart

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Richard Morganson
Laurette Wojcik
Michael Wowk

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Jonathan Eberhard

Florida

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Gary Blake
Matthew Ettinger
Mary Hackney
Dorothy Henry
Lou Silver

Georgia

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Rockell Austin
Mary Bruce
Alma Brumbelow
Julie Burns
Fred Butler
Hazel Camp
Mose Cheatwood
Edna "Roxie"
Chesser
Gladys Woods
Enterkin
Martha Jean
Bracknell Frost
*Carrie Garner
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Wilson Green
Doris Haley
Thomas Hauk
Mrs. Bennie Jackson
Willard King
*Clarence Lambert
David Levin
Chuck Lunsford
Doyle Madden
Bobby Maxwell
Frances McDaniel
Mildred McWhorter
James Robinson
Cramer Rogers
Irene Sanders
*J.J. Sills
Dr. John Slade
*Bernard Swafford
Tillman White

Hawaii

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Helen Block
Carl "Bud"
Hamilton
Dolorous Higgins
Robert "Max"
Higgins
Steve Higgins
Anthony Jefferson
Janet Keller
Richard Kimmel
Evan McCombs

Robert Sanders
Michael Wadham

Indiana

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Howard Warren

Iowa

John Beal
Anthony Jeffries
Howard Marty

Kentucky

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Faulkner
*Myrtle Meek
Jim Zehm

Maine

Buddy Bryant
Chip Bryant
Randy Bryant

Maryland

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Allen Henkin

Massachusetts

Esther Ammann
Amy Anderson
Rolf Anderson
Mildred Baldwin
Judy Goddard
Ann Graham
Melinda Kennedy
David Lewin
Maria Maraggia
Grace McCreary
Lillian Meitzler
Muriel Plouff
Elizabeth Russ
Julie Thompson
Bruce Wenger

Minnesota

Zell Deverell
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Helen Stevens
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Mississippi

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Katie Wilson

Missouri

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Virginia Bloom
Christopher Dugan
Mary Margaret Hill
Grimmet
Naomi West

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Ruby Neely
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Judy Wagner

New Jersey

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New York

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John Bishop
Jean Close
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Drummer
Franklin Gracer
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Matt Hall
Andrea Most
Herman
Ethel Jones
Matt Jones
Kert Lundell
David Luscombe
Ruth McDonald
John Moore
Dorothy Ross
Thomas Savage
Glen Steinnfast
Flora Wallace
Joseph Woodrow
Weigberg
Karin Wennstrom
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Marvin Speck

Ohio

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Jennie Levey
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David Carter
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Margaret Haven
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Emory Via

Pennsylvania

Virginia Bell
Charles Coleman
Tim Geritz
Bob Metz

Rhode Island

Virginia Grandidge

South Dakota

*Cecelia Hauff
Ellen Klein

Tennessee

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years old)
Roberta Grimes
Bruce Ketelle
Mabel Hartman
Lois C. Smith
Thelma Watson

Texas

Ruth Collins
Nora Fowler
Billie Perkins
James C. Smith
Claudine Snyder

Vermont

*Dinah Breunig
Thomas Lee Hayes

Decla Lyons
Frank Shaffer
John Sheldon
Gary Snyder

Virginia

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Rob Ingram
Rosemary Johnson
*Joe O'Hern
Ruth B. Turner

Washington

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Vern Handrick
Sister Pat Iggulden
Vernon Sell

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Dean Fitzgerald
Harvey Ford
James French
Irma Glacy
Robert Grumes
Allan Hjgapg

Henry Kalcow
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B.L. McCollum
Jack Phillips
Mabel Reed
Elaine Dean Valenti

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Elizabeth Edds
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Bettle Masset
David McLaughlan
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Ginger Tootill
William Tootill

United Kingdom

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