

Sacred Harp Sings

2008 & 2009

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

Minutes are compiled and submitted by the secretary of the singing. Please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and use the same format and style for your minutes.

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** 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. Do *not* use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-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** 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** List songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in a printed singing book. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add lower-case "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).
- **Other Singing Books** Use abbreviations listed on page 38.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known.
- **Officers** List officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **E-Mail Instructions and Deadlines** Please see next page.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes and receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes sent 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** Judy Caudle
 1821 Gum Pond Rd.
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Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

E-mail format

- Type or paste directly into the e-mail. *Do not send attachments.*
- The first 3 lines should contain: Singing Name, Location, Date.
- Use 2 returns to make a blank line between all other paragraphs.
- Use 2 spaces between sentences.

Style All styles will be applied during book production.

Use *plain text only* in the minutes that you send us:

- Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting.
- Do not center the title.
- Do not type the title in upper case.
- Do not use “smart quotes”.
- Show long dashes (—) as two hyphens (--).
- Show bulleted items with a * at the start of the paragraph.

Need Help? A web page with examples of well-formatted minutes can be found at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>

Editor’s E-Mail Address Along with the minutes, or any time during the year, please e-mail directory updates, local singing information, names & addresses, birthdays, questions, or any other minutes-related correspondence to: minutes@fasola.org

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DEADLINES

Please send minutes immediately after the singing. The deadlines are:

January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

The 2nd Sunday in December, 5pm (Central time). Singings held after the 2nd Sunday will be in the following year’s book.

2009 Calendar

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SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2009 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

✦ This symbol indicates that directions to the singing are found on page 35. Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and in addition are listed in a separate section starting on page 24, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

Thur., 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—Always on New Year's Day—Info: John Bealle

Thur., 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

Thur., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Mapperley Village Parish Church, Derbyshire, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown.

Thur., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia—The Georgian Harmony—Info: John Hollingsworth

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Covington County New Year's Singing—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall—Dogwood Street—Collins, Mississippi—*Cooper Book*—From Hwy. 49 which runs between Jackson and Harrisburg—Take 84 east into Collins—Watch for Dogwood Street and signs to direct you to the church—First Saturday.

Sun., 4th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year ✦

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th, p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Bordo (Walker County), Alabama—Saturday night before the 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—4626 North Knox—Chicago, Illinois—10:00 a.m.—Just off the I-94 Wilson exit

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church—Auburn, Alabama—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—Convention rotates between Los Angeles (2008); San Francisco (2009); San Diego (2010)—9:00

a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Casa de Flores, 737 Walnut St., San Carlos, California—
Info: Mark Miller, Chris Thorman, Carolyn Deacy

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Keystone Pennsylvania Convention—Location TBA—fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January—
Info: Doron Henkin or Laura Densmore

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Jan. 31st—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Last Saturday in January—Info: Timothy Studstill

Sat., Jan. 31st—Rotunda Singing—9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—Info: Jim Carnes.

Sun., 1st—Burnham and Brown Memorial—9:00 a.m.—Wesley Foundation—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—
Info: Pearl Guier.

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.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Emory University—10:00 a.m.—Cannon Chapel—Decatur, Georgia—
Info: John Plunkett or Elise Eskew.

Sat., 7th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m. —*Cooper Book*—Park House, 2120 Park Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404—Info: Karen Swenson

Sat., 7th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sun., 8th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Third Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 14th—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama—Info: Velson Chafin +

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—The Little Red Schoolhouse—Indian Hill, Ohio—Third Sunday and Saturday before in February—Convention alternates between Cincinnati and Dayton—Info: Cleve Callison

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Pacific Northwest Convention—9:30 a.m.—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—

Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—
Info: Karen Willard.

Sun., 15th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—
Info: Cathryn Bearov.

Sun., 15th—State University of West Georgia Singing—9:30 a.m.—Food Service Building (Z-6)—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Church School Room, Church Street, Oughtibridge, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom—Info: Ian West.

Sat., 21st—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—
Info: John Plunkett or Laura Akerman +

Sat., 21st—New York Regional (Midwinter) Singing—Clinton, New York—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—

Info: Barbara Swetman or Ron/Margaret Bornick.

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Texas State Convention—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Wellborn Community Center, 4119 Greens Prairie Rd.—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—
Info: Kevin Powell

Sun., 22nd—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens, Clarke County, Ga.—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 Edition/Social Harp* books used—Info: John Garst

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Feb. 28th—Pauline Creel Childers Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m. EST—Location to be announced, Michigan—Info: Henry Schuman

Sat., Feb. 28th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Page Walker Art and History Center, Cary, North Carolina—Info: Lynda Hambourger

Sat., Feb. 28th—Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd. (at 1st Ave.), Tucson, Arizona—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—
Info: Chloe Webb

Sun., 1st—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—On Georgia Hwy. 100

Sun., 1st—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton/McGough Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—*Sat. Only—Cooper Book*—Changed from a two day convention—Info: Myrl Jones

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Missouri State Convention—9:30 a.m.—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne.

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—
Info: Kelsey Wessels.

Sun., 8th—Oxford Singing—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—Choral Room—Scruggs Music Building, University of Mississippi—0.5 miles north of Hwy 6 (US 278) at Old Taylor Road Exit—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Hoboken Annual Singing—9:00 a.m.—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—*Cooper Book*—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.

Sat., 14th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—10:00 a.m.—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Info: Hugh McGraw.

Sat., 14th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Bolds (Walker County), Alabama +

Sun., 15th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—*Cooper Book* +

Sun., 15th—Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing—(*J.L. White Book*) Pine Grove Church, Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver +

Sun., 15th—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—10:00 a.m.—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—United Ministries Center—321 N. 7th St.—Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Janet Fraembs or Darrell Swarens.

Sat., 21st—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chapel of Our Savior (in the Broadmoor), Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906—Denson and Cooper Books—Info: Pete Mathewson

Sat., 21st—Vermont State Singing—Damon Hall—Hartland, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Dan Hertzler.

Sat., 21st—Liberty (McCormick) Singing (formerly Sardis On The River)—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Sumiton (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Sat., 21st—Savannah Music Festival Singing—10:00 a.m.—First African Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia—Info: Gene Pinion

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Walker County Civic Center Complex, 10052 Hwy 27 N., Rock Spring, Georgia 30739—Info: Joel or Sarah Jenkins

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—San Juan Islands All-Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Lopez Island, Washington—Dinner on the grounds—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Leta Marshall.

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—Info: Tom Owen

Sun., 29th—Ivey Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey +

Sun., 29th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—
Info: Velton Chafin †

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles east of Opp on Hwy. 84 east and Cool Springs Rd.—Info: Mike Jones or Wayne Jones.

Sat., 4th—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive,—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—From I-65—take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted. Changed to Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 4th—Brazos River Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Martin Luther Lutheran Church—202 Luther Lane, Carmine, Texas—20 miles west of Brenham on Hwy 290—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 4th—Omaha All Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Saint Vincent's Church, 51st and Lake Streets, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Jim Solheim

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Potomac River Convention— Saturday session 1:00 p.m.— Sunday session 10:00 a.m.—Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia and The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia (D.C. area)—Info: Steve Sabol.

Sun., 5th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—
Info: Bernard Collard

Sun., 5th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—
Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right.

Sun., 5th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

Sun., 5th—Old Enon Church—10:00 a.m.—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—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.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 10th 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., 11th—State Line Church—9:00 a.m. CT—Cleburne County, Alabama—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 (NOT paved) (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.

Easter Sunday

Sun., 12th—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama †

Sun., 12th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama †

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Macon, Georgia—Vineville United Methodist Church, 2045 Vineville Avenue—I-75, exit 164 (Forsyth/Hardeman), turn west on Vineville Ave., go about 0.5 miles to church on the right—Info: Harry Eskew

Sat., 18th—Rhode Island All Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—North Scituate Grange, 706 Hartford Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857—Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 18th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—2237 Guntersville Road, Arab, Alabama—2 miles east of Arab—turn onto Arrowhead Dr. off Ala. Hwy 69, follow until intersects with Guntersville Road, turn right, church is on the right.

Sat., 18th—Thomas Futral Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday.

Sat., 18th—County Line Primitive Baptist Church, -10:30 a.m.—County Line Road (FM 3081), outside Cut and Shoot, Texas, near Conroe—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision)—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sun., 19th—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., 19th—Old Harmony—9:30 a.m.—Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama—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., 19th—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia +

Sat., 25th—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzgar

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—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—Info: Helen Brown or Ian West

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend). *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Southern Harmony, and 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

Sun., 26th—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., 26th—Alewine Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—St. Michael Church, near Fruithurst—Cleburne County, Alabama—Lunch 12:00 noon 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., 26th—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off FM Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(*Cooper Book*)—Info: John Morris

Sun., 26th—Golden Gate All Day Singing—singing school preceding afternoon—San Francisco, California—<http://fasol.org/bayarea/>—Info: Susan Fetcho

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama—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

Sat., 2nd—Northwest Arkansas Convention—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church—707 W. Central Ave—Harrison, Arkansas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 2nd—Civil War Re-enactment Singing—Blountsville Historical Park—north of Blountsville, Alabama—On highway 231—Info: Marlin Beasley.

Sat., 2nd—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Milwaukie Community Club—10666 SE 42nd Ave—Milwaukie, Oregon—Info: Jessica Beer

Sun., 3rd—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid

Sun., 3rd—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama +

Sun., 3rd—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 3rd—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama +

Sun., 3rd—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—West Blockton, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Preaching service—11:00 a.m.—From S.R.5, go west on Co. Rd. 24 for 1.0 miles—Info: G. Wayne Crocker

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina

Sat., 9th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Oak Grove Community—North of Sylacauga—Talladega County, Alabama—Off Hwy. 280 turn North on Gantt's Junction Rd between mile markers 40 and 41—Turn right at Fire Station—Go to dead end—Info: Elder Bufrey Dean

Sun., 10th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 15th p.m., Sat., 16th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—Info: Gina Balestracci

Sat., 16th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—Info: Rick/Laura Boyd Russell

Sat., 16th—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.

Sat., 16th—Providence Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Vinemont, Alabama—Located on the eastern side of County Road 1435 in Cullman County—

From Alabama Hwy. 157, near Cullman, turn north on County Road 1435 and go about 5 miles to the church—From Eva, go south on the Eva-Cullman Road about 5 miles to the church.

Sat., 16th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sun., 17th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama †

Sun., 17th—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 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a dish to share.

Sun., 17th—Concord Baptist Church—12:00 Noon—Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—Calhoun County, Mississippi—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun. 17th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—Off Hwy. 75—Turn west at Blount County line. Follow signs.

Sun., 17th—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—9:00 a.m.—Stroud (Chambers County), Alabama—*Cooper Book*—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud.

Sun., 24th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—9:45 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle †

Sun., 24th—Darien Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming and Singing—10:00 a.m.—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—From Wadley, travel west on Hwy. 22 just past mile marker #142—Turn left at Cotney's old store on Mountain Spring Road—Church will be less than one mile on the left—Info: Don Clark

Sun., 24th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road

Sun., 24th—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—Southern Harmony—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

Mon., 25th—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: John Plunkett

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Midwest Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago—1212 E. 59th St., Chicago, Illinois—Info: Ted Mercer

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Holt Collier /Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial Singing—Vicksburg, Mississippi—Location TBA—Info: John Merritt

Sun., 31st—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.

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—A set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in June—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Sat., 6th—Newcastle Singing—St. Bartholomew Church Hall—Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Info: Cath Tyler

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia+

Sun., 7th—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 7th—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 7th—Fellowship Church Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County, Alabama—8-10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, FM 1452, Madisonville, Texas—Located approximately 2 miles from 21 on FM 1452, west of Madisonville.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Info: Kevin Powell

Sat., 13th—Iowa All Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Berwick Congregation Church, Berwick, Iowa—Info: Annie Grieshop

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3595 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Chris Green +

Sun., 14th—Alpharetta Singing—Performing Arts Center, Old Milton High School, Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 14th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma

Sun., 14th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—Info: Elene Stovall, Max Berueffy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 14th (4:00 p.m.) - Thu., 18th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 17th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 18th, Fri., 19th & Sat., 20th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—First Christian Church of Birmingham, 4954 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 20th—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., 20th—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

Sun., 21st—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Zion Hill Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—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 Morris

Sun., 21st—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 21st—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 21st—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oak Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oak Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 21st—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., 27th—Salem United Methodist Church Singing--9:30 a.m.—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—Info: Henry Johnson

Sat., 27th—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 28th—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, near Whitesburg, Georgia—About 10 miles south of Carrollton—just off Hwy 16 also known as Hwy 27A—Info: Richard DeLong

Sun., 28th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama +

Sun., 28th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

July

Mon., June 29th (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 3rd (9:00 a.m.)—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 2nd—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp>

Fri., 3rd—Independence Day Singing—9:00 a.m. CT—Camp Lee, The Ark, Anniston, Alabama—from I20, exit 188, turn north to Choccolocco Road turn right, go 2.2 mi. Sign for camp on the left.

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., July 4th—Independence Day

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

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Henagar-Union Convention— Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 5th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. ET—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia+

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 9th, Fri., 10th & Sat., 11th—Shape Note Gathering, Mountain View, Arkansas—Teacher training Thurs—Singing Fri night & Sat—Info: Gaylon Powell

Fri. p.m., 10th p.m. & Sat., 11th—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 11th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Cullman County Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama

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

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Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 16th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—10:00 a.m.—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park)—310 Columbus Ave.—Montgomery, Alabama—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: Joe Brackner. Always held on the third Thursday in July

Sat., 18th—Walker County Convention—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 18th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy. 69

Sat., 18th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia—Info: Hugh McGraw

Sat., 18th—“Connexion” All Day Singing—Boston University College of Fine Arts, Concert Hall—Boston, Massachusetts—855 Commonwealth Avenue—I-90 to Allston/Cambridge Exit, follow sign for Cambridge. Take a right on Storrow Drive before crossing the river and take the next right to get off of Storrow, take the next right onto Commonwealth. The College of Fine Arts is ahead one block on the right.—Info: Thomas Malone

Sat., 18th—Michiana Singing—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

Sun., 19th—Kalamazoo Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—Info: Bill/Martha Beverly

Sun., 19th—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., 19th—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 25th—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

Sat., 25th—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., 25th—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Info: Steve Helwig

Sat., 25th—Coastal Maine Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—St. Paul’s Union Chapel—Waldoboro, Maine—

Info: Edith Berger. Saturday before the last Sunday in July

Sat., 25th—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—10:00 a.m.—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony—Info: Jane Spencer

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention—10:00 a.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—Info: Mike Hinton

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Mt. Zion Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school

Sun., 26th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Miss.—4 mi. south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Rd., east of Tremont.

Sun., 26th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan) (*Cooper Book*)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: Wayne Jones

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—From the southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road—at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road—Chapel is appx. 0.2 miles on left—Info: John Plunkett

Sun., 2nd—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—302 Fair Park—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 9th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 12th—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., 15th—West Texas Singing—Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*1991 Edition*—Info: Kathy Taylor

Sat., 15th—Boiling Springs Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Heflin, Alabama—Info: Jeff Sheppard or Eugene Forbes +

Sun., 16th—Cleburne County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Near Heflin—Cleburne County, Alabama—Info: Stanley Edwards +

Sun., 16th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Sun., 16th—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., 16th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church—Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: Hubert Nall.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama †

Sat., 22nd—Central Ontario All Day Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Detweiler Meetinghouse—3445 Roseville Road—North Dumfries Township (near Kitchner/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—
Info: Pleasance Crawford or Gillian Inksetter

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book* and *Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:00 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver †

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Young People's Singing Convention—near Northampton, Massachusetts—Location TBA—Info: Allison Schofield or Matthew Wojcik. This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Location TBA—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—(August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Alexa Gilmore or Gaylon Powell

Sun., 30th—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—near Northampton, Massachusetts—Location TBD—Info: Matthew Wojcik. This singing moved from Saturday before the first Sunday in July for 2009 only.

Sun., 30th—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—Third fifth Sunday each year †

Sun., 30th—Lacy Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Highways. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—First fifth Sunday after July 4th

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 5th—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama †

Sat., 5th—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—Denson and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 6th—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—1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—0.8 miles to church.

Sun., 6th—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama †

Sun., 6th—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., 6th—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—11:30 a.m.—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Mon., 7th (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—9:30 a.m.—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—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. There is a sign for Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and look for a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road leading to the church.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—Crossroads Community Baptist Church, 5827 Old French Rd., Erie, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Sat., 12th—Cooper Book Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—Barrineau Park Road, 1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 12th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 717 Rugby Rd., Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: Tom Clay, Diane Ober, John Alexander

Sat., 12th—Owings Pioneer Day—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Owings, South Carolina—From the Greenville area, take I-385 south to exit 19, about 11 miles from I-85. Take SC Hwy. 14 to Owings, about 1 mile. Go one block past the caution light, turn right on Dials Church Rd., cross the railroad, turn right. Park where directed in the field.

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Corinth Church, Fyffe, Alabama—Info: Dennis George

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—The Mechanics Institute—Marsden, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom—Same location in 2009

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims—75 Hicks St., Brooklyn Heights, New York—Info: Aldo Ceresa

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

Sat., 19th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, 1574 Adams Clarke Road, Commerce, Georgia—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Illinois State Convention—Taylorville, Illinois—Christian County Historical Society Museum—Third Sunday and Saturday before.—Info: Berkley Moore or Janet Fraembs

Sun., 20th—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 20th—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—*J.L. White Book*—Info: John Plunkett or Sandra Wilkinson +

Sun., 20th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville 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., 26th—Mule Day Singing—Pastime Theatre—Winfield, Alabama—Info: Marlin Beasley

Sat., 26th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Ed Smith

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Rocky Mountain Convention—New Mexico—The Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sun., 27th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sun., 27th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church +

Sun., 27th—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.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama+

Sat., 3rd—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Church is on FM Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 3rd—Church Music Heritage and Fall Festival—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—1859 USA Presbyterian Church—107 Church Street—Petersburg, Tennessee—Petersburg is located east of US 431 between Lewisburg and Fayetteville—Saturday before the first Sunday in October—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—New England Convention—Massachusetts—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—Date for this singing is selected by the host singers—Friday and Saturday OR Saturday and Sunday before the first Monday in October—Info: Joanna Lampert or Bill Holt

Sun., 4th—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5/6 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville/Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Church is on the left. Info: Debora Grosse

Sun., 4th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wooten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3595 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Tallahassee Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science—Tallahassee, Florida—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Sat., 10th—Savannah All Day Singing—Faith Primitive Baptist Church—3212 Bee Road—Savannah, Georgia—Take Victory Dr. to Bee Rd, near Daffin Park—Go south on Bee Rd.—Church is 1/3 mile on left.—

Info: Gene Pinion. Saturday before the second Sunday

Sat., 10th—Columbia Singing—Trinity Presbyterian Church—1600 W. Rollins—Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 10th—Rutherford County Sacred Harp Singing—King’s Chapel—Hwy 96, Rutherford County Tennessee—Info: Ron Harper or Cassie Allen

Sat., 10th, p.m. & Sun., 11th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—Saturday p.m. singing—*Cooper Book*—Sunday singing—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From Lawrenceburg: Take US 43 south. In Leoma, turn left onto Tennessee Hwy. 98 and go about 7 miles—turn right onto Second Creek Road—Cross Five Points—Liberty Grove Road at the Stop sign—Go about 1 mile to church on right.

Sun., 11th—Cates and Brown Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 11th—Chestnut Grove Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117

Sun., 11th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Sun., 11th—Harper Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—McWhorter Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne County), Alabama—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., 17th—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia—*Cooper Book*—Info: David Lee

Sat. 17th and Sun. 18th—New York State Convention—10:00 a.m.—Albany Area—Hubbard Hall, 25 E. Main St., Cambridge, New York—Info: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, George/Jean Seiler, Joanne Fuller

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Laurelhurst Club, 3712 SE Ankeny St., Portland, Oregon—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Jessica Beer or Dan Thoma

Sun., 18th—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., 18th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 23rd and Sat., 24th—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 24th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road—Atlanta, Georgia—From I-85—Take the Clairmont Rd. exit and go south (passing the VA Hospital on the right) to the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur Road. Turn right on North Decatur. Church is 0.5 miles west of the Clairmont/North Decatur intersection, at the corner of North Decatur and Westminster Way—Info: Kelly Morris or Laura Akerman

Sat., 24th—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 24th—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Friends Meetinghouse—Bloomington, Indiana—Info: Bill Shetter

Sat., 24th—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—

Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 24th—Pratt-Woodard Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Alabama—Info: Don Robertson

Sun., 25th—Schoolhouse Singing—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Eldridge Farm—near Orleans, Indiana—Info: Adrian Eldridge or Darrell Swarens

Sun., 25th—Jordan's Chapel—9:30 a.m.—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., 25th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama +

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Oct. 31st—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell

Sat., Oct. 31st—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., Oct. 31st—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Sumiton, (Jefferson County), Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* used in the morning, and the *Cooper Book* used in the afternoon. +

Sat., Oct. 31st—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—Info: Tony Hammock

Sat., Oct. 31st—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—Augustana Lutheran Church, on 55th St. between University and Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Sun., 1st—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sun., 1st—New Hope at Mt. Ebron Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn—Info: Richard Mauldin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place

Sat., 7th—Southern Wisconsin Singing—Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm—3210 County Highway BB—Dodgeville, Wisconsin—County Highway BB, south of US Highway 18/151, between Ridgeway and Dodgeville.—Info: James Page

Sat., 7th—Dallas County Singing—9:30 a.m.—Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd., Dallas, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 7th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 7th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple—PLEASE NOTE: Changed to a one day singing.

Sat., 7th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—Milton Hall, 538 Milton Road, Milton (Litchfield), Connecticut—Info: Paula and Jim Picton

Sat., 7th—Pennsylvania Two Book Singing (Cooper and Denson)—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—First Saturday in November—Info: Laura Densmore

Sun., 8th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—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., 14th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Church—Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 14th—7:00 p.m.—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. +

Sun., 15th—Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—From I-75 Exit 315 (Red Bud Road, GA 156)—Go east on Hwy. 156 to first traffic light—Turn left onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left—Info: Judy Mincey

Sun., 15th—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—9:00 a.m.—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 21st—3:00 p.m.—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA)—Annual Meeting—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215

Thurs., 26th—Thanksgiving Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be determined—Georgia—

Info: Richard DeLong—First fifth Sunday after Labor Day and Saturday before.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Sacred Harp Singing—Heights Church of Christ—1548 Heights Blvd.—Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Third Sunday and Saturday before
Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Thur., 24th and Fri., 25th—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Sat., 26th & Sun. 27th—No listings

Thur., 31st—7:00 p.m.—Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama +

Thur., 31st—6:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Singing—Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony—
Info: John Hollingsworth

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, March 28 Sunday, March 29
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, May 30 Sunday, May 31
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, August 29 Sunday, August 30
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, November 28 Sunday, November 29

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

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

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial Singing—Vicksburg, Mississippi—Second fifth Sunday of each year

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Massachusetts—Location TBA—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

Pioneer Valley Singing—Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Location TBA—
moved from Saturday before the first Sunday in July for 2009 only.

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

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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: Jeff Sheppard

Auburn: Friday, February 27 and September 25, 2009—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (just north of College Street—7:00 p.m.—Info: Stuart Ivey

Birmingham: First Tuesday in month—Southside Baptist Church, Heritage Room—19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—6:30 p.m.—Info: Elene Stovall or Max Berueffy

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

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday of each month—March through October—6:30 p.m.—Senior Center (Council on Aging building)—600 Tyler Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (Hwy. 35)—Take Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11 (Gault Avenue)—Turn east on 8th Street, South (at O'Reilly's Auto Parts). Proceed to Tyler Avenue and turn left. The building is 2 blocks on the left.

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

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—5:30 p.m.—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 6, April 3, August 7, November 6—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burrirt Museum—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

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten

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.

Montgomery-Autauga-Elmore: Each third Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Prattville Primitive Baptist Church—Main St.—Prattville, Alabama—Cobbs Ford Road exit off I-65—Info: Bill Hogan

Alaska

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: William Walters or Robert Sullivan.

Sitka: Second Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel—Info: Kari Lundgren

Arizona

Phoenix: Second and fourth Saturdays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Call or email for location—Info: Mike/Kathy Garrett

Phoenix area (Ahwatukee Community): Second Saturday of each month—1:30—3:30 p.m.—Desert Foothills United Methodist Church—2156 E. Liberty Lane—Ahwatukee Community of Phoenix

Tucson: First and Third Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: J.P. or Becky Nankiveil

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby or Flora Burns

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby

Springdale: Second and fourth Sundays—1:30-4:00 p.m.—General Store at the Shiloh Museum, 118 West Johnson Ave.—Info: Sydney Caldwell

California

Loma Linda: Inland Empire Sacred Harp Singing—Second Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Call for location each month—Charles/Kathryn Knecht or Rodney Willard

Los Angeles (East side): First Sunday—3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—

Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Los Angeles (West side):—Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—

Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Monterey: Third Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—

Info: Michael Armstrong; Jack and Kathy Herbig

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

Sacramento/Davis: Second Sunday—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing, 2:00—4:30

p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright

San Diego: First and third Sundays—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Old Poway Park—

Info: Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber

San Diego: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—San Diego Moose Lodge, corner of 30th and Date Streets—Info: Jerry Schreiber

San Francisco: Third Sundays in March, June, September, and December—3:30

p.m.—6:30 p.m.—Potluck—Location varies—

Info: Carolyn Deacy or Chris Thorman

San Francisco Bay Area-Oakland/East Bay: First Sundays—4:30-6:30 p.m.—

followed by a potluck—Info: Alice Sharp or Vicki Solomon

San Francisco Bay Area-Peninsula/South Bay: Second Sundays—11:00 a.m.—

1:00 p.m. and Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (hosted lunch following)—

Info: Terry Moore

San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley: Every Monday—

7:30—9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Chris Thorman

Santa Barbara: First Saturday of each month—7:30-10:00 p.m.—808 California

Street—Call in advance to confirm—Info: Tom/Victoria Oswald

Santa Cruz: Scheduled varies—Info: Shelly Phillips

Colorado

Boulder: Second Friday of every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Call for location—Mary Lou Van Laanen.

Colorado Springs: Second Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist

Church—12th and Pikes Peak—Info: Pete Mathewson

Denver: Fourth Sunday—1:00—3:00 p.m.—St. Mark's Orthodox Church parish hall, 1405 S. Vine St (near Washington Park)—(1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season)—Always confirm—

Info: Patrick Dolan or Sharon Kermiet

Denver: All Mondays except first—6:40-8:40 p.m.—St. Mark's Orthodox Church parish hall, 1405 S. Vine St (near Washington Park)—(1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season)—Always confirm—

Info: Patrick Dolan or Sharon Kermiet

Fort Collins: First Monday—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmatt

Connecticut

Middletown: First Sunday—2:30—5:00 p.m.—Memorial Chapel, Wesleyan University—294 High Street—Info: Neely Bruce

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

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

Panama City: Fourth Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Peoples First Community Bank branch in Callaway/Parker—Info: Mary Whitehurst

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Holy Comforter Episcopal Church—2015 Fleischmann Rd.—Cooper Book—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Tallahassee: Usually last Tuesday of each month—7 p.m.—United Church of Christ—1834 Mahan Dr.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Christian Harmony, or other shape note books—Info: Morgan Bunch

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

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—Info: John Hollingsworth

Bremen: Third Thursday night—June through November—7:00 p.m.—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Off Hwy. 27 @ I-20—Refreshments served.—Info: Stanley Edwards or Cecil Roberts.

Cobb County: Second Thursday night—every month—7:30—9:30 p.m.—Home of Jeremy Shipp, 2370 Bells Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30066—Info: Jeremy Shipp

Decatur: First Thursday (Except date TBA for December and possibly other months if first Thursday falls on or near a holiday)—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church Baptist Church—1886 North Decatur Road,—Info: John Plunkett

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 Clarke/Julie Lee or Johnny/Delorese Lee

Savannah: Saturday before second Sunday each month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, Faith Primitive Baptist Church—3212 Bee Road—Info: Gene Pinion

Valdosta: First Friday night every month—Cooper Book—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Info: Lee Bradley

Illinois

Chicago area: Second and fourth Sunday of each month—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Info: Susan Geil

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Geneva: First and third Tuesday of each month—102 South Second St., Geneva—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Springfield Area: Year round irregular singings at various sites—Monthly singings at Lincoln's New Salem Historical Site—Info: Becky Schildman or Pete Ellertsen

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

Fishers (Indianapolis area): Second or First Tuesday (depending on Museum programming)—5:30-7:00 p.m.—at Conner Prairie—Museum, 13400 Allisonville Road—Missouri Harmony, 1991 Edition—Info: Always check with Sarah Morin

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Matthew Lind residence, 407 1st St., Goshen—Info: Matthew Lind or Samuel Sommers

Howard County: Second Sunday afternoon of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Bahler residence—4903 N. County Road 200 E., Howard County, near Kokomo—Info: Brad Bahler

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

Fairfield: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jennifer Hamilton

Quad Cities Area: Third Saturdays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Usually at 824 W. 3rd St in Davenport, but location may vary, so call/e-mail before coming.—Info: Kristin Bruchmann or Annie Grieshop

Kansas

Lawrence: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Info: Susan/Richard Green

Kentucky

Berea: Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect—Info: Kent Gilbert

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 or Keith MacAdam

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 or Michelle Cull

Maine

Belfast: Second Monday each month—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—Court and Spring Streets—Info: Bobbie Goodell

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Barb Ames or Corrone Bryant

Portland: First Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street—Info: Vicki Adams or Chris Holley **Waterville:** Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1 Park Street—Info: Peter Golden

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00-8:00 p.m.—Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf—1040 South Beechfield Ave. Info: Elizabeth Cusick

Baltimore: Every Thursday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—First United Church of Christ, 1728 Eastern Avenue—Info: Carly Goss

Baltimore County: First, second, and fourth Thursday night—Gunpowder Friends Meeting—14934 Priceville Road, Sparks, MD—7:00—9:00 p.m.—
Info: Kevin Moreno

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—First Congregational Church—165 Main Street—Info: Eliza Cavanaugh

Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School (in Newton)—Info: Bob Parr or Bill Holt

Boston: Second Sunday—4:00-7:00 p.m.—Christ Church Unity, 70 Colchester Street, Brookline—Info: Joanna Lampert or John Ostwald

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—1:30-4:30 p.m.—Second Congregational Church, Court Square—Info: Laura Timmerman

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

Newbury: Third Sunday—3:00-5:30 p.m.—First Parish Church—20 High Road—1991 ed.—Info: Chris Noren

Newton: Fourth Thursday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Newton. Ingalls' Christian Harmony, New Compositions—Info: John Ostwald

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Mary Gowins

Plymouth: First Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—East Sandwich Friends Meeting House—December—March, and in Plymouth, location TBA—April—November—
Info: Justin Squizzero

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—(734.761.1800)—Info: Charlotte Wolfe

East Lansing: First & third Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Green River Café—211 MAC Ave.—Info: Thomas Malone

East Lansing: Fourth Sundays—3:00-5:30 p.m.—potluck following—Malone residence—120 Cowley—

Info: Thomas Malone or Bob Borcharding and Anne Missavage

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—529 Pinehurst Blvd.—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly

Minnesota

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—Cooper Book—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Kim Bahmer

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Second and Third Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Cooper Book—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Kim Bahmer

Minneapolis (Lynnhurst): Fourth Sunday—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Lynnhurst Congregational Church—4501 Colfax Ave. S.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel—Mark Davis—Hugh Bill McGuire

Houston: First Sundays—December through March—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Elder Charles Porter

Oxford: Second Tuesdays—November to February—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: Warren Steel

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski

Kansas City: Third Sunday—Starting at 1:30 p.m.—Info: Susan/Richard Green

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

Info: Susan/Richard Green

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:30 p.m.—

Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne

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 or Kathy Wood

New Hampshire

Hanover: Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler

Peterborough: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: August Watters

New Jersey

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci

Woodcliff Lake: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Ten minutes from Tappan Zee Bridge—Info: Carol Werba

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Immanuel Presbyterian Church—114 Carlisle SE—Info: Nancy Nortz or Ed Stevens

Las Cruces: Every Tuesday night—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Mesilla Park Recreation Center—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Eric Morgan

New York

Albany: First Saturday evenings—September through June, except when that coincides with a long weekend—7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—Corner of Belle and Ridge, Latham, New York—

Info: George/Jean Seiler or Michael Ryan

Altamont: June: Friday, 23rd—Saturday, 24th—Sunday, 25th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing,

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

Annandale-on-Hudson: Every Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Bard College Music Building—Info: Ben Bath

Barneveld: Second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday—5:30-7:00 p.m.—St. David's Episcopal Church—Info: Bronny Davis or Lauren Miazga

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

Clinton: Fourth Sunday (unless a regional the day before)—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret/Ron Bornick

Huntington Station: Second Sunday—1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Bethany Presbyterian Church—425 Maplewood Road—Info: Terry Ryan

Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church—123 East Court St.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

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

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 Peña

New York City (Lower East Side): First Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—The Living Room, 154 Ludlow St.—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Midtown Manhattan): Third Sunday (except July and August)—2:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Bart's Church, 109 East 50th Street—Info: Aldo Ceresa

New York City (Metro Area): Fourth Sunday, 2-5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meeting—289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—Info: Gina Balestracci

Plattsburgh: Sunday (floating)—Unitarian Universalist Church—4 Palmer St.—1-4:30 p.m.—we have refreshment break—Info: Bruce Kokernot

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00—5:00 p.m.—Mennonite Fellowship Church—111 Hillside Ave.—Rochester, New York (between Brooks Ave. and Chili Ave.)—Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg

Spencertown: Third Wednesday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Spencertown Academy—Info: Allison Schofield

Wading River: Fourth Sunday—1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Wading River Congregational Church—North E Country Road—Info: Terry Ryan

West Falls: Second Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Aurora Waldorf School, 525 West Falls Road. Info: Catherine Reimer or Joel Franklin

North Carolina

Cary: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Page-Walker Arts and History Center on the Town Hall Campus—119 Ambassador Loop—Info: Linda Hambourger or Pat Ward

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on Univ. of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill

Charlotte: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Michael's Church, 2211 Margaret Wallace Rd—Info: Catherine Sullivan

Fletcher: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Calvary Episcopal—Christian Harmony Book—Info: Dan Huger

Swannanoa: Fourth Friday each month—6:00—8:00 p.m.—Kittredge Rehearsal Hall, Warren Wilson College, 701 Warren Wilson Road—Info: Rachel Rudi

West Jefferson: First and third Mondays—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Ashe County Arts Center—Carolina Christian Harmony—Info: Sharon Kellam

Winston-Salem: First Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Walnut Hills Christian Church, 1438 E. McMillan—Info: John Bealle

Cleveland: First Sunday (except summer) in Lakewood—Info: Charles Wells

Columbus: Second Sunday (September–June)—4:00-6:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 3400 Calumet St—Info: Eric Conrad

Dayton: Fourth Sundays (September–May)—3:00—6:00 p.m.—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: John Bayer

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

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell

Oregon

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.—East Blair Housing Co-operative in the Community Space. Walk west in the alley to the first building on the right.—Info: Jean Murphy

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House (Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold

La Grande: Every other Tuesday—4:30-6:30 p.m.—In a private home, location changes—Info: Carla Arnold

Portland: Every First Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Eterbeing, 1603 NE Alberta—*Cooper Book*, followed by potluck supper.

Portland: Every Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall—3300 SE Woodward—Call for details—Info: Jessica Beer

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Liberty Hall—311 North Ivy

Portland: Every last Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building)—5736 NE 33rd Avenue

Portland: First Fridays—6:30-9:00 p.m.—People's Food Co-op—3029 SE 21st Ave., in the Community Room (upstairs, accessibility via a lift)—Info: Jessica Beer

Pennsylvania

Dougllassville: Each third Sunday—September through June—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Betty Hanf

Dougllassville: Each fourth Sunday—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Info: Ted Stokes

Edinboro: Fourth Sunday of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—5170 Crane Road (just north of town, off 99), Edinboro—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith

Philadelphia (West Philly): Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—The A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave—Info: Elizabeth Stokes

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

State College: Second and fourth Mondays of each month—7:00-8:30 p.m.—University Mennonite Church, 1606 Norma St.—Info: Hal Kunkel

West Chester: First and Third Mondays (usually)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Birmingham Friends Meetinghouse, a few minutes south of West Chester—The singings are held twice a month, but call ahead for we shift the dates because of Monday holidays.—Info: Laura Densmore

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

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

Providence: Weekly—most Thursdays—Home of Lynne deBenedette—7:00-9:00 p.m.—call to confirm

South Carolina

Charleston: First or second Mondays—call for time and location—Info: Tom Ivey

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—First Christian Church—704 Edwards Rd. 29615—Info: Leon and Frances Carnell

Tennessee

Cleveland/Chattanooga: Second Saturday—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Location TBA—Info: Daryl Chesney

Johnson City: Third Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Carolina Christian Harmony—Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, Main and Market—Info: Don Wiley

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—3201 Hillsboro Road—Info: Timothy Reynolds or David Carlton

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Every Wednesday evening—Fellowship Hall—Hyde Park Christian Church—610 E. 45th St.—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Gaylon Powell

Buda: Third Friday evening—Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3740 FM 967, 4 miles west of Buda, Texas—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Lindsey Wiggins or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—1:00-3:30 p.m.—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision)—Skillman Bible Church, 6043 Richmond (corner of Skillman and Richmond)—Info: Sonny Erwin or Cheryl Foreman

Fort Worth: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—(1991 Edition)—Info: Melodie Minsheu

Henderson: First Monday evening (quarterly January, April, July, and October)—Cooper Revision—Zion Hill Baptist Church, off FM 840 on CR 368, Southeast of Henderson, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—Info: Robert Vaughn

Houston: First Friday evening—Cooper Revision—singer's home—Heights area—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Info: Crystal Meadows

Houston: First and third Sunday afternoon—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—University of Houston, Mall Chapel (room 201) A.D. Bruce Religion Center—Practice singing—*Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-45, take the Cullen Blvd. exit and turn towards the University, go cross Elgin, pass the stadium, cross Holman, turn left into entrance #13—Info: Crystal Meadows

Kennard: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-8:00 p.m.—(covered dish at 6:00 p.m.)—Kennard Auto, corner of Main and Broadway—(Cooper Revision)—
Info: Jerry/Margaret Wright

Mount Enterprise: First Monday evening (quarterly March, June, September, December)—Cooper Revision—Smyrna Baptist Church, on FM 2496, 5 miles West of Mount Enterprise, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—Info: Robert Vaughn

Nacogdoches: First Monday evening (quarterly February, May, August, November)—Cooper Revision—Corinth Primitive Baptist Church, FM 941, 0.7 miles South of U.S. Hwy. 59, Appleby, Texas—6:30—8:30 p.m.—
Info: Robert Vaughn

San Marcos: Third Saturday morning—Cooper Revision—First United Methodist Church, 129 West Hutchison, San Marcos, Texas—10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—
Info: Morris Nelms

Texarkana: Contact for date or time—*1991 Edition*—Fellowship Hall, Williams Memorial United Methodist Church, 4000 Moores Ln.—Info: Don/Diane Ross

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Dr. Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: (*Cooper Book*)—Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Home of Lynn and Pam Carson, 1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly—Third Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Michael's Episcopal Church—16 Bradley Avenue—Brattleboro—Corner of Putney Road and Bradley Avenue—Info: Peter Amidon

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: Lloyd Graves

Derby Line: Fourth Sunday of every month—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—3:30 p.m. with a pot-luck, the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—Info: Julia Richmond

Glover: Second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays—Singing is held on Second Thursday in the winter, 7:00 p.m.—and every Tuesdays in the Summer—7:30 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—Info: Linda Wells

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

Norwich: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Barnabas Church parish hall—Info: Dan Hertzler (See also Hanover, New Hampshire)

Springfield: First and third Fridays—7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.—Fifth Fridays—Potluck—Info: Pat Colteryahn

Virginia

Arlington: See District of Columbia

Charlottesville: Second Saturday—9:30-11:30 a.m.—Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church, 717 Rugby Rd—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Charlottesville: Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

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

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: Third Saturday of September, October, December, March, April, and May—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—St. John's Church, 2401 East Broad St.—Third Saturday in January—at the home of Pat Temple—Third

Saturday in February—at the Visitor Center of Meadow Farm Park and Museum—
Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple

Washington

Lopez Island: Third Sunday—1:15-3:15 p.m.—Grace Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall—70 Sunset Lane—As you leave the ferry, follow Ferry Road/Fisherman Bay Road to the village. Just before you reach the village, you will see Grace Church on the hill on your left. Info: Leta Marshall

Mercer Island: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Vlach

Okanogan Valley: Meet irregularly—Info: Karen Stingle or Stephanie Clark

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

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Info: Jack Lofton or Kathy Vlach

Spokane: Second Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—The Waterford, 30th and Pittsburg—
Info: Greg Saue

West Virginia

Morgantown: Second Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown, 429 Warrick St.—Info: Leah Wilde

Wisconsin

Madison: 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 or Julie Veal

Canada

Durham, Ontario: Alternate Sundays—call to confirm dates—
Info: Gillian Inksetter

Grafton, Ontario: Second Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—The Lawless Gallery, 10831 Hwy. 2 (just west of Aird St.)—Info: Elizabeth Barlow

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor (at Huron)—Info: Pleasance Crawford

United Kingdom

Newcastle upon Tyne: Last Tuesday each month—7:30 p.m.—
Info: Chris and Alice Metherell

Oxford: ‘Teenth’ Thursday each month—7:45 p.m.—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

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.

Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78—From west to east, turn left just beyond mile marker 180. Church is located between mile marker 180 and 181.

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.

County Line Church—(Jefferson County), Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—Exit 284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn left off the ramp—Turn right (Blount County Road 8)—Go approx. 7 miles—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on right.

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—(Morgan County), Alabama—2086 Gum Pond Road, Eva, Alabama, 35621--Located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544—About 3.5 miles to church.

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—(Blount County), Alabama—3595 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—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.

King School House—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church (Winston County), Alabama—Near Natural Bridge—3 miles east of Natural Bridge—turn left on County Road 357 off U.S. Hwy. 278.

Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—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.

Liberty Church—McCormick (Jefferson County), Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78.

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.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Clay County), Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—From Interstate 20 at Oxford, exit 185, drive south on AL Hwy. 21 to Talladega. Turn east on AL Hwy. 77 to Ashland. In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5. The church is a little over a mile on the left.

New Flatwoods Church—(Walker County), Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo—Just east of Hwy 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill

New Hope Church—(Cullman County), Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right.

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—(Walker County), Alabama—12 miles northeast of Jasper—1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo—Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11.

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.

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.

Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—(Fayette County), Alabama—From Birmingham, take I-59/20 to US Hwy 78(Arkadelphia Road) go west approx. 52 miles to Carbon Hill—turn south at sign for Fish Hatchery (4th St. SW)—turn right on Co. Rd. 63—go 4.7 miles to Pleasant Grove Church—turn right on Co. Rd. 44 for 1.6 miles to Pleasant Hill Loop Rd. Church is on right.

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

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

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

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—(Winston County), Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Georgia

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.

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—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.

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, (Carroll County), Georgia—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.

Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—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.

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

Song numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* unless another book is named in the title of the singing.

When multiple books are used at a singing, songs from books other than *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* are indicated by an abbreviation in parentheses after the number, for example: 517 (WB).

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 II
HS	Harmonia Sacra
JB	James Edition Book (#25 — Great Roll Call)
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.

478t	Brown
483t	Bethany (Nearer My God To Thee)
486t	Trusting
491b	Jesus Died For Me
492	Love At Home
511	Willie
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

2008 MINUTES

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2007 - January 1, 2008

The 46th session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing was called to order by Terry Wootten leading 59 and 48t. He welcomed everyone, and asked Phillip Wootten to offer prayer.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 460; Marty Wootten 76b, 475; Tony Schrader 68b; Aaron Wootten and Ronald Patterson 452; Aaron Wootten, Ronald Patterson, and Rita Patterson 277; Verlon Stiefel 348b; Jeff Sheppard 556; Phillip Wootten 388; Robert Walker 35; Boyd Scott 358; Aaron Little 560; Roger Crabtree and Sid 448t; Al Grindon 313t; Loyd Ivey 454; Carri Grindon 335; Michael Thompson 330t; Pam Nunn 280; Bridgett Hill 440; Regina Bayer 270; Jim Herr 182; Katie Duff 155; Jubal Bayer 86; Jackson Pietrzak 496; Drew Smith 147t; Steve Duff 189; Hans Bayer 504; Eddie Mash 365.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Terry Wootten leading 176b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 166; Betty Wright, Alex, and Avalee 535, 97; John Bayer 75; Judy Caudle 518; Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Windom 216; Reba Windom 30b; Sue Duff 485; Ed Thacker, Mark Elias, and Cecilia Elias 159; Clara Herr 143; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Hunter Townson, Chase Townson, Logan Townson, Dani Townson, and Raven Townson "Holy Manna", 171, 465 (CB); Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 29t, 283.

RECESS

Terry Wootten brought the class back together leading 472. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 432; Louis Hughes 34t; Gail Aagaard 45t; Rene Greene 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Hobert Ivey and Linda Thomas 47t; Steve Duff and Katie Duff 511t (CB); Syble Adams 505 (CB); Claudine Townson and Olivia Allen 571 (CB); Marlon Wootten 99; Shane Wootten 196; Donna Wootten 314 (for Milton Oliver and Pauline Oliver); Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Levon Wootten 40; Brenda Carroll and Eloise Wootten 384, 424; Jerry Wootten and Christina Wootten 28b; Jenny Mann 70t (for Grandmother Wootten); Britt Mann 39t; Darlene Dalton 448b; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 2 (LD); Loraine Bayer 225t; Syble Adams 138t (CB); Syble Adams and Terry Wootten 518 (CB).

Terry Wootten led 503 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Terry Wootten; Vice Chairman—Marty Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia

Monday, December 31, 2007

The singing was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading 24t (CH). He then offered the opening prayer.

In the first session, all songs were from the Deason-Parris Revision of *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 372; Roger Keane 142; Mike Spencer 23b;

Dan Huger 85b; Sue Bunch 214; Chris Wilhelm 154; Judy Mincey 255; Robert Kelly 368; John Plunkett 64; Stephanie Tingler 194; Lee Rogers 306; Emily Rolka 117; Mary Baumeister 61t; Morgan Bunch 49; Nick Gambrell 171; Jonathon Smith 131.

Recess

The songs led in the second session were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 138t; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Roger Keane 47t; Mike Spencer 207; Dan Huger 254; Sue Bunch 102; Chris Wilhelm 101t; Judy Mincey 86; Robert Kelly 225t; John Plunkett 453; Stephanie Tingler 26; Morgan Bunch 485; Emily Rolka 128; Mary Baumeister 271t; Henry Rolka 47b; Lee Rogers 424; Jonathon Smith 340.

Recess

Songs in the third session were from numerous books, including two editions of *The Christian Harmony* (Alabama and Carolina). Leaders: John Hollingsworth 460; Lee Rogers 26 (EH2); Billy Hollingsworth 146; Roger Keane 261t (CH); Mike Spencer 30b (CH); Dan Huger 66 (EH2); Sue Bunch and Morgan Bunch 75 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 189t (CH); Judy Mincey 12 (EH2); Robert Kelly 146b (CH); John Plunkett 35b (EH2), 68 (EH2); Stephanie Tingler 35; Jonathon Smith 78t (CH); Morgan Bunch 119(CH); John Hollingsworth 51(CH) (for Ken George).

John Hollingsworth led 162 as the closing song, and John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Elsie Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

**Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom
Tuesday, January 1, 2008**

The annual New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. She welcomed everyone, and Simon White offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Helen Brown; Vice Chairperson—Ted Brown; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Ian West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Ted Brown 49b; Margaret Gillanders 171; Ruth Steggles 99; Judy Whiting 507b (CB); Michael Walker 40; Richard Percival 563 (CB); Chris Brown 113; Gillian White 49t; Maria Wallace 277; James Percival 474.

RECESS

Rosalind Oldham called the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Anna Baldini 299; Ian West 98 (CB); Sarah Pinney 186; Matt Wojcik 306; Rosie Wojcik 129; Helen Brown 270; Margaret Gillanders 503; Ted Brown 569b; Ruth Steggles 198; Gillian White 47t; Michael Walker 58; Richard Percival 38b; Chris Brown 441; Maria Wallace 159; James Percival 36t; Matt Wojcik 203; Rosalind Oldham 143; Anna Baldini 217. Peter Owen-Jones offered grace for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Judy Whiting re-convened the class leading 34b. Leaders: Ian West 500 (CB); Sarah Pinney 155; Rosie Wojcik 349; Helen Brown 379; Ted Brown 378t; Margaret Gillanders 475; Michael Walker 131b; Ruth Steggles 454; Richard Percival 571 (CB); Gillian White 324; Chris Brown 68b; Maria Wallace 268; James Percival 63; Matt Wojcik 192.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ted Brown. The names on each of the lists were read. Those deceased included the following: John McDougall, David Berrisford, Harvey Cornes, Albert Moorley, David Gillott, Peter Hampson, Dennis Runcorn, Fred Hunt, Percy Bown, Minja Lausevic, Kathleen Watts, Edmund

Wojcik, Ken Ross, Vera Ross, John Buckland, Bert West, Bob Tanner, Katy Lowe, and Sheila Orrell.

The sick and housebound honored were Peter Manley, Jock Knight, Sue Hill, Stan Shaw, Joan Mattock, Phil Goodwin, Hazel Myszka, Annabel Deighton, Alice Blanchard, Nora Czypak, Peter Ogden, Jean and Cedric, Don Clark, and Amanda Denson. Ted Brown led 77t for all those remembered.

Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 54t (CB); Anna Baldini 146.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back together leading 273. Leaders: Sarah Pinney 504; Rosie Wojcik 440; Ted Brown 30t; Margaret Gillanders 573 (CB); Michael Walker 148; Ruth Steggle 572 (CB); Matt Wojcik 157; Gillian White 276; Chris Brown 183; Richard Percival 178; Rosie Wojcik and Matt Wojcik 460, 189.

Following announcements, Helen Brown and Ted Brown led 347 as the closing song. Gillian White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Helen Brown; Vice Chairperson—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Cincinnati, Ohio

Tuesday, January 1, 2008

The 17th annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and began with Rich Overturf leading 84.

Bob Meek offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 40; John Bealle 32t; Karen Arnett 143; Eloise Clark 162; Christine Cox 515; Beth Huener 71; Jim Coppock 128; Steve Angell 178; Bob Meek 574 (CB); Linda Coppock 542; Kay Huener 86; Joan Redd 186; Daniel Coppock 532; Debbie Hall 273; Bruce Kokernot 300; Amy Holzer 373; Judy Schuetz 282.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back leading 38t. Leaders: Michael Domino 39t; Wendy Gilchrist 569b; Darrell Swarens 335; Carol Medlicott 424; Randy Webber, "Stompers Creek"; Bill Shetter 38t (CB); Emily Holzer 455; Wayne Dell 277; Michael Hieber 378; Karen Arnett 107; Sheryl Pockrose 180 (CB).

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back together leading 312b. Leaders: Eloise Clark 408 (CB); Christine Cox 163; Beth Huener 200; Jim Coppock 218; Steve Angell 112 (CB); Bob Meek 511t (CB); Linda Coppock 480; John Bealle 461; Kay Huener 350. Beth Huener offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rich Overturf called the afternoon session to order leading 154. Leaders: Michelle Cull 393 (CB); Sheryl Pockrose 571 (CB); Joan Redd 528; Debbie Hall 529; Bruce Kokernot 183; Judy Schuetz 202; Michael Domino 478; Wendy Gilchrist 209; Darrell Swarens 505 (CB); Carol Medlicott 182; Randy Webber 38b; Bill Shetter 546; Wayne Dell 49b.

RECESS

Rich Overturf brought the class together leading 105. Leaders: Michael Hieber 82t; Karen Arnett 269; Sheryl Pockrose 133 (CB); Rich Overturf, "Land of Beulah"; Christine Cox 57 (CB); Beth Huener 547; Steve Angell 268; Michelle Cull 155; Kay Huener 148; Bill Shetter 559 (CB); Darrell Swarens 198; Randy Webber 232; Bob Meek 199 (CB); Wayne Dell 503; Mike Hieber 68b; Michelle Cull 384.

Rich Overturf led 347 as the closing song. Beth Huener dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rich Overturf; Secretary—Eloise Clark

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama
Sunday, January 6, 2008**

The Shady Grove Annual Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 39b. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 36b; Dawson Adams 328, 77t (for Amanda Denson); Roma Rice 490, 45t; Lena Keeton 100, 111b; Corene White 37b, 279; Leona Haynes 146, 176b; Don Robertson 151, 335; Stella Pratt 61, 317b; Travis Keeton 340, 284; Parnell Berry 406, 441; Gravis Ballinger 120, 112.

RECESS

Kermit Adams led 33b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 270, 430; Butch White 326, 89; Harrison Creel 512; Lisa Geist 224, 546; Clarence McCool 349, 203; Glenn Keeton 229 (in memory of Wilton Donaldson), 178; Larry Ballinger 177 (for Earl Ballinger), 76t; Richard Mauldin 312b, 129 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson).

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Amanda Denson, Ken Tate, Latrive Bailey, and Charlotte McCarn.

The following deceased were remembered: Garnsey McGough, Edith Tate, Wilton Donaldson, Dick Mauldin, Felton Denney, Heath Jett, Gladys McGraw, Cecil Wakefield, Delores Beasley, Fern Kitchens, and Bernice Watts.

Richard Mauldin led 339, and Butch White closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the afternoon session to order leading 68b. Leaders: Josie Hyde 507, 477; Reba Lawler 82t, 424; Emily Jones 31t, 337; Velton Chafin 222, 488; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b, 380, 318; Theresa Westmoreland 192, 200; Harrison Creel 498; Margaret Keeton 365, 97; Richard Mauldin 499; Don Robertson 172; Kermit Adams 99.

Kermit Adams led 75 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL SINGING

**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday night, January 12, 2008**

The 54th session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 317. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Emily Creel.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 412; Elizabeth Keeton 504; David Roberson 222; Emily Creel 362; Arthur Gilmore 378t; Travis Keeton 68b; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Velton Chafin 266; Larry Ballinger 454; Kristi Allen and Lauren Allen 270; Gary Smith 66; Wanda Capps 203; Willodean Barton 498; Margaret Gowan 358; Marlin Beasley 378b; Doris Talley 120; Jackie Tanner 89; Faye Naramore 75; Jimmie Gilmore 348b; Ann Jett 43; Henry Guthery III 456.
RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order leading 512. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 166; Caroline Thompson 455; Danny Creel 392; Kermit Adams 200; Amber Davis 380; Gravis Ballinger 138t; Jetty Lawson 460; Bea Carnathan 472; Steve Adams 309; Geraldine Sharpton and Danica Thornton 168; Sarah Smith and Danica Thornton 401; Julianna Jett and Ann Jett 47b; Betty Kitchens 379; Dorothy Evans 290; Elsie Moon 490; Cindy Tanner 436; Ken Tate 312t (by request, in memory of Heath Jett and Flarce Creel).

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel led 111b as the closing song, and Henry Guthery dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church, north of Fruithurst
Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, January 13, 2008

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church, near Fruithurst, Alabama. Henry Johnson called the class to order leading 205. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 60, 166; Donna Bell 31t, 480; Judy Chambless 32t, 82t; Eugene Forbes 288, 78; Audress Gurley 36b, 147t; Ed Thacker 564; Reba Windom 332, 283; S.T. Reed 309, 322; Karen Rollins 327, 373; Bud Oliver 145b, 343; Virginia Dyer 63, 143; Hugh McGraw 369.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order leading 147b. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 209, 271t; Evelyn Harris 87, 155; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 389; Floy Wilder 402, 432; Robert Chambless 84, 72b; Myrline Redmon 340, 341; Andy Anderson 37b, 335; Cecil Roberts 97, 30b; Mary Jo Shafer 33b, 569t; Oscar McGuire 229, 573; Mildred McElroy 186, 436.

Henry Johnson introduced Lois Bowman (Jack Kerr's daughter) and the Kerr family members present. Mrs. Bowman shared family history and fond memories of singing. The group led 282 for the deceased. Rev. Larigan closed the memorial with prayer, and included blessing the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Johnson leading 179. Leaders: John Plunkett 419, 308; Charlene Wallace 99, 441; Jeff Sheppard 263, 225b; Andrew Farris 454, 408; Shelbie Sheppard 365; Eunice Webb 475, 498; Ann Simpson 445, 378t; Virginia Dyer and Fallon Kitchens 323b, 358; Tony Hammock 434; S.T. Reed 176b; Oscar McGuire 168; Stanley Edwards 102; Fallon Kitchens 269, 146; Sarah Roberts 127.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song, and Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 13, 2008**

The 24th Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff called the class to order leading 201. John Bayer offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley 142; Jim Helke 186; Rochelle Lodder 423; Charlie Derleth 348b; Steve Warner 475; Karen Isbell 56b; Anita Shaperd 216; Darrell Swares 335; Orwin Youngquist 28t; James Eldridge 224; Ryan Wheeler 108b; Wayne Dell 277; Ginny Landgraf 567; Loraine Bayer 201; Sarah Kierstead 105; Nathan Rees 422; Rebecca Eldridge 215.

RECESS

Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff brought the class back to order leading 102.

A business meeting was called, and the following officers were elected:

Chairpersons—Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley; Vice Chairperson—Molly Whedbee; Secretary—Jim Helke.

Leaders: Randy Neufeld 29t; Carol Medlicott 564; Doug Stapleton 474; Tracey Craig 569b; Jan Ketelle 168; Katherine Eldridge 354b; Jonathon Smith 137; Lisa Cohen 485; Susan Zurcher 143; Mark Dawson 299; Peter Bradley 228; Virginia Eldridge 569t; Wendy Wahn 178; Roger Crabtree 282; Anne Heider 171; Niel Gary 145b; Johanna Fabke 373.

RECESS

Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley brought the class back to order leading 473.

Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 334; Carol Crawford 312b; Debbie Barford 313b; Fred Schau 33b; Karen Swenson 300; Jeff Breting 163t; Sarah Burghardt 86; Megan Jennings 203; Jerry Enright 383.

Lisa Grayson spoke about the healing power of music and led 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Amanda Denson, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Kelly Day, Richard Grayson, Cathryn Bearov, George Stapleton, Fran Lipman, Herb Schroeder, Keith Kernik, Gail Weinert, Kathryn Ghastin, Julie Vega, Mary Schuman, Rethalee Harpst, Andrea Nagy, and Clare Cardy. Richard DeLong added that Charlene Wallace had two sisters die recently and could use our support. He led 134 for her.

Tom Malone spoke about the memories that help bind us together and pointed out that we never know when we'll see someone at a singing for the last time. He led 465 in memory of the following deceased: Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Edith Tate, LaRue Allen, Elder Garnsey McGough, Flarce Creel—Alabama; Hubert Lovey Martin, Agnes Leary, Glen Ernst, Ruth Young, Ruth Grodzins, Martin Lakomiak—Illinois; Helen Russell—Pennsylvania; Minja Lausevic—Massachusetts; Paul Gilliland, Joy Swenson—Minnesota; Dennis Dilno—New York; and Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Felton Denny—Georgia. John Bayer closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Ryan Wheeler offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael Mosley brought the class back to order leading 345t. Leaders: James Page 505; John Seaton 47t; Mary Doyle 229; Dave Barford 385b; Becky Browne 411; Jim Lawrie 63; Gary Gronau 377; Sue Kessell 362; Tom Malone 550; Hans Bayer 440; Steve Helwig 71; Adrian Eldridge 314; Jubal Bayer 84; Samuel Sommers 437; Sam Farwell 31t.

The Founders' Lesson was led by Judy Hauff, Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Wendy Wahn 304.

RECESS

Michael Mosley and Carol Mosley brought the class back to order leading 114. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 136; John Bayer 513; Lisa Grayson 370; Jo Dell Albi 385t; Richard DeLong 349; Marcia Johnson 434; Dave Ressler 214; Jim Swanson 500; James Crawford 546; Ted Mercer 542; Judy Hauff 98 (in memory of Edith Tate); Ted Johnson 498; Jason Martin 236.

Carol Mosley thanked everyone who helped with the singing. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were more than covered. The Arranging Committee and Secretary reported that 81 songs were led by 73 leaders out of 122 registered singers from 8 states.

Carol Mosley, Michael Mosley, Jim Helke, and Ryan Wheeler led 347 as the closing song. Ryan Wheeler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairpersons—Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley; Vice Chairperson—Molly Whedbee; Secretary—Jim Helke

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING

Goodwin Hall, Auburn University Campus, Auburn, Alabama Saturday, January 19, 2008

The Auburn Sacred Harp Singing was held at Goodwin Hall, Auburn University Campus, Auburn, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. Stuart Ivey called the class to order leading 59. David Ivey offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretary—Jordan-Leigh Taylor.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 61, 200; Allison Ivey 36b, 186; Ed Thacker 77t, 474; Ken Robinson 108t, 68b; Judy Chambless 339, 82t; Karen Clark 565, 466; Floy Wilder 142, 432; Rodney Ivey 389, 131b; Jordan-Leigh Taylor 270, 385b; Chita Blakeley 29t, 29b; David Ivey 209, 272.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey brought the class back together leading 129. Leaders: Benjamin Dicks 277; Henry Johnson 88t, 89; Tammy Powell 163b, 99; Bridgett Hill 112, 456; Don Clark 31t, 171; James Waldrup 47b, 282; Gavin Blakeley 127, 192.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Stuart Ivey leading 338. Leaders: Karen Ivey 32t, 446; Judy Caudle 439, 462; Samuel Sommers 38t, 386; Gaylon Powell 180, 107; Max Berueffy 569t, 150; Waylon Blakeley 81t, 33b; Robert Chambless 145b, 225t; Benjamin Dicks, Nathan Dicks, Robert Lee White, and Rebecca Williams 159.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Stuart Ivey leading 336. Leaders: Tammy Powell 454; Samuel Sommers 548; James Waldrup 49b; Benjamin Dicks and friends 447, 45t; Ed Thacker 532; Gaylon Powell 434; Bridgett Hill 475; Judy Caudle 375 (for Amanda Denson); Judy Chambless 28t; Henry Johnson 539; Max Berueffy and Karen Covi 111b (in memory of K.R. Davis); Karen Clark and Verona Andrews 501; Robert Chambless 72b; Ken Robinson 569b; Chita Blakeley and Waylon Blakeley 411; Stuart Ivey and Jordan-Leigh Taylor 350; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 440; Rodney Ivey 328 (in memory of LaRue Allen); David Ivey 426 (LaRue Allen led this song at this singing last year).

Following announcements, Stuart Ivey led 46 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretary—Jordan-Leigh Taylor

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
January 19-20, 2008
Saturday, January 19

The 20th All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California. The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Carroll Lunsford leading 63. Steve Lazicki offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairperson—Pat Keating; Vice Chairperson—Mark Miller; Secretary—Larry Arnstein. Leaders: Pat Keating 29t; Mark Miller 137; Larry Arnstein 350; David Olson 492; John Rand 385t; Carl Barnes 299; Duncan MacLeod 101t; Polly Henninger 186; Eric Steadman 391; Norman Gholson 28b; Mary Rose O'Leary 213t; Patricia Lazicki 108b; Betty Herman 421; John Marr 319; Marilyn Murata 527; Jim Friedrich 318; Linda Booth 361; Susan Turpin 203; Steve Lazicki 74b; Susan Fetcho 371; Jane Campbell 310; Midge Harder 70b; Corrie Van Duzer 280; Linda Selph 56b; Carolyn Deacy 30t.

RECESS

Jon Giles called the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Tom Payne 362; Margie Neal 112; Betty Marvin 390; Paul Lindholm 379; Jeannette Ralston 196; Leyland delRe 436; Mary Chris Harrison 180; Inder Khalsa 383; Chris Thorman 270; Cindy Overmyer 99; Ron Huss 473; David Fetcho 214; Karen Stingle 496; Jim Deyneke 310; Mark Miller 442; Hal Eisen 171; Erika Roush 455; Sue Hanson 452; Steve Cackley 412. Steve Lazicki offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leyland delRe called the class back to order leading 70t. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 290; Kiri Miller 216; Richard DeLong 193; Jenny Jenson 446; Ted Mercer 468; Jerry Schreiber 367; Steve Warner 86; James Baumgartner 300; Anne Heider 236; Jon Giles 430; Claire Singleton 273; Diane Mennella 448t; Steve Helwig 110; Stan Jensen 530; Porter Lontz-Underhill 163t; Wade Kotter 145t; Laura Boyd Russell 38b; Natalia Cecire 189; Norma Ruptier 479; Larry Arnstein 474; Carla Smith 333; Terry Barber 500; Pat Keating 332.

RECESS

Hal Eisen called the class back to order leading 178. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 170; Jackson Fleder 314; Karen Huss 454; Michael Laube 125; Carroll Lunsford 358; Bruce Hayes 254. Duncan MacLeod 85; Norman Gholson 535; Rick Russell 107; Jerry Schreiber 192; Claire Singleton 163b; Jon Giles 162; Kiri Miller 542; Jenny Jensen 532; Anne Heider 475; Natalia Cecire 370.

RECESS

Inder Khalsa brought the class back to order leading 282. Leaders: Jim Fredrich 114; Wade Kotter 480; Mary Rose O'Leary 217; Steve Warner 84 (in memory of Dean Slayton); Richard DeLong 176b; Paul Johnson 208; Erika Roush 503; Ted Mercer 345b; James Baumgartner 155; Paul Lindholm 564; Leyland delRe 160b; Porter Lontz-Underhill 117; Mary Chris Harrison 229; Norma Ruptier 168; Tom Payne 224; Steve Cackley 228; Karen Stingle 277; Steve Helwig 182. Pat Keating led 276 as the closing song. Steve Lazicki offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 20

Pat Keating brought the Sunday session to order leading 66. The opening prayer was offered by David Olson.

Leaders: Norman Gholson 515; Duncan MacLeod 34t; Chris Thorman 120; Betty Marvin 266; Bob Barnes 40; Hal Eisen 344; Cindy Overmyer 148; Corrie Van Duzer 191; Mark Miller 395; Carolyn Deacy 485; Terry Barber 411; Susan Fetcho 385b; Jeanette Ralston 268 (for Daniel Porter); David Fetcho 172; Maggie Leonard 288; Sue Hanson 384; Duncan MacLeod 168; Inder Khalsa 442; Susan Turpin 328; Linda Selph 472; Linda Booth 394; Ron Huss 534; Bruce Hayes 250.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Rick Russell 297; Lisa Grayson 216; Laura Boyd Russell 298; David Olson 540; Marilyn Murata 304; Pat Keating 320; Betty Herman 506; Karen Huss 151; Amy Ludwig 299; Sue Hanson 504; Maggie Leonard 401; Erika Roush 334; Larry Arnstein 287; John Rand 404. Mary Rose O'Leary conducted the memorial lesson. Ted Mercer spoke of the sick and shut-ins, reading the following names: Bud Mertons, Amy Stewart, Martha Duzier, Alberto Del Giudice, David Meyer, Cathryn Bearow, Mary Schuman, Henry Schuman, Amanda Denson, Josephine Tison, Guy Bankes, David Porter, Herb Schroeder, Fumie Murata, Shisue Sugimoto, Richard Grayson, LaRue Muhammad, Molly Gassaway, Gopal Leach, and April Grinder. He then led 74b in their honor. Jim Friedrich spoke of those who had died and led 267 in memory of the following: Mirjana Lausevic—Minnesota; Edith Tate, Flarce Creel, Delores Beasley, Larue Allen—Alabama; Cecil Piantadosi, Dorcas Utter, Steve Prussing, Hope Frazier, Ed Penny, Clara Zuckerman, Kate Makepeace, Harry Merrick, Donald Jones, Steven J. Bartel, Nonie Carpenter, Ethel Ballin, Fred Bellin, Doug Adams, Jennifer Tres—California; Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney—Georgia; Jane Roman—Maryland; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Shayner Kai McGinnis—Oregon; Mary Ballinger—Texas; Nancy Galpin—England; and Tadeusz Lisowski—Poland. Carroll Lunsford led 556. David Olson offered the grace for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Claire Singleton leading 159. Leaders: Anne Heider 528; Karen Miller 112; Lisa Grayson 269; Wade Kotter 354b; Paul Johnson 49t; Ted Mercer 131t; Norma Ruptier 27; Richard DeLong 419; Steve Warner 475; Carla Smith 349; Leyland delRe 444; Jon Giles 359; Mary Chris Harrison 433; Natalia Cecire 222; Jerry Schreiber 538; Claire Singleton 30t; Midge Harder 87; Diane Mennella 76b; Stephen O'Leary 448b; Paul Lindholm 562; Karen Stingle 254; Tom Payne 73t; James Baumgartner 39t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Boyd Russell leading 67. Leaders: John Marr 47b; Jim Friedrich 142; Mary Rose O'Leary 376; Jackson Fleder 61; Porter Lontz-Underhill 324; Adena Rivia-Dundas 306; Suzanne Dollois and Midge Harder 318; Steve Cackley 550; Steve Helwig 147; Janet Beazley 209; Corrie Van Duzer 497; Susan Turpin 327; Inder Khalsa 272; Susan Fetcho 212; Chris Thorman 91; Linda Selph 179; Cindy Overmyer 84.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Marr leading 72b. Leaders: Hal Eisen 183; Terry Barber 377; Mark Miller 351; Carolyn Deacy 330b; Betty Marvin 177; David Fetcho 212; Jeannette Ralston 335; Diane Mennella 373; Ron Huss 486; Karen Huss 569b; David Olson 441; Norman Gholson 347.

Bruce Hayes and Carroll Lunsford read the resolutions statement expressing thankfulness and appreciation that we can join together in song and fellowship, and for the efforts of everyone who helped in any way to make it run smoothly. We also resolve, God willing, to meet again at the All-California Convention to be held in the San Francisco Bay Area in January, 2009.

Duncan MacLeod reported that expenses had been met.

Larry Arnstein reported that 206 songs had been led by 74 different leaders, and that singers from all over California welcomed singers from 14 states. Announcements were made. Pat Keating and Mark Miller led 146 as the closing song. David Olson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Pat Keating; Vice Chairperson—Mark Miller; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS SACRED HARP SINGING
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, January 26, 2008

The 24th annual Sacred Harp singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on the last Saturday of the month of January. This is the 17th year the 1991 Revision of the Sacred Harp has been used. There were 113 in attendance. Dr. Gordon Borrer, a faculty member of School of Church Music at Southwestern, shared opening remarks at 8:45 a.m. and introduced Mrs. Beverly Coates. She gave a brief history of Sacred Harp Singing and led a “how-to” session using 49t and 40. Dr. Borrer also recognized students of Southwestern who were in attendance.

RECESS

Dr. Tim Studstill called the morning session to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone. Dr. Studstill introduced Tim Reynolds, who gave a brief history of Dr. Reynolds’s Sacred Harp involvement and led 84. Doug Foster offered a prayer. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 300; Evelyn Lamb 36b; Bruce Coates 86; Ester Huckaby 224; Donald Ross 225t; Owen Howard 388; Stephanie Turney 159; Ryan Ross 299; Ainsley Ross 354b; Donn Howard 163b; Douglas Foster 270; Grant Howard 566; Jerry Ryan 421; Leon Ballinger 313b; Cheryl Foreman 344; Ben Brown 148; Diane Ross 546; Trevor Howard 472; Tammy Powell 454; Gary Rogan 324; Beverly Coates 475; Jim Sanford 47b.

RECESS

Dr. Tim Studstill brought the class together leading 59. Leaders: LuAnn Thomas 128; Owen Ross 362; Catherine Rogan 192; Kris Wiggins 528; Jo Pendleton 72b; Priscilla Wiggins 290; Chelsea Miller 84; Vivian Rogan 146; Larry Hall 78; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Chris Nicholson 63; Crystal Meadows 442; Gaylon Powell 538; Evelyn Lamb 481; Bruce Coates 147t; Ester Huckaby 61; Tim Reynolds 198; Seth Howard 178; Harry Conner 503. Dr. Borrer offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell opened the afternoon session by leading 124. Leaders: Donald Ross 391; Owen Howard 76b; Reed Coates 155; Ryan Ross 385b; Ainsley Ross 145t; Susan Mathewson 497; Donn Howard 535; Doug Foster 32t; Jerry Ryan 490; Josh Rogan 163t; Leon Ballinger 297; Cheryl Foreman 556; Tammy Powell 384; Kris Wiggins 522; Diane Ross 532; Gary Rogan 149; Beverly Coates 107; Jim Sanford 267; Crystal Meadows 547; Chris Nicholson 162; Lindsey Wiggins 434; Owen Ross 228; Catherine Rogan 186; Priscilla Wiggins 448b; Chelsea Miller 133; Vivian Rogan 268; Larry Hall 181; Ben Brown 58; Chloe Webb 512; Martha Krigley 47t. Dr. Tim Studstill gave closing comments and thanked everyone for coming. Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds and Dr. Tim Studstill led 62 in memory of Dr. Cecil Roper. Gary Rogan offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dr. Tim Studstill; Secretary—Jacquelyn Clifton

**W.L. "BILL" GREEN MEMORIAL BALDWIN COUNTY
SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION)
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama
January 26-27, 2008**

Saturday, January 26

The W.L. "Bill" Green Memorial/Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was opened by Bill Hogan, who welcomed everyone and led 36b and 575. John Merritt offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley, Danny Creel, and Henry Johnson; Secretary—Nancy Hogan.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley and Alice Mosley 343; Danny Creel 559; Nancy Hogan 324; Nate Green and Norma Green 61; Robert Chambless 141; Aubrey Barfield 552; Christine Gandy 143; Brian Naylor 572; Uel Freeman 571; Gaston White 40; Mary Whitehurst 101t; Eddie Mash 450; Emily Creel 464; Frank Strickland 100.

RECESS

Danny Creel brought the class back together leading 140. Leaders: Judy Caudle 138t; Sue Bunch 478; Voncile Nall and Adrian Nall 442t; Henry Johnson 70b; Bridgett Hill 84; Connie Stanton 410; Buna Mae Purvis 408; Judy Chambless 560; Frank Hataway 283t; John Merritt 380 (for J.A. Mosley); Joan Aldridge 39; Joe Nall 272; Eva Padgett 215; Margaret Spurlock 112.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley and Bill Hogan called the class back to order leading 282. Leaders: Charlotte Naylor 85; Rodney Ivey 133; Elsie Moon 558; Ann Jett 518; Adrian Nall 358; Harrison Creel 355; John Etheridge 524; Tommie Spurlock 433; Wanda Capps 505; Cleo Murphy and the Southwest Mobile County Vocal Singers (Willie Ford, Willie Steele, Mary Lucy, Era Faile, Artemelia Rocker, Hester Gray, Rhonda Mosley, Estell Blackman, Ada Banks, Mamie Henley, Sandra Stewart) sang "Shouting on the Hill" and "Lord Build Me a Cabin in Glory". The class sang 369, and Bill Hogan offered the blessing of the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Danny Creel brought the class to order leading 86. Leaders: Bill Aplin 285; Paulette Chavers 447t; Sarah Smith 96; Earnestine Pipkin 276; Victoria Aplin, Wanda Capps, Elsie Moon, Sarah Smith, John Etheridge (The Hat Brigade) 72; Paul White 235; Jewell Rowland 341; Gary Smith 553; Hubert Nall 212; Bud Oliver 444; Marion Patrick 516; Russ Scholz 49b; John Plunkett 322; Loretta Jones 47b; Morgan Bunch 245; Becky Briggs 146; Genny Whitworth and Sandy Nicholson 92; Judy Caudle 452 (by request).

After announcements were made, the class sang 463 (by request) and shared the hand of fellowship. The day of singing was closed with prayer offered by Danny Creel.

Sunday, January 27

Bill Hogan opened the Sunday morning session leading 52t. He read from the Bible, Second Timothy 1:5-10, followed by prayer.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 59; Henry Johnson 315; Nate Green and Norma Green 116; Nancy Hogan 95b (for Beufa Green), 381t; Aubrey Barfield 200; John Plunkett 381t; Bud Oliver 563; Joan White 547; Hubert Nall 508; Billy Kelly 572; Gary Smith 507b; Morgan Bunch 430; Alice Mosley 484.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought back the class by leading 425. Leaders: Paul White 148; John Merritt "Higher Ground"; Sarah Smith 392; Emily Creel 404; Earnestine Pipkin 171; Judy Chambless 339; Wanda Capps 222; Brian Kelly 384.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley brought the class back to order leading 367. Leaders: Tommy Spurlock 86.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bill Hogan. The list of deceased was read and included the following: Flarce Creel, Edith Tate, Heath Jett, Marie Guthrie, Ruby Seaman, Eliot Scott, Herby Bailey, LaRue Allen, William O. Nall, Mamie Harper Noles, Delores Beasley, John Hyde, Eldora Moody, Ernie Mae Mosley, Jeanette Lowry, and Lloyd Fowler. Bill Hogan led 567 in their memory.

John Merritt led 539 for the following sick and shut-ins: Charlotte McCarn, Milton Oliver, Pauline Oliver, Amanda Denson, Thurman Nall, Lou Nall, Guy Banks, Cathryn Bearov, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Betty Jenkins, Martha Jane Fowler, and Emma Mosley. To close the memorial lesson, Bill Hogan offered prayer.

Leaders: Elsie Moon 414; Harrison Creel 277, 292b; Robert Chambless 451; Ann Jett 515; John Etheridge 519b; Adrian Nall 393; Rodney Ivey 497, 465 (for Coy Ivey); Margaret Spurlock 268t; Joe Nall 189; Joan Aldridge 573; Frank Hataway 401; Becky Briggs 571; Loretta Jones 63. The class sung 369, and Hubert Nall offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class back together leading 496b. Leaders: Connie Stanton 391; Voncile Nall 73t; Sue Bunch 293b; Judy Caudle 434; Frank Strickland 488; Eddie Mash 78, 398b; Mary Whitehurst and Nancy Hogan 559; Aubrey Barfield 163t; Aurora Crook 388; Paul White, Joan White, and Mary Whitehurst 186, 60; Connie Stanton 99; 54t; Gary Smith 336t; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 264b; John Merritt and Bridget Foster 358; Sarah Smith and Becky Briggs 408; Adrian Nall and Voncile Nall 47b.

After announcements were made, Nate Green, Norma Green, Genny Whitworth, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led 543. Aubrey Barfield offered prayer to close the convention. The parting hand and hugs were shared.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley, Danny Creel, and Henry Johnson; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

KEYSTONE CONVENTION

Christiana, Pennsylvania

January 26-27, 2008

Saturday, January 26

Doron Henkin opened the annual Keystone Sacred Harp Singing Convention held at the historic Christiana Railroad Station by leading 27. George Seiler offered the opening prayer. Doron Henkin welcomed the guests and led 300.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 228; Guy Banks 350; Elizabeth Stokes 77t; Tom Tucker 270; Dolly Sarley 34b; Ina Shea 339; Lynne Hoyt 503, Ted Stokes 396; Margaret Welsh 107; Molly Sayvetz 77b; Brendan Cooney 313b, Barbara Hohenstein 42; Lamar Matthew 569b; Anna Mays 546; Steve Hoyt 235; Nancy Tkacs 84; G.C. Waldrep 260; Oliver Stokes and Tom Stokes 182; Mary Julia Street 472.

RECESS

Kevin Griffin Moreno called the class back by leading 31t. Leaders: Nancy Katzen 312b; Claire Simon 547; Kelsey Sunderland 222; George Seiler 183, Susan Bingham 340; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 227; Pat Temple 195; Greg Mulkern 214; Joanna Lampert 500; Guy Banks 189; Cindy Wasson 271t; Mary Wright 35; Jean Seiler 492; Scott Luscombe 353; Karen Keller 29t; John delRe 486; Jennie Brown 532; Justin Squizzero 522.

RECESS

Pat Temple called the class back by leading 457. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 372; Peter Golden 556; Rachel Speer 336; Jim Ulrich 106; Crystal Burnham 215; Margaret Bornick 338; Hal Kunkel 373; Anna Hendrick 272; Jim Glaser 358; Kathe Pilibosian 448t; Kim Moreno 296; Chris Holley 277; Kathy Manning 240; John Holbrooke 49b; Sue Ulrich 474; Kevin Griffin Moreno 466; Lauren Bock 172; Nora Dunn 187; Ron Bornick 178; Paula Picton 156; Terry Ryan 280, Kelly Macklin 216. G.C. Waldrep gave the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Elizabeth Stokes opened the afternoon session by leading 105. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 47b; Erin Kelley 56b; Anna Bolding and Joanna Lampert 475; Kelly Macklin 444; Ron Bornick 454; Jim Ulrich 551; Mary Wright 480; John delRe 564; Sue Ulrich 198; Chris Holley 384; Paula Picton 573; John Holbrooke 38t; Justin Squizzero 383; Joanna Lampert 411; Peter Golden 217; Karen Keller 268; Jim Glaser 348; Susan Bingham 542; Chuck Goselink 125; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 349; Pat Temple 72b.

RECESS

The singing resumed when Anna Mays led 146. Leaders: Greg Mulkern 436, Katherine Reier 159; Margaret Bornick 236; Jennie Brown 362; Scott Luscombe 481; Kathy Manning 530; Kim Moreno 196; George Seiler 269; Rachel Speer 109, Kelsey Sunderland 193; Jean Seiler 299; Claire Simon 497; Crystal Burnham 448b; Terry Ryan 334; Nora Dunn 388; Lauren Bock 424; Kevin Griffin Moreno 485; Anna Hendrick 192; Erin Kelley 323t; Barbara Swetman 148. Lamar Matthew closed the session with prayer.

Sunday, January 27

Laura Densmore opened the Sunday singing by leading 49b, and welcomed everyone. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Guy Banks 77b; Doron Henkin 203; Tom Tucker 510; Barbara Hohenstein 163t; Anna Mays 426t; Dolly Sarley 117; Jim Glaser 89; Ted Stokes 462; Kim Moreno 157; Peter Golden 82t, Kathy Manning 403; Lynne Hoyt 515; Ina Shea 124; Oliver Stokes 432; Cindy Wasson 440; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 30b; Mary Julia Street 128, Steve Hoyt 122; Margaret Bornick 352; Hanna Henkin and Kim Sass 354b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 278t; Anna Hendrick 421.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class back by leading 31t. Leaders: Susan Bingham 455; Pat Temple 33t; Ron Bornick 282; Margaret Welsh 155; Mary Wright 71, John Holbrooke 339; Lauren Bock 406; Barbara Swetman 160t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 494; Claire Simon 472; Justin Squizzero 64; Paula Picton and Jim Picton 68b; Rachel Speer 399b; Greg Mulkern 185; Kathe Pilibosian 276; George Seiler 480; Hal Kunkel 61; Crystal Burnham and Kathy Manning 176b; Jean Seiler 168; Scott Luscombe 306; Guy Banks 65.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa called the class back leading 106. Leaders: Terry Ryan 347; Joanna Lampert 67; Aldo Ceresa 550; Nora Dunn 379.

Jean Seiler opened the memorial lesson by reading the list of deceased as follows: Minja Lausevic and John Coyne—Massachusetts; Aaron Sayvetz—Colorado; Tyler Bush—Connecticut; Larue Allen and Edith Tate—Alabama; Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, and Elder Homer Benefield—Georgia; Ed Schaller, William Powers, Emma Sauder, and Lilly Sauder—Pennsylvania; Red Shipley—Virginia; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Esther Martin—Maryland; Barry Talesnick—New York. She led 66 in their memory.

Ina Shea read the following names of sick and shut-ins: Carl Baron, Skip Trout, Peggy Bright, Don Clark, Marilyn Darch, Eileen Metzger, Amanda Denson, Aaron

Pinsky, Sandra Whittle, Lydia Wacker, David Beerwick, Barbara Wilda, Virginia Luscombe, Vern Lewis, Bill Farnon, Gihan Jordan, and Kat Kincaid. She led 48t in their honor. Hal Kunkel closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Doron Henkin 392; Dean Jens 236; Kelsey Sunderland 76b; Jennie Brown 189; Karen Keller 107. Ted Stokes offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order. Leaders: Carol Meier 99; G.C. Waldrep 532; Claire Maher 408; Margaret Bornick 479; Justin Squizzero 419; Pat Temple 220; Peter Golden 274t; Barbara Swetman 127; Chris Holley 475; Joanna Lampert 444; John Holbrook 503; Kathe Pilibosian 77t; Mary Wright 180, George Seiler 473; Kelsey Sunderland 506; Ron Bornick 334; Jennie Brown 302, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 183; Jean Seiler 142; Scott Luscombe 181; Karen Keller 163b; Hal Kunkel 179; Kathy Manning 380; Lamar Matthew and family 146.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Susan Bingham leading 446. Leaders: Kevin Griffin Moreno 333; Anna Hendrick 567; Greg Mulkern 216; Lauren Bock 442; Aldo Ceresa 218, Claire Simon 335; Elizabeth Stokes and Oliver Stokes 111b; Dean Jens 102; Kim Moreno 436; Jim Glaser 396; Rachel Speer 112; Crystal Burnham 445; Nora Dunn 43; Susan Bingham 30t.

Committee reports and final announcements were made. Doron Henkin led 368. The convention officers led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Doron Henkin; Secretary—Tom Tucker

ROTUNDA SINGING Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 2, 2008

The 11th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. Four song books were used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; *Christian Harmony*; *Colored Sacred Harp*; and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*.

The class was called to order by Jim Carnes, who welcomed everyone and introduced Ed Bridges, Director of the Archives, who spoke briefly. Jim Carnes also recognized Joey Brackner, Steve Grauberger, and other members of the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Jim Carnes led 87, and Wayne Morgan offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

The first session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*, and Elene Stovall served as arranging committee. Leaders: Elene Stovall 171; Judy Caudle 48t; Linda Thomas 52t; Beth Branscome 565; Robert Walker 99; Josie Hyde 137; Judy Chambliss 34t; Gavin Blakeley 196; Corene White and Jim Carnes 403; Gary Smith 66; Margaret Keeton 276; Doug Conn 186; Sarah Smith 290; Jonathan Blakeley and Audrie Blakeley 192.

The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*, with Ruth Wyers serving as arranging committee. Leaders: Ruth Wyers 120; Tim Cook 61b; Billy Thompson 248; Robert Walker 49; John Etheridge 64; Bill Hogan 214; David Daniel 109; Robert DuPree 86t.

RECESS

The third session of singing was from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class was called to order by Don Clark leading 497. Leaders: Marion Patrick

516; Ken Sundberg 507b; Karen Clark 55; Nancy Hogan 47b; Frank Hataway and Kristi Register 500, 45t; Vencil Nall 47t; Adrian Nall 358; Doug Conn 501; Ercyl Vidrine 146.

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: John Etheridge 4; Jim Carnes 31; Ken Sundberg 95; Gavin Blakeley 87; Sarah Smith 19; Karen Clark 12. Wayne Morgan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jim Carnes, who introduced Al Head, Director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, who spoke briefly. Singing for this session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 436; Jeff Sheppard 556; Ann Webb 384; Robert Walker 35; Elene Stovall 440; Judy Caudle 182; Josie Hyde 507; Bufrey Dean 430; Beth Branscome 155; Robert Chambless 303.

The second afternoon session was held from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Ruth Wyers 349; Nancy Hogan 321; Karen Clark 189; Steve Grauberger 143; Tim Cook 91; Jim Carnes 85b; Don Clark 149; Billy Thompson 303; Jonathan Blakeley 228; Ruth Wyers 298.

The third afternoon session was held from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Steve Grauberger 95; John Etheridge “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time” (for Bernice Harvey).

The final session of singing was held from the *Cooper Book*. Leaders: John Etheridge 464; Frank Hataway 465; Adrian Nall 393t; Judy Caudle 567, 511t (by request); Robert Walker 38t; Alice Sundberg 159; Tim Cook 488b (by request); Bill Hogan, Nancy Hogan, and Ruth Wyers 491.

Following announcements, Jim Carnes led 176t as the closing song. Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL Wesley Foundation, Jacksonville, Alabama Sunday, February 3, 2008

The annual singing in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham, Leman Brown, and Ruth Brown was held at the Wesley Foundation Building on the campus of Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Pearl Guier leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Louis Hughes. Pearl Guier welcomed everyone and led 40.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176t, 176b; Pam Nunn 186, 220; Shelbie Sheppard 440; S.T. Reed 354t, 428; Judy Chambless 99, 288; Cecil Roberts 32t, 97; Sharon DuPriest 212, 318; Bud Oliver 145b, 421; Betty Wright 347; Loyd Ivey 73t, 30t; Kenneith Calvert 287, 143.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 75. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 299; Joyce Walton 213t; Karleen Williams 146; Jan House 151; Robert Chambless 72b; Malik Williams 37b; Cheyenne Ivey and Anna Hinton 82t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Jeannette DePoy; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 498; Jeannette DePoy 387; Ed Thacker 517; Karen Rollins 136; Judy Caudle 183.

RECESS

Pearl Guier led 303 to call the class together. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 365; Nathan Rees 568; Myron House 545; Nate Green and Norma Green 208; Karen Ivey 542; Charlene Wallace and Mary Reid 276; Scott DePoy 32b; Lonnie Rogers 389, 348b;

Sandra Wilkinson 472; Hugh McGraw 213b; Stephanie Tingler 141; John Plunkett 464; Jonathan Smith 203; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 33b, 503; Reba Windom 209. John Plunkett offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 383. Leaders: David Ivey 456; Richard DeLong 407; Louise Holland 273; Henry Johnson 278b; Joan Aldridge 486; Judy Mincey 180; Anne Simpson 452; Lou Cotney 358; Rene Greene 454; Evelyn Harris 47t; Angela Riley and Rene Greene 45t; Nellie Mae White 47b; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 384; Louise Holland, Jan House, and Myron House 49b; Bridgett Hill, Karen Ivey, and Rene Greene 200; Joyce Walton, Nate Green, and Norma Green 314 (for Milton Oliver); Lonnie Rogers, Karen Rollins, and Karleen Williams 340; Daphene Causey, Sharon DuPriest, Reba Windom, and Joan Aldridge 327; Loyd Ivey, Bud Oliver, and S.T. Reed 42; Betty Wright, Judy Chambless, and Anne Simpson 480; Louis Hughes, Judy Caudle, and Stephanie Tingler 76b; Sandra Wilkinson, Scott DePoy, and Jonathan Smith 300; Evelyn Harris, Cecil Roberts, and Ed Thacker 155; Henry Johnson, Kenneith Calvert, and Robert Chambless 123t; Richard DeLong, Nathan Rees, and Jeannette DePoy 380; John Plunkett and Judy Mincey 216 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Pearl Guier, Jeff Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 122, 142 (both songs in memory of Ruth Brown).

Following announcements, Pearl Guier and Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Jeannette DePoy

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL

Mt. Hope Baptist Church, northeast of Sipsey, Alabama Sunday, February 3, 2008

The J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. Henry Guthery called the class to order leading 50b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Henry Guthery led 34b.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 33b, 37b, 36b; Elizabeth Keeton 32t, 30t, 504; Henry Guthery III 434, 436, 45b; Willodean Barton 498, 454; Faye Donaldson 371, 270, 138t; Richard Mauldin 312b, 378t, 100 (in memory of Wilton Donaldson).

RECESS

The class was called together by Glenn Keeton leading 49b (in memory of his co-worker who was killed in a work accident, and Roxy Keeton who died yesterday, February 2nd), 358, and 294.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Co-Chairmen—Henry Guthery and Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton and Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Margaret Keeton 144, 217, 137; Josie Hyde 349 (in memory of Roxy Keeton), 507, 165. The pastor of the church, Patrick Watson, welcomed everyone and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 465. Leaders: Steve Adams 101t, 309, 146; Reba Lawler 82t, 544, 424; Velton Chafin 122, 212, 225t; Travis Keeton 475, 480, 235; Butch White 40, 37b, 86, 178; Willodean Barton 63; Henry Guthery III 62, 297; Elizabeth Keeton 124; Faye Donaldson 430; Kermit Adams 99; Harrison Creel 342; Richard Mauldin 77t (for Amanda Denson Brady); Butch White 31t, 39b; Glenn Keeton and Patrick Watson 45t; Travis

Keeton 129, 75; Velton Chafin 76t, 573; Henry Guthery III 340 (in memory of Sherry Guthery, his grandmother); the pastor's daughter sang "Sweet Beulah Land". Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. After announcements, Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Henry Guthery and Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING
Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Saturday, February 9, 2008

The 9th Minnesota Midwinter *Cooper Book* Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February at Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Bill Waddington called the class to order leading 82t. Kit Canright offered the opening prayer. Pastor Eric Hoffman welcomed the class to Virginia Street Church.

Leaders: Cathy Lutz 559; Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson 391; Jim Pfau 171; Karen Edwards, Gena Borgmeier, and Elliot Borgmeier 270; Paul Wilson 314; Jim Goetz 268t; Carol Buche 488b (for Laurie Kimball and family); Scott Schroeder 122 (for Stephen Parker's mother); Denise Kania 478; Steve Luttinen 273; Christine Stevens 416b (for Tim Eriksen and his mother-in-law); Charlie Obert and Cindy Kisse 47t; Midge Olsen 500; Doron Henkin 522.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall called the class back together by leading 432. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 36b; Bob Meek "Stamper Creek"; Eleanor Haase 485; Gordon Olsen and a University of St. Thomas student 47b; Janet Crosby 32t; Stephen Conte 65; Chris Brown 95b; Kristie Harju 411; Paul Figura 33 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Donna Gunderson-Rogers 38t; Michael Moore 163b; Kit Canright and a group of St. Thomas students 128; Matt Wells and a group of St. Thomas students 183; Julie Vea 278b.

RECESS

Steven Levine called the class back to order leading 449. Leaders: Shirley Figura 207; Jim Helke 393t; Kim Bahmer 144; Scott Kennedy 518; Erin Kelly and Mairi Quodomine 530; Steve Helwig 105b. Connie Stanton offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cathy Lutz and a group of St. Thomas students leading 106. Leaders: Keith Willard 416t; Connie Stanton 511t; Guy Bankes 55; Martha Henderson 567; Paul Wyatt and a group of St. Thomas students 229; Claudia Egelhoff 463; Judy Whiting 507b; Jerry Schreiber 75; Karen Rollins 136; Laura Densmore 133; Jenny Willard 199; Claudine Townson and Syble Adams 572; Val Eng 215; Steven Levine 516; Syble Adams 367.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Doron Henkin leading 89. Leaders: Beth Holland 515; Emilie Karas 195; Nick Barootian 472; Jen Heans 49t; Cassie Lang and Nathan Berry 68t; Dan Edwards 99; Stacey Berkheimer 276; Anna Pfau 142; Mary Ann Sausotte 137; Steven Schmidgall 473; Judy Whiting 186; Julie Vea 218; Bob Meek 505; Karen Swenson 217; Syble Adams 543.

Upcoming singings were announced. Treasurer Matt Wells reported that expenses had been met. The class represented twelve states and three countries.

Bill Waddington led 146 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Paul Figura offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Waddington; Secretary—Karen Swenson

BAYLOR SACRED HARP SINGING
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas
Saturday, February 9, 2008

The 6th 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. David Music called the class together leading 59. John Woods offered the opening prayer. Beverly Coates gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Tammy Powell.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 36b; Scott Curran 217; Ines Luetggen 319; Larry Hall 78; Jerry Ryan 111t; Jonathan Pendleton 354b; Evelyn Lamb 198; Janie Short 68b; Mike Hinton 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Becky Robertson 155; Gayle Avant 45t; Bruce Coates 569b; John Woods 63; Bobby Watkins 376; Jonathan Sanford 29b; Stephan Marman 179; Robert Vaughn 419; Jo Pendleton 31t; Leon Ballinger 454.

RECESS

The class was called back together. Leaders: Beverly Coates 148; Owen Ross 193; Chris Nicholson 162; Ben Griffin 178; Bodie Gilbert 180; Anne Strickard 128; M.J. Gallop 84; Ben Tallcott 282; Stephen Carver 452; Margo Dana-Weiss 159; Tammy Powell 163b; Tim McKinney 354b; Chloe Webb 146; Gaylon Powell 278b; Scott Curran 472. Announcements were made. Dr. Terry York offered the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

David Music called the class together leading 99. Leaders: Terry York 147t; Randal Bradley 58; Ines Luetggen 383; Larry Hall 171; Jerry Ryan 421; Evelyn Lamb 215; Janie Short 270; Mike Hinton 40; Gayle Avant 73b; Bruce Coates 313b; Bobby Watkins 460; Stephen Marman 43; Robert Vaughn 535; Jo Pendleton 448b; Chris Pillsbury 34b; Leon Ballinger 280; Beverly Coates 318; Owen Ross 327; Chris Nicholson 223; Chloe Webb 35; Ben Griffin 53; Tammy Powell 142.

RECESS

David Music called the class back leading 47t. Leaders: Bobby Watkins 49b; Beverly Coates 88b; Gaylon Powell 236; Evelyn Lamb 47b; Owen Ross 503; Jerry Ryan 87; Jerry Ryan and Gaylon Powell 408; Scott Curran 504; Chris Nicholson 47t. Bobby Watkins led the closing song. Dr. David Music offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Tammy Powell

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING
Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, February 9, 2008

The 4th annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Plunkett leading 52t. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Akerman 335; Sarah Ward 178; Andy Morse 73b; Kelly Morris 159; Debora Grosse 524; Susan Firestone 84; Don Saliers 155; Chris Wilhelm 278b; Stephanie Tingler 63; Phillip Langley 171; George Burnette 117; Lela Crowder 32t; Barbara Newell 312b; Andy Anderson 37b; Barbara Larson 66.

RECESS

The class was returned to order by John Plunkett leading 145t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 510; Ellie Soler 107; Tony Hammock 61; Leslie Hunter 282; Mary Baumeister 499; Bob Goodman 145b; Billy Hollingsworth 365 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Susan Stone 82t; Martha Ann Stegar 81t; Dan Huger and Jimmy

Addington 38b; Matt Hinton 192; John Hollingsworth 460; John Redman 236; Elise Eskew 532; Carl Cicotello 417.

LUNCH

Elise Eskew brought the class back together by leading 49b. Leaders: Karen King 49t; Erica Hinton 287; LeAnn Carter, Elizabeth Carter, and Barney Carter 53, 45t; Sandra Wilkinson 25; Andy Morse 454; Kelly Morris 47b; Sarah Ward 209; Debora Grosse 542; Barbara Newell 479; George Burnette 76b; Phillip Langley 274t; Andy Anderson 31b; Lela Crowder 160b; Susan Firestone 504; Chris Wilhelm 376; Stephanie Tingler 527; Malinda Snow 269; Ellie Soler 277; Tony Hammock 436; Billy Hollingsworth 341.

RECESS

The class was brought together by John Plunkett leading 567. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 569b; Karen King 146; Bob Goodman 497; Martha Ann Stegar 276; Dan Huger 99; Matt Hinton 503; John Hollingsworth 347; Laura Akerman 518; Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Elijah Hinton 45t; Elise Eskew 124; Carl Cicotello 448t; John Redman 513.

A business meeting was held, and the same officers were elected to serve for another year.

John Plunkett led 323t as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairperson—Elise Eskew; Secretary—Laura Akerman

ELDER ROY AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **Sunday, February 10, 2008**

The Roy Avery Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama, on the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 480.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Nellie Estes and Charlotte Bishop. Jack Nelson offered prayer, and led 489.

Leaders: Marion Patrick 358; Myrline Redmon 569b, 452; Wendy Futral 491, 100; Robert Chambless 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 145b; Floy Wilder 187, 389; William Futral 341, 340; Jenny Acton 222 (for Eugene Forbes), 229 (CB); Edna Ruth Phillips 146 (for Aunt Lora Kelley, who is 92 years old today), 318; Judy Chambless 426t, 393.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Brandon Acton 282, 40; Jacob Acton 200; Brittney Price and Ted Price 457, 535 (for all Sacred Harp singers).

RECESS

A brief preaching service was conducted by Elder Steve Stathelson, pastor of the church.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson called the class back to order leading 438. Leaders: Charles Estes, Nellie Estes, and Mary Jean Payne 111t; Don Clark 31t, 48t; Audress Gurley 176t, 334; Jack Nelson 30b (in memory of his mom), 99; Karen Clark 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson), 354t; Mary Jean Payne and Nell Estes 560 (in memory of their parents, Roy and Emma Avery); Mary Jean Payne 410t; Carla Smith 143 (for Sheila), 354b; Virginia Futral 339, 35; Paula Fagan 32t, 61; Nellie Estes 120; Ben Keeble 490, 39b; Charlotte Bishop 335, 496.

Announcements were made. Elder Ben Keeble offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, February 10, 2008

The 16th annual Lincoln's Birthday singing was held the second Sunday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. Last year's chairman, Rachel Adelstein, called the class to order and introduced this year's chairman, Lisa Cohen. Together they led 171. Rachel Adelstein introduced Richard DeLong, who taught a singing school. During the singing school, Mr. DeLong led the following songs: 49b; 159; 155; 168; 73b; 74b; 75; 82t.

RECESS

Richard DeLong resumed the singing school and led the following: 44; 123b; 146 (along with new leaders from this class); 323t. Lisa Cohen thanked Richard DeLong for the singing school.

RECESS

Lisa Cohen brought the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Grace Scrimgeour 547; Susan Matthews 84; Anita Shaperd 106; Sarah Burghardt 107; John Seaton 48t; Melanie Hauff 542; Carol Munro Mosley 473; Ginny Landgraf 447; Jim Lawrie 441; Nathan Zweig 288; Michael Mosley 440; Jerry Enright 68t; Nick Pasqual 127; Jim Swanson 275t.

RECESS

Leaders: Ted Mercer 217; Karen Freund 30b; Dean Jens 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson-Brady); Lisa Grayson 436; Susan Geil 369; Molly Whedbee DNC; Chris Richardson 163b; Sarah Letson 178; Mary Doyle 141; Assunta Osterholt 39t; Jeff Breting 163t; Rachel Adelstein 268; Daniel Braithwaite 551.

Announcements were made. Lisa Cohen led 347 as the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Lisa Cohen; Secretary—Jim Swanson

SPECIAL INAUGURAL SINGING
FROM THE GEORGIAN HARMONY
Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia
Saturday, February 16, 2008

John and Elsie Hollingsworth hosted a special singing at their home in Ila, Georgia, to debut *The Georgian Harmony*, a songbook of shape note compositions by Raymond C. Hamrick of Macon, Georgia. John Hollingsworth called the class to order by leading 29. The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer.

John Plunkett spoke on the history of *The Georgian Harmony*, and emphasized that the book is currently an ongoing project to publish Raymond Hamrick's compositions, with support from the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Raymond Hamrick expressed his appreciation for the hard work that John Hollingsworth and John Plunkett have continued to pour into this project. John Hollingsworth thanked Mr. Hamrick for his considerable contributions.

Mr. Hamrick reminded the class that because this music was new to most of us, we would be experiencing lessons in their truest forms, as did the singers who sang shape note music before there were recordings to rely upon.

Leaders: John Plunkett 82; Jane Spencer 13; Billy Hollingsworth 25; Helen Bryson 15; Michael Spencer 9; Nathan Rees 68; Lee Rogers 51; Richard DeLong 18; Lela Crowder 19; Frances Carnell 34; Mary Baumeister 14.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 26. Leaders: Judy Mincey 72; Robert Kelley 95; Hugh McGraw 94; Sarah Ward 84b; Deborah Jones 24; Harry Eskew 1; Chris Wilhelm 79; Susan Posey 89; Cat Lyons 36; Leon Carnell 22; Liz Bryant 11; Jackie Elsner 10; Barbara Newell 56; Raymond Hamrick 65, 54. Loyd Landrum offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 81. Leaders: Bob Goodman 45; John Hollingsworth 20; Jane Spencer 3; Billy Hollingsworth 43; Helen Bryson 42; Michael Spencer 44, 33; Nathan Rees 66; Lee Rogers 86; Richard DeLong 62; Lela Crowder 63; Frances Carnell 4; Mary Baumeister 80; Judy Mincey 78.

RECESS

Robert Kelly called the class back to order leading 83. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 32; Sarah Ward 8; Deborah Jones 88; Harry Eskew 38; Chris Wilhelm 87; Susan Posey 57; Cat Lyons 47; Liz Bryant 67; Jackie Elsner 27; Raymond Hamrick 16.

John Plunkett led 21 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Harry Eskew, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 16, 2008**

The 10th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama. Tim Cook welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 32t and 33b. Prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

A business session for organizing the class was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Thompson and Emily Thompson.

Leaders: Tim Cook 287; Richard Mauldin 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 378t; Gary Smith 63, 66; Larry Ballinger 133, 155; Clarence McCool 349, 68b; Edward Howton 318, 436; Anne Chalker 235, 146; Arthur Gilmore 565, 569b; Leslie Brady and Georgianna Presnell 31b, 101t.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class back to order leading 344. Leaders: Minerva Tatum, Dawn Mitchell and Alison Mitchell 358, 196; Wendell Rinehart 159, 341; Margaret Thacker 480; Ed Thacker 182, 35; Robert Walker 171, 99; Toney Smith 475, 225t; Bobby Watkins 460, 498.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin and John Merritt. Richard Mauldin led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Amanda Denson Brady, Edith Tate, Furn Kitchens, M.B. Forbes, Herby Bailey, Flarce Creel, LaRue Allen, Elder W.G. "Garnsey" McGough, Mamie Harper Noles, Delores Beasley, Loy Garrison, Elder Homer Benefield, B.J. Harris, Alex Mennella, Roxie Keeton, Reby Stanford, Corene Laminack, Lear McGough, Jeanette Lowry, Felton Denny, Gladys McGraw, Theresa Ernest, Dick Mauldin, Wilton Donaldson, Marie Guthrie, Mary Ballinger, Heath Jett, and Cecil Wakefield.

John Merritt let 426t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Pamela Gilmore Vest, Betty Parham, Brenda Merritt, Milton Oliver, Harrison Creel, and Jewel Wootten. Richard Mauldin closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Kervin Jones and Tim Cook 72b. Lomax Ballinger offered the noon meal blessing.

LUNCH

Richard Mauldin brought the afternoon session to order leading 43. Leaders: Josie Hyde 507; David Daniel 87, 470; Amber Davis 391, 192; Jimmie Gilmore 276, 288; Henry Guthery 120; Sarah Smith 274t, 283; John Merritt 274; John Merritt and Henry Guthery "Higher Ground" (in memory of Amanda Denson); Bridgett Hill 550; Ken Tate 426b; Eugene Forbes 280; Emily Thompson and John Merritt 397; Lomax Ballinger and Bridgett Hill 300; Elene Stovall 292; Velton Chafin 65; Travis Keeton 400; Gravis Ballinger 270; Mako Cook 515; Eddie Pierce 117; Wayne Baines 317; Ruth Wyers 138b; Carolyn Thompson 455.

Announcements were made. Tim Cook led 323t as the closing song. Henry Guthery dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OHIO STATE CONVENTION **Golden Gate Park, Brookville, Ohio** **February 16-17, 2008**

Saturday, February 16

The 16th annual Ohio State Convention was called to order by Greg Howard leading 59. Elder Jim Herr offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Bayer 290; Jim Herr 440; Rich Overturf 312b; Eloise Clark 192; John Bealle 271t; Justin Squizzero 270; Karen Bahler 40; Henry Schuman 426b; Steve Duff, Craig Wykoff, and Bonnie Wykoff 546; Joanna Lampert 500; Brad Bahler 29t; Jillian Inksetter 472; Hans Bayer 504; Liz Meitzler 142; Eddie Mash 428; Judy Crawford 114.

RECESS

Henry Schuman called the class back leading 32t. Leaders: Linda Coppock 480; Vic Whisman 84; Claire Outten 202; Darrell Swarens 198; Sue Duff 276; Wayne Dell 277; Ginny Landgraf 367; Dave Barford 479; Carol Moseley 485; John Bahler 39t; Tracey Craig 373; Jim Coppock 217; Karen Carrelli 81t; Brad Oglesby 39b; Karen Isbell 270; Nate Zweig 497; Marcille Welcome 27.

RECESS

John Bayer called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Jo Schultz 569b; Michael Darby 38t; Lois Hurt 358; Tim Binkley 85; Ann Holzer 455; Jubal Bayer 335; Melissa Mease 47b; Joe Todd 375; Greg Creech 86; Katie Duff 155; Bob Meek 376; Stephanie Fida 58; David Casenhiser 384.

LUNCH

Regina Bayer brought the class to order leading 338. Leaders: Becky Browne 362; David Rust 95; Vic Whisman 106; Pleasance Crawford 564; Jeff Breting 163t; Beth Todd 436; Michael Domino 172; Susan Zurcher 143; Roger Crabtree 448t; Virginia Cameron 145t; Gary Gronau 110; Carol Medlicott 207; Chuck Crawford 72b; Leslie Scott 481; Clem Flory 159; Kay Huener 350.

RECESS

Steve Duff called the class to order leading 35. Leaders: Randy Webber "Stamper Creek"; Loraine Bayer 348b; Tom Malone, Joanna Lampert, and Justin Squizzero 524 (by request); Regina Bayer and Marlan Frick 101t; Ted Mercer 345b; Sylvia Thomas 344; Michael Heiber 288; Laura Russell 318; Tom Malone 560; Shawn

Fenton 297; Joel Henry Mansfield 218; Harold Flory 49b; Michelle Cull 236; Henry Schuman 498 (for the Creel Family).

Chairman Greg Howard led 547 as the closing song. Elder Jim Herr dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 17

The Sunday session was called to order by Greg Howard leading 354t. Elder Jim Herr offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Bayer 206; Jim Herr 182; Gillian Inksetter 66; David Rust 183; Pleasance Crawford 33t; Steve Duff 178; Randy Webber 107; Clara Herr 209; Gary Gronau 283; Bob Meek 361; Claire Outten 315.

RECESS

David Rust brought the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Roger Crabtree 285t; Kay Huener 543; Ted Mercer 36t; Liz Meitzler 312b; Chuck Crawford 65; Carol Moseley 473; Eddie Mash 470; Wayne Dell 282; Idy Kiser 47t; Joe Todd 229; Jo Schultz 532; Greg Creech 74b.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order leading 388. Leaders: Daniel Coppock 304; Beth Todd 89; Shawn Fenton 432; Becky Brown 36b; John Bealle 522; Bobette Olson 102; Stephen Rogers 34b; David Casenhiser 268; Marcille Welcome 45t; Jubal Bayer 168.

Eddie Mash and Darrell Swarens conducted the memorial lesson. Darrell Swarens spoke for the sick and shut-ins as follows: Peter Revill, Kedar Hollingsworth, Adrian Eldridge, James Eldridge, E.A. Couch, Pauline Childers, Dave Ressler, Ally Carpenter, and Alice Casenhiser. He led 77t in their honor.

Eddie Mash spoke for the deceased and led 163b in their honor. The names of the deceased are as follows: LaRue Allen, Flarce Creel, Edith Tate, Amanda Denson—Alabama; Felton Denny, Homer Benefield, Loy Garrison, Reba Stanford—Georgia; John Coyne, Helene Yeames—Massachusetts; Mirjana Lausevic—Minnesota; John Shaw—North Carolina; Brian Bartelt, Blair Casenhiser, Julie Essman, Milt Lord, Bob Sillery—Ohio; J.A. Cornelius, Jr. and Anna Worley—Tennessee; Joe Leblanc—Ontario.

Leaders: Eric Conrad.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark brought the afternoon session to order leading 84. Leaders: Michelle Cull and Linda Bayshore 198; Darrell Swarens 503 (for the Eldridge family); Katie Duff 354b; Michael Darby 73b; Loraine Bayer and Junell Lynch 277; Vic Whisman 515, 551; Lois Hurt 186; Tom Kochan 496; Karen Isbell 137; Jeff Breting 163t; Linda Coppock 501; Laura Russell 485; Carol Medlicott 442; Susan Zurcher 323b; Hans Bayer 196; Janet Conrad 523; Sue Duff 276; Jim Coppock 71; Regina Bayer 399; Anna Marie Bullock 181; Gillian Inksetter and Henry Schuman 112.

Following announcements, Greg Howard led 347 as the closing song. Elder Jim Herr dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Greg Howard; Secretary—Henry Schuman

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Sunset Hill Community Clubhouse, Seattle, Washington

February 16-17, 2008

Saturday, February 16

The 17th annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Erik Schwab and Anne Huckins leading 47t. Bob Schinske offered the opening prayer. Jinx McGuire led 49t, and Bill Walters led 40.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairperson—Anne Huckins; Vice Chairperson—Bill Walters; Secretary—Jordan Singer; Treasurer—Susan Helf. Leaders: Reed Schilbach 91; Susan Helf 198; Bob Schinske 411; Karen Willard 539; Myles Alexander 27; Erika Wilson 66; Bruce Rowland 270; Joanne Hoover 277; Greg Saue 99; Marcia Stedman 84; Jack Lofton 328; Shannon McGuire 163t; Chris Cotter 542.

RECESS

Alice Poinier brought the class back together leading 34b. Leaders: Marie Brandis 142; Tigre Lusardi 475; Dennis Campbell 402; Marla Elliot 273; Bruce Rye 430; Jessica Beer 218; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 448b; Arcana Ferschke 214; Connie Stanton 297; Scott Kennedy 344; Tamara Harris 299; Karl Oswald 466; Steve Helwig 547; Jacob Breedlove 101b; Betsy Jeronen 384; Harlan Walker-Young 159.

RECESS

Jessica Beer brought the class back together leading 335. Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 474; Dan Thoma 64; Marilyn Murata 527; Carol Selleck 101t; Chris Brown 38b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 86; Judy Whiting 150; Karen Stingle 76b; Tom Fahrbach 453; Eric Burton 39t; Tom McTighe 313b; Keith Nipper 68b. Bob Schinske delivered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Anne Huckins brought the afternoon session to order by leading 148. Leaders: Katherine Hough 269; Jenn Dolan 216; Paul Berry 68t; Dave Hough 480; Ken Cofield 454; Jean Murphy 504; Julia Binkley 82t; Bill Walters 468; Meg Larsen 200; Susan Helf 528; Lyle Lindsey 510; Leta Marshall 143; Kay Atwood 128; Lindsay Feuer 178; Rosie Lindsey 472; Leon Janssen 448t; Lucinda Saue 163b; Mother Felicitas 81t.

RECESS

Eric Schwab brought the class back together leading 565. Leaders: Ellie Loggins 41; Dennis Campbell 457; Marilyn Murata 412; Bruce Rowland 282; Chris Cotter 189; Tammi Ziola 114; Marla Elliott 155; Carol Selleck 400; Judy Whiting 318; Mryka Hall-Beyer 551; Chris Brown 441; Bruce Rye 442; Marie Brandis 236; Erika Wilson 569b; Jean Murphy 268; Meg Larson 350; Lyle Lindsey 49b; Bob Schinske 456; Myles Alexander 515; Keith Nipper 146; Greg Saue 535; Shannon McGuire 137; Joanne Hoover 477.

Anne Huckins led 157 (CB) as the closing song. Bob Schinske offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 17

Anne Huckins called the class to order leading 48t. Reed Schilbach offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Erik Schwab 566; Susan Helf 112; Jinx McGuire 455; Reed Schilbach 347; Jacob Breedlove 445; Alice Poinier 315; Carolyn Gilkey 171; Arcana Ferschke 192; Leta Marshall 497; Lyle Lindsey 72b; Steve Helwig 217; Lucinda Saue 209; Scott Kennedy 276.

RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class back together leading 29t. Leaders: Karen Stingle 385b; Dan Thoma 500; Betsy Jeronen 52t; Karl Oswald 38t; Tigre Lusardi 26; Thom Fahrbach 316; Andy Isbell 40; Harlan Walker-Young 145b; Jenn Dolan 110; Tom McTighe 270; Brandy Jefferson Johnson and Mryka Hall-Beyer 163t; Chris Brown 183; Shannon McGuire 84; Eric Holt 284; Marilyn Murata 274t.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back together leading 186. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 52b; Tammi Ziola 277; Judy Whiting 212; Elizabeth Riggs 479; Jack Lofton 380; Mother Felicitas 47b.

Karen Willard and Ken Hallock conducted the memorial lesson, leading 564 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Tracy McGuire, John Elliot, Julie Lynne, Mary Benson, Bill Birney, Dolores Jones, Harry Oswald, Jim Dodge, David Wright, Karen Jones, Bernice White, Tom Payne, Fumie Murata, Shizue Sugimoto, Ellen Hurley, and Leonard Winters.

Karen Willard and Ken Hallock led 550 and 534 in memory of the following deceased: Clarisa R. McGuire, Mike Cofield, Elliot Newlin, Betty Rowland, and Tig Baker—Washington; Eliot Scott, Gene Edera, Jeanette Denker, and Shayna Kai McGinnis—Oregon; Amanda Denson Brady and LaRue Allen—Alabama; Mary Ballinger and R.B. Marshall—Texas; Bob Smith and Kay Smith—Iowa; John McDougal—United Kingdom; Andrew Metzger—Wisconsin; Leland Larsen—Colorado; Jessica Gill—Rhode Island; Marge Anthony Parker Burk—North Dakota; Bill Garfield—Illinois; Harriet Evans, Blake Theriot, Ida Griffith, and five members of the Ford-Gault family. Reed Schilbach offered a prayer. Bruce Rye led 383. Reed Schilbach delivered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Anne Huckins brought the class back together leading 300. Leaders: Tamara Harris 319; Corinna Singer and Jordan Singer 313b; Melisa Doss 362; Myles Alexander 85; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Eric Eliason 268; Rosie Lindsey 348b; Ken Cofield 128; John Carson 312b; Bob Schinske, Sophia Schinske, Jim Howey, and Emma Howey 496; Paul Berry 365; Susan Helf 47; Erika Wilson 481; Bill Walters 348; Greg Saue 86; Tom McTighe 28b; Melisa Doss 178; Kathy Vlach 361; Lyle Lindsey 384; Jenn Dolan 95.

RECESS

Jack Lofton brought the class back together leading 345b. Leaders: Steve Helwig 228; Carolyn Gilkey 503; Scott Kennedy 63; Julia Garfield and singers from Evergreen State College 38b; Anita Shaperd 203; Jinx McGuire 269; Arcana Ferschke 567; Alice Poinier 43; Tamara Harris and Tigre Lusardi 506; Thom Fahrback and Harlan Walker-Young 317; Dan Thoma and Karl Oswald 474; Karen Stingle, Reed Schilbach, and Mother Felicitas 122; Rosie Lindsey and Paul Berry 61; Myles Alexander and Jacob Breedlove 123b; Erika Wilson and Ken Cofield 117; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 497; Marilyn Murata and Mryka Hall-Beyer 106; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 323t; Anne Huckins and Bill Walters 324.

The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Arranging Committee (Kathy Vlach, Alice Poinier, and Joanne Hoover) reported that 90 songs had been led Saturday, and 81 on Sunday, with 210 singers registered overall.

Announcements were made. Anne Huckins led 549 as the closing song, while singers took the parting hand. Abraham Miller offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Anne Huckins; Vice Chairperson—Bill Walters; Secretary—Jordan Singer

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

The annual Sanders Memorial singing was held on the third Sunday in February at Sardis Church on the Warrior River in Walker County, Alabama. Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading 32t and 36b. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Gary Smith 63, 66; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b; Cecil Sanders 380; Malik Williams 128, 37b; Clayton Ezell 300, 390; Anne Chalker 147t, 146; Leona Haynes 335, 277; Gordon Wilkinson 112, 475; Stella Pratt 317, 129; Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 354b; Sonya Sipe 208; Don Robertson 151, 182; Eugene Forbes 234, 408.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Velton Chafin leading 325. Leaders: John Merritt 354t; John Merritt and Steve Adams 511 (OSH); Travis Keeton 64, 57; Judy Caudle 411, 370 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Max Berueffy and Karen Covi 31b; Max Berueffy 272 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 391, 497; Emily Creel 426b, 474; Delone Cobbs 48t, 49b; Jackie Tanner 56t, 101t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 144. Leaders: Corene White 97; Bridgett Hill 40; Josie Hyde 200, 361; Joyce Walton 192; Clarence McCool 480, 349; Bea Carnathan 496, 568; Marlin Beasley 512, 276 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Ken Tate 542, 145t; Glenn Keeton 150, 163b; Richard Mauldin 290, 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Steve Adams 309, 401; Michael Thompson 387, 89; Lisa Geist 273, 304; Larry Ballinger 224; Wanda Capps 222; Max Berueffy 532 (in memory of Edith Tate).

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Josie Hyde

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building, Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Myron House, who welcomed everyone and led 59. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Myron House 87; Phillip Langley 32t, 100; Charlene Wallace 99, 276; Karen Rollins 34b, 84; Jan House 171, 168; John Plunkett 126, 447; Lela Crowder 30t, 273.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Lela Crowder.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 89, 138t; Mike Spencer 113, 354t; Judy Chambless 393, 40; Andy Morse 63, 31b; Sheri Taylor 278b, 268; Mary Brownlee 182, 163t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading 224. Leaders: Jane Spencer and Carrie Allen 81t, 106; Robert Kelly 340, 346; Charles Woods 82t, 354b (for Mary Gray); Richard DeLong 74b, 109 (in memory of Loy Garrison); Lonnie Rogers 186, 318; Evelyn Harris 75, 108t; Hugh McGraw 404 (for Stephanie Tangler); Mary F. Smith and Teenie Moody 57; Teenie Moody and Carol Chapman 542; Donna Duke 217, 300; Lisa Webb and Christian Webb 566, 148.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Myron House leading 136. Leaders: Ed Thacker 278t, 53; Martha Setter 143; Earlis McGraw 389, 568; Oscar McGuire 371, 485; Mary Jo Shafer 179, 569b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Sheri Taylor. Richard DeLong led 403 in memory of Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Elder Homer Benefield, Reby Stanford, and Loy Garrison—Georgia; B.J. Harris, LaRue Allen, M.B. Forbes, and Amanda Denson—Alabama.

Jan House led 361 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Josephine Denney, Myrtle Smith, Katherine Benefield, Myrtle Wootten, and Milton Oliver. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Gabriel Pline 178, 345t; Laura Fry 168b, 358; Tommy McGraw 91, 475; Robert Chambless 494, 77t; Cecil Roberts 76b, 97; Kathy Williams 385b, 208; Gene Duke 384, 235; Louise Holland 373, 212; Jenna Frey 401, 46; Robert Kelly 330b; Henry Johnson 418; Ed Thacker 532; Jane Spencer and Mike Spencer 65.

Announcements were made. Myron House and Phillip Langley led 323t as the closing song. Ed Thacker dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING DAY **Memorial Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, United Kingdom** **Saturday, February 23, 2008**

The annual South Yorkshire Sacred Harp singing day was held at the Memorial Hall, Worrall, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Ian West leading 99. Ruth Steggles offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 36b; Margaret Gillanders 84; Ted Brown 569b; Ruth Steggles 38t; Carmel Wood 49t; Nick Hall 492; Whitney Chapman 29t; Rachel Jordan 474; Chris Brown 503; Steve Fletcher 40; Judy Whiting 312b; Phil Tyler 101t; Alice Metherall 300; Cath Tyler 318; Sarah West 282; Richard Percival 565; Hannah Land 228; Helen Barber 47b; Michael Walker 157; Maria Wallace 178.
RECESS

David Richardson brought the class back together leading 350. Leaders: Sharon Gow 47t; Jenny Reid 159; Ian West 313b; Helen Brown 392; Margaret Gillanders 373; Nick Hall 389; Ruth Steggles 209; Carmel Wood 274t; Whitney Chapman 457.

Ted Brown conducted the memorial lesson and, with Helen Brown, Cath Tyler and David Richardson, led 77t in memory of Cicely Mary Smith-Bird, Roy West, Vera Ross, Ken Ross, Margaret Ranner, Kathleen Elliott, Amanda Denson-Brady, John McDougall, Brian Walsh, Kathleen Bid, Percy Bown, La Rue Allen, Minja Lausevic, and Peter Hampson.

Hannah Land gave the lesson for sick and housebound, leading 154 for Gladys Buchanan, Audrey Nathan, Hazel Myszka, Celia Stone, Jean McDougall, Bran Cheetham, Stan Shaw, Joan Mattock, Jim Oss, Mary Oss, and Nev Clay.
Leaders: Rachel Jordan 501; Chris Brown 183; Steve Fletcher 49b; Judy Whiting 171; Phil Tyler 56b; Alice Metherall 504; Cath Tyler 212. Cath Tyler offered grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

David Richardson began the afternoon session leading 63. Leaders: Helen Barber 132; Richard Percival 33b; Hannah Land 454; David Moore 189; Sarah West 76b; Michael Walker 134; Maria Wallace 38b; Sharon Gow 117; Ted Brown 339; Jenny Reid 107; Ian West 480; Helen Brown 192; Margaret Gillanders 475; Nick Hall

147t; Ruth Steggles 198; Carmel Wood 148; Whitney Chapman 384; Rachel Jordan 269; Chris Brown 401.

RECESS

Steve Fletcher called the class to order leading 481. Leaders: Judy Whiting 150; Phil Tyler 442; Alice Metherall 268; Cath Tyler 141; Dave Richardson 153; Helen Barber 547; Richard Percival 143; Hannah Land 210; David Moore 236; Maria Wallace 155; Michael Walker 333; Sharon Gow 106; Jenny Reid 35; Ted Brown 97. Following announcements, Ian West and Carmel Wood led 323t as the closing song. Anne Hayto offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairperson—Carmel Wood; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY BOOKS SINGING **Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Saturday, February 23, 2008**

The 9th annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett welcomed everyone and called the class to order leading 30t (WB). John Hollingsworth gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 435 (WB); Malinda Snow 50t (WB); Laura Akerman 500b (WB); Liz Bryant 544t (WB); Judy Mincey 487b (WB); Andy Anderson 49t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 501b (WB); Bill Hollingsworth 546t (WB); Martha Ann Stegar 547t (WB); Sarah Ward 517 (WB); Herman Wilkinson 215 (WB); Henry Johnson 81t (WB); Russ Hanson 511 (WB); Charles Woods 512 (WB); Carol Hanson 491b (WB).

RECESS

Laura Akerman brought the class together leading 214 (WB). Leaders: Sue Bunch 274 (WB); Ed Thacker 426b (WB); Jane Spencer 68 (EC1) (in memory of Loy Garrison); Eddie Mash 48 (EC1); Julie Seuss 65 (EC1); John Hollingsworth 59 (EC1); Nathan Rees 2 (EC1); Robert Kelly 21b (EC1); Lee Rogers 88 (EC1); Morgan Bunch 110 (EC1); Mike Spencer 31t (EC2); Jonathon Smith 15 (EC2); Bob Goodman 45b (EC1); Andy Morse 7 (EC2); Andrew Farris 56 (EC2); Tony Hammock 58 (EC1).

In a business session, the class elected or appointed the following officers:

Chairman—Liz Bryant; Vice Chairman—Lee Rogers; Secretary—Malinda Snow; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett. Following the business session, John Hollingsworth offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Liz Bryant leading 486t (WB). Leaders: John Plunkett 66 (EC2); Malinda Snow 66 (WB); Judy Mincey 12 (EC2); Andy Anderson 47t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 49 (EC1); Erica Hinton 331t (WB); Bill Hollingsworth 487t (WB); Martha Ann Stegar 99 (EC1); Sarah Ward 519 (WB); Herman Wilkinson 186 (WB); Henry Johnson 176t (WB); Matt Hinton 383 (WB); Russ Hanson 222 (WB); Charles Woods (in memory of his McGraw cousins) 52 (EC1); Carol Hanson 172 (WB); Laura Akerman 4 (EC1); Sue Bunch 49b (EC2); Ed Thacker 480 (WB); Jane Spencer 97 (WB).

RECESS

Liz Bryant brought the class together leading 53b (EC1). Leaders: Eddie Mash 105 (EC1); John Hollingsworth 317b (WB); Jason Rees 438t (WB); Robert Kelly 468 (WB); Lee Rogers 14 (EC2); Morgan Bunch 490b (WB); Mike Spencer 91b (WB); Jonathan Smith 436b (WB); Andy Morse 79 (EC1); Andrew Farris 58 (EC2).

After announcements, Liz Bryant led 66 (EC1) as the closing song, and John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Liz Bryant; Vice Chairman—Lee Rogers; Secretary—Malinda Snow

PLYMOUTH ALL DAY SINGING

**East Sandwich Friend's Meetinghouse, Sandwich, Massachusetts
Saturday, February 23, 2008**

The Plymouth All Day Singing was opened by Allison Schofield who conducted a singing school on leading. She led 72b, 168, 155, 30b, and 33b as part of the lesson.

RECESS

The first session was called to order by Justin Squizzero leading 32t. Lynne deBenedette offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Justin Squizzero; Vice Chairman—Shelley Otis; Secretary—Martha Sulya.

Leaders: Shelley Otis 284; Martha Sulya and Kate LaPrad 39t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 28t, 275t; Joanna Lampert 74b, 319; Jim Picton 384; Caitlin Thurrell 146; Tom Padwa 178, 515; Laura Borrelli 106, 277; Kelsey Sunderland 276, 228; James Baumgartner 163b, 300; Kate LaPrad 335; Chris Noren 236; Kamilah Tisdale 217; John Ostwald 269, 216; Elizabeth Stoddard 162, 77b; Eric Hildebrant 551.

Kelsey Sunderland offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jennie Brown brought the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 129, 39b; Lynne deBenedette 426b, 29t; Robert Stoddard 383, 272; Paula Picton 404, 200; Lauren Bock 208, 430; Allison Schofield 411, 542; Aldo Ceresa 550, 302; Joyce Whittington 565, 480; Kiri Miller 442, 112; Jennie Brown 108b, 564; D.J. Hatfield 38t, 460; Bill Holt 376, 377; Kitty Kagay 440, 375; Andrew Lebrun 268, 567; Celia Devine 147b, 280.

RECESS

Joanna Lampert restored order to the class by leading 148. Leaders: Chuck Micciche 45t; Liz Cantrell 102, 496; Nellie Farrington 454, 566; Justin Squizzero 328, 214; Kamilah Tisdale 46; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 196; Tom Padwa 145b; Kiri Miller and James Baumgartner 198; Libby Brownell 421; Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock 165; Jim Picton and Paula Picton 299; Aldo Ceresa and Allison Schofield 349; Andrew Lebrun 282; Joyce Whittington and Joanna Lampert 569b; Lynne deBenedette and Jennie Brown 445; Caitlin Thurrell 117; D.J. Hatfield and Laura Borrelli 142; Bill Holt, Eric Hildebrant, and Chris Noren 532; Joanne Fuller and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 61; Kitty Kagay and Liz Cantrell 89; John Ostwald and Nellie Farrington 107.

A business session was held. The Secretary reported that 87 songs had been led by 38 leaders from 6 states, and a total of 51 singers had registered. Kate LaPrad gave the Treasurer's report.

Justin Squizzero announced that the 2009 Plymouth All Day Singing will be held on the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in February, and the business meeting was closed.

Justin Squizzero, Shelley Otis, Martha Sulya, and Kate LaPrad led 62 as the final song. Joyce Whittington offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Justin Squizzero; Vice Chairman—Shelley Otis; Secretary—Martha Sulya

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING, UTICA/ROME AREA
Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York
Saturday, February 23, 2008

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2008 was held at Unity Hall in Barneveld, New York, on February 23, 2008. The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 143. The opening prayer was offered by George Seiler. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 34b; Margaret Bornick 312b, 162; Dennis Leipold 59, 40; Eileen Metzger 159, 383; Ron Bornick 66, 178; George Seiler 68b, 84; Melody Johnson 33b, 27; Laura Densmore 370, 101b; Kathy Collett 122, 155.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Dennis Leipold leading 145b. Leaders: Jean Seiler 142, 209; Thom Metzger 112, 148; Lucy Roberts 168, 47t; Barbara Swetman 313b, 475; Jason Law 49b, 481; Margaret Bornick 334, 268; Eileen Metzger 58, 421; George Seiler 347, 480; Ron Bornick 107, 282; Melody Johnson 274t, 504; Laura Densmore 542, 201. Dennis Leipold offered a blessing, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Ron Bornick opened the afternoon session leading 82t. Leaders: Kathy Collett 497, 547; Jean Seiler 448t, 217; Thom Metzger 216, 29b; Lucy Roberts 300, 324; Dennis Leipold 186, 128; Barbara Swetman 532; Jason Law 63; Brian Collett 218, 163b; Margaret Bornick 117.

RECESS

Brian Collett led 551 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 270; George Seiler 99; Ron Bornick 454; Melody Johnson 315; Laura Densmore 522; Kathy Collett 245; Jean Seiler 87; Thom Metzger 51; Lucy Roberts 30b; Barbara Swetman and Laurel Miazga 47b; Jason Law 191; Brian Collett 455; Barbara Swetman and visitors 45t.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Margaret Bornick leading 486. Announcements were made. Leaders: Thom Metzger 106; George Seiler 171; Eileen Metzger 182; Ron Bornick 228; Melody Johnson 95; Laura Densmore 485; Kathy Collett 299; Jean Seiler 200; Thom Metzger 236; Lucy Roberts 31t; Dennis Leipold 208; Eileen Metzger 108b; Brian Collett 479; Barbara Swetman 198.

Barbara Swetman led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eileen Metzger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Barbara Swetman; Secretaries—Jackie Mallery and Kathy Collett

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
College Station, Texas
February 23-24, 2008
Saturday, February 23

The Texas State Convention was called to order by Kevin Powell leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kevin Powell; Vice Chairperson—Katie Mahoney; Secretary/Treasurer—Liz Owen. Leaders: Kevin Powell 73b; Katie Mahoney 131b; Liz Owen 32t; Beverly Coates 460; Robert Vaughn 46; Chris Nicholson 63; Tom Owen 225t; Mike Moseley 350; Lela Crowder 171; Riley Owen 274t; Tammy Powell 454; Leon Ballinger 313b; Catherine Rogan 36b; Bill Bailey 37b; Sonny Erwin 480; Diane Ross 455; Sonny Huckaby 201; Gary Rogan 299; Don Barker 145b; Jonathan Pendleton and Stuart

Ivey 354b; Donald Ross 456; Amanda Deardorff 143; Scott Curran 472; Evelyn Lamb 532; Olivia Powell 168.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Katie Mahoney leading 371. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 492; Bruce Coates 569t; Gaylon Powell 498; Vivian Rogan 163b; Jo Pendleton 24; Sarah Huckaby 183; Crystal Meadows 542; Ines Luttgen 142; Rich Lee 440; Amanda Owen 99; Anne Moseley 338; Larry Hall 315; Stuart Ivey 328; Alexa Gilmore 426b; Reed Coates 139; Janie Short 148; Jeb Owen and George Jones 30b; Robert Vaughn 383; Chris Nicholson 84. Mike Moseley offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kevin Powell leading 565. Leaders: Mike Moseley 284; Sonny Erwin 490; Evelyn Lamb 547; Cheryl Foreman 543; Jo Pendleton 72b; Crystal Meadows 481; Amanda Owen 503; Larry Hall 209; Janie Short 288; Sonny Huckaby 186; Reed Coates 273; Tom Owen 318; Lela Crowder 389; Beverly Coates 377; Tammy Powell 216; Leon Ballinger 217; Catherine Rogan 220; Bill Bailey 73t; Diane Ross 430; Gary Rogan 122; Don Barker 82t; Amanda Deardorff 128; Donald Ross 331.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Katie Mahoney leading 426t. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 491; Crystal Meadows 504; Evelyn Lamb 245; Chris Nicholson 178; Robert Vaughn 86; Mike Moseley 306; Reed Coates 65; Cheryl Foreman 475; Sonny Huckaby 332; Amanda Owen 39t; Larry Hall 162; Jo Pendleton 68b; Janie Short 47t; Jeb Owen 47b; Liz Owen 110; Gaylon Powell 380; Kevin Powell 39b.

The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 24

Kevin Powell called the singing to order by leading 49b. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 101t; Katie Mahoney 129; Liz Owen 283; Don Barker 452; Donald Ross 470; Olivia Powell 189; Alexa Gilmore 138b; Johanna Fabke 122; Jeb Owen 208; Bill Bailey 29b; Lela Crowder 203; Amanda Deardorff 270; Riley Owen 401; Bruce Coates 120; Catherine Rogan 182; Stuart Ivey 351; Linda Booker 490; Tom Owen 107; Sarah Huckaby 499; Gaylon Powell 538; Ines Luttgen 100; Mike Hinton 456; Beverly Coates 370; Gary Rogan 300.

RECESS

Katie Mahoney brought the class together leading 89. Leaders: Tammy Powell 222; Rich Lee 181; Leon Ballinger 546; Scott Curran 384; Diane Ross 523; Vivian Rogan 535; Liz Owen 273; Lela Crowder 157; Amanda Deardorff 148; Jeb Owen 198; Johanna Fabke 163t; Bruce Coates 150; Stuart Ivey 200; Don Barker 59; Alexa Gilmore 58; Donald Ross 391; Linda Booker 34t; Bill Bailey 277; Tom Owen 500. A memorial lesson was held. Amanda Deardorff led 76b for the following sick and shut-ins: Ophelia Matthews, Doris Hanks, Leland Owen, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Monnie Ross, Sylvia Ross, Myra Palmer, Myrl Jones, Junior Smith, Marie Smith, and Pauline Childers.

Donald Ross spoke about the people who sing sacred harp and how we are united as a family from all walks of life. Amanda Deardorff led 146 for the following deceased: Mary Ballinger, Charlie Vaughn, David Toller, Floyd Screws, Pete Baker-Texas; Amanda Denson Brady, LaRue Allen, Wilton Donaldson, and Richard Mauldin Sr.—Alabama; Jeannette Lowry—Missouri; and Minja Lausevic—Minnesota. Prayer was offered by Scott Curran.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 142 (for Myrl Jones); Ines Luttgen 302; Mike Hinton 436 (for Myra Palmer); Gary Rogan 448b; Rich Lee 410t; Sarah Huckaby 448t; Leon Ballinger 280; Scott Curran 112. Noon prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

Kevin Powell opened the afternoon session by leading 31t. Leaders: Beverly Coates 421 (for Billy Huckaby); Catherine Rogan 434; Tammy Powell 192; Vivian Rogan 282; Olivia Powell 137; Riley Owen 354b; Lela Crowder 145t; Stuart Ivey 196; Johanna Fabke 350.

The officers led 323t as the closing song. Closing prayer was offered by Jeb Owen, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kevin Powell; Vice Chairperson—Katie Mahoney; Secretary—Liz Owen

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA State Botanical Garden, Athens, Georgia Sunday, February 24, 2008

The 35th session of the University of Georgia singing was held at the State Botanical Garden Visitor's Center in Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Garst leading 9 from *The Georgian Harmony*. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. John Garst welcomed everyone and led 191(ScH).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Arranging Committee—Lee Rogers.

The Social Harp, by John McCurry, was used for singing in the morning session.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 86; Jane Spencer 194, 53; Lee Rogers 44; Judy Mincey 137, 135; Sue Bunch 30; Michael Spencer 253, 200; Mary Baumeister 61b, 55t; Billy Hollingsworth 37; Caroline Parsons 160; John Plunkett 134, 71; Martha Ann Stegar 87, 131; Hugh McGraw 34; Jackie Elsner and Morgan Bunch 146; Faye Hollis 74, 88; Oscar McGuire 89; Liz Bryant 60; Robert Kelly 51, 239.

RECESS

John Garst called the class back to order leading 31. Leaders: Nathan Rees 198, 170; Chris Wilhelm 218t; Charles Woods 159, 130; Malinda Snow 52t, 23b; David Grant 29, 33t; Karen Redwine 27b, 76b; Jonathon Smith 154; Jackie Elsner 155.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Mincey and John Hollingsworth. Judy Mincey led 61 in memory of Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, and Pat Denton—Georgia; Amanda Denson—Alabama; Alex Menella—New York; Larry Glenn—North Carolina; and Madeleine Steel—Mississippi.

John Hollingsworth led 94 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Richard DeLong, and Emily Calhoun. John Hollingsworth closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Revision. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 138t. Leaders: Henry Zittrouer and Hugh McGraw 225t; Eddie Mash 196, 276; Wes Haley 34b; Erin Mills 267; Bentley McGuire 348t; Bruce King 268, 457; Charlene Wallace and Stephanie Tingle 99, 155; Ken George 569b; Kevin Kelly 198; Angela Benton 358; Shannon Primm 178; Caroline Parsons 282; Emily Rolka and Jane Spencer 128; Chris Wilhelm and Jane Spencer 500; Billy Hollingsworth 503; Sue Bunch 163b; Faye Hollis 340; Robert Kelly 524; Liz Bryant 347; Morgan Bunch 168; Mary Baumeister 211; Nathan Rees 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Malinda Snow 448t; Jonathon Smith 142;

Stephanie Tingler 141; Bentley McGuire 183; David Grant 494; Martha Ann Stegar 540; Michael Spencer 113.

Announcements were made. The class elected to donate the excess funds collected for minutes to The Georgian Harmony project.

John Garst and John Hollingsworth led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Plunkett.

Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama
Friday night, February 29, 2008

The Auburn Friday night singing class was called to order by Stuart Ivey leading 32t and 276. Prayer was offered by Father Wells Warren.

Leaders: Karen Ivey 171, 448b; Jordan-Leigh Taylor 49b, 155; Don Clark 111t, 104; Nancy Hogan 178, 565; Judy Caudle 138t, 138b; Robert Chambless 39b, 77t; Allison Mitchell 35, 480; David Ivey 312b, 267; Karen Clark 354t, 475; Bridgett Hill 36b; Judy Chambless 82t, 100; Bill Hogan 76b, 448t.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey brought the class together by leading 66. Leaders: Elizabeth Gentry 268; Benjamin Dix 284, 159; Andrew Grimmett 63, 72b; Father Wells Warren 45t; Pat Wingfield 59; Holly Cook and Simon Stokes 128; Byron Ford 84; Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill 440; Stuart Ivey and Doug Hubbard 535; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 384; Elizabeth Gentry 278t; Allison Mitchell 186.

Stuart Ivey led 225t as the closing song, and Father Wells dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretary—Jordan-Leigh Taylor

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS BIRTHDAY SINGING
First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan
Saturday, March 1, 2008

The 7th annual Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing was called to order by Henry Schuman leading 30t. Reverend Greg Creech offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 171; Samuel Sommers led the class singing in honor of Mrs. Pauline's 93rd birthday; Megan Jennings, Karen Haynes, and Giita Haynes 203, 72b; Hans Bayer 455, 440; Gillian Inksetter 228, 306; B.J. Schnorenberg 87, 354b; Bob Borcharding 56b, 235; Sarah Trumbore 117, 137; Roger Williams 351, 80b; Ann Miczulski 288, 441; Aldo Ceresa and Mary Jane Ceresa 318, 380.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Tom Malone leading 32t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 475, 269; Will Fitzgerald 96, 439; Molly Williams 38t, 112; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 460, 227; Marian Mitchell 198, 163b; Chuck Crawford 378t, 569b; Anita Shaperd 178, 148; Peter Trumbore 29t, 107; Francesca Cassara 142, 146; Roger Crabtree 503, 448t; Kay Huener 86, 350; Nathan Zweig 230, 61; Loraine Bayer 340, 384.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Samuel Sommers leading 105.

Leaders: Michael Mosley 29b, 163t; Debbie Barford 215, 378b; Joe Todd 373, 229; Pleasance Crawford 314, 188; Ted Mercer 468, 88t; Beth Todd 234, 319; Charles Wells 386, 546; Denise Kania 217, 274t; Andrew Kiser, Clayton Campbell, and Josh Grosbowski 325, 504; Charlotte Wolfe 31t, 114; David Barford 280, 209.

RECESS

The class was returned to order by Martha Beverly leading 56t. Leaders: Jim Pfau 565, 498; Jo Schultz 472, 224; John Bayer 480, 458; Idy Kiser, Marsha Laden, and Meredith Laden 47t, 385b; Bill Beverly 297, 547; Jubal Bayer 348t, 568; Tom Malone 562, 530; Ginny Landgraf 497, 383; Greg Creech 74b, 401; Samuel Sommers 386, 207; Henry Schuman 532.

The secretary's report and announcements were given. Henry Schuman led 62 as the closing song. Greg Creech offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons—Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary—Martha Beverly

TUCSON SINGING

Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona

March 1-2, 2008

Saturday, March 1

The 4th annual Tucson Singing was called to order by Maggie Leonard leading 143. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairperson—Sue Hanson; Arranging Committee—Maggie Leonard and Sue Hanson; Treasurer—Paige Winslett; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Sue Hanson 40; Paige Winslett 49b; Erika Roush 277; Ginny Ely 475; Gaylon Powell 300; Carol Smith 47t; Margaret Penner 45t; Hans Guttman 480; Carl Barnes 168; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 154; Jeanette Nelson 455; Peter Golden 56b; Jerry Schreiber 391; Carl Barnes 81t (by request); Paige Winslett 503; Sue Hanson 473; Gaylon Powell 155; Hans Guttman 66 (in honor of his mother); Maggie Leonard 159; Carla Smith 89; Margaret Penner 128; Ginny Ely 196; Carl Barnes 299.

RECESS

J.P. Thom-Gronachan reconvened the class leading 358. Leaders: Erika Roush 312b; Peter Golden 52t; Jeanette Nelson 472; Jerry Schreiber 86; Carl Barnes 105 (for Dorothy Ness); Paige Winslett 334; Sue Hanson 82t; Gaylon Powell 442; Hans Guttman 270; Maggie Leonard 288; Carla Smith 70t; Margaret Penner 63; Ginny Ely 313t; Carl Barnes 107; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 474; Erika Roush 183; Peter Golden 99; Jeanette Nelson 216; Jerry Schreiber 373; Gaylon Powell 47b (for Dorothy Ness), 111b; Carl Barnes 85; Peter Golden 217; Sue Hanson 280; Ginny Ely 228; Erika Roush 178; Maggie Leonard 65; Jeanette Nelson 481; Hans Guttman 171; Jerry Schreiber 193. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sue Hanson brought the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Maggie Leonard 268; Jerry Schreiber 312t (for Dorothy Ness); Carla Smith 185; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 181; Peter Golden 39b; Jeanette Nelson 209; Hans Guttman 37b; Gaylon Powell 538; Carl Barnes 335; Jerry Schreiber 236; Margaret Penner 397; Paige Winslett 430; Ginny Ely 446; Maggie Leonard 191; Sue Hanson 556; Carl Barnes 267 (for Dorothy Ness); Erika Roush 126; Carol Smith 153; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 225t; Peter Golden 112.

RECESS

J.P. Thom-Gronachan led 186 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Xaris Martinez 32t; Ginny Ely 39t (for Cindi Patterson); Jeanette Nelson 448t; Hans Guttman 448b; Gaylon Powell 94; Carl Barnes 198; Jerry Schreiber 100; Margaret Penner 457; Paige Winslett 49t; Ginny Ely 297; Maggie Leonard 58; Sue Hanson 497.

Announcements were made. Sue Hanson led 62 as the closing song. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 2

The Sunday session was called to order by Sue Hanson leading 479. The morning prayer was offered by J.P. Thom-Gronachan.

Leaders: Paige Winslett 146; Erika Roush 276; Ginny Ely 34b; Maggie Leonard 277; Gaylon Powell 224; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 101t; Hans Guttman 76b; Ginny Ely 107 (for Ruth Campbell); Jeanette Nelson 28b; Xaris Martinez 340; Peter Golden 38t; Gaylon Powell 383 (for Cynthia O'Sullivan); Sue Hanson 384; Paige Winslett 160t; Erika Roush 468; Ginny Ely 389; Maggie Leonard 222; Gaylon Powell 142; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 388; Hans Guttman 38b; Ginny Ely 33b (for Ruth Campbell); Jeanette Nelson 36b; Xaris Martinez 74b; Peter Golden 77t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sue Hanson leading 515.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Sue Hanson and Gaylon Powell. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, and Pat Dell Riversong. Gaylon Powell offered prayer and led 480 in honor of those named.

The following deceased were remembered: Jane Roman—Maryland; Alex Mennella—New York; Mary Ballinger and Pete Baker—Texas; Edith Tate, Flarce Creel, and Amanda Denson—Alabama; Madeline Steel—Mississippi; Rich Johnson—California; Minja Lausevic—Minnesota; Fred Ross—Arizona. Sue Hanson led 452 in memory of those named.

Leaders: Paige Winslett 430; Erika Roush 287; Ginny Ely 349; Maggie Leonard 497; Gaylon Powell 354b; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 354t; Hans Guttman 499; Ginny Ely 504 (for Ruth Campbell); Jeanette Nelson 547; Peter Golden 492; Sue Hanson 163t; Paige Winslett 314; Erika Roush 120; Ginny Ely 546; Maggie Leonard 315; Gaylon Powell 272; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 122; Hans Guttman 566; Gaylon Powell 278b (for Ruth Campbell); Jeanette Nelson 143; Peter Golden 282; Sue Hanson 203; Erika Roush 454; Ginny Ely 269; Maggie Leonard 455; Gaylon Powell 200. J.P. Thom-Gronachan led 159 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sue Hanson; Secretary—Erika Roush

MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON AND LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo, (Walker County), Alabama Sunday, March 2, 2008

The 22nd annual Sacred Harp Memorial singing held at New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo, Alabama, was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 179. The morning prayer was offered by Ronald Gilmore. Travis Keeton led 48t.

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

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 235; Tim Gilmore 172, 47t, 49b (in memory of Lavada Gilmore); Clarence McCool 68b, 73t; Jimmie Gilmore 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 104; Gravis Ballinger 101t, 168; Lewis Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318, 341; Henry Guthery 283 (in memory of Garnsey McGough), 436; Steve Adams 309, 401; Lena Keeton 146 (in memory of her mother), 82t; Alene Woodley 35, 39b.

RECESS

Tim Gilmore called the class back to order by leading 142 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore) and 300 (for Pam Gilmore Vest). Leaders: Warren Steel 65, 411; Kevin Dyess 63, 128; Ronald Gilmore 145b, 511b (CB); Lisa Geist 394, 546; Kermit Adams 424, 426t; Marlin Beasley 448t, 378b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 406, 467, 498.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 75. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 157, 93; Anita Naramore and Paul Naramore 348b, 111b; Reba Lawler 329, 544; Amber Davis 391, 192; Willodean Barton 418, 270; Velton Chafin 324, 487; Margaret Keeton 475, 517; Ila Ingle 434, 440; Dwight Ingle 274t, 445; Josie Hyde 355; Joyce Hubbert 155; Faye Donaldson 225t; Steve Adams and Ronald Gilmore 129, 421; Warren Steel and Jimmie Gilmore 365 (in memory of Madeline Steel); Marlin Beasley 276, 565; Henry Guthery 527.

Travis Keeton and Tim Gilmore led 76b as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Secretary—Josie Hyde

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Ephesus School, Ropville, Georgia** **Sunday, March 2, 2008**

The annual memorial singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus Elementary School on Sunday, March 2, 2008. The singing commenced at 9:30 a.m. with Denney Rogers leading 101t. Bobby Watkins offered the invocation. Stanley Edwards led 60 and Karen Rollins led 32t.

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

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Mary Florence Smith; Memorial Committee—Sherry Lovvorn and Henry Johnson. Mayor Denney Rogers welcomed the singers to the city.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 340, 318; Phillip Langley 110; Sharon DuPriest 460; Daphene Causey 222; Jeannette DePoy 67; Bobby Watkins 528; Joyce Walton 269; S.T. Reed 411; Henry Johnson 96; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers 143; Joan Aldridge 466; Pearl Guier 448b; Cheyenne Ivey 88t; Malinda Snow 474; George Garner 383; Donna Duke 276; Robert Chambless 84; Judy Chambless 155; Nate Green and Norma Green 314 (for Milton Oliver); Charlene Wallace 365.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class together by leading 436. Leaders: Mike Spencer 207; Richard Mauldin 312b; Bentley McGuire 142; Emily Creel 456; Nathan Reese 292; Wanda Capps 216; David Ivey 389; Reba Windom 328; Cindy Tanner 546; Bud Oliver 421; Rodney Ivey 228; Ed Thacker 112; Janice Paulk 478; Richard DeLong 422; Louis Hughes 107; Linda Thomas 217; Danny Creel 283; Russ Hanson 384; John Plunkett 381; Karen Ivey 187; Judy Caudle 500; Richard Ivey 428; Jonathon Smith 77t; Oscar McGuire 344; Bridgett Hill 300; Stephanie Tingler 527; Tommy McGraw 542; Susan Rice, Barry Rollins, Randa Harris, Beverly Thompson, Kayla McWhorter, and Laura Robinson (grandchildren of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) 358; Mary Jo Shafer 33b; Jack Paulk 569b; Jerry Creason 503; Matt Hinton 108b. Prayer was offered for the noon meal by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

Leaders after lunch included Lonnie Rogers and Denney Rogers 298; Sandra Wilkinson 120; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 99; Loyd Ivey 89; Evelyn Harris 47t; Erica Hinton 108t; Phillip Denney 53.

Henry Johnson and Sherry Lovvorn conducted the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson spoke about the last verse of Psalm 100. Sherry Lovvorn read the names. Richard Ivey led 403 for the following deceased: Heath Jett, Flarce Creel, Mary Ballinger, Marie Guthrie, Herby Bailey, Wilton Donaldson, B.J. Harris, LaRue Allen, Dick Mauldin, Elder Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Edith Tate, Fern Kitchens, M.B. Forbes, Delores Beasley, Elder Garnsey McGough, Amanda Denson, Reby Stanford, Asbury Walton, Chester Lacy, Loy Garrison, Pauline Langley, Tony Colquitt, and Jean Fincher.

Oscar McGuire led 229 for the following sick and shut-ins: Douglas Conn, Milton Oliver, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Anna Tate, and Toky Shumake. Ed Thacker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Louise Holland 147t; Cindy Tanner and Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Lou Cotney 218; Rodney Ivey 225t; Reba Windom 224; Richard DeLong 511; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 106; John Plunkett 150; Bentley McGuire 177; Louis Hughes 345t; Lonnie Rogers and children (Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers) 45t.

Announcements were made. The Rogers family and officers led 62 as the closing song. David Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins

SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK/ THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION)

Garden Valley Baptist Church, Garden Valley, Texas

Saturday, March 8, 2008

The 29th session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Beverly Coates leading 31b. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Committee appointments were made as follows: Chaplin Pro-Tem—Gaylon Powell; Nominations Committee—Leon Ballinger, Gaylon Powell and Cheryl Foreman; Memorial Committee—Bruce Coates and Robert Vaughn; Location Committee—Margaret Rounsaval and A.A. Smith, Jr.

Leaders: Beverly Coates 59; Sonny Erwin 454; Tammy Powell 178; Sue Utz 45t; Leon Ballinger 99; Lawson Smith 108b, 142; Myrl Jones 189; Bruce Coates 201; Judy Hughes 406; Thomas Smith 192; Cheryl Foreman 171; Crystal Meadows 107; Gaylon Powell 86; Robert Vaughn 300; Marcelene Hardy 112; Sonny Erwin 452; Tammy Powell 163b.

RECESS

Beverly Coates called the class back together leading 119 (CB). Leaders: Sue Utz 475 (CB); Leon Ballinger 507b (CB); A.A. Smith, Jr. 332 (CB); Myrl Jones 491 (CB); Bruce Coates 336t (CB); Judy Hughes 516 (CB); Thomas Smith 235 (CB).

The memorial service was conducted. Robert Vaughn led 503 for the following sick and shut-ins: Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Marian Grant, Adelaide Vaughn, Dewey Smith, Nina Smith, Robert Smith, and Shirley Smith.

Bruce Coates led 285 (CB) for the following deceased: Pete Baker, Charley Vaughn, Floyd Screws, and Russell Glenn Smith.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 49t (CB); Crystal Meadows 567 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 172 (CB); Gaylon Powell 346 (CB); David Rousseau 159 (CB). Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Beverly Coates called the afternoon session to order leading 146 (CB). Leaders: Robert Vaughn 539 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 222 (CB); Sonny Erwin 96 (CB); Tammy Powell 72 (CB); Leon Ballinger 463 (CB); Myrl Jones 299 (CB); A.A. Smith, Jr. 400 (CB); Bruce Coates 518 (CB); Judy Hughes 501 (CB); Thomas Smith 127 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 203 (CB); Crystal Meadows 505 (CB); Gaylon Powell 273 (CB); David Rousseau 283b (CB); Marcelene Hardy 298 (CB); Robert Vaughn 548 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 137.

A business meeting was conducted. Gaylon Powell made a motion to make amendments to the by-laws for the singing that include amending article 2 to add the Vice Chairperson officer, and after article 8 to add Vice Chairperson moves to Chairperson the following year. Motion was passed unanimously.

The nominations committee gave their report as follows: Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Vice Chairperson—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Chaplin—Dallas Smith; Treasurer—Sue Utz; Assistant Treasurer—Barbara Smith.

Location Committee reported that the singing will be held at New Harmony Community Center next year. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 282; Leon Ballinger 268; A.A. Smith Jr. 270; Bruce Coates 47b; Judy Hughes 47t; Thomas Smith 136; Cheryl Foreman 475; Crystal Meadows 36b; Gaylon Powell 496; David Rousseau 341; Marcelene Hardy 572 (CB); Robert Vaughn 438; Margaret Rounsaval 135; Tammy Powell 535.

Beverly Coates led 62 as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Beverly Coates; Vice Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Secretary—Tammy Powell

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 8-9, 2008
Saturday, March 8

The 23rd 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 Bill Caldwell leading 36b, and then offering the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne; Finance Committee—Paul Figura and David Lloyd; Memorial Committee—Dan Brittain, Aubrey Hemminger, and Rebecca Browne.

The following song books were used during the convention: *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition and *The Missouri Harmony* 2005.

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 99; Rebecca Browne 29t; Jo Dell Albi 8 (MH); Pattie Doss 112; John Uhlemann 212; David Kaeser 277; Lisa Bulawsky 276; Presley Barker 162 (MH); Roberta Strauss 480; David Lloyd 370; Carla Pepmiller 59; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Gary Gronau 38t; Penny Kujawinski 200; Shirley Figura 47t; Mark Bruns 178; Michelle Stremmel 146; Lou Kujawinski 64; Emily Gruber 383.

RECESS

Pattie Doss called the class to order leading 102. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 74b; Heather Nehre 503; Karen Isbell 411; Chuck McMannis 28b; Tommy Schultz and Donna Schultz 268; Paul Figura 122 (MH); Jan Kettle 89 (MH); Susan Green 13 (MH); Hans Bayer 455; Syd Caldwell 446; Johanna Fabke 236; Martha Beverly 31 (MH); Jubal Bayer 168; Dave Ressler 118 (MH).

RECESS

David Lloyd led 84 to call the class together. Leaders: Carol Munro Mosley 485; Ted Mercer 468; Rhonda Machlan 452; Berkley Moore 14 (MH); Loraine Bayer

448t; Jeff Breting 163t; Ted Johnson 113 (MH); Wayne Dell 159; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Pete Ellertsen 32t. Dan Brittain offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Annie Grieshop called the next session together by leading 82t. Leaders: Rebecca Browne and Jeanne Lisher 198; John Plunkett 71 (MH); Marcia Johnson 434; Joan Aldridge 486; Darrell Swarens 335; Reba Windom 436; John Seaton 62 (MH); Shelbie Sheppard 481; John Bayer 177 (MH); Eddie Mash 126 (MH); Stephanie Tingler 35; Jeff Sheppard 97; Melanie Hauff 80 (MH); Bill Beverly 19 (MH); Janet Fraembs 217; Anita Buswell 496; Peggy Brayfield 188; Ethan Schultz 68b.

RECESS

Marcia Johnson began this session leading 31t. Leaders: Jim Page 149 (MH); Lori Graber 368; Aubrey Hemminger 171; Karen Swenson 138 (MH); Dan Brittain 175 (MH); Jim Solheim 134 (MH); Julie Vea 362; Annie Grieshop 142 (MH); Matt Meacham 182; Ryan Wheeler 139 (MH); Judy Hauff 128 (MH); Jim Hearne 34b. Announcements were made. Bill Caldwell led 45t as the closing song. Jeff Sheppard closed the day with a prayer.

Sunday, March 9

Bill Caldwell opened the second day of the convention at 9:30 a.m. by leading 49t.

John Bayer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 66; David Lloyd 201; John Uhlemann 135 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 211; Barbara Uhlemann 13 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 128; Paul Figura 127 (MH); Roberta Strauss 56b; Bill Rintz 51 (MH); Lisa Bulawsky 288 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 551; Shirley Figura 145b; David Kaeser 163b; Kathy Kaiser 36 (MH); Presley Barker 133 (MH); Carla Pepmiller 40; Wendy Hofmann 39t.

RECESS

Bill Beverly led 37b to call the class back together. Leaders: Dave Ressler 138 (MH); Pattie Doss 345b; Gary Gronau 384; Karen Isbell 84 (MH); Emily Gruber 70 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 46 (MH); Jubal Bayer 153 (MH); Ethan Schultz 162; Hans Bayer 504; Elizabeth Schultz 496; Wayne Dell 49b; Martha Beverly 542; Cindy Pepmiller 107.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Darrell Swarens leading 148. Leaders: Loraine Bayer 565; Lori Graber 372; Ryan Wheeler 155; Ann Leckie “Glory Road”; John Bayer 475; Syd Caldwell and Shelbie Sheppard 365; Jim Page 179 (MH); Dan Brittain 141 (MH); Anita Buswell 473; Bill Beverly 547. Presley Barker offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Reba Windom leading 145t. Leaders: Judy Hauff 171 (MH); Terry Hogg 180 (MH); Catherine Pepmiller 312b; Karen Swenson 148 (MH); Annie Grieshop 167 (MH); Aubrey Hemminger 350; Darrell Swarens 45 (MH); Jubal Schultz 268; Carol Munro Mosley 142; Eddie Mash 124 (MH); Ted Mercer 189; Melanie Hauff 23 (MH).

Aubrey Hemminger read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and Dan Brittain spoke for them. They were as follows: Beau Caldwell—Arkansas; Lynn Wabble—Florida; Josephine Denney and Myrtle Smith—Georgia; Frank Kujawinski and Betty Weinert—Illinois; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Alice Caldwell, Charlie Derleth, Roger Ecoff, and Bill Ellason—Missouri; Mary Ellen Wilkinson—Oklahoma; Bob Anderson, Bob Skorgie, and Lilia Springer—Wisconsin. Dan Brittain led 176t and offered prayer.

Aubrey Hemminger read the names of the deceased as follows: LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson, Flarce Creel, Wilton Donaldson, B.J. Harris, Heath Jett, Furn Kitchens, Elder W.G. McGough, Mamie H. Noles, Chester Lacy, Dick Mauldin, and Edith

Tate—Alabama; Jo Crain, Jeanie Dickerson, and Myrle Jordan—Arkansas; Felton Denney, Loy Garrison, and Mary Lee Smith—Georgia; Martin Lakomik and Sheldon Stremmel—Illinois; Paul Gilliland, Minja Lausevic, and Joy Swenson—Minnesota; Paul Drummond, Gilbert Groeper, and Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Stuart Lloyd—New Jersey; Alex Mennella—New York; Madeline Steel—Mississippi; Janet Grant—Oklahoma; Mary Ballinger, Autumn Sansom, and Charlie Vaughn—Texas; Karl Pegalow—Wisconsin.

Becky Browne led 348b. She went on to speak about the loss of Jeanette Lowry, one of the founders of the Missouri group. Mike Lowry had asked her to select a song for Jeanette to “lead” from the square. Since Jeanette had started the move to revive the *Missouri Harmony*, Becky chose 77 (MH). “When shall thy lovely face be seen? When shall our eyes behold our God?” The memorial lesson was closed.

RECESS

Leaders: Jim Page 31t; Julie Vea 327; Jeff Sheppard 280; Joan Aldridge 546; Reba Windom 216; Jan Ketelle 269; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Jim Solheim, “Dragon”; Johanna Fabke 373; Janet Fraembs 532; Tommy Schultz 448b; Gary Gronau 137; Kathy Kaiser 203.

Announcements were made. Bill Caldwell led 346 as the closing song and offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Dave Ressler

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts

March 8-9, 2008

Saturday, March 8

The 10th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Peter Irvine leading 138b. Jenna Strizak offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jennie Brown 228; Sheila Kelley 503; Joanne Fuller 129; Ed Smith 536; Laura Timmerman 340; Dennis O'Brien 480; Charles Cofone 35; JLYnn Erikson 339; Sheldon Finlay 76b; Rachel Speer 112; Corrone Bryant 49b; Mary Gowins and Allison Schofield 101t; Joel Miller 37b; Rosalie Elkinston 56b; Whitney Chapman 29t; Dana Borrelli 39t; Dean Jens 67; Meredith Doster and Kelsey Wessels 384.

RECESS

Sally House called the class back together leading 34b. Leaders: Laura Borrelli 77t; Chris Holley 74b; Alexa Gilmore 426b; Holly Laws and Heather Drumm 312b; Phil Tyler 428; Philippa Stoddard 87; Thom Fahrback 145t; Gaston White 236; Matthew Wojcik 302; Susan Loucks 168; Brian Collett 218; Nathan Zweig 38t; Bob Parr 419; Anita Shaperd 411; Kelsey Sunderland 383; Elka Schumann 163t; Bill Holt 550; Leyland delRe 157; Katherine Thompson and Sarah Whites-Koditschek 235; Andrew Lebrun 567; Anays Wright 148.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 106. Leaders: Dan Hertzler and Matt O'Malley 82t; Oona Coy and Silas Coy 162; John Ostwald and Nellie Farrington 160t; Diane Mennella 472; Larry Gordon 522; Joanna Lampert and Lauren Bock 500; Glen Wright 497; Kim Moreno 436; Natalie Jablonski 335; Phillip Langley and Allison Schofield 542; D.J. Hatfield 430; Paul Butler 371; Kiri Miller 203; Stuart Ivey 448t; Guy Banks 546; Katherine Collett 84; Chris Noren 189; Gillie Campbell 272; Jim Picton and Paula Picton 269; David Boyle 47b; Robert Dove 28b. Jenna Strizak and Kelsey Wessels led 192 for the Children's Lesson. Kshama Ananthapura offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class to order for the afternoon session leading 89. Leaders: Amy Finlay and Judy Johnson 300; Jessica Beer and Tamara Harris 222; Mark Miller 216; Jerry Enright and Karen Freund 370; Bradford West and Kelly House 442; Kim Bahmer 448b; Richard DeLong 395; Jonathon Smith 512; Nora Dunn and Carly Goss 215; Michael Walker and Mechthild Schmitt 53; Jordan-Leigh Taylor and Lela Crowder 274t; Rebecca Edwards, Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 377; Michael Thompson 283; Ginnie Ely 196; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 182; Mary McDonald-Lewis 547; Kevin Griffin Moreno 466; Steve Helwig 344; Mary Whitehurst 504; Martha Henderson 456; Mike Hinton 532; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 217.

RECESS

Justin Squizzero called the class back together leading 68b. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 457; Miranda Elliott Rader 410t; Lyra O'Brien 214; Tim Eriksen 245; Matt Hinton 365; Nathan Rees 530; Dorothy Robinson 86; Bobbie Goodell 213b; Ben Bath, Sara Lynch-Thomason, and Lesley DeMartin 186; Evelyn Lamb 481; Robert Kelley 304; John Fink 183; Linda Shea 475; Steven Jens 180; Susan Mampre 280; Paul Setford 40; Joanne Bowman 330b; Peter Golden 425; Alan Lamb 59; Barb Ames 163b; John Holbrook 347.

Peter Irvine led 460 as the closing song. Kim Bahmer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 9

The Sunday session was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Alexa Gilmore.

Leaders: Peter Irvine 75; Sheila Kelley 36b; Linda Shea 230; Amy Finlay 107; Jessie Ricker and Sawyer Stone 155; Justin Squizzero 192; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Lisa Palumbo 457; Mark Miller 444; Bobbie Goodell 473; Michael Walker and Mechthild Schmitt 134; Kiri Miller 224; Kshama Ananthapura 411; Ron Bornick 178; Tamara Harris 556; Kelly Taylor 142.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kelsey Wessels leading 81t. Leaders: Laura Clawson 542; Alice Noyes 479; Liz Meitzler 114; Jim Bean 148; Kitty Kagay 381; James Baumgartner 99; Paul Gauthier 455; Jerry Enright 77t; Barbara Swetman 390; Bill Dunn 345b; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 470; Terry Ryan 350; Paul Butler 513; Kevin Griffin Moreno 485; Anne Kazlauskas 280; Thom Fahrback 316; Aldo Ceresa 382; Crystal Burnham 506; Liz Cantrell and Susan Willett 421; Ginnie Ely 349; Chris Holley 503; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Anne Johnston 294.

RECESS

Lynne deBenedette called the class together leading 82t. Leaders: Sheldon Finlay 383; Charles Cofone 569b; Gillie Campbell 40; Leonard Spencer 260; Barb Ames 319; Alexa Gilmore 348b; Caitlin Thurrell 288; Mary Whitehurst and Gaston White 282; Margaret Bornick 486; Robert Stoddard 332.

Anna Maria Irvine conducted the memorial lesson, reminding us that we carry the singers who have gone before us in our voices, memories and hearts. She led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Edith Tate, Sam Jones, Amanda Denson Brady, LaRue Allen, Richard K. Mauldin, Sr., B.J. Harris—Alabama; David Utterbeck—Arizona; Janelle Jessup—California; Charlie Carr—Canada; Ilmars Knets, Edmund Wojcik, Bo Farnham—Connecticut; Reese House—Washington, D. C.; Henriette Galvagni—Florida; Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Reby Stanford, Homer Benefield, Loy Garrison—Georgia; Terry Guthrie—Iowa; Lisa Wilgus, David Stryker, Marion Zimmerman, Elisabeth Swain, Donald Goss, Jean Goss, Minja Lausevic, Heather Egan Haynes, Jackie Walker, Rose Champagne-Superneau, Helene Yeames—Massachusetts; Nina Hoffman, Clarence Ramsburg, Barbara Hand,

Donald L. Williard Jr., Patricia Griffen—Maryland; Bob Baldwin—Maine; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Dora Magrath—Missouri/Massachusetts; Madeline Steel—Mississippi; Martha Dionne, Erin Way, Elsa Eriksen—New Hampshire; Dan Dorozynski, Frances Rolph Stankavich, Pat McDowell, Barry Talesnick, Becky Accuri, Nelson Adams, Alex Mennella—New York; Edward Hatfield—Oregon; William Powers, Benjamin Weiner, Helen Smulyan—Pennsylvania; Jimmy Capaldi, Mary Comendatore—Rhode Island; Charlie Vaughn, Pete Baker—Texas; Les Wight, Grace Paley—Vermont; Jeff Galper—No state listed.

Allison Schofield spoke of finding courage to survive difficult times. She led 67 for those on the sick and shut-in list as follows: Beverly Jessup, Gus Fleming, Cheryl Stroud, Wendy Karlsberg-Meltzer, Violet Thomason, Molly Cornell, Elaine Sampson, Doris Bilodeau, Alice Blanchard, Rick Johnston, Janie Krainen, Fran Lipman, Janet McGhee, David Bornick, Silvia Cornell, Ty Frankel, Ed Staeger, Malakai Preston, Stefni Agin, Nancy Davis, John Elliott, Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Elaine Urie, Cathy Tucker, Ann Doerfler, Lydia Wacker, C. William Fox Jr., and Bertie Zerwick. Richard DeLong closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Tim Eriksen expressed his gratitude and love for all who had helped his family and led 229. Kelly House led 30t in remembrance of Elsa Eriksen.

Leaders: Michael Thompson 32t; Dan Adams 179. George Seiler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matthew Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, and Marian Wojcik called the class back for the afternoon session leading 144. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 565; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 440; Caitlin Caulfield 442; Jeff Colby 448t; Kate Richardson 429; Stuart Ivey and Jordan-Leigh Taylor 424; Robert Kelley 518; Leyland delRe 528; Phillip Langley 564; Bob Parr 212; Kim Moreno 328; Richard DeLong 380; Nathan Rees 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Lela Crowder 110; Matt Hinton 112; Phillip Tyler 160b; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 540; Greg Mulkern 474; Joanne Bowman 384; Rebecca Edwards 106; Peter Golden 414b.

Peter Irvine opened the business meeting, saying local singing and zero-waste information is at the wmsnc.org website.

The Finance Committee reported that all expenses were met. The Secretary reported that 190 songs had been led so far and 412 singers had registered from twenty five states and four countries. The Resolutions Committee expressed thanks to all those who have contributed to making this convention possible over the past ten years, continuing to carry on the traditions of the Sacred Harp. The business meeting was concluded.

The next Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention will be held on March 7 and 8, 2009.

RECESS

Nora Dunn brought the class back to order leading 72t. Leaders: Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 378b; Nicoletta Manns and Kelsey Sunderland 452; Jonathon Smith 124; Cindy Bean and Nate Bean 163b; Steve Helwig 95; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 406; Tom Padwa 480; Laura Borrelli and Dana Borrelli 445; Jessica Beer and Martha Henderson 549; Mike Hinton 146; Alan Lamb 63; Carly Goss 354t; Charles Taylor 408; Anita Shaperd 504; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 159; Kim Bahmer 39t; Paul Setford 105; Mary McDonald-Lewis 268; Laura Noble and Lauren Bock 454; Effie Cummings 344; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 30b; Ruth Hooke 198.

Peter Irvine, Jennie Brown, and Sheila Kelley led 62 as the closing song. Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Peter Irvine; Vice Chairperson—Jennie Brown; Secretary—Sheila Kelley

OXFORD SINGING
University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi
Sunday, March 9, 2008

The 28th annual Oxford Sacred Harp singing took place in the choral room of the music building at the University of Mississippi. Warren Steel called the class to order by leading 138b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Mark Tew led 48t. The class organized by electing the following officers:
Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: John Merritt 288; Marlin Beasley 317; Emily Creel 318; Wanda Capps 299; Don Traylor 408; Bunk Beasley 72b; Charlotte Webb 68b; Bea Carnathan 496; John Van Horn 378b; Juanita Beasley 61; Travis Keeton 129; Gravis Ballinger 203; Lon Webb 358; Hugh Bill McGuire 394; Bruce Headrick 59.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class together leading 215. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 384; Jim Greer 81t; Jan Murray 31b; Velton Chafin 454; Carolyn Thompson 196; Darlene Reynolds 569b; John Plunkett 447; Kevin Dyess 128; Earl Ballinger 139; David Jennings 45t; Sarah Smith 340; Jeff Corbett 86; Phil Kliewer 87; Judy Caudle 522.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class together leading 176t. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 269; Henry McGuire 369; John Wall 217; Mark Davis 556; Myron Wilkinson 39b; Anne Steel 348b; Gary Smith 66; Drew McGuire 349.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Tew leading 460. Leaders: Danny Creel 532; Larry Ballinger 540; Natalie Davis 354b; Josie Hyde 507; Stephanie Tingler 476.

A memorial lesson was held. Marlin Beasley led 475 in memory of the following deceased: Flarce Creel, Edith Tate, Wilton Donaldson, LaRue Allen, Delores Beasley, Furn Kitchens, Garnsey McGough, Mamie Noles, and Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Alex Mennella—New York.
Warren Steel led 65 in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 276; Henry Guthery 549; Julie Heron 63; Sarah Tidwell 146; Lena Keeton 159; Brenda Merritt 542; Glenn Keeton 236; Chuck Howell 112; Janet Jenkins 117; Rachel Green 328; Harrison Creel 512; Logan Green 171; Robert Green 222; Lisa Geist 304.

Following announcements, Warren Steel, Mark Tew, John Merritt, Lisa Geist, and Jack Barbera led 285b as the closing song. Mark Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt

HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Hoboken, Georgia
Saturday, March 15, 2008

The singing was called to order by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading 68b. Elder David Crawford offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 508; Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 558, 374; Don Clark 176b; Judith Parker 128; Les Singleton 63; Michael Spencer 113; Jason Deal 264b; Elaine Yontz 159; Laurie Sommers 511t; Tommie Spurlock 183; Kathy Williams 222; Tor Bejnar 323b; Jesse Roberts 240; Amy Lee 544; Steven Taylor 51; Jack Fisher 49t.

RECESS

Trevor East brought the class back to order leading 392. Leaders: Charlie Brewer 489; Jane Spencer 78; Marcia Johnson 38t; Frank Strickland and Wynonia Horn 100; Ashley Thompson 179; Alice Bejnar and Ellen Gwynn 553; Rexanna Lester, Jairus Purcell, and Jo Corbin 572; Jenny Steuver 393t; Phil Summerlin 395b; Ross Brand 125; Stephen Conte 102; Claudine Townsend and Syble Adams 410; Bob Meek 270; Louis Hughes, Jr. 543.

RECESS

Mary Elizabeth Lee brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Riley Lee 505; Gene Pinion and friends 488b.

David Lee conducted the memorial lesson. Clarke Lee closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Trevor East 47b; Reba Windom 559; Michael Kaye 146; Jessica Altman 142; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 210; Sharon Kermiet 380b; Morgan Bunch 203.

LUNCH

April Dell brought the afternoon session to order leading 59. Leaders: Bob Bonnell 478; Job Driggers 106; Kendra Strickland and Macie Crawford 99; Micah Roberts 348t; Charlotte Bishop 511b; Louis Hughes 528b; Syble Adams 68t; Aldo Ceresa 214; Stanley Smith 44; Donna Bell 507b; Laura Densmore 133; Eddie Mash 567; Karen Clark 430; Phillip Reeves 31t; Stephanie Steuver 358; Bobby Watkins 138t; Sue Bunch 293b.

RECESS

Stephanie Steuver led 76b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Brooks Strickland and Arlene Strickland 447t; Dinah East 500; Lois Bonnell 330t; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 164; John Gardenour 451; Bryant Lee, Amy Lee, and Lindsey Johnson 49b; Jeff Sheppard 39; Johnny Lee and Delores Lee 273; Paul Wyatt 314; Anitra Kaye 369; Sue Graham 361; John Gentry 380t; Mary Lou Van Laanen and Sharon Kermiet 54t.

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 62b. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—David Lee and Clark Lee; Secretary—Mary Elizabeth Lee

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, March 15, 2008

The 13th annual session of the South Carolina State Singing in memory of William Walker was held in the Burwell Building at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on the Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The books used during the singing were *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Christian Harmony* (1873/1994). A singing school principally on the four-shape method was conducted by Hugh McGraw leading 49t (SH).

Dan Huger gave additional comments regarding the seven-shape method, then led 210t (CH).

Mr. McGraw recognized Dr. Doyle Boggs of Wofford College, who welcomed the singers, and introduced Dr. Gerald Thurman.

Mr. McGraw proposed that the morning session be given to the *Christian Harmony*, and the afternoon session to *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Dan Huger led 77b (CH).

The class held a business session with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Arranging Committee—Dan Huger (CH) and Jonathon Smith (SH). Business session closed.

Leaders: John Plunkett 116t; Nathan Rees 58t; Chris Wilhelm 58b; Ken George 208b; Walter Hartley 59t; Danny Arms 135; Jonathon Smith 105b; Frances Carnell 171t; Hugh McGraw 214.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Caroline Parsons leading 219b. Leaders: Bill Burns 381A; Diane Eskenasy 51; Steve Walker 67b; Chris Berg 207t; Bobbi Albert 178b; Charles Lowery 68b; Leon Carnell 141b; Dan Huger 120t; Nathan Rees 293; Chris Wilhelm 154t; Ken George 381C; Walter Hartley 369; Danny Arms 134; Jonathon Smith 89b; Frances Carnell 88; John Plunkett 120b (“Spartanburg”—Note: “This song was composed March 15, 1873”—135 years to the day!); Hugh McGraw 117; Caroline Parsons 215; Bill Burns 157. John Plunkett offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jonathon Smith leading 59. Leaders: Diane Eskenasy 222, 155; Leon Carnell 503; Frances Carnell 36b, 569b; Hugh McGraw and Jeanne Fowler 278b; Bobbi Albert 523; Caroline Parsons 282, 335; John Plunkett 500, 84 (for Ginny Faust); Ken George 45t, 47b; Nathan Rees 440; Katie Slusher 31t; David Witherspoon 178; Chris Wilhelm 268 (in memory of Jack Fried), 484; Bill Burns 164, 127.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Dan Huger leading 267 and 32t. Leaders: Robert Kelley 28b, 144; Danny Arms 177; Walter Hartley 480, 247; Steve Walker 107, 208; Becky Walker 145t.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 46 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairmen—Dan Huger and Jonathon Smith; Secretary—Dan Huger

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday night, March 15, 2008

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Boldo, Alabama. Velton Chafin brought the class to order by leading 31b. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35 (in memory of Edith Tate), 30t; Travis Keeton 111t, 284; Willodean Barton 145t, 101t; Sarah Smith 544; Sarah Smith and Danica Parker 401; Geraldine Sharpton and Danica Parker 168, 480; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Bea Carnathan 472, 205; John Merritt 398, 358; Ken Tate 399b, 107; Henry Guthery III 456, 434; Bridgett Hill 171, 304; Nellie Alexander 56t, 81t; Judy Caudle 138t, 138b; Elene Stovall 558; Reba Lollar 82t, 424; Danny Creel 432; Henry Guthery 172, 475 (in memory of John Hocutt); Josie Hyde 302;

Margaret McGowan 141, 30b; Gary Smith 63, 565; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 127, 348b; Velton Chafin 517 (WB) (in memory of Felton Woodley). Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL SINGING (WHITE BOOK)

Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama

Sunday, March 16, 2008

The annual Lookout Mountain Memorial singing was held at Pine Grove Church on the third Sunday in March. Rodney Ivey called the class to order by leading 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Verlon Stiefel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Arranging Committee—Michael Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 138t; Bud Oliver 32t; John Plunkett 178, 504; Judy Caudle 485b, 320; S.T. Reed 495, 494; Elene Stovall 512, 492; Eddie Mash 413, 499t; Robert Chambless 70t, 452; Boyd Scott 319, 358; Sandra Wilkinson 507, 509.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by John Plunkett leading 112. Leaders: Michael Thompson 519, 132; Ed Thacker 487t, 426b; Henry Johnson 70b, 544t; Susan Harcrow 546t, 126; Milton Oliver, Paula Oliver, Scot Oliver, Eric Blanks, Alana Blanks, Cheryl Beard, Bryant Beard, and Arleigh Beard 526, 478t, 354b; Tom George 127; Carol Hanson 540, 389t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 175; Robert Walker 548t, 171; Marty Wootten 511; Loretta Smith 395b; Jerry Creason and Anne Sibole 380t, 47t; Jackie Tanner 517; Terry Wootten 60, 264b; Scott Ivey 491b, 111b; Cassie Allen 543t, 292b; Jackson Harcrow 49b. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 77t. Leaders: David Ivey 77b, 522; Shane Wootten 513, 505; Judy Chambless 34b, 26; Cindy Tanner 328, 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Karen Ivey 480b, 490t; Randall Smith and family 76b; Dennis George 58, 22; Bobby Watkins 489t, 545t; Rodney Ivey 486t (for Coy Ivey); Henry Johnson 89; Scott Ivey and Marty Wootten 470; Terry Wootten 153; Judy Caudle 68b; Shane Wootten 496t; Michael Thompson 179; Sandra Wilkinson 57; Ed Thacker 436t.

Rodney Ivey, Bud Oliver, and John Plunkett led 54b as the closing song. Dennis George offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)

Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia

Sunday, March 16, 2008

The annual Garrison Memorial singing was called to order by Elder Bobby Cagle leading 49b. Elder Charles Cagle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Vice Chairman—Ray Richards; Secretary/Treasurer—Jane Spencer.

Leaders: Bobby Cagle 225t; Malinda Snow 155, 571; Tony Hammock 414, 154t; Michael Spencer 283, 367; Cindy Couch 540, 515.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ray Richards leading 337 and 449. Leaders: Pat Cabe 82, 45t; Rhonda Couch 500, 506; Jane Spencer 511t, 78; Tim Couch 57, 69; Darla Garrison 336t, 511b.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Elder Bobby Cagle leading 37. Leaders: Laura Akerman 270, 266b; Carl Cicotello 543, 239; Zack Moore 68t, 88t, 266t; Malinda Snow 54t, 410; Tony Hammock 229 (by request), 416t; Michael Spencer 401, 208; Cindy Couch 541, 518; Ray Richards 529; Pat Cabe 500, 186; Jane Spencer 84, 408; Tim Couch 348t, 573; Darla Garrison 507b, 482.

Elder Bobby Cagle conducted the memorial lesson, and led 559 in memory of the following deceased: Loy Garrison, O.B. Garrison, Basil Garrison, Ode Garrison, and all of those who have sung here and have passed on.

Leaders: Laura Akerman 505, 461; Carl Cicotello 417; Darla Garrison 501 (by request), 563 (by request).

Elder Bobby Cagle led 440b as the closing song. Ray Richards offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Vice Chairman—Ray Richards; Secretary—Jane Spencer

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, March 16, 2008

The Godsey Sisters Memorial singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 37b and 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Margaret Keeton.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 33b, Roma Rice 81t, 45b; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Steve Adams and Don Robertson 101t, 401; Azalee Adams 337, 34t, 317; Corene White 146, 379; Stella Pratt 63, 61; Emily Jones 371, 393, 225t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 421 and 410t. Leaders: Leona Haynes 87, 159, 85; Don Robertson 335, 178, 229; Gravis Ballinger 49t, 36b, 120.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Roma Rice leading 163b in memory of the following deceased: Cecil Wakefield, Edith Tate, Dick Mauldin, Wilton Donaldson, Marie Guthrie, Amanda Denson, Bill Clabourn, and Bernice Watts.

Josie Hyde led 220 and 234.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order by leading 48t. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 208, 203, 122; Lisa Geist 394, 477, 527; Larry Ballinger 224, 215; Parnell Berry 283, 177, 176b; Brenda Merritt 282, 99, 270; Latrive Bailey 340, 318; Velton Chafin 98, 94; Lorene Gray, Margaret Keeton, Nellie Alexander, Roma Rice, Kathryn Weaver, Mary Godsey, Betty Clabourn, Jane Velasquez, and Mary E. Godsey 59, 124, 426b; Margaret Keeton and Thyra Balentine 480; Don Robertson 487b.

Kermit Adams led 78 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

HIGHER GROUND SINGING
United Ministries Center, Terre Haute, Indiana
Saturday, March 22, 2008

The 13th annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Janet Fraembs and William Shetter leading 59. Marlen Rust offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Janet Fraembs and William Shetter; Arranging Committee—Peggy Brayfield and Rebecca Eldridge; Chaplain—Adrian Eldridge; Finance Committee—Wayne Dell; Secretaries—Darrell Swarens and Rebecca Eldridge.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 475; William Shetter 171; Darrell Swarens 335; Virginia Eldridge 300; David Rust 146; James Eldridge 318; Katherine Eldridge 354b; Wayne Dell 277; Carol Munro Mosley 473; Rebecca Eldridge 74b; Ann Miczulski 30t; Lee Steinmetz 565; Rochelle Lodder 36b; Cathryn Bearov 216; Peggy Brayfield 370; Ryan Wheeler 84; Rob Bahler 266; Phil Tyler 340; Brad Bahler 29t; Becky Browne 276 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by William Shetter leading 99. Leaders: Cath Tyler 63; Karen Bahler 551; Bob Meek 574 (CB); John Bahler 448t; Jim Helke 225t (CB); Fred Schau 40; Terry Hogg 393t (CB); Chad Roscoe 282; Presley Barker 472; Bobby Watkins 512; James Eldridge 165; David Rust 52t; Virginia Eldridge 503; Darrell Swarens 505 (CB); Janet Fraembs 172 (MH); William Shetter 138 (MH). Adrian Eldridge offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Janet Fraembs brought the class together leading 217. Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 85, Wayne Dell 571 (CB); Carol Munro Mosley 127 (MH); Lee Steinmetz 149.

Janet Fraembs spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Joan Aldridge, Rachel Adelstein, Charlie Derleth, Jim Oss, Mary Oss, and Pauline Childers. She then led 159.

William Shetter conducted the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Jeanette Lowry and Mary Alice Caldwell—Missouri; Edith Tate, Amanda Denson, LaRue Allen, Flarce Creel, La Quita Keeton—Alabama; Beverly Schau and Fred Schau, Sr.—Tennessee; Agnes Leatcy—Illinois; Robert Bozarth and Joyce Adams—Indiana; and Aletta Seymour—United Kingdom. He led 566 in their memory.

Leaders: Ann Miczulski 441; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 198 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 19 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 312b.

RECESS

Bob Meek led 49b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Darrell Swarens and Teresa Ulrich 236; Stephanie Fida 547; Rob Bahler 107; Phil Tyler 442; Brad Bahler 55 (CB); Becky Browne 436; Cath Tyler 278t; Michelle Cull 361; John Bahler 48t; Jim Helke 390; Fred Schau 86; Terry Hogg 511t (CB); Chad Roscoe 155; Presley Barker 474.

After announcements were made, William Shetter and Janet Fraembs led 347 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-Chairpersons—Janet Fraembs and William Shetter; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

PIKES PEAK SACRED HARP SINGING
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Saturday, March 22, 2008

The 3rd annual Pikes Peak Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pete Mathewson leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd.

The singing was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pete Mathewson, Secretary/Treasurer—Susie Mathewson. Singing was from the 1991 Denson Book and the 2006 *Cooper Book* (CB).

Leaders: Pete Mathewson 515 (CB); Paul Lindholm 54t (CB); Karl Dise 430 (CB); Bonnie Dolan 501; Anita Landess 133 (CB); Susie Mathewson 145b; Sheila Nugent 159; Kelly Townsend 45t; Isaac Lloyd 503; LaVerne Lewis 507b (CB); Dale Gardner 147t; Ginnie Ely 415; Pete Mathewson 480; Paul Lindholm 131t; Karl Dise 39 (CB); Anita Landess 38t (CB).

RECESS

The singing resumed with Bonnie Dolan leading 354b.

Pete Mathewson conducted the memorial lesson. He led 34t for the sick and shut-ins and 563 (CB) for the following deceased: Theodore Eastburn, Amanda Denson-Brady, Madeline Steel, and Minja Lausevic.

Leaders: Susie Mathewson 569b; Kelly Townsend 84; Isaac Lloyd 139; Ginnie Ely 228; Pete Mathewson 448t; Paul Lindholm 524 (CB); Karl Dise 486 (CB); Anita Landess 411 (CB); Bonnie Dolan 202; Kelly Townsend 49; Isaac Lloyd 47b; Ginnie Ely 511t (CB). The blessing was offered by Lance Lloyd.

LUNCH

Ginnie Ely of Estes Park, Colorado, was presented with a memento of Pikes Peak in recognition of her having traveled the greatest distance to the singing.

Leaders: Pete Mathewson 544 (CB); Paul Lindholm 559 (CB); Karl Dise 552 (CB); Anita Landess 553 (CB); Bonnie Dolan 441; Susie Mathewson 393t (CB); Kelly Townsend 155; Isaac Lloyd 59; Sheila Nugent 39t; Ginnie Ely 344 (CB); Keeley Sandoval 32t; Pete Mathewson 571 (CB).

RECESS

The singing resumed with Paul Lindholm leading 556. Leaders: Karl Dise 575 (CB); Anita Landess 408; Bonnie Dolan 297; Susie Mathewson 143; Kelly Townsend 282; Isaac Lloyd 99; Ginnie Ely 373; Keeley Sandoval 40; Pete Mathewson 518 (CB); Paul Lindholm 148; Karl Dise 320; Anita Landess 56t.

After announcements were made, Bonnie Dolan led 549 as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer by Lance Lloyd.

Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary—Susie Mathewson

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **March 22-23, 2008**

Saturday, March 22

The 47th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Jeannette DePoy leading. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 32t; Richard DeLong 60; Charlene Wallace 99; John Plunkett 492; Lela Crowder 421; Matt Hinton 229; Scott DePoy 47b; Helen Bryson 546; Tony Hammock 42; Phillip Langley 426b; Karen Rollins 327; Phillip Denney 86; Kathy Williams 180; Jeff Sheppard 120; Louis Hughes 408; Mott Harrell 61; Daryl Chesney 282; John Redman 397.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jeannette DePoy leading 247. Leaders: Andy Morse 163t; Lee Bradley 503; Bill Hogan 121; Mary Brownlee 182; George Burnette 81t; Linda Thomas 391; Nancy Hogan 159; Charles Woods 178; Phil Summerlin 63.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Assistant Vice Chairman—Sarah Harcrow; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Committee—Scott DePoy, Mike Thompson, and Nathan Rees.

RECESS

Phillip Langley called class together leading 328. Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Erica Hinton 146; Mandy Brady 84; Lonnie Rogers 97, 318; Beth Branscome 29t; John Shippee 192; Judy Mincey 415; Jonathon Smith 500; Donna Bell 107; Cecil Roberts 72b; Ellie Soler 276; Eugene Forbes 203; Jesse Roberts 250; Gail Aagaard 68b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Richard DeLong leading 542. Leaders: Mike Thompson 106; Nathan Rees 558; Micah Roberts 119; Bridgett Hill 454; Joyce Walton 428; Jenna Frey 401; Richard DeLong 278b; Judy Caudle 540; Judy Chambless 34t; Lisa Webb 455; Louise Holland 37b; Elene Stovall 411; Laura Frey 163b; Joanna Lampert 560; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Justin Squizzero 214; Aldo Ceresa 569t; Jesse Perlman Karlsberg 227; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 472; D.J. Hatfield 188; Dean Jens 236 (for Josephine Denny).

RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class together leading 222. Leaders: Robert Kelley 263; Reba Windom and Bridgett Hill 142; Martha Beverly 504; Nathan Green 467; Joanne Fuller 129; Pat Temple 34b; Lee Rogers 218; Roberta Strauss 56b; Bill Beverly 31b; Kelsey Sunderland 460; Karen Swenson 352; Anitra Kaye 473; Neil Gary 337; Mary Wright 148; Wade Kotter 30t; Harry Eskew 128.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 323t as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 23

The Sunday session of the convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 101t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 57; Phillip Langley 37b; John Plunkett 156; John Redman 38b; Jeannette DePoy 55; Tony Hammock 283; Judy Chambless 531; Scott DePoy 201; Malinda Snow 163b; Harry Eskew 31b; Robert Chambless 225t; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 192; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Lela Crowder and Cheyenne Ivey 186; Michael Thompson 197; Lonnie Rogers 348b, 389; Bridgett Hill 183.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading 453. Leaders: Karen Rollins 405; Ed Thacker 538; Aura Lee Furgason 549; John Hollingsworth 182; Joyce Walton 451; Wade Kotter 139; Floy Wilder 227; D.J. Hatfield 498; Judy Caudle 345b; Louis Hughes 448t; Karen Clark 218; Robert Kelley 210; Nathan Green 303; Kathy Williams 506; Don Clark 542; Charlene Wallace 481; Nathan Rees 439; Gail Aagaard 155; Jonathon Smith 440; Henry Johnson 375; Reba Windom 273; Pat Temple 373; Jeff Sheppard 444.

Jeannette DePoy and Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. Joanna Lampert lead 30b in memory of the following deceased: Alice Watkin, Donald Denney, Muriel Cleed Morgan, Loy Garrison, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, and Elder Homer Benefield—Georgia; M. B. Forbes, LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson, Edith Tate, Flarce Creel, Billy Joe Harris, Corene Laminack, Chester Lacy, and Dick Mauldin—Alabama; Jeanette Lowry and Alice Caldwell—Missouri; Minja Lausevic—Minnesota; Alex Mennella and Barry Talesnick—New York; Donald Willard, Jr.—Maryland; Edward Hatfield—Oregon.

Kathy Williams led 330b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Charlie Derleth, Geneva Prichard, Mary Thomas, Amanda

Puckett, Katherine Benefield, Norma Green, Bud Oliver, Myrtle Smith, and Jim Windom. Henry Johnson closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading 275t. Leaders: Mary Wright 274t; Rodney Ivey 316; Shelbie Sheppard 528; Anitra Kaye 532; Dean Jens 441; Martha Beverly 131t; Aldo Ceresa 550; Joanna Lampert 216; Jesse Perlman Karlsberg 110; Kelsey Sunderland 349; Justin Squizzero and Richard DeLong 419; Karen Swenson 402; Bill Beverly 547; Joanne Fuller 179; Jimmie Denney 111t; Sharon DuPriest and Reba Windom 434; Matt Hinton 99; Jenna Frey 46, 401; Erica Hinton 569t; Louise Holland 276 (for Sharona Nelson).

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 123t. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 569b; Laura Frey 178; Sheri Taylor 361; Lisa Webb and Sheri Taylor 222; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 300; D.J. Hatfield 385b; Randa Harris 268; Joanna Lampert and Aldo Ceresa 383; Aura Lee Furgason 344; Jesse Perlman Karlsberg and Anitra Kaye 74b; Kelsey Sunderland and Justin Squizzero 392; Dean Jens and Joanne Fuller 176b; Wade Kotter and Karen Swenson 145t; Mary Wright and Pat Temple 312b.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Finance report was given by Charlene Wallace. The Resolutions Committee (John Plunkett and David McGukin) submitted their report that thanked everyone who helped make the Convention successful. The Locating Committee (Louis Hughes, Tony Hammock, and Cecil Roberts) reported that the 2009 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention would be held at Walker County Housing Authority Center Building in Walker County, Georgia. All reports were approved as given, and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 62 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

SARDIS ON THE RIVER

Sardis Church, Lynn's Park, Walker County, Alabama Sunday, March 23, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sardis Church on the fourth Sunday in March was called to order by John Merritt leading 572 and 176t. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: John Merritt 108b; Lauren Harrison 47b, 503, 178; Stella Pratt 37b, 36b, 61; Anne Chalker 143, 235, 146; Don Robertson 222, 171, 151.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back together leading 179, 544, and 480. Leaders: Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b, 225t; Cecil Sanders 380, 475; Leona Haynes 517 (WB), 290, 192; Richard Mauldin 66, 43, 168; Glenn Keeton 163b, 86, 278t; Danny Creel 498, 234, 34t; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 300, 203; Josie Hyde 280, 507; Emily Creel 494, 485, 477; Harrison Creel 111b, 317.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John Merritt leading 276. Leaders: Lisa Geist 532, 291, 216; Ken Tate 44, 56t, 504; Larry Ballinger 119, 110, 286; Velton Chafin 506, 50t; Leona Haynes 335; Josie Hyde 181; Harrison Creel 512; Don Robertson 182;

Emily Creel 546; Lisa Geist 172; Danny Creel 112; Glenn Keeton 150; Anne Chalker 45t; Anne Chalker and Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Ken Tate 220; Brenda Merritt 460.

John Merritt and Travis Keeton led 414 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

HOLMFIRTH SACRED HARP DAY **Choppards Mission, Holmfirth, United Kingdom** **Saturday, March 29, 2008**

The 4th Holmfirth Sacred Harp Day was held at Choppards Mission in the Pennine Hills above Holmfirth in Yorkshire on the last Saturday of March.

The day began with a prayer offered by Helen Brown. There was then a singing school when Carmel Wood, Simon Dumbleton, and Helen Brown explained the shape note system and the traditions of the hollow square. The class practiced 47t, 503, and 39t.

Cath Ingham called the class to order leading 127. Leaders: Ian West 276; Ted Brown 49b; Judy Whiting 171; Michael Walker 53; Margaret Gillanders 84; Benny Ross 28t; Sarah Pinney 282; Simon Dumbleton 146; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 122; Peter Knudssen 503; Sally Greaves-Lord 501; Carmel Wood 457. Helen Brown offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ian West called the class to order leading 479. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 117; Chris Brown 40; Paul Chillingworth 47b; Helen Brown 68b; Ted Brown 108t; Richard Percival 494.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Whiting leading 475 in memory of Amanda Denson, Mike Beswick, Ken Ross, Vera Ross, Roy West, Peter Hampson, Denis Rungen, and La Rue Allen.

Chris Brown led 178 for the following sick and housebound: Jean McDougall, Betty Dumbleton, Sid Dumbleton, Stan Shaw, Joan Mattock, Joanna Keable, and Mel Browne.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 371; Jenny Reid 35; Michael Walker 145t; Sarah Pinney 504; Benny Ross, 441; Judy Whiting 546; Simon Dumbleton 448t; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 448b; Peter Knudssen 148; Sally Greaves-Lord 74b; Carmel Wood 31t; Ian West 324.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Maria Wallace 159; Richard Percival 569b; Sharon Langridge 155; Ted Brown 378t; Helen Brown 142; Margaret Gillanders 99; Jenny Reid 350; Michael Walker 134; Sarah Pinney and Jenny Pinney 186; Benny Ross 299; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 143; Simon Dumbleton 285b; Peter Knudssen 515; Carmel Wood 168; Richard Percival 313b.

After announcements and reports, it was agreed to meet again on the last Saturday in March 2009. Cath Ingham, Judy Whiting, Chris Brown, Carmel Wood, and Simon Dumbleton led 323t as the closing song. Helen Brown offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretary—Judy Whiting

VERMONT ALL DAY SACRED HARP SINGING
Damon Hall, Hartland, Vermont
Saturday, March 29, 2008

The annual Vermont All Day Singing was called to order by Dan Hertzler leading 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Effie Cummings.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 59; Bill Schults 38t; Carole Dempsey 171; Terry Ryan 84; Jackie Hall 217; Walt Colteryahn 183; Victoria Bolles 150; Betsy Maislen 528; Larry Gordon 168; Effie Cummings 344; Joanna Lampert 173; Peter Amidon 209; Leonard Spencer 250; Bob Parr 270; Justin Squizzero 215; Lynette Combs 198; George Pomfret 556.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 318; Paul Gauthier 426b; Ed Smith 478; Aldo Ceresa 440; Alexis Walker 159; Paul Setford 341; Janet Ross 71; Fred Emigh 107; Rosie Wojcik 377; Effie Cummings 147t; Carole Dempsey 157; Bill Schults 34b; Terry Ryan 228; John Holbrook 549; Betsy Maislen 479; Victoria Bolles 474; Leonard Spencer 254; Bob Parr 430; Walt Colteryahn 299; Jackie Hall 454; George Pomfret 68b; Lynette Combs 312b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Carole Dempsey. The deceased remembered included LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver—Alabama; Edmund Wojcik—Connecticut; Minja Lausevic, David Stryker—Massachusetts; Martha Dionne—New Hampshire; Lois Dickerman—New Mexico; Ralph DiGia, Alex Mennella, Pat McDowell, Barry Talesnick, Leslie Williams—New York; Bob Moffitt—Ohio; Ruth Bean, David Buster, Deb Miller, Ruth Ross, Bob Ross, Dennis Squires, Richard Whitcomb, Les Wight—Vermont. Carole led 499 in their memory.

Carole read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 86 in honor of Roger Cartwright, Wendy Karlsberg-Meltzer, Jane McHugh, Denis Murphy, Bonnie Rogers, Cheryl Stroud, Barbara Wilda, Julie William, and Reid Zabski.

Leaders: Matt Wojcik 503; John Holbrook 37b. Blessing for the noon meal was offered by Aldo Ceresa.

LUNCH

The class was called back for the afternoon session by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 82t. Leaders: Paul Gauthier 114; Larry Gordon 203; Justin Squizzero 411; Rosalie Elkington 47b; Paul Setford 273; Aldo Ceresa 222; Rosie Wojcik 349; Joanna Lampert 272; Ed Smith 283; Peter Amidon 196; Janet Ross 106; Alexis Walker 354b; Linda Wells 163b; Elka Schumann 122; Fred Emigh 216; Victoria Bolles 200; Jackie Hall 410t; Bob Parr 456; Effie Cummings 146; George Pomfret 352; Walt Colteryahn 569b; John Holbrook 339; Dan Hertzler 99.

RECESS

Bob Parr called the class back together leading 371. Leaders: Terry Ryan 334; Betsy Maislen and Bill Schults 178; Matt Wojcik 350; Wing Mui 128; Rosalie Elkington 48t; George Dyment 85; Elka Schumann 65; Aldo Ceresa 512; Alexis Walker 282; Janet Ross 50t; Joanna Lampert 445; Paul Setford 31b; Justin Squizzero 30b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 434; Larry Gordon 383; Rosie Wojcik 330t; Carole Dempsey 142; Ed Smith 436; Peter Amidon 77t; Leonard Spencer 320; Wing Mui 155; Rosalie Elkington 29t; Paul Gauthier and Lenore Bolton 384; Dan Hertzler 235. Dan Hertzler led 62 as the closing song. Effie Cummings offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dan Hertzler; Vice Chairman—Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Corlan Johnson

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

**McMahan, Texas
March 29-30, 2008**

Saturday, March 29

The annual spring session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, first held in 1900, met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas. The session was called to order by Liz Owen leading 293b. Prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby, pastor of Bethel Church.

Leaders: Liz Owen 171; Mike Hinton 288; Cassandra Baker 31t; Charles Whitmer 218; Cheryl Foreman 408; Bruce Coates 264b; Martha Beverly 131t; Vivian Rogan 331t; Robert Vaughn 50t; Carol Selleck 54t; Priscilla Wiggins 47b; Donn Howard 505; Jeff Adcock 49t; Kris Wiggins 299; Anitra Kaye 283t; Leon Ballinger 280; Crystal Meadows 193; Steve Helwig 113; Amanda Bowles 210; Evelyn Lamb 522; Chloe Webb 270; Scott Curran 98.

RECESS

Liz Owen brought the class back together leading 75. Leaders: John Baker 40; Laura Densmore 55; Rich Lee 553; Bobby Watkins 138t; Greg Bowles 155; Marilyn Murata 484; Janie Short 99; Brennen Leigh 168; Gary Rogan 398b; Louis Hughes 225t; Barbara Smith 508; Alexa Gilmore 558; Henry Schuman 38t; Riley Owen 274t; Grant Howard 336t; Ryan Young 395b; Kay Sirco 563; Kathryn Eastburn 449; Linda Booker 573; David McPherson 300; Ines Luttgén 514; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Terre Schill 383.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Secretaries—John Baker and Cassandra Baker.

Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 450; Catherine Rogan 203; Bill Bailey 106; Jeb Owen 53. Prayer before lunch was offered by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the afternoon session together by leading 146. He named the Memorial Committee as Sonny Huckaby, Sarah Huckaby and Scott Curran. Leaders: Trevor Howard 58; Dick Steil 82; Aaron Shirazi 47t; Seth Howard 133; Lori Rodgers 139; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Pendleton 72; Keith Collins 438b; Connie Stanton 276; Ashton Rodgers 571; Chris Nicholson 63; Bill Beverly 478; Beverly Coates 380t; Claire Singleton 68b; Gaylon Powell and Carrie Joynton 543; Michael Heyerman 502; Sarah Huckaby 497; Kevin Lee and Dan Vollemeyer 183; Reed Coates 306; Tammy Powell 217; Tom Owen 465; Curtis Owen 442t.

RECESS

Leaders: Steve Helwig 68t; Jeff Adcock 501; Tony Godwin 393t; Jonathan Pendleton 348t; Corbin Rogers 427; Laura Densmore 574; Martha Beverly 212; Evelyn Lamb 215; Bobby Watkins 30b; Chloe Webb 282; Janie Short 559; Louis Hughes 76b; Barbara Smith 31b; Carol Selleck 463; Anitra Kaye 511t; Henry Schuman 52t; Kay Sirco 515; David McPherson 128.

Mike Hinton and Sonny Huckaby led 95b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Curtis Owen, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 30

Mike Hinton opened the Sunday morning session leading 59. Prayer was offered by Donn Howard.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 544; Sonny Huckaby 54t; John Baker 268t; David McPherson 451; Sarah Huckaby 196; Jeff Adcock 397; Anitra Kaye 199; Henry Schuman 497; Cheryl Foreman 140; Robert Vaughn 521; Marilyn Murata 229; Leon Ballinger

and Judy Thomas 507b; Jessica Garris 171; Bill Beverly 575; Claire Singleton 422b; Billy Huckaby 220; Kay Sirco 449; Michael Heyerman 485; Katie Mahoney 285t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Crystal Meadows leading 36b. Leaders: Connie Stanton 410; Seth Howard 39; Carol Selleck 343; Steve Helwig 240; Martha Beverly 428; Burl Russell 164; Russell Riepe 383; Laura Densmore 201; Louis Hughes 340; Katherine Eastburn 45t; Grant Howard 38b; Catherine Rogan 470; Morris Nelms 68t; Pricilla Wiggins 159; Trevor Howard 168.

Elder Sonny Huckaby conducted the memorial lesson. He discussed the Sacred Harp family, joined by an appreciation for the sound of the singing, the meaning and depth of the poetry, the chord that touches each of us, and the tone that reaches the heart.

Sara Huckaby led 384 for the following sick and shut-ins: Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Leland Owen, Natalie L. Speer, Pauline Childers, Daphene Causey, Fumie Murata, and Shisue Sugimoto.

Scott Curran read the names of the following deceased, and led 30b: W.M. "Pete" Baker, M.J. Godwin, Charlie Vaughn, Theodore Albert Waterman, Kimberly Carpenter, Dwight Davis, and Floyd Screws—Texas; Milton Oliver, Dick Mauldin, Flarce Creel, Amanda Denson-Brady, Edith Tate, and LaRue Allen—Alabama; Christine Chrisman—Tennessee; Loy Garrison and Felton Denney—Georgia; Marianne Kaye and Esther Love—California; Robert LeCompte—New Mexico; Theodore Kang Eastburn—Colorado; Minja Lausevic—Minnesota; Jack Kramer—New York. Jeb Owen closed the service with prayer.

Leaders: Bobby Watkins 444t; Tammy Powell 216; Kris Wiggins 192; Vivian Rogan 32t; Donn Howard 518. Noon time prayer was offered by Jeff Adcock.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen called the afternoon session to order leading 277. Leaders: Brennen Leigh 319; Riley Owen 401; Terre Schill 172; Dick Steil 70t; Linda Booker 511t; Greg Bowles 31t; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Bill Bailey 406; Liz Owen 572; Ryan Young 239; Amanda Bowles 42; Reed Coates and Danielle Cargile 35; Kevin Lee and Chelsey Marcum 331b; Pat Parson 467; Scott Curran 203; Aaron Shirazi 540; Bruce Coates 571; Gary Rogan 567; Gaylon Powell 235; George Jones and Jeb Owen 558; Burl Russell 75; John Baker 395b; Tom Owen 416t; Sarah Huckaby and Billy Huckaby 421; Curtis Owen 198; Katie Mahoney 213; David McPherson 500; Jessica Garris 217; Michael Heyerman 520; Marilyn Murata 200; Edith Owen 515.

Mike Hinton, Sonny Huckaby, and Cassandra Baker led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Secretaries—John Baker and Cassandra Baker

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, March 30, 2008**

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial singing was held at Liberty Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Harrison Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 32t, 30t; Eugene Forbes 39b, 56b; Anne Chalker 235, 146; Stella Pratt 480, 61; Travis Keeton 285t, 400; Don Robertson 178, 229; Wanda

Capps 144, 222; Roma Rice 384, 565; Marlin Beasley 321, 406; Faye Donaldson 430, 299.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order by leading 358. Leaders: Ken Tate 389, 73b; Margaret Gowen 141, 122; Henry Guthery 52t, 517; Lisa Geist 110, 542; Emily Creel 426t, 475; Glenn Keeton 540, 467; Amber Davis 402, 187; John Merritt 267, 53.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 296. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 100, 124; Larry Ballinger 114, 418; Brenda Merritt 63, 380; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Willodean Barton 454; John Merritt "Higher Ground"; Anne Chalker 147t; Don Robertson 151; Lisa Geist 327; Eugene Forbes 70b; Glenn Keeton 77t; Ken Tate 283; Henry Guthery 488; Travis Keeton 179; Richard Mauldin 145b; Marlin Beasley 421.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

IVEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, March 30, 2008**

The Ivey Memorial singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Norma Green.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 444t (CB); Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey 321 (in memory of Milton Oliver), 314; David Ivey 74b; Ed Thacker 486; Norma Green 29t; S.T. Reed 403; Jarrod George 36b; Judy Mincey 474; John Plunkett 351, Eloise Wootten 234; Randall Smith and Eloise Wootten 137; Donna Wootten 335; Eddie Mash 444; Daryl Chesney 340 (for her parents); Mary Ruth Stiefel 143; Loyd Ivey 426t; Aaron Wootten 414; Judy Chambless 568; Tom George 145b; Jackie Tanner 47t; Pam Nunn 528; Hobert Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 410t; Rachel Shavers and Rachel Ivey 155; Matt Hinton 365; Levon Wootten 153; Linton Ballinger 224; Syble Adams 47b.

RECESS

Scott Ivey and Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order by leading 81t. Leaders: Terry Wootten 455; Joyce Walton 269; Jeff Sheppard 556; Betty Wright 569b; Max Berueffy 377; Alex Makris 222; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 101t; Sandy Ivey and Megan Simmons 56t; Jackson Harcrow 56b; Linda Sides 448t; Michael Thompson 436; Cindy Tanner 546; Scott Ivey 454; Jared Wootten 441; Julietta Haynes 192; Verlon Stiefel and Joyce Whittington 348b; Ted King 270; Adam Bethune 100; Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten 87; Mark Erich 34b; Elene Stovall 440 (for Bridgett Hill); Wayne Jones 30b. Tony Ivey offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Ivey leading 144. Leaders: Reba Windom 411; Betty Shepherd 216; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Martha Underwood, Ivey Biddle, Lily Underwood, and Candice Sizemore 424, 501 (CB); Jenny Mann and Cassie Allen 559 (CB); Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 88t; Alexandra Craig and Avalee Maxwell 54t (CB), 573 (CB); Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 68b; Jennifer Allred 383; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Coy Ivey and Karen

Ivey 384, 475; Nathan Rees 434; Sandy Scott and Paula Probst 117; Marty Wootten 283 (for Don Bowen); Jennifer Mosteller and Cassie Allen 571 (CB); Andrew Farris 408; Nate Green 208; Henry Johnson 111b; Jonathon Smith 99; Gail Doss 97; Will Kerby 430; Heather Sutton and Alex Makris 480; Patsy Gentle 39t; Gail Aagaard and Earl Aagaard 503; Sylvia Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Sandy Ivey 535; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 496; Marlon Wootten, Wayne Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Andrew Wootten, Anna Wootten, Shane Wootten, and Donna Wootten 128; Phil Summerlin 415; Tim Travis and Shane Wootten 77t; Delone Cobbs 235; Dennis George 542; Ernest Phillips 236; Jack Stiefel 28b; Judy Caudle 73t; Brian Maxwell, Jaren Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Anzlea Maxwell, Alexandra Craig, and Zach Craig 518 (CB).

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Norma Green

FASOLA OMAHA
St. Vincent of Lehnens Antiochian Orthodox Church
Omaha, Nebraska
Saturday, April 5, 2008

The 10th annual FaSoLa Omaha Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. A welcome was extended by Jenni Wallace at 10:00 a.m., and then she led 31t. The invocation was offered by Sharla Hulsey.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Jenni Wallace; Treasurer—Sandra Squires; Secretary—Jim Wood.

Leaders: Denise Kania 40, 274t; Steve Levine 29t, 350; Jim Pfau 300, 217; Sharla Hulsey 198, 535; Sharon Kermiet 327, 549; Karen Swenson 411, 540; Annie Grieshop 84, 168; Eric Saylor 361, 183; Aura Lee Furgason 143, 344; Judy Hauff 201, 313t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jenni Wallace leading 147t. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 203, 421; Hill Crimmitt 114, 497; Stephen Conte 388, 326; Susan Green 32t, 64; Tammi Ziola 448t, 277; Jim Solheim “Omaha”; Charles Scudder 472, 479; Paul Lindholm 441, 564. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Sharla Hulsey.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jenni Wallace leading 318. Leaders: Karen Swenson 430, 352; Aura Lee Furgason 163b, 142; Judy Hauff 536, 377; Denise Kania 216, 474; Susan Green 157, 551; Hill Crimmitt 280, 569b; Stephen Conte 85, 81t.

Sharla Hulsey conducted the memorial service, leading 32b in memory of Martin Baumert, Sally Jenson, Irene Benson, Eleanor Plumb, Minja Lausevic, Joyce Quail, Alice Caldwell, Amada Denson Brady, LaRue Allen, Larry Cavanaugh, Eloise Pearson, Harry Oswald, Emil Ziola, and Pat Ziola.

Sharla Hulsey led 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Eddy Godfrey, Rosella Spicer, Galen Robertson, Bob Donlan, and De Morlan.

RECESS

Jenni Wallace brought the class together by leading 349. Leaders: Jim Pfau 565, 228; Eric Saylor 313b, 282; Timothy Gaskell 196, 117; Tammi Ziola 102, 106; Paul Lindholm 163t, 562; Alice Love 86, 65; Melanie Hauff 271t, 278b; Steven Levine 164, 49b; Annie Grieshop 212, 66; Sharon Kermiet 328, 400; Charles Scudder 288, 107; Jim Solheim 444, 192.

Jenni Wallace led 347 as the closing song.
President—Jenni Wallace; Secretary—Jim Wood

**HARPETH VALLEY / PRIESTLEY MILLER
MEMORIAL SINGING
Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, April 5, 2008**

The 47th annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by David Carlton leading 48t. Dr. Bill Reynolds offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Carlton 89; Tim Reynolds 39t, 107; Gail Doss 315, 148; Gordon Wilkinson 318, 475; Febrienne Box 455, 358; Eddie Mash 195, 551; Sandie Scott, Donna Clements, and Barbara Money 45t, 479; Clayton Ezell 66, 119.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 162.

In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Sandie Scott; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Laurens Blankers.

Leaders: Laurens Blankers 236, 556; Nathan Rees 141, 441; Marilyn Burchett 335, 85; Ron Harper 300, 67; Rick Hoffman 49b, 84.

RECESS

Sandie Scott brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 299, 47t; Dr. Bill Reynolds 59, 159; Rick Freed 155, 47b; Cindy Tanner 436, 546; Jonathon Smith 142, 224.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class back together for the afternoon session leading 101t. Leaders: Randy Box 405, 106; Jessica Simmons 384, 448t; Cassie Allen 448b, 440; Micheala Box 146; Lewis Frost 73b, 178; Lisa Russell 63, 72b; Kerene Box 168, 235; Nakayah Box 268, 117; Nathan Rees 112; Dan Russell 114, 36b; Cassie Allen and Ainsley Allen 348t; David Carlton 254.

After announcements, David Carlton led 46 as the closing song. Laurens Blankers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Sandie Scott; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett

**RHODE ISLAND ALL DAY SINGING
North Scituate Grange, North Scituate, Rhode Island
Saturday, April 5, 2008**

The 5th annual Rhode Island All Day Singing was held at the North Scituate Grange in North Scituate, Rhode Island. Justin Squizzero called the class to order leading 101t. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kiri Miller 36b; Liz Cantrell and Pat Falcon 49t; Lynne DeBenedette 171; Charles Cofone 66; Miranda Elliott Rader 143; Joanne Bowman 569t; Owen Schmidt 268; Joanna Lampert 440; James Baumgartner 155; Bob Parr 142; Natalie Jablonski 312b; Charlie Hunter 277; Jim Picton 178; Anne Kazlauskas 125; Celia Devine 48t; Caitlin Thurrell 56b; Kelsey Sunderland 77t; Sheldon Finlay 39t; Tom Padwa 332; John Holbrook 415; Laura Borrelli 421; D.J. Hatfield 411.

A business session was called. Motions and votes established a regular formula for the dates of future Rhode Island All Day Singings as the Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class voted to establish that the Vice Chairman for each present

year serve as Chairman for the following year's singing. The class then elected Kiri Miller as Vice Chairman for this year. The business session was adjourned.

RECESS

Jennie Brown called the class back together leading 274t. Leaders: Linda Shea 475; Susan Willett 503; Jenna Strizak 81t; Amandeep Gill 59; Kelsey Wessels 108t; Bill Holt 327; Paula Picton 528; Ben Steckelberg 512; Jennie Brown 189; Chris Noren 29t; Laura Timmerman 556; Amy Finlay 430; Owen Schmidt 347; Natalie Jablonski 102; James Baumgartner 37b; Dana Borrelli 542; Allison Schofield 83b; Cindy Bean 106; Charlie Hunter 47b; Jim Bean 442; Caitlin Thurrell 146; Charles Cofone 569b; Joanne Bowman 203; Bob Parr 448t; Miranda Elliott Rader 410t; John Holbrook 38t. Charles Cofone offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lynne DeBenedette brought the afternoon session to order leading 168. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels 218; Joanna Lampert 500; Allison Schofield 282; Kiri Miller 564; Jenna Strizak 384; Jennie Brown 456; Bill Holt 269; Paula Picton 546; Sheldon Finlay 460; Laura Borrelli 300; Anne Kazlauskas 316; Amy Finlay 306; D.J. Hatfield 212; Ben Steckelberg 480; Linda Shea 348b; Chris Noren 299; Laura Timmerman 34t; Liz Cantrell 496; Jim Bean 148; Pat Falcon 163b; Jim Picton 68b; Susan Willett 45t; Kamilah Tisdale 217; Tom Padwa 515; Cindy Bean 566; Celia Devine 362.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Joanna Lampert leading 228. Leaders: Charles Cofone 34b; Jennie Brown and Kelsey Sunderland 192; Justin Squizzero 436; Amy Finlay 186; Bill Holt and Bob Parr 419; Allison Schofield and John Holbrook 290; D.J. Hatfield 82t; Joanne Bowman 485; Chris Noren 209; Miranda Elliott Rader, Caitlin Thurrell, and Kamilah Tisdale 457; Tom Padwa 473; Jim Picton and Paula Picton 89; Liz Cantrell 107; Jim Bean, Cindy Bean, and Nate Bean 198; Sheldon Finlay and Kelsey Wessels 112; Laura Timmerman 323t; Pat Falcon 86; Kiri Miller and James Baumgartner 222; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Dana Borrelli and Laura Borrelli 454; Lynne DeBenedette and Kelsey Sunderland 182.

Justin Squizzero called for committee reports. The Treasurer reported all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that over the course of the day 42 leaders led 100 songs.

Justin Squizzero, Kiri Miller, and Liz Cantrell led 62 as the closing song. Laura Timmerman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Justin Squizzero; Vice Chairman—Kiri Miller; Secretaries—Pat Falcon and Liz Cantrell

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK) **Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas** **Saturday, April 5, 2008**

The 17th annual Brazos River Singing was held in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 558. Mel Rosenbaum offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 567; Amy Denison 199, 507b; Crystal Meadows 47t, 276; Leon Ballinger 87, 110; Larry Hall 385t, 113; Kirby Preston 112, 38t; Dick Steil 70t, 68t; Ines Luettgen 46, 217; Tammy Powell 142, 138t; Crystal Meadows 31t, 99; Amy Denison 398t, 513t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Amy Denison; Secretary—Tammy Powell.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order leading 123t and 346. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 282, 280; Mel Rosenbaum 336t, 386; Larry Hall 29t, 477; Kirby Preston 78, 55; Dick Steil 268t, 143; Ines Luetngen 419, 319; Tammy Powell 478, 222. Dick Steil offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the afternoon session to order leading 45t and 438b. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 159, 168; Amy Denison 131t, 131b; Leon Ballinger 203; 463; Mel Rosenbaum 511t, 63; Larry Hall 162, 239; Kirby Preston 52t, 53; Dick Steil 485, 574; Ines Luetngen 100, 505; Tammy Powell 132, 128.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back together leading 372 and 244. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 184b, 21; Amy Denson 339, 411; Mel Rosenbaum 155, 264b; Larry Hall 300, 293b; Kirby Preston 36b, 401; Dick Steil 49t, 235; Ines Luetngen 183, 516; Tammy Powell 559, 137.

Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell led 95b as the closing song. Kirby Preston offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Amy Denison; Secretary—Tammy Powell

JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Saturday, April 5, 2008

The annual Jones Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April at Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama. The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 36b. John Merritt offered the opening prayer. Mike Jones led 68b. Velton Chafin led 336b and 373 for the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Barbara Jones 32t; John Etheridge 464; Morgan Bunch 299; Kathy Folsom 505, 358; Royce Sellers 290; Hobert Ivey 511b; Danny Creel 133; Nate Green and Norma Green 455t, 455b; Ross Brand 146; Christine Gandy 348t; Victoria Aplin 406; Edd Bass 563; Ann Jett 573; Wanda Capps 572; Lera Ellison 435; Brenda Merritt and Velton Chafin 478; Alice Bejnar 179; Eloise Wootten 515; Waylon Cravey 500; Marlon Wootten 31b.

RECESS

Mike Jones called the class back to order leading 330t. Leaders: John Merritt and Russ Scholz 380t; Sam Schofield 288; Elsie Moon 394; Tor Bejnar 463; Sue Bunch 544; Tim Jones 553; Tommie Spurlock 323t; Wayne Jones 86; David Ivey 416t; M.H. Creel 355; Joe Nall 211; Bill Aplin 567; Larry Shaw 282; Nancy Hogan 114b; Karen Ivey 540; Billy Kelley 558.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 98. Leaders: Ernestine Pipkin 110; LaShon Tillman, Connor Tillman, and Avery Tillman 229; Donna Jones 145t; Brian Kelley 404; Mary Whitehurst and Nancy Hogan 559; Aubrey Barfield 365; Bill Hogan 543; Bill Farris 401; Stanley Smith 522; Paul King 77t; Agnes Farris 410; Kennon Smith 189; Mike Jones led 369 and James Gardner offered prayer to bless the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Paul King leading 96. Leaders: Mike Jones 332; Adrian Nall 393t; Frank Hataway 283t; Ford Bulger 176t; Ernest Cockcroft 159; Voncile Nall 450; Margaret Spurlock 112; James Gardner 368b; Chip Westbrook 107t; Ken Sundberg 297; Loretta Jones 384; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Michael Jones 270; Russ Scholz, John Merritt, and Morgan Bunch 314; Linda Westbrook 507t; Frances Sightler 516; Cathy Parker, Cynthia Sasser, and Amanda

Martin 341, 89; Rhonda Harrison 59; Mary Whitehurst, Nancy Hogan, and John Etheridge 414.

RECESS

Mike Jones called the class to order leading 300. Leaders: Alice Sundberg 400; Tommie Spurlock 574; Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, Danny Creel, and M.H. Creel 222, 76b; Tim Jones 506, 210; Morgan Bunch 277; John Merritt and Mike Jones 264b; Ross Brand 186.

Announcements were made. Mike Jones led 395t as the closing song, and Tommie Spurlock dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Secretary—Barbara Jones

POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION

The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia

April 5-6, 2008

Saturday, April 5

The 19th annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention was held on the first Sunday in April and the Saturday before at the Great Falls Grange. Cathy Tucker called the convention to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 144. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Kim Moreno.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Kevin Griffin Moreno; Vice Chairperson—Bev Yeager; Treasurer—Kelly Macklin; Secretary—Carly Goss. Opening remarks were made by the Chairman, followed by instructions from Gillie Campbell concerning our “zero-waste” recycling and composting effort.

Leaders: Kevin Griffin Moreno 137; Bev Yeager 515; Rachel Speer 229; Carly Goss 32t; Kelly Macklin 187; Nora Dunn 283; Erin Kelly 430; Tim Slattery 171; Kathy Manning 266; Gillie Campbell 496; Jim Glaser 358; Joni Seidenstein 195; Chris Bracken 40; Mary Ann Daly 277; Marty DeNys 228; Barbara Barry 372; Evelyn Wheeler 159; John Hewes 497; Dottie Hurley 49b; Beth Reed 504.

RECESS

Joni Seidenstein and Nova Seidenstein called the class together leading 146. Leaders: Mimi Stevens 122; Leyland delRe 182; Mary Langley 61; Fritz von Fleckenstein 479; Rosalie Duncan 196; Hunter Hale 163b; Scott Mattheson 72b; Kim Moreno and family 87; Evan Duncan 224; Mary DeNys 547; John Alexander 86; Mary Wright 457; Ray Milefsky 268; Clare Chapin 344; Corey Walters 414; Adrian Mariano 419. Announcements were made, followed by a blessing for the noon meal by Ted Stokes.

LUNCH

Kevin Griffin Moreno and family called the class back to order leading 178.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 323t; Pat Temple 34b; Lamar Mathew 35; Jessica Keyes 384; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 434; Richard Ivey 422; Anna Mays 451; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 189; Leslie Alperin 454; Robert Stoddard 415; Bill Waddington 218; Jean Seiler 217; Peter Golden 203; Alice Noyes 111t; Aldo Ceresa 522; Karen Isbell 448t; Karl Dise 210; Kathy Kaiser and David Garner 106; Ted Stokes 151; Zoe Clay 117; Elizabeth Stoddard 216; George Seiler 480; Terry Ryan 352; Laura Densmore 304.

RECESS

Jessica Keyes led 445 to call the class back together. Leaders: John delRe 111b, Ina Shea 176b; Owen Kelley 81t; Beth Huener 200; Guy Bankes 444; Margaret Bornick 236; Tom Clay 64; John Feddersen 183; Kay Huener 350; Jason Law 66; Lynda Hamburger 551; Frank Evans 85; Ron Bornick 455; Roy Link 58; Karen Isbell 29t; Lamar Mathew 157.

RECESS

Anna Mays called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: John Alexander 179; Erin Kelly 491; Evan Duncan 300; Leslie Alperin 313b; Zoe Clay 148; Corey Walters 566; Rosalie Duncan 274t; Margaret Bornick 486; Marty DeNys 142; Mary Langley 73b; Ron Bornick 186; Mimi Stevens 532; Pat Temple 373; Jim Strube 354t; Gillie Campbell and Jean Seiler 318; Leyland delRe and Kelly Macklin 212; Bev Yeager 351.

Kevin Griffin Moreno made closing announcements and led 70t. Lamar Matthew closed the Saturday session with a prayer.

Sunday, April 6th

Kevin Griffin Moreno called the Sunday session to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 467. Kim Moreno offered the morning blessing. Leaders: Nora Dunn 31t; Kim Moreno 145t; Adrian Mariano 411; Kathy Manning 482; Tim Slattery 222; Mary Ann Daly 191; Carly Goss 460; Jim Glaser 569t; Clare Chapin 47t; Cathy Tucker 454; Joni Seidenstein 506; John delRe 564; Rebecca Mays 31b; Barbara Hohenstein 110; Walter Hartley 178; Elizabeth Stokes 475; Doron Henkin 474; Cindy Wasson 86; Lee Schumacher 40; Anna Mays 272; Jim Strube 217.

RECESS

Robert Stoddard called the class back together leading 70b. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 466; Alice Noyes 107; Steven Sabol 442; Beth Huener 547; Laura Densmore 49b; Aldo Ceresa 436; Kay Huener 234; Jessica Keyes 335.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Kathy Manning. Kathy spoke beautifully about Amanda Denson Brady, who was a dear friend and mentor to many present at the convention. Kathy led page 189 in memory of Amanda.

Ted Stokes and Oliver Kindig-Stokes presented their thoughts and read the list of sick and shut-ins as follows: Dwight Speer, Marilyn Darch, Wendy Karlsberg-Meltzer, Janet Fraembs, Frank Fraembs, Pauline Childers, Bill Ellason, David Bornick, Bill Farnon, Julietta Haynes, Jonathan Hunter-Kilmer, Kat Kincade, Dan Macklin, Kacy Pate, and Marge Wheeler. Ted and Oliver lead 69t in their honor. Ted spoke concerning the list of the deceased, which included the following: LaRue Allen, Milton Oliver—Alabama; Dennis Stevens—Colorado; Steve Lewis—District of Columbia; Amanda Denson Brady—Georgia; Glen Ernst—Illinois; Mary Carson, Ruth Donovan—Maryland; Clare V. Chapin—Maryland/Connecticut; Donald Goss, Jean Goss, Jack Kramer—Massachusetts; Minja Lausevic—Massachusetts/Minnesota; Naomi Ivi, Arthur John Spring—Minnesota; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; David Davies—New Jersey; Becky Accuri, Alex Mennella, Barry Talesnick—New York; William Powers—Pennsylvania; and Mike Stewardson—Virginia. Ted and Oliver led page 260 in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer by Kim Moreno.

Leaders: Bev Yeager 269; Elizabeth Stoddard 77b; Frank Evans 287; Bill Waddington 347; Nova Seidenstein and Joni Seidenstein 278b; Karl Dise 320; Terry Ryan 339; Ina Shea 429; Peter Pate 318; Barbara Barry 148. The blessing for lunch was offered by George Seiler.

LUNCH

Kevin Griffin Moreno, along with new singers, called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Erin Kelly 477; Kyle Greenleaf and Vienna Greenleaf 198; John Hewes 254; Ray Milefsky 47b; Mary Wright 328; Peter Golden 112; Pat Temple 312b; Mimi Stevens 84; Steven Sabol, Jim Brady, and family 77t; Robert Stoddard 556; Rachel Speer 573; Jean Seiler 299; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Guy Banks 297; George Seiler 168; Leyland delRe 298; Richard Ivey 215; Gillie Campbell 479; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 392; Mary DeNys 95b; Cindy Wasson 313b; Corey Walters 338.

RECESS

The class was called back for the final session of the convention by Bev Yeager leading 344. Leaders: Walter Hartley 155; Doron Henkin 333; Elizabeth Stokes 440; Barbara Hohenstein 441; Nick Schliapin 369; Anna Mays 30t; Bill Waddington 536; Jessica Keyes 76b; Elizabeth Stoddard 38b; Aldo Ceresa 376; Karl Dise 379; Terry Ryan 37b; Ina Shea 458; Ted Stokes 426t; Chris Bracken 340; Brady Family 319; Laura Densmore and Nora Dunn 383; Peter Golden 324; George Seiler and Kim Moreno 282; Richard Ivey and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 424; Robert Stoddard 32t; Carly Goss and John delRe 445; Guy Bankes 327; Rachel Speer 175; Kelly Macklin and Leyland delRe 348t; Alice Noyes 503. Kevin Griffin Moreno led 62 as the closing song. Kim Moreno closed the convention with a prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Kevin Griffin Moreno; Vice Chairperson—Bev Yeager; Secretary—Carly Goss

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

**Bruce, Mississippi
Sunday, April 6, 2008**

The 59th annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Hugh Bill McGuire leading 36b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 40; John Van Horn 205, 340, 215; Mark Davis 273, 47b, 74b; Bruce Headrick 354b, 59; Drew McGuire 151, 209, 431; Darlene Reynolds 569b, 145t, 490; Anne Steel 163t, 503, 179; John Merritt 271t, 274t, 278b; Warren Steel 454, 74t, 419; Virginia Carter 338, 314, 46; Henry McGuire 408, 269, 522 (CB); Will Gilman 268, 297; Shari Moore 72b, 63; John Van Horn 312t; T.J. Funderburk 282, 61.

LUNCH

Hugh Bill McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 511 (WB). Leaders: Chuck Howell 32t; John Van Horn 486t (WB), 34b (WB); W.M. Allen 282, 400; Drew McGuire 200, 278t; Linda Funderburk 378t, 288, 373; Bruce Headrick 128, 392 (CB); Robert Earl Alexander 108b, 108t; Anne Steel 410t, 411; Mark Davis 182, 434; Charles Porter 136, 137; Darlene Reynolds 64, 176t; John Van Horn and Bruce Headrick 236.

RECESS

Hugh Bill McGuire brought the class together leading 505 (WB). Leaders: T.J. Funderburk 33b, 31b; Warren Steel 33t, 351; Virginia Carter 147b, 65; John Merritt 312b, 313t (for George Easley); Will Gilman 403, 222; Shari Moore 45t, 127.

Following announcements, Hugh Bill McGuire led 510 (WB) as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Robert Earl Alexander.

Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

OLD ENON CHURCH

**Lynn, Alabama
Sunday, April 6, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Enon Church at Lynn, Alabama, on the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 49t and 36b, and then offering the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 48t, 129, 75; Anne Chalker 147t, 235; Stella Pratt 100, 379, 39b; Kermit Adams 43, 111b, 99; Betty Baccus 134 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield), 143 (in memory of Kitty Foster), 159 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Leona Haynes 146, 108t, 108b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading 56t. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 208, 217, 155; Gravis Ballinger 410t, 300, 203; Steve Adams 101t, 309, 401; Lisa Geist 276, 546, 572; Larry Ballinger 112, 540; Latrive Bailey 517 (WB), 345t, 345b, 318; Chris Ballinger 44, 270, 339; Richard Mauldin 294 (in memory of Fletcher Simms).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin). Leaders: Don Robertson 228, 527, 507; Josie Hyde 198, 200; Travis Keeton 136; Kermit Adams 426b; Betty Baccus 206, 375, 354b (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Leona Haynes 212; Anne Chalker 45t; Lisa Geist 528; Gravis Ballinger 142; Latrive Bailey 384; Chris Ballinger 350; Larry Ballinger 349; Steve Adams 31b; Don Robertson 196; Josie Hyde 298.

Richard Mauldin led 323t for the closing song. Landon Manasco offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH **Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 6, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwarsville Baptist Church, Edwarsville, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Stanley Edwards leading 72b. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Ed Thacker 187, 86; Pearl Guier 59, 40; Jeff Sheppard 57, 492; Karen Rollins 178, 123t; Robert Chambless 303, 84; Reba Windom 213t, 448b; Myron House 109, 105; Judy Caudle 277, 278t; Henry Johnson 55, 69; Charlene Wallace 101t, 141.

RECESS

Ed Thacker led 30t to call the class back together. Leaders: Don Clark 350, 171; Judy Chambless 28t, 159; Oscar McGuire 283, 441; Verona Andrews and Karen Clark 274t, 224; Jack Nelson 165, 144; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Bentley McGuire 428, 101b; Alison Mitchell 288, 282; Karen Clark 421, 354t; Robert Walker 452, 477; Lou Cotney 222, 358.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Myron House and Jan House. Henry Johnson led 68b in memory of the following deceased: Elizabeth Brown, Vicki Clark, Corene Laminack, Hilda Wike, Sally Edwards Little; B.J. Harris, Jimmy Cates, Milton Oliver, Wilton Donaldson, Amanda Denson, Edith Tate, LaRue Allen, Hazel Nelson, Gertrude Norton, Herby Bailey, and Shirley Roberts—Alabama; Felton Denney, Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, and Reby Stanford—Georgia.

Ed Thacker led 403 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Katherine Benefield, Jimmy Denney, and Daphene Causey. Cecil Roberts offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Rev. Bobby Garner, pastor of the church, spoke and welcomed everyone.

LUNCH

Stanley Edwards brought the afternoon session to order by leading 270 and 340. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 97, 225t; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Jan House 369, 479; Ann Simpson 445, 122; Cecil Roberts 56t, 32t; Shelbie Sheppard 106, 332; Mary Jo Shafer 229, 410t; Louise Holland 103, 28b; Eunice Webb 460, 392; Jan House and Myron House 143; Don Clark and Karen Clark 31t; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 480; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 440; Reba Windom and Bill Windom 76b.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Hester Edwards

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Old Highway 100 Friday night, April 11, 2008

The 16th annual session of the Birthday Singing on the Friday night before the second Sunday in April was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia. The temporary location change was due to a conflict with the Antioch Baptist Church schedule. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 135. The opening prayer was offered by Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 79; Donna Bell 77t, 146; Kristie Harju 278b, 159; Charles Crawford 535, 34b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Paul Lindholm 32t, 33b; Myron House 115, 545; Lonnie Rogers 298, 318; Mildred Patterson 319, 339; Pleasance Crawford 64, 476; Karlene Williams 63, 45t; Stanley Edwards 76b, 208; Earlis McGraw 201, 225t. Cecil Roberts blessed the evening meal.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace and Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Curtis Hamrick 137, 436; Kathe Pilibosian 148, 448t; Peter Golden 335, 52t; Daphene Ray and Charles Towler 358.

A motion was made and passed to change the name of the singing from a Birthday Singing to a Memorial Singing since Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Elder Homer Benefield are deceased.

Leaders: Chris Holley 30b, 475; Roy Fuller 128, 85; Barb Ames 47b, 49b; Joyce Lambert 127, 56t; Jan House 284, 361; Johnny Wright 300, 53; Diane Clayton 143. Following announcements, Cecil Roberts and Johnny Wright led 62 as the closing song and those who wished took the parting hand. Myron House dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice—Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell

STATE LINE CHURCH Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, April 12, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, just off Hwy. 78 at the Georgia/Alabama state line in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on Saturday

before the second Sunday in April. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order by leading 37b. Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 73b; Rodney Ivey 503 (in memory of B.J. Harris); Judy Caudle 439; Bud Oliver 73t; Laura Densmore 102; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 47b; Danny Arms 313t; Reba Windom 192; Louis Hughes 350; Tony Hammock 60; Jeb Owen 277; Andy Morse 209; Charles Crawford 47t; JoDell Albi 195; Floy Wilder 142; Bruce Coates 155; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 86; Matt Hinton, Egan Brown, Gordon Buford, Aaron Burwell, Jeffery Phillips, Jonathan Griffin, Richard Jackson, and Brandon Lane 448t, 448b; Marty Wootten 164.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Ivey leading 163t. Leaders: Michael Thompson 145t; Karen Rollins 143; Kristi Harju 106; Becky Browne 168 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); David Lee 385t; Peter Golden 163b; Pleasance Crawford 188; Loyd Ivey 204; Henry Johnson 418; Jared Wootten 283; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Tom Owen 347; Beverly Coates 377; Dave Ressler 217; John Plunkett 271b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Eddie Mash brought the class together leading 129. Leaders: Ed Thacker 280; Aaron Wootten 203; Jerry Creason 335; Karen Swenson 327; Robert Chambless 70t; Paul Figura 481; Donna Bell 480; Paul Lindholm 328; Karen Clark 94; Judy Chambless 100.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson reading from Jeremiah 29; verses 11 and 12. She led 365 for the following deceased: B.J. Harris, Milton Oliver, LaRue Allen, Herby Bailey, Corene Laminack, Wilton Donaldson, Jimmy Cates, Chester Lacy, and Amanda Denson—Alabama; Felton Denney, Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Muriel Morgan, Homer Benefield, and Reby Stanford—Georgia; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Joy Swenson and Paul Gilliland—Minnesota; Pete Baker—Texas. Cathy White spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 542 in honor of the following: Venson Arms, Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Leland Owen, Bill Ellason, Eugene Forbes, Landis Powell, S.T. Reed, Lessie Dean Reed, Oliver Schroer, and Lee Rogers. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Plunkett.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 285t; Oscar McGuire 573. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading 177. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 287; Robert Kelly 240; Evelyn Harris and Ann Sleeva 354t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 222; Bridgett Hill 298; Shirley Figura 176t; Bentley McGuire 95; Rene Greene 76b; Barb Ames 178; Jeannette DePoy, Jimmy Fedrick, and Jermain Henry 362; Elene Stovall 430; Richard DeLong 44; Shelbie Sheppard 269 (in memory of Jimmy Cates); Erica Hinton 133; Linda Thomas and Bud Oliver 39t; Pam Nunn 137 (in memory of Jimmy Cates); Karen Ivey 182; Eddie Mash 174; Ann Sleeva 84; Cathy White 268; Helen Bryson 411.

The financial report was given by Judy Caudle. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Ider, DeKalb County, Alabama
Sunday, April 13, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Aaron Wootten and Phil Townson leading 82t and 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Phillip Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Aaron Wootten and Phil Townson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Phil Townson 480; Judy Caudle 138b; Eddie Mash 532; Peter Golden 274t; Donna Bell 148; Pleasance Crawford 564; Beverly Coates 33t; Erin Mills 267; Robert Chambless 77t; Karen Clark 534; Barb Ames 270; Floy Wilder 432; Chris Holley 56b; John Plunkett 492; Kristi Harju 70b; Don Clark 415; Judy Chambless 393; Laura Densmore 542; Karen Bahler 551; Charles Crawford 378t; Jeb Owen 35; Henry Johnson 409; S.T. Reed 354t; Ed Thacker 402; Paul Figura 171; Michael Thompson 422; Brad Bahler 29t; Paul Lindholm 379.

RECESS

Aaron Wootten brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Tom Owen 122; Danny Arms 313t; David Ivey 53; Phillip Wootten, Jennifer Cook, and Susan Pilcher 196; Shirley Figura 97; Terry Hullett 222; Bruce Coates 32t; Olivia Allen, Pat Moore, Robin Smith, Sharon Weber, Lauren Weber, and Olivia Weber 68b; Richard DeLong 74t; Jerry Creason 497; Karen Ivey 36b; Brenda Carroll 384; Shawn Carroll 28b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; Phil Summerlin 441; Pam Wilkerson 203; Reba Windom 546; David Lee 47b; Bud Oliver and Sammi Oliver 421; Karen Swenson 189; Ann Sleeva 198; Melvin Kersey 347; Nathan Rees 499; Charles Meitinger 352; Bridgett Hill 208. Phil Summerlin offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Aaron Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: Linda Sides 277; Jeremy Wootten 235; Darlene Dalton 503; Jackson Harcrow 348b; Raven Townson and Kennedy Wootten 186, 401; Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Cole Wootten, and Damien Wootten 460; Jenny Mann, Karolina Mann, Kaylee Mann, and Sarah Jenkins 354b; Dennis George and Tom George 155; Jared Wootten 63.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Wootten and Marty Wootten. Shane Wootten spoke for the deceased and read the words from the song “Heavenly Rest”. He led 448t in memory of the following deceased and those buried in the Antioch Cemetery: Milton Oliver, Sam Jones, Chester Lacy, LaRue Allen, B.J. Harris, and Amanda Denson—Alabama; Joy Swenson and Paul Gilliland—Minnesota; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Donnie McGraw—Georgia; Pete Baker—Texas.

Marty Wootten spoke and led 176b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Lee Rogers, Eugene Forbes, Landis Powell, Leland Owen, and Violet Thomason. Ed Thacker closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey and Allison Ivey 142; Louis Hughes 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Jordan-Leigh Taylor 479; Kathe Pilibosian 86; Max Berueffy and Karen Covy 164; Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Alexandra Craig, and Zach Craig 535; Terry Wootten 39t; Marlon Wootten, Shane Wootten, Eloise Wootten, and Donna Wootten 376 (in memory of Amanda Denson-Brady); Rodney Ivey, Joel Jenkins, and Sarah Jenkins 30b; Jeffrey Wootten 99; Kristie Wootten 215; Danette Townson and Debra Kane 163t, 49b; Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, Rhonda Arnold, and Sandra Meitinger 572 (CB); Susan Harcrow and Shelia Wootten 408; David Killingsworth 290; Jerry Wootten, Betty Wootten Mark Brown, Jeremy

Wootten, and Christina Wootten 457, 47t; David Townson, David Wootten, Stacy Wootten, Damien Wootten, and Teresa Sailors 106; Loyd Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Marian Biddle, Scott Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 424; Andrew Farris 178; Jenny Mann “Beulah Land”.

Aaron Wootten and Phil Townson led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Dwayne Wootten, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Aaron Wootten and Phil Townson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

Sunday, April 13, 2008

The annual singing at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Permanent Officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 67; Harrison Creel 317; Jackie Tanner 48t, 37b; Billy Thompson 108t; Henry Guthery 101t, 123t; Anne Chalker 235, 146; Chris Ballinger 339, 410t; Bea Carnathan 472, 568; Travis Keeton 290; Beth Ballinger 546, 560; Henry Guthery III 549, 543; Ruth Wyers 176b, 480; Linton Ballinger 224; Fay Donaldson 270.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order by leading 111b. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 36b; Larry Ballinger 528; Elizabeth Keeton 504; Richard Mauldin 84; Lisa Geist 377; Bob Watkins 512, 76b; JoDell Albi 34t; Gravis Ballinger 384; Elsie Moon 386; Glenn Keeton 349; Becky Browne 200 (in memory of Edith Tate and Jeanette Lowry); Lomax Ballinger 168; Emily Creel 77t, 475.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order by leading 222. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 75, 73t; Clarence McCool 203, 569b; Amber Davis 454; Jerry Ryan 490; Wanda Capps and Shelley Calvert 144; Tim Cook 473, 348b (in memory of George Cox and Cecile Cox); Joan Aldridge 229; Fay Kalteux, SuNell Ellis, and Edie Richardson (Edith Tate’s daughters), Ken Tate and Brett King (Edith Tate’s grandsons) 159, 378t; J.C. Rutledge 496; Yancey Jett, Derrick Jett, Michael Jett, Emily Creel, Shelley Calvert, and Cassie Allen (Harrison Creel’s grandchildren) 45t; Harrison Creel 498. The blessing for lunch was offered by Glenn Keeton.

LUNCH

Cassie Allen called the class to order by leading 35. Leaders: Ken Tate 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Dave Ressler 216; Cathy Smith 47t; Julianna Jett 108b; Julianna Jett and Cassie Allen 63; Warren Steel 378b, 351; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 327, 42; Velton Chafin 321, 494; Josie Hyde 442, 507; Danny Creel 269, 383; Paula Springfield and Amber Davis 297, 380; Elene Stovall 192, 441 (in memory of D.M. Aldridge and Marie Aldridge); Wanda Capps 448t; Glenda Jones 45t, 72b; Cindy Tanner 436, 434; Teri Mobley, Edie Richardson, and Cindy Tanner 340; Ila Ingle 530; Brett King, Seth King, Ken Tate, and Keith Tate 162, 145t; Lucy Heidorn 143 (for Charlotte McCarn), 336; Becky Browne, JoDell Albi, and Dave Ressler 142, 276 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry and Amanda Denson); Cassie Allen 212 (for Pauline Childers and Willia Rush).

After announcements, Harrison Creel led 342 as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Ken Tate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 19, 2008**

The Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Matt Jordan called the class to order by leading 30t and 63. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 354b; Marlin Beasley 77t, 137 (for Rhoda Norris); Judy Caudle 56t, 57; Andrew Farris 49b, 178; Robert Walker 350, 99; Richard Mauldin 143 (for Sandra Light and in memory of Tommye Mauldin), 313t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Matt Jordan leading 101t. Leaders: Gennie Nelms 373, 217; Velton Chafin 487, 330t; David Light 192, 172; Henry Guthery 401 (by request), 402; Geraldine Sharpton 481, 480; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Bridgett Hill 100, 209, 566 (for Sister McWhorter). Robert Walker offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Matt Jordan leading 39b. Leaders: Dan Hopper 117, 115, 240; J.C. Rutledge 568, 569b; Manila Hudson 358, 551, 36b; Andrew Farris 503, 454; Henry Guthery 527; Richard Mauldin 312b; Bridgett Hill 75; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Anne Chalker 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Gennie Nelms 53; Marlin Beasley 321; Dan Hopper 450; Judy Caudle 451.

Matt Jordan led 68b as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING **Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia** **Saturday, April 19, 2008**

The 5th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia. Hugh McGraw taught a singing school for one hour before the singing.

Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 34b. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 54; Bentley McGuire 142; John Hollingsworth 347; Martha Johnson 361; Charles Woods 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson-Brady); Judith Parker 128; David Grant 421; Rita Haley 268; Paul Clark 515; Mary Brownlee 556; Richard Johnson 45t; Faye Hollis 299; Michael Spencer 191; Charlene Wallace and Abretha Watson 63; Louis King, Angela Crosby, Lauren Holliday, Clark Perry, and Harry Eskew 146; Oscar McGuire 344; Charles Grant 59; Malinda Snow 295.

RECESS

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Chaplain—John Hollingsworth; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett.

Leaders: Eddie Mash 434; Darlene Reynolds 569b; Wes Haley 198; Mary Palmer Lagere 532; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Lauren Harrison 282; Gene Pinion 300; Martha Harrell 178; Lee Bradley 535.

LUNCH

Bentley McGuire called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Jane Spencer 151; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 460; Matt Hinton 569t; Reba Windom 182; Louis Hughes 270; Erica Hinton 33b; Raymond Hamrick 231; Nathan Rees 568; Shelbie Sheppard 332; Martha Almond 490; Jeff Sheppard 540; Billy Hollingsworth 28t; Martha Johnson 172; Charles Woods 110 (in memory of his favorite president, George Washington); Judith Parker 312b; David Grant 543; Faye Hollis 273 (by request); Michael Spencer 499; Gene Pinion 454; Lee Bradley 358; Eddie Mash 448t; Oscar McGuire 276 (for Sharon Hamrick); Malinda Snow 472; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 303; Nathan Rees 527; Jane Spencer 478; Lauren Harrison 503; Mary Palmer Lagere 384; Jeff Sheppard 466; Martha Almond 47b; John Simons 40. Harry Eskew led 62 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Jane Spencer

COUNTY LINE SINGING

County Line Primitive Baptist Church, Cut and Shoot, Texas Saturday, April 19, 2008

The 2nd session of the County Line singing in Cut and Shoot, Texas, was called to order by Crystal Meadows leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 49t; Evelyn Lamb 39t, 29b; Leon Ballinger 99, 217; Robert Vaughn 45t (CB), 108t (CB); Charles Whitmer 500 (CB), 488b (CB); Tammy Powell 558 (CB), 171 (CB); Gaylon Powell 300 (CB), 276 (CB); Larry Hall 38t (CB), 132 (CB); Laura Moseley 47t, 61; Barbara Smith 47b, 147t; Ines Luetzgen 402 (CB), 383 (CB); Emma Smith 82t, 85; Crystal Meadows 37t, 29t; Evelyn Lamb 30b, 31t; Leon Ballinger 490, 280; Robert Vaughn 75 (CB), 35 (CB); Charles Whitmer 546 (CB), 463 (CB). Gaylon Powell offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Crystal Meadows leading 567 (CB).

Leaders: Chris Nicholson 63 (CB), 264t (CB); Tammy Powell 142 (CB), 203 (CB); Gaylon Powell 447b (CB), 539 (CB); Larry Hall 505 (CB), 39 (CB); Laura Moseley 101 (CB), 159 (CB); Barbara Smith 508 (CB), 49b (CB); Ines Luetzgen 208, 441; Emma Smith 87, 354b; Crystal Meadows 565, 481; Evelyn Lamb 86, 348t; Leon Ballinger 507b (CB), 137 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 315 (CB), 485 (CB); Charles Whitmer 563 (CB), 569t; Chris Nicholson 571 (CB), 559 (CB); Tammy Powell 138t (CB), 96 (CB); Gaylon Powell 538, 542; Larry Hall 503, 78; Barbara Smith 397, 504; Ines Luetzgen 474, 302.

Crystal Meadows and Emma Smith led 62 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Evelyn Lamb

THOMAS AND OPAL FUTRAL MEMORIAL SINGING
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
Saturday, April 19, 2008

The 4th annual Thomas Futral (now named Thomas and Opal Futral) Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. Jack Nelson called the class together leading 480 and 30b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral. Today's singing is dedicated to Eugene Forbes, who is absent due to illness.

Leaders: Tommy Futral 49b, 147t; Terry Futral 143, 300; Gabriel Futral 335, 77t; Jathan Futral 341, 112; Wendy Futral 96, 417; William Futral 490, 340; Virginia Futral 145b, 569b.

RECESS

Jack Nelson called the class together leading 45t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson leading 499. The following deceased were remembered: Opal Futral, Brenda Dean, Hazel Nelson, M.B. Forbes, Corene Laminack, LaRue Allen, and B.J. Harris—Alabama; Gladys McGraw and Amanda Denson Brady—Georgia.

The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Eugene Forbes, Lora Kelly, Howard McGuire, Audress Gurley, and Vernelle Amason.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 171, 172; Karen Ivey 32t, 99; Floy Wilder 120, 293; Tom Ingram 127, 68b; Robert Chambless 333 (LD).

LUNCH

Leaders: Karen Clark 37t, 421; Judy Chambless 512, 82t; Nell Estes 551, 560; Don Clark 31t, 30t; Ben Keeble 39b, 47b, 59 (for Christine Keeble); Edna Ruth Phillips 37b (for Audress Gurley), 222 (for Eugene Forbes); James Waldrip 63, 49t; Denice Burleson 383, 192; Deborah Ritch 200, 263; Bufrey Dean 274t, 39t; Denice Burleson 318 (for her mom, Betty Culver); Gabriel Futral and Jathan Futral 358, 229 (CB) (by request); Jack Nelson 40 (by request), 489 (by request).

Jack Nelson led 218 as the closing song. Elder Bufrey Dean dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

PINE GROVE SINGING
Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville, Alabama
Sunday, April 20, 2008

The annual singing at Pine Grove Church was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t. Ed Thacker offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Arranging Committee—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 61; Judy Caudle 26; Eddie Mash 288; Boyd Scott 58, 127; Bobby Watkins 216, 512; Duane Chesney 155, 34b; Bridgett Hill 504; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 56t, 220; Ed Thacker 324, 75; Karen Clark 466, 387; Jim Brown 159, 268; Aaron Wootten 201, 101t; Jerry Enright 77t, 542; Jackie Tanner 129; Joan Aldridge 354t; Dennis George 400; Daryl Chesney 528; Rodney Ivey 389 (for Lonnie Rogers), 571.

RECESS

Michael Thompson brought the class back together by leading 111b and 283. Leaders: Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 270, 278t; Henry Johnson 102, 375; Alana Blanks and Arleigh Beard 354b; Sharon DuPriest 189; Paula Oliver 45t; Elene Stovall 39t; Elene Stovall and Bud Oliver 42; Don Clark 149; Karen Freund 300; Daphene Causey 196; Scott Ivey 543, 426t; Larry Ballinger 540; Kyle Blakeley 73t, 112; Harrison Creel 342; Jared Wootten and Hayden Wootten “Holy Manna”, 441; David Ivey 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver), 505. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 421. Leaders: Terry Wootten 354b; Betty Shepherd 299; Mark Eirich 114; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 113; Reba Windom 500; Cindy Tanner 436; Levon Wootten 100; Betty Wright 565; Loyd Ivey 306; Jack Stiefel 348b; Shane Wootten 186 (in memory of Barrett Ashley), 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Nate Green and Norma Green 467, 418; Melvin Stiefel 138b; Scot Oliver, Patty Oliver, Paula Oliver, and Arleigh Beard 145b; Loretta Smith 72b; Sheryl Beard and Bryant Beard 496; Marlon Wootten and Scott Ivey 147t; S.T. Reed and his sisters 108b; Jerry Enright 383; Karen Freund 30b; Daryl Chesney, Richard Chesney, Duane Chesney, Lorene Boddy, Andrew Mashchak, and Sarah Eirich 569b; Terry Wootten 73t (in memory of Clarence Oliver); Don Clark 174 (by request).

Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Henry Johnson led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Johnson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OLD HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH **Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 20, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 60. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Stanley Edwards led 42. Charlene Wallace led 77t and 101t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Mary Jo Shafer; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 203; Cecil Roberts 49b, 68b; Mary Jo Shafer 82t, 503; Jeff Sheppard 321, 176t; Robert Chambless 347, 225t (for Lonnie Rogers); Karen Rollins 298, 84; George Garner 399b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340, 100; Ruth Daniel 335 (in memory of Harvey Austin).

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Stanley Edwards leading 340. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171, 336; Lou Cotney 172, 358; Reba Norton 282, 275b; Miranel Swafford 32t, 155; Evelyn Harris 47t, 39b; Sherrell Cleino 452, 127; Stanley Edwards 76t; Nellie Mae White 119, 45t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ruth Daniel. Stanley Edwards led 122 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Katherine Benefield, Margie Smith, Shelbie Sheppard, Howard McGuire, Lovella Campbell (Kerr), Audress Gurley, and Myrtle Smith.

Jeff Sheppard led 503 for the following deceased: Billie Joe Harris, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Elder Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, Corene Laminack, Julian Murphy, Tom Muyerby, Milton Oliver, and Marvin Vaughn. Cecil Roberts offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Ann Simpson 81t, 445; Neal Pritchard 147t, 566.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Cecil Roberts leading 97. Leaders: Judy Chambless 99, 339; Cecil Roberts 277; Mildred Patterson 294, 111t (for Katherine Benefield and in memory of Homer Benefield); Robert Chambless 72b; Jeff Sheppard 123t; Charlene Wallace 117; Karen Rollins 489; Oscar McGuire 229; Lou Cotney 300; Mary Jo Shafer 33b; Sherrell Cleino 135; Ann Simpson 333; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, Nellie Mae White, Aline Harris, and Calvin Warren 159; Mildred Patterson 146.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards led 208 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Mary Jo Shafer

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, San Francisco, California Saturday, April 26, 2008

The 4th annual Golden Gate Singing was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in San Francisco, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The singing was opened by Mark Miller leading 276. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Mark Miller welcomed everyone.

Leaders: David Fetcho 59; Carolyn Deacy 168; Chris Thorman 30t; Jim Friedrich 501; Greg Freemon 76b.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Natalia Cecire; Vice Chairperson—Susan Fetcho; Secretary—Linda Selph.

Leaders: Natalia Cecire 40; Susan Fetcho 376; Linda Selph 129; Cindy Overmyer 34b; Inder Khalsa 442; Will Fitzgerald 102; Lara Eilhardt 384; Shelby Sampson 312b; Hal Eisen 344; Terry Barber 216; Rebecca Edwards 209; Betty Marvin 145b, James Welsch 179.

Natalia Cecire announced the appointment of the following committees: Arranging Committee—Betty Marvin; Treasurers—Mark Miller and Inder Khalsa; Assistant Secretary—Cindy Overmyer; Outreach—Hal Eisen; Resolutions—Will Fitzgerald and Lara Eilhardt.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class back to order leading 35. Leaders: Katie Piche 95; Gretchen Muller 472; Bob Brylawski 122; Jill Accetta 217; Mark Miller 26; Joanne Orenge 178; Marilyn Murata 304; David Wright 434; Carla Smith 319; Ruth Gorrin 191; Connie Stanton 454; Linda Booth 361; Jessica Beer 218.

RECESS

Jessica Beer called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Janet Herman 86; Jenny Jensen 353; Marion Black 474; Lyle Lindsey 84; Susan Turpin 546; Duncan MacLeod 475; Rosie Lindsey 348b; Paul Ralston 210; Ruth McGurn 528; Colin Kinlund 313b; Marsha Genensky 547; Betsy Jeronen 142; Jerry Schreiber 473; Hugh McGuire 511. Jim Friedrich offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald called the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 105. Leaders: Greg Freemon 419; Becky Alexander 410t; Marilyn Murata 412; Vicki Solomon 193; Peter Ross 99; Connie Stanton 466; Lara Eilhardt 162; Carla Smith 410b; Duncan MacLeod 208; Linda Booth 358; Janet Herman 480; Jerry Schreiber 236; Susan Turpin 294; David Wright 171.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Greg Freemon leading 229. Leaders: Rosie Lindsey 499; Jenny Jensen 448t; Bruce Williamson 282; Marion Black 163t; Betsy

Jeronen 28b; Alice Sharp 163b; Lyle Lindsey 510; Jessica Beer 430; Melissa McMahon 362; Will Fitzgerald 96; Natalia Cecire 272; Mark Miller 70b; David Fetcho 380; Susan Fetcho 385b; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Jim Friedrich 496.

A business meeting was called, and the Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports. The Resolutions committee thanked everyone who had participated in the singing and made it possible. Announcements of other singings were made.

Natalia Cecire led 62 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Natalia Cecire; Vice Chairperson—Susan Fetcho; Secretary—Linda Selph

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

Saturday, April 26, 2008

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Bobby Cagle.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 88b; Helen Bryson 75, 72t; Lee Rogers 73t, 50b; Jeannette DePoy 354t; Jeannette DePoy and Joyce Walton 466; Warren Steel 131t, 296;

Nathan Rees 204,123t; Jane Spencer 122,176t; Vaudie Sherer 143, 460; Anne Steel 209, 480; Joyce Walton 434,192.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 31b. Leaders: Jeremy Shipp 232, 105; Mike Spencer 191, 499b; George Burnette 128,129; John Hollingsworth 83t, 240.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong in memory of Loy Garrison. Richard spoke of how Loy was instrumental in the establishment of the first Georgia State Convention in 1962. Loy Garrison meant a lot to the church and community.

Richard led 74b and 285t. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 406, 470; Tony Hammock 60,135.

LUNCH

John Plunkett and Lauren Bock called the afternoon session to order leading 167.

Leaders: Robert Boone 63, 72b; Jonathon Smith 58,186; Robert Kelly 83t, 260;

Mike Thompson 46, 422; Malinda Snow 32t,196; Violet Thomason 112,189; Matt Hinton 212, 31t; Beth Burnette 178, 271t; Bobby Cagle 49b, 68b; Ray Brooks 73b,

111b; Patricia Cabe 45t, 318; Valerie Francis 323b, 319; Lauren Bock 170, 171;

Andy Morse 538; 472; Richard DeLong 399b, 513; Erin Mills 278b, 430;

Gwendolyn Boone 113, 76b; John Plunkett 544 (by request).

Announcements were made. John Plunkett let 62 as closing song. The closing prayer

was offered by Charles Cagle, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen

Bryson

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING, ROCHESTER

Rochester Area Mennonite Fellowship, Rochester, New York

Saturday, April 26, 2008

The 9th Rochester Regional Singing was held at the Mennonite Fellowship Meetinghouse in Rochester, New York. The class was called together by Thom Metzger leading 34b. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer. Announcements were made about the day's format and the building layout.

Leaders: Mitzie Collins 277; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Sue DeVuyst 107; Eileen Metzger 159; Ben Burroughs 178; Ron Bornick 228; Pleasance Crawford 476; Chuck Crawford 52t; Gillian Inksetter 182; Barbara Swetman 540; Dennis Leipold 300; Margaret Bornick 312b; Lucy Roberts 66; Peter Hart 68; Mitzie Collins 99; Thom Metzger 274t; Sue Hengelsberg 452; Deanna Anderson 31t; Sue DeVuyst 40; Cuba Ray 503; Eileen Metzger 282; Ben Burroughs 254; Ron Bornick 268.

RECESS

Margaret Bornick called the class back together leading 46. Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 188; Gillian Inksetter 344; Chuck Crawford 106; Dennis Leipold 89; Cuba Ray 313b; Margaret Bornick 162; Lucy Roberts 101t; Peter Hart 63; Deanna Anderson 551; Barbara Swetman 390; Thom Metzger 198, 101b; Mitzie Collins 45t, 47t; Ron Bornick 148, 186; Sue DeVuyst 168, 47b; Gillian Inksetter 472, 270; Sue Hengelsberg 480, 481; Chuck Crawford 276, 28b; Eileen Metzger 39t, 179. Eileen Metzger offered prayer for the shared meal.

LUNCH

Thom Metzger reconvened the class by leading 155. Leaders: Ben Burroughs 569t, 200; Pleasance Crawford 348b, 314; Dennis Leipold 189, 384; Cuba Ray 86, 401; Margaret Bornick 455, 448t; Lucy Roberts 37b, 82t; Peter Hart 315; Deanna Anderson 117, 209; Barbara Swetman 485, 484; Thom Metzger 217, 269; Ron Bornick 454, 334; Mitzie Collins 223, 436; Gillian Inksetter 143, 229; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Bob Wheeler 36b, 350; Pleasance Crawford 354t; Cuba Ray 235; Chuck Crawford 378t; Ben Burroughs 49b. Announcements of other singings were made.

RECESS

Dennis Leipold brought the class together leading 203. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 352; Lucy Roberts 542; Peter Hart 50t; Barbara Swetman "Ten Thousand Charms" by Hal Kunkel; Ron Bornick 299; Gillian Inksetter 76b; Bob Wheeler 68b; Pleasance Crawford 564.

Thom Metzger led 347 as the closing song. Eileen Metzger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg

HARRODS CREEK SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION **Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky** **April 26-27, 2008**

Saturday, April 26

The 13th annual singing at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the Saturday and Sunday before the first Saturday in May. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Michele Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek; Arranging Committee—Brenda Waters, Chandler Bainter, and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Committee—Liz Meitzler. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Leaders: Bob Meek 32t; Michele Cull 49t; Tim Reynolds 312b; Liz Meitzler 142; David Carlton 52t; Peggy Brayfield 489; Eddie Mash 322 (SoH); James Page 173b (SoH); Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); Jubal Bayer 143 (SoH); Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Sharon Hill 31t; Jim Herr 475; Susan Zurcher 174 (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class back together leading 49b. Leaders: Brad Bahler 29t; Wayne Dell 277; Katie Duff 511t (CB); Regina Bayer 96 (CB); Auralee Furgason 344; Roger Crabtree 95b (CB); Clara Herr 564; Hans Bayer 383; Steven Schmidgall 308 (SoH); Robert Hill 107; Jim Helke 438; John Bayer 89t (SoH); William Shetter 38t (CB); Johann Kim 171; Sue Duff 331b (SoH); Michele Cull 361.

RECESS

Shirley Figura brought the class back together leading 39t. Leaders: Mike Grimes 574 (CB); Steve Duff 36b; Karen Swenson 39b (SoH); James Eldridge 43b; Paul Figura 452; Karen Bahler 155; Loraine Bayer 354t.

LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the afternoon session together leading 488. Leaders: Randy Webber “Michele”; Tyler Scaff 393 (CB); Carol Crawford 41 (SoH); David Rust 131b; Adrian Eldridge 134; Ray Rechenberg 480; Mary Brinkman 47b; Doug Trent 66; Rebecca Eldridge 133 (SoH).

RECESS

Walt Scaff brought the class back together leading 45t. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 77b; Chandler Bainter 63; Elizabeth Rechenberg 388; Rob Bahler 163b; Bobette Olsen 82t; Zach Young 58; James Crawford 546; Joan Frankel 25b (SoH); Bob Cull 178; Michele Cull 215; Brenda Waters 68b; Theresa Smith 573 (CB); Joann Grimes and Mike Grimes 571 (CB).

Announcements were made. Michele Cull led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Meek, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 27

Bob Meek opened the Sunday morning session leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 24; Jim Herr 182; Wayne Dell 159; Regina Bayer 573 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 278t; Eddie Mash 269; Katie Duff and Katherine Eldridge 354b; Paul Figura 86; Greg Howard 571 (CB); Joan Aldridge 572 (CB); John Bayer 133 (CB); Sue Duff 485.

RECESS

Michele Cull brought the class back together leading 448t. Leaders: David Rust 34t; Tyler Scaff 79 (CB); Steve Duff 336t (CB); Elizabeth Rechenberg 282; Adrian Eldridge 89; Doug Trent 505 (CB); James Page 78 (SoH); Eloise Clark 569; Tracey Craic 38; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 542; Jubal Bayer 183; Jim Helke 507 (CB); Brenda Waters 147t; James Eldridge 434; William Shetter 43 (CB); Liz Meitzler 77t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Steve Duff, Doug Trent, and Bob Meek. Steve Duff led 267 for the sick and shut-ins. Bob Meek led 285t for the deceased. Steve Duff closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: JoAnn Grimes 500 (CB); Shirley Figura 235.

LUNCH

Steve Duff brought the class back together leading 569b. Leaders: Auralee Furgason 551; Claire Outten 83 (SoH); Hans Bayer 455; Steven Schmidgall 55 (CB); Liz Meitzler and Rebecca Eldridge 245; Loraine Bayer 100; Zach Young 40; Esther Crookshank and Sarah Morrison 536; Ray Reckenberg 99; Stephanie Fida 270; Karen Swenson 391 (CB); Mike Grimes and Darrell Wilson 318; Earlene Cunningham 288; Virginia Eldridge 503; Michele Cull 236; Liz Meitzler 105; Roger Crabtree 35; Kalee Duncan 41; Carol Medlicott 440; Clara Herr 547; Carol Crawford 163t; Walt Scaff 488 (SoH); James Crawford 186; Katherine Eldridge 85; Darrell Swarens 145t; Rebecca Eldridge 507.

Announcements were made. Michele Cull led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Darrell Wilson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Michele Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, UK

April 26-27, 2008

Saturday, April 26

The 8th East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 138b. Gillian White offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 171; Margaret Gillanders 84; Ruth Steggles 47t; Ted Brown 73b; Sarah West 324; Rosalind Oldham 452; Jacqui Selby 178; Michael Walker 172; Hannah Land 198; Judy Whiting 212; Cheri Hardy 274t; Chris Brown 89 (CB); Sharon Langridge 159; Gillian White 66; Phil Tyler 157; Carmel Wood 472; Maria Wallace 38b; Cath Tyler 131b; Richard Percival 365.

RECESS

David Richardson brought the class back together leading 87. Leaders: Ian West 54t (CB); Helen Brown 228 (for Rob Mahoney and Jean Mahoney); Margaret Gillanders 559 (CB); Ruth Steggles 488b (CB).

A business session was held and the following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Arranging Committee—David Richardson.

A short singing school was taught by Ian West and Cath Tyler, focusing on the principles and practice of leading.

Leaders: Ted Brown 511t (CB); Sarah West 76b; Rosalind Oldham 515 (CB); Jacqui Selby 448b; Michael Walker 134; Hannah Land 454; Judy Whiting 150; Cheri Hardy 48t; Chris Brown 211; Cath Tyler 155. Rob Mahoney said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Carmel Wood began the afternoon session leading 282. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 350; David Richardson 528b (CB); Maria Wallace 106; Phil Tyler 284; Gillian White 107; Richard Percival 563 (CB); Ian West 152 (CB); Helen Brown 573 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 199 (CB); Ruth Steggles 500 (CB); Ted Brown 505 (CB); Peter Knudssen 515; Sarah West 34b; Rosalind Oldham 488t (CB); Jacqui Selby 143; Judy Whiting 507b (CB); Cheri Hardy 276.

RECESS

Cath Tyler brought the class together leading 142. Leaders: Chris Brown 277; Michael Walker 322; Hannah Land 312b; David Richardson 153; Maria Wallace 504; Carmel Wood 547; Gillian White 503; Richard Percival 28t; Sharon Langridge 268; Peter Knudssen 497; Jacqui Selby 496; Phil Tyler 29b; Ian West 29t; Margaret Gillanders 68b; Ted Brown 569b; Ruth Steggles 163b; Helen Brown 556.

Ian West and Helen Brown led 56t to close the day's singing and Gillian White offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 27

The Sunday session was called to order by Ian West leading 479. Margaret Gillanders offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 36b; Margaret Gillanders 203; Ted Brown 171; Ruth Steggles 30t; David Richardson 494; Sarah West 282; Sharon Langridge 148; Rosalind Oldham 449 (CB); Chris Brown 271t; Cheri Hardy 448t; Hannah Land 302; Michael Walker 377; Judy Whiting 546; Linda Reed 99; Rob Mahoney 86; Carmel Wood 456; Phil Tyler 91; Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Cath Tyler 478 (CB).

RECESS

Ian West called the class back to order leading 98 (CB). Leaders: Helen Brown 550; Anna Baldini 276; Ted Brown 571 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 336t (CB); Ruth Steggles 511b (CB); Michael Walker 348b; Sarah West 457; Chris Brown 348t;

Sharon Langridge 47b; David Richardson 121; Rosalind Oldham 127; Cheri Hardy 277; Rob Mahoney 209.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson, leading 285t for the following deceased: Amanda Denson, Peter Hampson, Roy West, Ken Ross, Brian Cheatham, Percy Bown, Mark Johnson, Roy Pike, Gordon, Larry Cheatham, Paul Mercier, Minja Lausevic, B.J. Harvey, Brian Walsh, and Stephanie Allan.

Anne Hayto spoke for the sick and housebound, with Ian West leading 45t (CB) in honor of Michael Whiting, Lonnie Rogers, Brenda Knudssen, Judy Harvey, Ev Edwards, Giles Cheatham, Marge Burch, Maureen Gamlin, Sadie Hales, Jean McDougall, Stan Shaw, Joanne Hoover, Gladys Buchanan, John Hayto, Ivy Moore, Elsie Batty, Sarah Pinney, Sue Briggs, Jim and Mary Oss, and Dick Hesse. Leaders: Phil Tyler 513; Hannah Land 339; Judy Whiting 273; Carmel Wood 168; Linda Reed 300; Mick Verrier 383. Rosalind Oldham said grace in thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ian West leading 32t. Leaders: Cath Tyler 318; Helen Brown 384; Margaret Gillanders 575 (CB); Ted Brown 559 (CB); Anna Baldini 299; Ruth Steggles 447; Rob Mahoney 474; Sarah West 84; Chris Brown 480; Rosalind Oldham 40; David Richardson 278t; Cheri Hardy 178; Michael Walker 31t; Linda Reed 497; Phil Tyler 440; Hannah Land 574 (CB); Judy Whiting 373; Nick Verrier 504.

RECESS

Carmel Wood brought the class together leading 90. Leaders: Ian West 270; Helen Brown 192; Margaret Gillanders 572 (CB); Anna Baldini 159; Ted Brown 68b; David Moore 82t; Ruth Steggles 122; Rob Mahoney 455; Cath Tyler 47t; Rosalind Oldham 503; Michael Walker 460; Cheri Hardy 131b.

Following reports, announcements, and thanks, Ian West and Helen Brown led "The Christians' Love". Rob Mahoney offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL **St. Michael Lutheran Church, north of Muscadine** **Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 27, 2008**

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp singing at St. Michael Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 303.

Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 60, 79; Charlene Wallace 99, 171; Nathan Rees 37b, 441; Karen Clark 492, 501.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Chaplain—Henry Johnson. A motion was made and passed to change the name of this singing to the Alewine-Laminack Memorial, to honor the memory of Corene Laminack and her steadfast efforts to keep this singing alive.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 166, 341; Jeff Sheppard 535; Mary Jo Shafer 336, 229; Tony Hammock 321, 112; John Plunkett 230, 150; Faye Hollis 168, 460; Robert Chambless 452, 84.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 340. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 485, 573; Ed Thacker 172 (in memory of Corene Laminack), 312t; Donna Bell 165, 335; Lauren Bock 163t, 384; Bentley McGuire 500, 56b; Don Clark 173, 542; Evelyn Harris 503 (in memory of Billy Joe Harris), 155; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 511, 439; Shelbie Sheppard 29b, 142 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Ann Simpson 81t, 445; Marilyn Bradley 47b; Mildred McElroy 30t, 137; Monica McAlpin and Charlene Wallace 289; Judy Chambless 34t, 531. Ed Thacker blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cecil Roberts leading 32t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 431, 458; Jonathon Smith 39t, 442; Ed Thacker 440; John Plunkett 572; Monica McAlpin and Charlene Wallace 318; Charlene Wallace 119; Don Clark 174; Nathan Rees 292; Mary Jo Shafer 72b; Bentley McGuire 228; Karen Clark 486 (in memory of Amanda Denson-Brady); 358 (by request); Robert Chambless 225t (in honor of Lonnie Rogers); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 494; Faye Hollis 186; Tony Hammock 434; Lauren Bock 217; Oscar McGuire 276; Shelbie Sheppard 277; Henry Johnson 138t; Donna Bell 405; Ann Simpson 274t; Jonathon Smith 110; Mildred McElroy 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); Richard DeLong 214; Judy Chambless 40; Cecil Roberts 294 (by request).

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts lead 347 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice—Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

Sunday, April 27, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. Parnell Berry welcomed everyone.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Parnell Berry 481; Corene White 37b, 379; Doyce Bailey 565, 147t; Stella Pratt 100, 460; Clarence McCool 203; Chris Ballinger 49t, 49b; Danny Creel 56b, 503; Hugh Bill McGuire 77t, 142; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Leona Haynes 277, 87; Paul Godsey 75, 141; Marlin Beasley 74t, 274t; Lisa Geist 528, 276; Teddy Godsey 36b, 196.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading 112 and 421. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 43; Don Robertson 151, 540; J.C. Rutledge 490, 496; Kermit Adams 192, 205; Lomax Ballinger 144, 168; Earl Ballinger 176t, 177; Elizabeth Keeton 497, 566; Gravis Ballinger 39t, 215.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Parnell Berry leading 283. Leaders: Henry Guthery 558, 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Roma Rice 358, 482; Margaret Keeton 137, 273; Glenn Keeton 267 (in memory of Wilton Donaldson), 405; Reba Lawler 406 (in memory of her family members), 82t; Harrison Creel 512; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 101t, 309; Josie Hyde 454, 507; Velton Chafin 263, 318; Larry Ballinger 182, 224; Richard Mauldin 294, 97; Velton Chafin 293; Anne

Chalker 312b; Reba Lawler and Paul Godsey 40, 388; Harrison Creel 298, 111b; Marlin Beasley 336.
Parnell Berry led 285t as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CONVENTION
St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas
Saturday, May 3, 2008

The Northwest Arkansas Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May at St. John's Episcopal Church in Harrison, Arkansas. The singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 72t and 73b. The opening prayer was offered by Syd Caldwell.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 47t, 49b (for Bill Caldwell); Katy Black and Dan Brittain 49t, 81t.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 30t, 101t (for Lonnie Rogers); Andrew Albers 56b, 399b; Anita Buswell 85, 84; Waymon Minor 29t, 32t; Becky Browne 36b, 39t; Pattie Doss 39b, 480; Penny Kujawinski 276, 473.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back together leading 126 (MH) and 80 (MH).

Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 515, 222; Mark Tew 268, 269; Anita Buswell 270, 496; Joan Aldridge 300, 272; Dan Brittain 138 (MH), 167 (MH); Andrew Albers 149 (MH), 399t; Dan Brittain led 164 (MH) as the blessing for our lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Mark Tew leading 59 and 139. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 372, 175 (MH); Pattie Doss 440, 528; Becky Browne 203, 168 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Waymon Minor 38t, 187; Holly Childs 472, 68b; Katy Black and Dan Brittain 282, 147t; Syd Caldwell 159 (for Mary Ellen Wilkinson).

Becky Browne conducted the memorial lesson. Syd Caldwell led 75 (MH) in honor of the sick and shut-ins, which included Mary Ellen Wilkinson, Charlie Derleth, Myrtle Smith, Janet Fraembs, Frank Fraembs, Bill Ellason, Jimmie Gilmore, Pam Gilmore, Beau Caldwell, Bruce Rye, Lee Steinmetz, and Landis Powell.

Becky Browne led 475 in memory of the following deceased: Edith Tate, Amanda Denson, B. J. Harris, LaRue Allen, Elder W. G. McGough, Mamie Noles, Milton Oliver and Dick Mauldin—Alabama; Roger Bowser, Jo Craine, and Jeanie Dickerson—Arkansas; Felton Denney—Georgia; Madeline Steel—Mississippi; Jeanette Lowry, Alice Caldwell, and Paul Drummond—Missouri. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer by the Rev. Seamus Doyle, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

RECESS

The last session was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading 142 and 344. Leaders: Mark Tew 236; Andrew, Hannah, Rhoda Albers, and Mark Albers 551, 345t; Lou Kujawinski 56(MH), 13 (MH); Dan Brittain 11 (MH), 172 (MH); Andrew Albers 250; Waymon Minor 318; Joan Aldridge 299; Pattie Doss 76b; Penny Kujawinski 201.

Announcements were made. A drawing was held for a quilt made by Katy Black and hand quilted by the Quilting Group at Goddard United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The winner of the quilt was Mary Beth Thompson, a member of the

quilting group. The funds raised go to support the Shiloh Singers of Northwest Arkansas for the purchase of loaner books.

Dan Brittain led 69t as the closing song while the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

PORTLAND SACRED HARP SINGING **The Milwaukie Community Club, Milwaukie, Oregon** **Saturday, May 3, 2008**

The 2nd annual Portland Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Thom Fahrback leading 448b. The opening prayer was offered by Connie Stanton. Thom Fahrback spoke briefly of welcome, the day's procedures, and then made a few brief announcements.

A brief meeting for business was held for the acceptance of officers either elected or appointed as follows: Chairman—Thom Fahrback; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey.

Dan Tomah conducted a brief singing school leading 34b.

Leaders: Tamara Harris 155; Heather Ikeler 452; Lyle Lindsey 84; Betsy Jeronen 186; Connie Stanton 143; Dan Thoma 34b; Marie Brandis 142; Steve Cackley 61; Greg Saue 163b; Martha Sherwood 203; Jack Lofton 29t; Jean Murphy 171; Anita Shaperd 106; Tigre Lusardi 59; Winene Nimomo 49b; Scott Kennedy 344; Myles Alexander 328; Meg Larson 147b; Philip Haines 276; Jordon Singer 86.

RECESS

Meg Larson called the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Steve Helwig 137; Tammi Ziola 160b; Erik Schwab 70b; Peter Schinske 178; Karen Stingle 254; Bill Walters 442; Kathy Vlach 280; Bob Schinske 318; Emily Lash 95; Kaiti Carpenter 47b; Gary Plouff 101b; Erika Wilson 377.

RECESS

Marie Brandis called the class back to order leading 445. Leaders: Karl Oswald 304; Julie Strayer Thoma 77t; Matt Keegan 455; Fred Nimomo 347; Suzanne Denker 85; Robert Norman 163t; Steve Tarr 464; Liz Bryant 384; Tom McTighe 28b; Chris Cotter 558; Jessica Beer 434; David Wright 250. Connie Stanton offered prayer before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

Dan Thoma called the class back to order leading 64. Leaders: Liz Bryant 542; Chris Cotter 183; Caleb Hardy 53; Tamara Harris 440; Jenn Dolan 210; Thom Fahrback 215; Eric Holt 33b; Anita Shaperd 216; Ethan Hardy 78; Jessica Beer 378b; Erik Schwab 168; Abraham Hardy 297; Dan Thoma 228; Paul Berry 141; Jordan Singer 89; Erika Wilson 26; Gary Plouff 400; Emily Lash (no number listed); Kathy Vlach 362; Jean Murphy 209.

RECESS

Connie Stanton called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 510; Jack Lofton 245; Matt Keegan 547; Katie Carpenter 217.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Treasurer, Heather Ikeler, reported expenses had been met. The Resolutions

Committee thanked all the committee members and individuals for their efforts in making the singing a success.

RECESS

Jessica Beer called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 448t; Karl Oswald 38t; Thom Fahrback 485; Julie Strayer Thoma 129; David Wright 229; Greg Saue 535; Meg Larson 330b; Tom McTighe 56b; Steve Helwig 491; Scott Kennedy 546; Bill Walters 148; Jenn Dolan 122; Steve Cackley 412; Tammi Ziola 567; Suzanne Denker 496; Myles Alexander 479; Karen Stingle 475; Connie Stanton 466.

Announcements were made. Thom Fahrbach led 36b as the closing song. Dan Thoma offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Fahrbach; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama

Saturday, May 3, 2008

The 24th annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum overlooking Huntsville, Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ron Harper leading 32t and 350. J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Ron Harper; Vice Chairman—Charles McCravy; Secretary—Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger; Finance Committee—Mark Carroll and David Ivey.

Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 144; Teresa Hope 477; Charles McCravy 58; David Ivey 419; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Judy Caudle 522; Mark Carroll 299; Tina Leopold 155; Ken Robinson 335; Emily Creel 546; Loyd Ivey 283; Gary Leopold 159; Heidi Noland 448t; Andy Anderson 28t; Sherry Stover 373; Jeff Adcock and Tim Scott 97; Sonya Sipe 208; Phillip Ballinger 340; Bobby Watkins and Mercy Watkins 215; Jackie Tanner 336; Ann Miczulski 569b; Danny Arms 200.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 318. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 203; Jeannette DePoy 492; Jonathon Smith 440; Pam Wilkerson 183; Ken Tate 343; Daphene Causey 436; Coy Ivey 222; Beth Ann Clay and Jennifer Clay 36b; Laurens Blankers 147t; Frances Jones and David Ivey 178; Andrew Farris 503; Lisa Geist 273; Bud Oliver 42; Charles Meidinger 352.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey and David Harper leading 111b. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 168; Bob Simmons 344; Sandie Scott 472; Buell Cobb 303.

Joyce Walton and Bob Simmons conducted the memorial lesson and led 452 in memory of the following deceased: Richard Mauldin, Sr., Betty Shaver, Sam Jones, Edith Tate, Amanda Denson Brady, Kenneth Walton, Asbury Walton, Milton Oliver, Loy Garrison, Alice Watkin, Marie Guthrie, Chester Lacy, LaRue Allen, Herby Bailey, Felton Denney, and Christine Chrisman.

Joyce Walton and Bob Simmons led 317 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Pauline Childers, Lonnie Rogers, and Sam Sommers.

Leaders: Joyce Walton 192; Phil Summerlin 64; Sharon DuPriest 327.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Larry Ballinger leading 133. Leaders: Dennis George 396; Cindy Tanner 498; Mike Thompson 424; Reba Windom 216; Tim Reynolds 569t; Cassie Allen 500; Richard DeLong 298; Bridgett Hill 498; Bob Meeks 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Nathan Rees 422; Elene Stovall and Allison Davis 182, 142; John Plunkett 459; Hannah Grace Sipe and Beth Ann Clay 274t; J.L. Hopper 534; David Carlton 179; Vella Dailey 99; Max Berueffy and Karen Covy 276, 220; Mike Braumwell and John Plunkett 268; Karen Isbell 270 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Bobby Watkins 512; David Harper and Ron Harper 63; Steven Shearon 213t; Delone Cobbs 49b; Roy Tarrentine 148; Karen Ivey 101t; Stephanie Tingler 128; Elbert Peters 162; Linton Ballinger 224; Charles McCravy 358 (by request).

Following announcements, Ron Harper and Charles McCravy led 323t, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Ron Harper; Vice Chairman—Charles McCravy; Secretary—Teresa Hope

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Dutton, Alabama

Sunday, May 4, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Rex Wilks leading 37b and 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Terry Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rex Wilks; Vice Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Mark Brown 36b; Ashley Brown and Laura Blouin 448t; Jason Wilks, Ava Grace Wilks, and Maggie Wilks 145b; Mark Carroll 47b; Darlene Dalton 454; Kevin Brown 147t; Aaron Wootten 270; Loretta Smith 117; Rachel Shavers 155; Christie Blevins 49b; Pam Wilkerson and Sandy Meitinger 268; Betty Wright 323b; Donna Ruth Posey, Carolyn Bullock, Brenda Carroll, Mackenzie Carroll, and Marlon Wootten 511t (CB); Karen Travis 163t; Marty Wootten 475; Coy Ivey 465 (CB).

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 571 (CB).

Syble Adams and Edna Rogers conducted the memorial lesson. Leaders: the W.G. Meadows family 348b; the Jim and Betty Lynne Ellis family 454, 540 (WB); the Theodore and Maxie Carroll family and the Evelyn Brown family 500 (CB); the Delmer and Morene Brown family 563 (CB), “Holy Manna”; the Chester and Delta Wootten family “Alleluia”, 559 (CB); the Jesse M. and Beulah H. Wootten family 378t; the Kessler family 518 (CB); the Johnson family “Sweet Beulah Land”; the Arlon Carroll family 505 (CB); the McKinney family “I’ll Fly Away”.

Syble Adams and Edna Rogers led 48t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Sam Sommers, Pauline Childers, Bill Tanner, Myrtle Wootten, Lonnie Rogers, and Opal Wootten. Dennis Hall closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Mark Brown leading 32t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 325; Loyd Ivey 225t; Bud Oliver 421; Reba Windom and Brenda Carroll 384; Danny Arms 392; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 460; Alex Craig, Zach Craig, Gavin Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, and Avalea Maxwell 27; J.C. Rutledge 501 (CB); Michael Thompson 463 (CB); Terry Wootten 56b; Charles Meitinger 352; Linda Sides 39t; Aaron Little 449 (CB); Cassie Allen 512; Eloise Wootten 441; Shane Wootten 47t; Morgan Freuler 48b; Anne Missavage 30t; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 572 (CB); Sandy Ivey 378b; Levon Wootten and Jimmy Haynes 328; Rhonda Arnold 63; Tim Dalton 277; Loyd Ivey and Pam Wilkerson 424 (by request); Mark Brown 500 (CB) (by request).

Rex Wilks and Mark Brown led “Where the Soul Never Dies” as the closing song. Jason Wilks offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rex Wilks; Vice Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

Sunday, May 4, 2008

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 348b; Glenn Keeton 378b, 74b; Joshua Keeton 108b, 143; Donzel Keeton 390, 454; Earl Ballinger 175, 146; Roma Rice 34t (in memory of Howard Godsey and Ada Godsey), 64; Elene Stovall 68b (in memory of her mother), 217 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Parnell Berry 306, 373; Ila Ingle 348b (for Avis McGough), 436; Amber Davis 440, 142; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 278t, 532 (in memory of Edith Tate).

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back together leading 77t. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 200, 300; Elizabeth Keeton 391; Kermit Adams 288, 89; Lisa Geist 272, 84; Danny Creel 196, 456; Faye Donaldson 371, 430; Lena Keeton and Donzel Keeton 546, 497; Emily Creel 463, 208; Richard Mauldin 35 (in memory of Dick Mauldin, Amanda Denson, and Wilton Donaldson), 145t; Margaret Keeton 91, 276; Larry Ballinger 151, 83t. Glenn Keeton offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading 235. Leaders: Clarence McCool 183, 349; Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 101t, 309; Henry Guthery 240, 549; Harrison Creel 530, 498; Josie Hyde 507, 189; Willodean Barton 82t, 290; Joe Davis, Donzel Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, James Davis, and Glenn Keeton 490, 294; Joshua Keeton, Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Glenn Keeton 405 (in memory of Bennie Keeton and Maude Keeton); Tonya Wright, Jennifer Keeton, Travis Keeton, Betty Ann Busby, and Brittany Busby 421; Travis Keeton 475 (for Harrison Creel and in memory of Flarce Creel); Donzel Keeton and Travis Keeton 384, 270; Elene Stovall and Kim Williamson 47b.

Following announcements, Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Al Lofton.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Sunday, May 4, 2008

The annual homecoming Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Edna Ruth Phillips leading 58. The opening prayer was offered by Brother Roy Nelson.

The class elected the following officers: Chairman—Larry Acton; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Edna Ruth Phillips and Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Larry Acton 63; Jack Nelson 480, 30b; William Futral and Wendy Futral 490, 341; Audress Gurley 571 (CB); Virginia Futral 569b, 565; Nell Estes 40, 84; Jenny Acton 101t (for Eugene Forbes), 229 (CB); Brandon Acton 339, 117.

RECESS

Larry Acton and Jacob Acton brought the class back to order leading 282 and 100. Leaders: Wendy Futral 98, 491; Floy Wilder 120, 432; Pam Anderson 405, 164; Edna Ruth Phillips 400, 143 (for Mavis Dale, her sister); Myrline Redmon 452, 358.

LUNCH

Larry Acton led 421 to start the afternoon session. Leaders: Jack Nelson 438; William Futral and Wendy Futral 39b, 369; Virginia Futral 145b; Nell Estes 112; Jenny Acton 274t; Brandon Acton 53; Jacob Acton 200; Floy Wilder 186; Edna Ruth Phillips 148.

Larry Acton and Jacob Acton led 282 for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were M.B. Forbes, Opal Futral, Hazel Nelson, and Verlie McDaniel—Alabama. The sick and shut-ins honored were Eugene Forbes, Shirley Berrey, Gibb Amason, Vernelle Amason, and Lora Kelley.

Leaders: Myrline Redmon 147t (in memory of her parents, Marshall and Elvadie Wallace); Nell Estes 551 (by request); Jack Nelson 560.

Larry Acton led 46 as the closing song. William Futral dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Larry Acton; Secretary—Jenny Acton

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Oak Grove Community, Sylacauga, Alabama

Saturday, May 10, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Bufrey Dean leading 49b. The opening prayer was offered by Daniel Dean.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bufrey Dean; Secretary—Karen Clark.

Leaders: Bufrey Dean 47b; Tim Cook 347, 350; Floy Wilder 120, 389; Robert Chambless 47t, 145b; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Ed Thacker 560, 546; Judy Chambless 480, 490; Daniel Dean 39t, 61 (for his wife); Wayne Morgan 99, 312b; Ann Webb 282, 142.

RECESS

Bufrey Dean brought the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Hubert Nall 32t, 186; Virginia Futral 566 (for Eugene Forbes), 569b; Jeff Sheppard 321, 176t; Wendy Futral 196, 491; Deborah Ritch 286, 200; Judy Caudle 78, 298; William Futral 341, 340; Bridgett Hill 303, 301.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bufrey Dean leading 52t. Leaders: Maudie Frederick 426t, 418; Myra Goss 170, 218; Jo Snodgrass 270, 454; Sister Susan Karina Dickey 178, 59; Karen Clark 75, 77t; Tim Cook 52b; Floy Wilder 432; Robert Chambless 72b; Ed Thacker 112; Judy Chambless 393; Daniel Dean 67 (in memory of Brenda Dean); Wayne Morgan 31t; Ann Webb 274t; Hubert Nall 64; Jeff Sheppard 176b; Wendy Futral 100; Deborah Ritch 220; Judy Caudle 448b; Bridgett Hill 101t; Maudie Frederick 30b; Myra Goss 145t; Sister Susan 117; Joanie Smothers 30t; Karen Clark 501, 66 (by request).

Following announcements, Bufrey Dean led 146 as the closing song. Elder Bufrey Dean offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary—Karen Clark

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP
AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**
Heering Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 10, 2008

The 11th annual singing at Furman University was called to order by Frances Carnell leading 21 (CH). John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

In the opening session, all songs were from *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 128t; Dan Huger 103b; Lee Rogers 162t; John Plunkett 187b; John Hollingsworth 194b; Jane Spencer 332; Judy Mincey 50; Mike Spencer 41t; Bill Hogan 214; Nathan Rees 215b; Billy Hollingsworth 67b; Eddie Marsh 223t; Mary Baumeister 180t; Leon Carnell 381b; Nancy Hogan 294.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers; Chaplin—John Plunkett; Finance Committee—Jonathan Smith.

RECESS

In this session, all songs were from the Sacred Harp. Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading 191 and 492. Leaders: Jonathan Smith 276; Danny Arms 176b; Dianne Eskenasy 155; Kenneth George 503; Gib Rogers 63; Tom Taylor 85; Frances Carnell 228; Dan Huger 99; Lee Rogers 188; John Plunkett 50t; John Hollingsworth 460; Jane Spencer 151; Judy Mincey 180; Mike Spencer 499; Bill Hogan 198; Nathan Rees 516; Billy Hollingsworth 56b; Eddie Marsh 538; Mary Baumeister 43.

LUNCH

Dan Huger opened the afternoon session leading “Millbrook” (Eclectic Harmony I). Leaders: Leon Carnell 268 (SH); Nancy Hogan 274t (SH); Danny Arms 392 (SH); Jonathan Smith 210 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Kenneth George 359 (CH); Gib Rogers 457 (SH); Chris Wilhem 118b (CH); Frances Carnell 522 (SH); Dan Huger 261t (CH); Lee Rogers 221t (CH); John Plunkett and Liz Porter 381t (CH); John Hollingsworth 72b (CH); Jane Spencer 211 (SH); Judy Mincey 116t (CH); Mike Spencer 361 (CH).

RECESS

Frances Carnell opened the final session leading 501 (SH). Leaders: Bill Hogan 448t (SH); Robert Kelly 449 (SH), 374 (SH); Nathan Rees 100 (SH); Billy Hollingsworth 236 (SH); Eddie Marsh and Ted Yoder 49 (CH); Mary Baumeister 143t (CH); Leon Carnell 51 (SH); Nancy Hogan 178 (SH); Chris Wilhem 168 (SH); Danny Arms 200 (SH); Jonathan Smith 222 (SH); Dianne Eskenasy 253 (CH); Kenneth George 179 (CH); Gib Rogers 128 (SH).

Frances Carnell led 56t (SH) as the closing hymn. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
Sunday, May 11, 2008

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in May beginning at 10:00 a.m. The class was greeted and called to order by Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore leading 32t and 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Ken Tate.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Arthur Gilmore, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pam Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

Leaders: Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore 56t; Josh Keeton 30t, 108b; Travis Keeton 343, 129; Josie Hyde 137, 155; Gary Smith 66, 63; Glenn Keeton 150, 215; Sarah Smith 340, 73t; Don Keeton 378t, 317; Hugh Bill McGuire 503, 107; Carolyn Thompson 505, 106; Harrison Creel 111b, 530; Warren Steel 134, 33b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Arthur Gilmore leading 30b. Leaders: Kermit Adams 39b, 43; Judy Caudle 138t, 314; Eric Eliason 277, 72b; Henry Guthery 101t, 58 (in memory of Sherry Guthery).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jimmie Gilmore, Pam Gilmore, Josh Keeton, and Glenda Wright. They led 68b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Eugene Forbes, Mary Ann Wilkinson, and Cathryn Bearov.

Jimmie Gilmore spoke for the following deceased: Elder W.G. McGough, Lear McGough, Mamie Harper Noles, Furn Kitchens, Delores Beasley, Brenda Dean, and Milton Oliver—Alabama; Amanda Denson Brady and Myrtle Smith—Georgia. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Eric Eliason.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Josh Keeton leading 108b and 117.

Leaders: Bea Carnathan 472, 80b; Ken Tate 278t, 220; Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 101t, 309; Pam Gilmore 336, 222; Joyce Hubbert 81t; Kevin Dyess 114, 85; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Gwen Cornelius 89, 475, 235, 571 (CB); John Beasley 335, 445; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; John Beasley, Sarah Smith, and Seth Holloway 406; Henry Guthery 480; Eric Eliason 49t, 383; Warren Steel 376, 430; Eric Eliason and Warren Steel 268; Eric Eliason, Warren Steel, and Kevin Dyess 294; Henry Guthery 431; Ken Tate 455.

Announcements were made. Arthur Gilmore, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pam Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Harrison Creel, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Arthur Gilmore, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pam Gilmore;
Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore

PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Vinemont, Alabama

Saturday, May 17, 2008

The 4th annual Sacred Harp singing held at Providence Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Kenneth Fannin leading 59. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co—Chairmen—Kenneth Fannin and Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Sonya Sipe.

Leaders: Delone Cobbs 565, 31b; Judy Caudle 33b, 36t; Sonya Sipe 39t, 39b; Charles McCravy 145t, 129; Geraldine Sharpton 66, 229; Richard Mauldin 285t (in memory of Wilton Donaldson and Amanda Denson), 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Anne Chalker 146, 235; Henry Guthery 311, 288; Carol Fannin 503, 225t; Garrett Sipe 274t, 354b; Rachel Allred 276, 37b; Seth Allred 106, 29b.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 487 and 330b. Leaders: Butch White 326, 30t; Susan Allred 56t, 182; Laura Hale 111b, 270; Ryan Hale 36b, 192; Bridgett Hill 445, 204; Will Allred 282, 30b; Adam Hale 77t, 47t; Billy Williams 76b, 64; Jennifer Allred Lee 278t, 385t. Charles McCravy offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Delone Cobbs and Garrett Sipe leading 32t. Leaders: Caleb Allred 47b, 448t; Gordon Wilkinson 220, 112; Mary Holcombe 75, 84; Jennifer Clay and Sonya Sipe 82t, 63; Christie Holcombe 61.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rachel Allred and Mary Holcombe. Mary Holcombe led 340 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Charlotte McCarn, Bud Oliver, and Eugene Forbes.

Rachel Allred spoke for the deceased and led 499 in memory of the following:

Amanda Denson, Dick Mauldin, Wilton Donaldson, Marie Guthrie, B.J. Harris, Herby Bailey, Brenda Dean, Delores Beasley, LaRue Allen, and Elder W.G.

McGough—Alabama; Felton Denney, Gladys McGraw, and Myrtle Smith—Georgia. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Kenneth Fannin and Carol Fannin, children and grandchildren 390; Delone Cobbs 147t (in memory of Maggie Williams); Bridgett Hill 385b; Judy Caudle 325; Richard Mauldin 178; Anne Chalker 388; Butch White 86; Geraldine Sharpton 421; Velton Chafin 437; Henry Guthery 547; Gordon Wilkinson 434; Jennifer Clay 335; Butch White and Judy Caudle 78; Gordon Wilkinson and Henry Guthery 45t (in memory of Carl Wilkinson).

Kenneth Fannin and Delone Cobbs led 480 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Marlin Wilkinson, and the class was dismissed.

Co—Chairmen—Kenneth Fannin and Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING **Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky** **Saturday, May 17, 2008**

The 27th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing convened at 9:05 a.m. with words of welcome from Keith MacAdam. He led 155. *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Southern Harmony* (SoH) books were used through the day.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Organizing Committee—Raphael Finkel, Keith MacAdam, and Ron Pen; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

Leaders: Jim Thobaben 81t; Charles Coulston 209; Bob Sears 147t; Joe Fothergill 410t; Rob Coulston 66; Mike Grimes 36b; Robert Hill and Sharon Hill 133; Darrell Swarens 542; Bob Meek 178; Sharon Hill 335; Maggie Foote 159; Elise Parsons 59; Joy Dunn and Nikos Pappas 551; Mary Brinkman 47b.

RECESS

Keith MacAdam called the class back to order leading 31t. Leaders: Laura Earles 65; Roger Crabtree 285t; Jackson Pietrzak 117; Nikos Pappas 269; Charles Coulston 344; James Lambert 39t; Jim Thobaben and Keith MacAdam 128; Bob Sears 63; Eddie Mash 198; Sharon Hill 504; Joe Fothergill 313b; Robert Coulston 183; Mike Grimes 268; Robert Hill 107; Darrell Swarens 81b.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Bob Meek leading 123 (SoH). Leaders: Randy Webber “Monmouth”; Carol Medicott 41 (SoH); Maggie Foote 135; Elise Parsons and Keith MacAdam 524; Joy Dunn and Laura Earles 503; Mary Brinkman and Nikos Pappas 535; Keith MacAdam 479.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rob Coulston. The following songs were led in memory of the deceased listed: 314 (Dr. Hugh McElrath—Kentucky and Milton Oliver—Alabama); 163b (Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama); 334 (Jane Saldaris and Bertie Dee Walen—Kentucky; Bobby Givens—Ohio); 452 (Elizabeth Dunn—Florida); 122 (Dan Balcom—Tennessee; Ellen Turnbull, Liz Menifee, and Jacob Napier—Kentucky); 45t (recent earthquake, cyclone, and war victims; Alvin Penfield—Kentucky).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Keith MacAdam. Leaders: Laura Earles 277; Nikos Pappas 245; James Lambert 89b (SoH); Jim Thobaben and Darrell Swarens 163t; Sharon Hill 196; Roger Crabtree 99; Jackson Pietrzak 385t; Rob Coulston 40; Eddie Mash 61 (SoH); Bob French 481; Joe Fothergill 143; Mike Grimes 106; Robert Hill 145t; Darrell Swarens 186; Bob Meek 324t (SoH); Randy Webber 294; Carol Medlicott 564; Elise Parsons 496; Joy Dunn and Nikos Pappas 532; Janet Garrison 483; Mary Brinkman 358; Keith MacAdam 497.

Announcements were made. The singing was concluded at 2:30 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jim Thobaben, after which everyone stood and sang 267.

Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California Saturday, May 17, 2008

The 16th annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Pat Keating leading 34b. Steve Lazicki offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was called with the following officers elected: Chairman—David Olson; Vice Chairman—Norman Gholson; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Arranging Committee—Rick Russell and Betty Hermann; Resolutions Committee—Amy Ludwig and Polly Henninger; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: David Olson 49t; Norman Gholson 47b; Duncan MacLeod 34t, 89; Ron Huss 311, 280; Polly Henninger 186, 391; Steve Lazicki 74t, 114; Bruce Hayes 299, 250; Larry Arnstein 99, 569b; Xaris Martinez 32t, 328; Carl Barnes 273, 383; Karen Huss 454, 535.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class back to order leading 290. Leaders: Mary Rose O'Leary 300, 213t; David Olson 448t, 340; Marilyn Murata 468, 421; Norman Gholson 334, 28b; Natalie Hall 203, 200; Ellen Collins 159, 86; Carroll Lunsford 119, 457; Rena Cifra 288.

Laura Boyd Russell conducted the memorial lesson. Carla Smith led 31t for the following sick and shut-ins: Jean Brajkovich, Shisue Sugimoto, and Fumie Murata. Laura Boyd Russell led 66 for the following deceased: William Boyd Sr., Harry Merrick, Rich Johnson, Don Shepphard, Kevin Vickary, Jerry Michlovitz, Linda Passmore, Frank Brajkovich, Steve Bartel, Cecil Piantadosi, Matilda Hendricks, Martin Luther, Frank Ashe, Richard Brelaford, and Steve Prussing—California; Amanda Denson, Edith Tate, and Flarce Creel—Alabama; Holdah Champion—Virginia. Steve Lazicki offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Carroll Lunsford called the afternoon session to order leading 204. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 434, 474; Linda Booth 358, 297; Betty Marvin 440, 441; Pat Keating 178, 269; Carla Smith 287, 97; Laura Boyd Russell 180, 269; Susanna Ball 148, 36b; Betty Hermann 430, 442.

RECESS

Betty Marvin called the class back to order leading 274b. Leaders: Mary Linn Bergstrom 556, 424; Dan Vosnick 566; Mike Laube 210, 350; Duncan MacLeod 26; Rod Willard 49b; Duane Gruber 496; Susanna Ball 479; Betty Marvin 351; Carroll Lunsford 460; Carla Smith 217; Carl Barnes 198.

Duncan McLeod reported that expenses were met. Larry Arnstein reported that 72 songs were led by 31 leaders. Thanks were given to those who helped make the singing a success.

David Olson led 276 as the closing song. Steve Lazicki offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Olson; Vice Chairman—Norman Gholson; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

NEWTON COUNTY SINGING

Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Covington, Georgia Saturday, May 17, 2008

The 8th session of the Newton County Singing was held at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, southeast of Covington, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Charles Woods called the class together by leading 77b. Elder Hermon Wilkinson welcomed everyone to historic Shoal Creek Church and offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected to serve: Co-Chairmen—Hermon Wilkinson and Charles Woods; Secretary—Arlene Woods.

Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 61; Arlene Woods 81t; Tony Hammock 326; John Plunkett 133; Mollie Melvin 59; Jane Spencer 33b; George Burnette 43; Mike Spencer 354t; Malinda Snow 112; Helen Bryson 175.

RECESS

Charles Woods reconvened the class leading 31b and 358. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 67, 108t, 215; Arlene Woods 47b, 479; Tony Hammock 132, 434; John Plunkett 105, 131b; Molly Melvin 434, 268; Jane Spencer 101b, 269; George Burnette 57, 421; Mike Spencer 113, 191; Malinda Snow 82t, 361; Helen Bryson 100, 217; Marcena Wilkinson 354b.

LUNCH

Charles Woods called the class back into session leading 32t. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 101t, 235; Tony Hammock 83b, 275b; John Plunkett 123t, 291; Jane Spencer 451, 63, 45t, 183; George Burnette 430, 417; Mike Spencer 278t, 335; Malinda Snow 189, 290; Helen Bryson 196, 47t; Charles Woods 282.

Announcements were made and expressions of appreciation were directed. Charles Woods led 544 as the closing song, and Hermon Wilkinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Hermon Wilkinson and Charles Woods; Secretary—Arlene Woods

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama Sunday, May 18, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 32t and 39b. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow; Arranging Committee—Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 332; Susan Harcrow 128, 142; Henry Johnson 102, 56b; S.T. Reed 103, 123b; Stuart Ivey 39t, 377; Chris Ballinger 270, 410t; Robert Walker 84, 145b; Butch White 326, 30b; Bridgett Hill 29b, 383 (for Eugene Forbes); Andrew Farris 503, 178.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class together leading 166 and 283. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 31t, 68b (for the Brown family); Judy Caudle 286, 278b; Donna Wootten 88t, 335; Kyle Blakeley 123t (for Doug Conn), 87; Aaron Wootten 480, 101t; Karen Ivey 203, 373; Marty Wootten 312b; Linda Thomas and Jordan Ratliff 345b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jennifer Allred Lee leading 126. Leaders: Terry Wootten 224, 59; Dennis George 358, 556; Cindy Tanner 336, 318; Jared Wootten 276, 99; Sonya Sipe 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 192; Larry Ballinger 78, 273; Cheyenne Ivey 319, 155; Shane Wootten 405, 349. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Elder Philip Gilmore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Aaron Wootten leading 108t. Leaders: Jennifer Allred Lee 391, 216; Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten 460; David Ivey 41, 57; Sheila Wootten 29t, 457; Henry Johnson 108b; Susan Harcrow 426, 49b (in memory of Spout Brown and Edna Jackson); Scott Ivey 186; Tony Ivey 313t, 324; Lorrie Wootten and Hayden Wootten 448b; Reves Brothers and Katrina Rosser 30b; Shane Wootten 542 (for Doug Conn); Rodney Ivey 439; Larry Ballinger 540; Karen Ivey and Stuart Ivey 411; Kyle Blakeley and Philip Gilmore 73t; Kyle Blakeley, Philip Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 47b; David Ivey 288 (by request). Announcements were made. Jackson Harcrow and Susan Harcrow led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama

Sunday, May 18, 2008

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Stanley Edwards leading 60. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Lewis Norton.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 159; Cecil Roberts 73b, 503, 569b; Pearl Guier 63, 30t; Tony Hammock 83b, 89.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairperson—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Donna Bell.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 100 (dedicated to Lois Bowman); Mary Jo Shafer 163b, 82t, 33b; Lewis Norton 75, 338, 208 (in memory of Gertrude Norton).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Glenda Collins and Burt Collins leading 124. Leaders: Louise Holland 72b, 68b; Lou Cotney and Faye Cotney 172, 300; Jeff Sheppard 212, 313t; Marilyn Bradley 303, 47b, 146; G.W. Garner 147t, 45t; Ann Simpson 30t, 111t, 445; Evelyn Harris 274t, 155, 47t.

Pearl Guier conducted the memorial lesson. Jeff Sheppard led 204 in memory of the following deceased: Myrtle Smith, Reby Stanford, Felton Denney, Jimmy Cates, Milton Oliver, Janice Sims, Brady Monroe, LaRue Allen, B.J. Harris, Corene Laminack, Gladys McGraw, Amanda Denson, Homer Benefield, Gertrude Norton, Sam Jones, Scott Edwards, Edward Thompson, Mary Lee Smith, and Sally Wade Edwards Little.

Louise Holland led 63 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Sylvia Holland, Lonnie Rogers, George Garner, and Renea Campbell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Stanley Edwards leading 29t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 340, 222, 475; Shelbie Sheppard 341, 28b; Neal Prichard 139, 452, 566; Eunice Webb 480, 392; Margie Smith 569b; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Nellie Mae White 378b, 36b; Louise Owen, Paula Brooks, Cindy Owen, and Amber Owen 358, 282; Donna Bell 31t, 97 (for Lonnie Rogers), 39t; Lois Owen 373, 460.

Glenda Collins led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Neal Prichard.

Chairperson—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairperson—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards

**ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HOMECOMING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
Sunday, May 18, 2008**

The annual homecoming Sacred Harp singing held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was brought to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 452. The morning prayer was offered by Brother Modie McNeal. The class elected the following officers: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

Leaders: Mary Jean Payne 490, 99; Jacob Acton 100, 101t; Edna Ruth Phillips 213b, 334; Brandon Acton 282, 59; Modie McNeal 229 (CB).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Charlotte Bishop leading 36b. Leaders: Myrline Redmon 569b, 335; Floy Wilder 34b, 63; Carla Smith 354b, 358; Marion Patrick 127, 164; Mattie Perry 120, 45t.

LUNCH

Charlotte Bishop led 40 to open the afternoon session.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jenny Acton leading 288 in memory of M.B. Forbes and in honor of Eugene Forbes. Jack Nelson led 45t in memory of Hazel Nelson. Charlotte Bishop led 111t in memory of Opal Futral and Verlie McDaniel. Leaders: Virginia Futral 565, 339; Nell Estes 46, 84; Jenny Acton 571 (CB) (for her mom, Audress Gurley), 340; Jack Nelson 85, 560; Jacob Acton 53; Wendy Futral 491, 35; William Futral 61, 341; Charlotte Bishop 143, 480.

Announcements were made. Charlotte Bishop led 62 as the closing song. Jacob Acton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton

**MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)
Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church
Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama
Saturday, May 24, 2008**

The annual session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized 1903) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Karen Clark leading 573 and 55. Gaylon Powell offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—John Etheridge; 2nd Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark.

Leaders: John Etheridge 82; Rodney Ivey 515; Donna Bell 505; Don Clark 239; Judy Chambless 576; Floy Wilder 186; Nancy Hogan 114b; Robert Chambless 508; Allison Mitchell 282; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Karen Rollins 293b; Bud Oliver 345t; Frank Strickland 100; Louis Hughes 528b; Kathy Folsom 143; Faye Hollis 171; Ken Tate 511b; Wayne Jones 464; Jack Nelson 453t; Sandra Wilkinson 140.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class back to order leading 164. Leaders: Billy Kelley 558; Loretta Jones 470; Jane Spencer 380b; Royce Sellers 507b; Morgan Bunch 419; Gavin Blakely 112; Joan Aldridge 497; Emily Creel and Lela Crowder 133; Jenny

Acton and Jacob Acton 229; B. M. Smith 559; S. T. Reed 566; Stuart Ivey and Jordan Taylor 77t; Geraldine Rice 45t and 28b (in memory of the Sheppard family); Loyd Ivey 478.

RECESS

Order was restored by Rodney Ivey leading 567. Leaders: Tim Jones 553; Bentley McGuire 38b; Guy Banks 210; Frank Hataway 395b; Ken Kelley 572; Cheryl Foreman 198; Dave Richardson 542; Robert Kelly 35; Doron Henkin 522; Henry Guthery "Higher Ground"; Laura Densmore 485; John Merritt 386. David Lee offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Don Clark leading 358 (for Eleanor Clark). Leaders: Robert Walker 575; Lee Rogers 494; Jonathon Blakely 418; Mary Whitehurst 137; David Lee 63; Max Berueffy and Karen Covy 500; Judy Caudle 563 (by request); Darlene Dalton 488b; Danny Creel 292b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 129; Tammy Powell 216 (by request); Jeremy Shipp 57; Carol Buche 96 (by request); Elene Stovall 203; Helen Bryson 176t; Nell Estes, Mary Jean Payne, and Mattie Perry 99; Syble Adams and David Lee 95b; Harrison Creel 355; Gaylon Powell and David Lee 273.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Rodney Ivey and Don Weaver leading 541. Leaders: Stanley Smith 181; Ed Thacker 411; Sue Bunch 274t; Bridgett Hill 138t; John Plunkett 557; Nate Green and Norma Green 491; Judy Mincey 392; Henry Johnson 315; Myra Goss 200; Tommy Spurlock 183; Charlotte Bishop 110; Carolyn Thompson 101b; Julie Lee 128; Coy Ivey 465; Buell Cobb 52b; Steven Talbert 106. Announcements were made. George Burnette III led 421. The officers of the singing, Karen Clark, John Etheridge, Rodney Ivey, Donna Bell, and Don Clark, along with Jimmy Ray, led 527. Those who wished took the parting hand. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—John Etheridge; 2nd Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

May 24-25, 2008

Saturday, May 24

The 23rd annual Midwest Convention was held at Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus, Chicago, Illinois, on Memorial Day weekend. Ginny Landgraf and Jim Helke opened the convention leading 565. Ryan Wheeler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anne Heider and Steve Warner 171; Rachel Adelstein 351; William Shetter 454; Debbie Barford 203; John Seaton 47t; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 383; Darrell Swarens 542 (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady); Carol Munro Mosley 455; Will Fitzgerald and Ben Fitzgerald 207; Mandy Brady 146; Brad Oglesby 192; Martha Henderson 396 (in memory of Minja Lausevic); Jeff Breting 163t.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Co-Chairpersons—Anne Heider and Steve Warner; Vice Chairpersons—David Barford and Debbie Barford; Secretaries—Cathryn Bearov, Janet Miller, and Jeff Breting.

The business meeting was closed.

RECESS

Anne Heider and Steve Warner brought the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 29t; Anne Missavage 480; David Carlton 200; Beverly Enright 224; Charles Wells 38b; Virginia Warren 85; Steve Rogers 101t; Karen

Swenson 411; Theo Economides 373; Sara Trumbore 117; Peter Bradley 344; Jan May 99; Ryan Wheeler 95; Ann Miczulski 378b.

RECESS

Steve Warner brought the class back together leading 49t. Leaders: Lori Graber 348t; Eddie Mash 400; Kay Huener 350; Erik Schwab 315; Aura Lee Furgason 55 1; Herb Schroeder 497; Margaret McCamant 84; James Page 505; Christine Stevens 66; Robert Borchering 23 5; Jo Schultz 198; Mark Davis 240; Eleanor Haase 384; Tom Malone 488. Herb Schroeder offered the blessing for dinner.

LUNCH

Debbie Barford and David Barford brought the class back to order leading 215. Leaders: Jim Swanson 419; Megan Jennings 430; Gary Gronau 377; Kathy Williams 385; Steve Helwig 245; JoDell Albi 375; Stephen Parker 475; Reba Windom 142; Ted Johnson 498; Carolyn Deacy 547; Richard DeLong 214; Molly Whedbee 379; Mike Hinton 456; Becky Browne 436; Steve Schmidgall 477; Melanie Hauff 278b; Matt Wells 181; Lisa Grayson 112; Paul Wyatt 176b; Nicoletta Manns 270; Ted Mercer 468; Randy Neufeld 474; Grace Scrimgeour 216.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back together leading 335. Leaders: Scott Schroeder 276; Marian Mitchell 178; Doug Stapleton 440; Marcia Johnson 288; Peter Trumbore 107; Petrina Patti 217; Wayne Dell 277; Julie Vea 385t; Judy Hauff 536; Tim Binkley 49b; Susan Geil 52t; Jerry Enright 168; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Rochelle Lodder 39t; Mark Dawson 236; Sue Kessell 304; Anita Shaperd 442. Herb Schroeder offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 25

The second day of the Midwest Convention opened with Anne Heider and Steve Warner leading 40. Mark Davis offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Constance Karduck 222; Jim Helke 75; Daniel Braithwaite 311; Johanna Fabke 441; Martha Henderson 48t (in memory of Minja Lausevic); Jan Ketelle 296; Eleanor Haase 352; Don Keeton 390 (in memory of his wife, Laquita Keeton); Lisa Bulawsky 503; Carolyn Deacy 485; Francesca Cassara and Judy Hauff 504; Jerry Enright 458; David Barford 173; Nick Pasqual 290; Jeff Breting 324.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by David Barford and Debbie Barford leading 155. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 340; Michael Mosley 440; Anita Shaperd 500; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 87; Steve Helwig 228; Nathan Barford 384; Richard Popp 200; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Steve Parker 362 (for John Yoakam and Rev. Tom Ewald); Steve Schmidgall 473; Sarah Trumbore 282; Tim Binkley 79; Carol Munro Mosley 148; Doug Stapleton 142; Rochelle Lodder 344; Ginny Landgraf 433; Lori Graber 327; Paul Wyatt 300.

RECESS

Jim Helke brought the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Jim Lawrie 91; Nicoletta Manns 30t; Scott Schroeder 472; Kay Huener 34b; Jim Swanson 560; JoDell Albi 376; Jo Schultz 73t.

Carol Munro Mosley conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased, reading from Hebrews 12:1. She read the names of the following deceased and led 474 in their memory: Amanda Denson Brady, LaRue Allen, Richard Mauldin, Sr., Edith Tate, Milton Oliver, Wilton Donaldson, and Chester Lacy—Alabama; Sara Curry and Utah Phillips—California; Myrtle Smith, Reby Stanford, Loy Garrison, Homer Benefield, and Gladys McGraw—Georgia; Hubert Martin, Martin Lakomiak, Glen Ernst, Stewart Thompson, Myrtle Thompson, Orrin Sebby, Laquita Keeton, and Harvey Blatt—Illinois; Minja Lausevic and Virginia Wolfe Stuart—Massachusetts; Peg Hoffman—Minnesota; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Marjorie Parker Burke—

North Dakota; Helen Russell—Pennsylvania; Jim Hugh Segars—Tennessee; Karl Pegalow—Wisconsin.

Steve Schmidgall spoke for the sick and homebound. He read the following names and led 330b in their honor: Anna Williams, George Stapleton, Frank Block, Violet Thomason, Lonnie Rogers, Magda Lessau, Beth Zinzer, Diane Richmond, Janet Fraembs, Beth Kessell, Betty Jean Weiss, Richard Grayson, Mary Ramacher, Wally Block, Eleanor Phillips, Judy Freeman, Cindy Kisse, Charlie Obert, John Yoakam, Rev. Tom Ewald, Mary Wood, Nellie Davis, Bethalee Harpst, Gillian Inksetter, Val Dunagan's brother, Cliff Gillette, Doris Littrell, Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Dick Dunagan, Peg Pearson, Lilia Springer, and Jack Eigel. Jim Swanson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Anne Heider and Steve Warner called the afternoon session to order leading 36b. Leaders: James Page 24t; Judy Hauff 41 1; Megan Jennings 189; Samuel Sommers 502; Nancy Katen 496; Michael Hinton 532; Christine Stevens 153; Tom Malone 550; Julie Ve a 272; Susan Geil 220; Ted Mercer 349; Karen Freund 30b; Mark Davis and Henry Schuman 434; Matt Wells 313b; Ryan Wheeler 312b; Wendy Popp 59; Gary Gronau 216; Kathy Williams 180; Ted Johnson 283; Megan Dunning 86; Randy Neufeld, Sam Farwell, and Anita Shaperd 442.

RECESS

David Barford and Debbie Barford brought the class back together leading 274t. Leaders: Rebecca Browne 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Jason Martin 178; Richard DeLong 395; Sue Kleinfelter 480; Peter Trumbore 29t; Bill Hamlin 106; Lisa Grayson 448t; Erik Schwab 280; Jan May 31t; Steve Rogers 159; Sue Kessell 365; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Kit Bogan 268; Reba Windom, Melanie Hauff, Marcia Johnson, and Cathryn Bearov 208.

Reports from the various committees were given. The Finance committee reported that we had not met our expenses, and further contributions could be given at the registration table. The Secretary reported 168 lessons were led by 101 leaders from 17 states and Canada. Announcements followed.

Anne Heider and Steve Warner closed the convention by leading 347. Becky Browne offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Anne Heider and Steve Warner; Vice Chairpersons—David Barford and Debbie Barford; Secretaries—Cathryn Bearov, Jeff Breting, and Janet Miller

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, May 25, 2008

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 47t; Brandon Thompson 39b, 335; Judy Caudle 177, 73b; Travis Keeton 48t, 155; Delone Cobbs 73t, 49b; Robert Walker 84, 480; Ed Thacker 474, 187; Clarence McCool 172, 112; Nancy Thompson 40; Danny Creel 405, 475; John Etheridge 500; Lisa Geist 394, 527; Joan Aldridge 439, 276; Ken Tate 278t, 147b.

RECESS

Jonathon Thompson called the class back to order leading 30b. Leaders: Henry Guthery 331, 348b; Nate Green 176b, 566; Marlin Beasley 426t, 336; Linda Thomas 63; Larry Ballinger 146, 157; Gerald Holmes 28t, 28b, 49t; Geraldine Sharpston and

Danica Thornton 401, 569b; Henry Johnson 138b, 409; Rodney Murrell 358; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Harrison Creel 111b, 498; Tony Ivey 410t, 139. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by David Ivey.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 285t. A memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle leading 459. The following deceased were remembered: Onzell Caudle, Ruth Williams, Cois Woodard, Edith Tate, Milton Oliver, LaRue Allen, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, and Bera Bradford. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: James H. Moore, Eugene Forbes, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Ben Bradford, and Sandi Bradford.

Leaders: Bridgett Hill 77t, 110; Sharon DuPriest 186, 212; Scott Ivey 385b, 421; Elene Stovall 534, 422; David Ivey 103; J.C. Rutledge 490; Susan Holmes 441, 340; J.L. Hopper 91, 304; Dan Hopper 240, 140; Daphene Causey 192; J.L. Hopper 623 (GOS).

Jonathon Thompson led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson;
Secretary—Judy Caudle

DARIEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING AND SINGING Tallapoosa County, Alabama Sunday, May 25, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Darien Primitive Baptist Church began at 10:00 a.m. with opening remarks and prayer offered by Bill Thomas. Don Clark then led 59 and 99.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 34t, 100; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Charlotte Bishop 335, 452; Laura Densmore 313t, 481; Robert Chambless 72b, 77t; Wendy Futral 196, 35; Gaylon Powell 268 (CB), 372 (CB); Carla Smith 354b, 358; David Richardson 488t (CB), 478 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 344, 354t; Guy Banks 350, 77b; Tammy Powell 535, 565.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading 49b in memory of Lessie Bishop Langley. Leaders: Myra Faye Goss 127, 222; Carol Buche 210 (CB), 488b (CB); William Futral and Wendy Futral 491, 147t; Karen Clark 66, 137 (CB); Doron Henkin 192, 333; Wayne Cotney 373, 73t, 45t (in memory of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bishop); Sharon Whitehead 480, 229 (CB); Laura Densmore 50; Tammy Powell 142; Cheryl Foreman 475; Myra Faye Goss 358 (for Clifford Meigs); Guy Banks 503; David Richardson 153; Doron Henkin 332; Gaylon Powell 346 (CB); Sharon Whitehead 571 (CB); Carol Buche 143.

Announcements were made. Don Clark led 31t (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Wayne Cotney.

Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop

THE BIG SINGING
Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky
Sunday, May 25, 2008

The morning practice portion of the 125th session of The Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony* by William Walker was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by Frank Nichols giving the opening remarks and leading 103. Don Waggener offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Frank Nichols 89b; Don Waggener 322; Travis Stimerling 252; Bob Meek 324t; Darrell Swarens 38; William Paris 3t; Karen Swenson 299; Bill Tew 159b, 264; Ben Brody 275; Randy Webber 42; Miki Fryar 7t; Adrian Eldridge and James Eldridge 133; Chip Grant 92b; David Killingsworth 266; Wayne Dell 24b; Matt Meacham 11; Tim Reynolds 64; Marcie Thobaben 16; David Killingsworth 332; Meigan Cameron, Bob Meek, and Rebecca Eldridge 8t; William Paris 78; Don Waggener 322, 80; Frank Nichols 144.

LUNCH

Frank Nichols called the main session of The Big Singing together at 1:00 p.m. giving the opening remarks and leading 103. Leaders: Dr. Harvey Elder 123, 277; Gary Clark 51, 31t; Kerry Lovett 144, 89b; Tom Waggener 116, 189; William Paris 1.

William Paris conducted the memorial lesson, leading 8t in memory of Betty Haley, O. D. McKendree, and Dr. Hugh McElrath—Kentucky.

Leaders: William Paris 7t; Karen Swenson 299; Don Waggener 83, 256; Tim Reynolds 303, 276b; David Killingsworth 46, 213; Bill Tew 308, 159t; Dr. Gene Gilliland 71, 181t; Matt Meacham 322, 283; Bob Meek, James Eldridge, Rebecca Eldridge, and Kathryn Eldridge 24b, 275; Ben Brody 80; Miki Fryar 276t; Travis Stimerling 252; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 166; Paul Fourshee and Randy Webber 165t; John Campbell 195; Matt Meacham 11; Darrell Swarens 38. Frank Nichols led 334 as the closing song. Dr. Gene Gilliland offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Frank Nichols; Secretary—Tim Reynolds

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING
Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur Georgia
Monday, May 26, 2008

The 8th session of the Jack Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Plunkett leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joan Durdin 479; Malinda Snow 276; John Shippee 159; Debora Grosse 171; Martha Ann Stegar 155; Susan Firestone 178; Mike Spencer 278t; Lela Crowder 26; Al Grindon 347; Bob Goodman 569b; Judy Mincey 242; Eric Tweedy 385b; Andy Morse 108b; George Burnette 101t; Andy Anderson and Juan Cardoza 31b; John Hollingsworth 240; Lee Rogers 218.

RECESS

Joan Durdin, Linda Elam, Joann Reich, Dot McDonald, and Sara Pierre brought the class back together leading 47t. Leaders: Stephanie Tingler 32t; Doron Henkin 455; Karen Clark 569t; Dave Richardson 473; Dan Huger 445; Cheryl Foreman 492; Robert Kelly 245; Laura Densmore 157; Tammy Powell 454; Guy Bankes 444; Carol Buche and Gabriele Cardoza 503; Gaylon Powell 254; Don Clark 387. Jim Brooks gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 167. Leaders: Matt Hinton 168; Myra Tucker 40; Ron Henkin 318; Erica Hinton 42; Laura Densmore 304; Holly Evans 163b; Guy Bankes 391; Cheryl Foreman 543; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Dave Richardson 496; Malinda Snow 523; Gaylon Powell 86; Anna Hinton 277; Faith McColister 107; Al Grindon 344; Carol Buche 84; Bob Goodman 145b; Susan Firestone 504; Lily Graham 282; Judy Mincey 475.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading 487. Leaders: Debora Grosse 45t; Tammy Powell 189; John Hollingsworth 290; Karen Clark 501; Dan Huger 474; Eric Tweedy 442; George Burnette 76b; Andy Anderson 145t; Robert Kelly 144; Lee Rogers 230; Mike Spencer 539; Stephanie Tingler 527; Andy Morse 472.

After announcements, John Plunkett led 323t, and Andy Anderson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SINGING

Grace Church, Berryville, Virginia

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Kevin Moreno opened the 15th annual Northern Shenandoah Valley singing at 10:00 a.m., leading 70t. He then offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Kim Moreno; Vice Chairperson—Nora Dunn; Secretary—Marty DeNys; Treasurer—Mary DeNys.

Leaders: Kim Moreno 59; Mary Langley 101t; Jim Glaser 500; Leyland delRe 564; Nora Dunn 57; Kathy Manning 375; Craig Baughan 178; Stephen McMaster 282; James Strube 480; Guy Bankes 481; Mary Wright 405; Carly Goss 379; Tom Tucker 179; John delRe 138t; Tim Slattery 344; Mary DeNys 274t; Anna Mays 95; Lamar Matthews 117; Cathy Tucker 192; Marty DeNys 198; Ina Shea 266; Clare Chapin 86; Gillie Campbell 503; Erin Kelly 220; Frank Evans 87; Pat Temple 400.

RECESS

Leyland delRe called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Lois Badey 479; Elizabeth Stokes 319; Zoe Clay 36b; Nova Seidenstein 146; Cindy Wasson 457; John Alexander 163b; Ted Stokes 434; Joani Seidenstein 506; Nathan Barford 260; Eileen Metzger 383; Adrian Mariano 372; Tom Clay 64; Hal Kunkel 349.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rachel Speer. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Tom Badey, Candy McLeod, Marilyn Darch, Kat Kinkaid, Lucy Ivey, and Dan Macklin.

She read the names of the deceased as follows: Amanda Denson Brady, Rudy Baldacci, Clare V. Chapin, Col. Steve Scott, David L. Davies, James Thomas, Jane Harrison, Donald L. Willard, Jr., Edward Hatfield, Mirjana Lausevic, Carole B. Vance, Alex Mennella, Hubert Lovey Martin, LaRue Allen, Andrew Bernadt, Donald Goss, Jean Goss, Becky Accuri, Valerie Wilhelm, Milton Oliver, and Barry Talesnik. Rachel Speer led 330b. Kevin Moreno offered the memorial prayer.

Leaders: Diane Mennella 448t; David Barford 350; Thom Metzger 426b; Dean Jens 163t; Debbie Barford 368; G. C. Waldrep 269; Kelly Macklin 466; Patty Ruehl 111b; Connie Stanton 276. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Kevin Griffin Moreno.

LUNCH

Kevin Griffin Moreno called the afternoon session to order leading 39b. Leaders: Mary Langley 135; Leyland delRe 45t; Aldo Ceresa 522; Rachel Speer 218; Kiriko Brindley 47b; Katherine Herman 65; D.J. Hatfield 250; John Daniel delRe 77t; Beth

Yeager 362; Don Polaski 384; Hannah Polaski 299; Gabriel Brady 319; Kevin Griffin Moreno 550; Elizabeth Stokes 440; Nathan Barford 300; Ina Shea 204; Thom Metzger 203; Kim Moreno 327; Ted Stokes 331; Stephen McMaster 532; Anna Mays 411; G. C. Waldrep 160b; Connie Stanton 543; Dean Jens 396.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Guy Banks leading 171. Leaders: Sandra Polaski 148; Cory Walters 58; Diane Mennella 27; David Barford 37b; Carly Goss and Patty Ruehl 69t; Aldo Ceresa 456; Rachel Speer 505; D. J. Hatfield 345b; Debbi Barford 112; Hal Kunkel 318; Cindy Wasson 542; Catherine Herrmann 114; Lamar Matthews 347; Zoe Clay 455; Nathan Barford and John Daniel delRe 504; Guy Bankes 569t; Nora Dunn 110; Jim Glaser 358; Erin Kelly 491; Tom Tucker 528; Kathy Manning and John delRe 460; Kelly Macklin and Cathy Tucker 137; Tom Clay 63; Bev Yeager 351; Don Polaski 193; Frank Evans 315.

Reports from the treasurer and the secretary were given. Cathy Tucker offered resolutions thanking various committees and individuals who had made the singing a success.

Kim Moreno led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Kevin Griffin Moreno, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kim Moreno; Vice Chairperson—Nora Dunn; Secretary—Marty DeNys

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

May 31 - June 1, 2008

Saturday, May 31

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 60. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 121; Carlene Griffin 77t; Danny Griffin 318; Judy Chambless 40; George Burnette 85; Donna Bell 480; Phillip Langley 182; Pearl Guier 448b; Karen Rollins 327; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Andy Morse 284; Helen Bryson 428; Pam Nunn 189; Sophia Grindon and Al Grindon 146; Jane Spencer 375; Floy Wilder 432; Debra Grosse 63; Mary Brownlee 183; Hermon Wilkinson 215; Karen Clark 534; Reba Windom 436.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 225t. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 186; Henry Johnson 535; Ed Thacker 442; Bud Oliver 170; Louis Hughes 403; Anne Heider 393; Steve Warner 171; Carrie Grindon 86; Joe Todd 540; Judy Caudle 195; Michael Thompson 204; Scott Curran 460; Nate Green and Norma Green 548; Charles Woods 483; Joyce Walton 447; Eddie Mash 280; Scott DePoy 277; Eric Tweedy 273; Bridgett Hill 522; Mary Jo Shafer 33b; Faye Hollis 276; Eunice Webb 340; Lynda Hambourger 453; Leslie Alperin 268; Nancy Newell 163b; Stephanie Tingle 527.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Tommy McGraw leading 475 and 91. Leaders: Robert Kelly 193; Lela Crowder 440; Nathan Rees 380; John Plunkett 490; Helen Brown 454; Cassie Allen 202; David Richardson 473; Ted Brown 496; Emily Creel 546.

The business session was held with the following officers re-elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 573; Mike Spencer 191; Shelbie Sheppard 411; Beth Todd 319; Jeannette DePoy and Mary Lintel 542; Eddie Huckaby 49t; Cecil Robert 97; Robert Chambless 145b; Ted Mercer 131t.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class together leading 399b and 422. Leaders: Matt Hinton 365; Bentley McGuire 95; Justin Squizzero 444; Jeff Sheppard 128; Kathy Williams 547; Tony Hammock 135; Joanna Lampert 384.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led 46 as the closing song. Ed Thacker dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 1

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 171; Carlene Griffin 181; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 348b; Judy Chambless 274t, 34t; Danny Griffin 569b (in memory of Gladys McGraw); Pearl Guier 32t, 45t; Karen Rollins 178; Phillip Langley and Christian Thompson 385b, 222; Nancy Newell 155, 156; Robert Kelly 131t, 131b; Helen Brown 214, 278t; John Plunkett 558.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class together leading 389. Leaders: Laura Akerman 362, 568; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 67; Mildred Patterson 89; Mary F. Smith, Teenie Moody, and Bernice Harper 317; Lela Crowder 370; B.M. Smith 72b, 68b (in memory of Myrtle Smith); Nathan Rees 482, 476.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Kathy Williams. Charlene Wallace and Richard DeLong led 146 in memory of the following deceased: Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Reby Stanford, Elder Homer Benefield, Loy Garrison, Joel Patterson, Myrtle Smith, Muriel Morgan, Bunk Robinson, Dorothy Wright, Clyde Wolverton, and Hilde Wolverton—Georgia; B.J. Harris, Gertrude Norton, Edith Tate, Amanda Denson, Milton Oliver, LaRue Allen, Corrine Laminack-Alabama; E.D. Nelson-New Jersey; Minja Lausevic-Massachusetts; Peter Hampson-United Kingdom.

John Plunkett led 544 and Kathy Williams led 330b for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Katherine Benefield, Frank Block, Stan Shaw, Bobby H. Burkett, Lee Rogers, Earl Rollins, Debra Rollins, Bob Hambourger, Irvin Lodemia Terrell, and Jennifer Lampert. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Bob Goodman 99; Erica Hinton 448b; Malinda Snow 542; David Richardson 539, 345b; Leslie Alperin 228, 313b; Ted Brown 101t, 81t; Andy Anderson 343.

LUNCH

Tommy McGraw called the class together leading 138t and 282. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 186; Eddie Huckaby 61, 209; Justin Squizzero 216, 385t; Joanna Lampert 564, 560; Jenna Frey 46; Russ Hanson 387; Sheri Taylor 148; Jeannette DePoy 112; Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 401; Bentley McGuire 316, 224; Martha Ann Stegar 63, 268; Ted Mercer 468, 36t; Joe Todd 106, 58; Eric Robinson 128, 288; Mike Spencer 463.

RECESS

Judy Henry called the class together leading 283. Leaders: Tony Hammock 303, 324; Beth Todd 501, 373; Oscar McGuire 229; Richard DeLong 82t, 410t, 516.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Kirby Patterson led 62 as the closing song. Elder Kirby Patterson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry

**FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
(IN MEMORY OF SHERRY GUTHERY)
Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, June 1, 2008**

The annual Sherry Guthery Memorial singing met at Fellowship Church in Cullman County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by John Merritt. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Elizabeth Keeton.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 100; Henry Guthery III 530, 456; Travis Keeton 343, 129; Judy Caudle 85, 301 (by request and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ware); Jimmie Gilmore 68b, 276; Bea Carnathan 205, 568; John Merritt 65 (in memory of Amanda Denson), 271t; Corene White 171, 97; Don Robertson 151, 540; Arthur Gilmore 30t, 30b; Linton Ballinger 285t, 385t; Bridgett Hill 277, 384.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Henry Guthery III leading 542. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 168, 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Marlin Beasley 283 (in memory of W.G. McGough), 105 (in memory of Tom Ware); Stella Pratt and Don Robertson 137, 63; Leona Haynes 146, 196; Billy Williams 445, 448b; Sonya Sipe and Beth Ann Clay 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 150.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading “Higher Ground”. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 147t, 480; Lisa Geist 269, 327; Brenda Merritt 142, 430; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 145t, 163b, 86; Ken Tate 512 (for Harrison Creel), 389 (in memory of Edith Tate); Larry Ballinger 98, 76t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 527. Leaders: Jennifer Allred Lee and Rachel Allred 383, 440; Anne Chalker 235, 143; Josh Keeton 189, 408; Geraldine Sharpton 229, 347 (in memory of Bill Price); Carolyn Thompson 74t, 550; Richard Mauldin 36b; Richard Mauldin and John Merritt 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin and for John Merritt’s mother); Emily Thompson 178, 128; Steve Adams and Rachel Allred 309, 401; Josie Hyde 39b, 507; J.C. Rutledge 99, 87; Kermit Adams 426t, 424; Seth Allred 433, 39t; Susan Allred 183, 378b; Lena Keeton 425 (in memory of Lora Keeton), 270; Ken Tate 294 (by request), 220.

Following announcements, Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
Sunday, June 1, 2008

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Liberty Church was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 144. The morning prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Norma Green; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 32t; David Ivey 349; Rodney Ivey 421; Norma Green 43; Michael Thompson 61; Laura Clawson 274t; Eddie Mash 99; Joyce Walton 205; Lomax Ballinger 277; Betty Wright 347; Ed Thacker 538; Anne Heider 273; Rex Wilks 47b; Sally House 503; Jarrod George 74b; Loretta Smith 68b; S.T. Reed 312t; Eloise Wootten 426b; Barrett Patton 36b; Jessica Finley 430; Louis Hughes 345t; Sharon DuPriest 318; David Light and Sandra Light 200; Jordan-Leigh Taylor 76b; Scott Curran 475; Kelly House 192; Hobert Ivey and Linda Thomas 47t; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Joyce Whittington 48t; Steve Warner 168.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 517 (WB), 540 (CB), 572 (CB), and 45t.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class back together leading 64. Leaders: Mike Dunn 186; Daphene Causey 336; Dennis George 440; Emily Creel 532; Jared Wootten and Lorrice Wootten 441; Ramona Light and Sandra Light 172; Marlon Wootten 176b; Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 128; Aaron Little 313t; Sylvia Ivey and Hayden Wootten 448b; Jackson Harcrow 448t; Elene Stovall 492; Stuart Ivey 351; Karen Freund 378b; Jason Wilks and Maggie Wilks 145b; Donna Wootten 314; Phil Summerlin 350; Rachel Shaver 155; Drew Smith 129. Tony Ivey offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 411. Leaders: Reba Windom 542 (in memory of the Lacy family); Tony Ivey 96; Mark Carroll 384; Nathan Swede 337; Susan Harcrow 328; Alex Craig, Zach Craig, Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, and Gavin Maxwell 421; Nate Green 549 (in memory of his father, Chester Green and uncle, George Phillips); Karen Ivey 454; Henry Johnson 88t; Gail Doss 400; Loyd Ivey 340; Cassie Allen 419; Jerry Enright 77t; Jackie Tanner 73t; Coy Ivey and the Ivey first cousins 491 (WB), 486 (WB); Marty Wootten 559 (CB); Tim Travis and Karen Travis 39t; Scott Ivey 434; Bud Oliver 270; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Marion Biddle, Doug Ivey, Candace Sisemore, Adam Biddle, Martha Underwood, Lilly Underwood, Lindsay Bethune, Mollie Ivey, and Megan Simmons 505 (CB) (in memory of Ester Ivey); Cindy Tanner 182; Jeanette Mosteller and Olivia Moore 171; Sandy Ivey and Megan Simmons 345b; Blake Sisemore 30b; Syble Adams and Rhonda Arnold 571 (CB); J.P. Shavers 59; Verlon Stiefel and Charles Stiefel 572 (CB); Richard Ivey 215.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, David Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Hobert Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Ben Barrentine.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Norma Green

IOWA ALL DAY SINGING
Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa
Saturday, June 7, 2008

The 7th session of the Iowa All Day Singing (formerly known as the Maquoketa River Singing) was held on June 7, 2008, at Berwick Congregational Church in Berwick, Iowa. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Annie Grieshop leading 99. Sharla Hulsey offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bryan Davis 33b; Bonnie Davis 31b; Michael Moore 299; Louise Tenenbaum 146; Charles Wells 503; Stephen Schmidgall 369; Melanie Hauff 277; Sharla Hulsey 86; Eleanor Haase 84; Jim Pfau 171; Colette Miller 348b; Karen Swenson 203; Judy Hauff 47b; Francis Gurtz 481; Matt Wells 456; Denise Kania 217.

RECESS

Annie Grieshop brought the class back together leading 82t. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 156; Charlotte Baldwin 77t; Lara Andersen 32t; Jim Solheim “Nebraska”; Stephen Conte 27; Eric Saylor 479; James Page 272; Michael Moore 232; Melanie Hauff 271t; Sharla Hulsey 40; Louise Tenenbaum 143; Eleanor Haase 454; Jim Pfau 300; Colette Miller 368; Matt Wells 504; Karen Swenson 174; Judy Hauff 215. Sharla Hulsey offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Annie Grieshop called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Denise Kania 114; Charles Wells 546; Francis Gurtz 550; Charlotte Baldwin 42; Jim Solheim 313b; Annie Grieshop 269; James Page “Maquoketa New”; Stephen Conte 296. The memorial lesson for the sick and shut-ins was conducted by Bonnie Davis, who led 72b after reading the following names: Eleanor Phillips, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Dick Dunagan, Peg Pearson, Deb Kaye, Cindy Kisse, Tom Obert, and Sarah Hesnard.

Sharla Hulsey presented the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Robert Eifler—Nevada; William Bryan, Esther Elizabeth Pepin, Effie Marsh, Ben Meeks, and Thomas D. Lewis—Iowa; Margaret (no last name given)—California; Orrin (Bud) Sebby, Stewart Thompson, Myrtle Thompson, and Martin Lakomiak—Illinois; Val Dunagan’s brother—Pennsylvania; Jonathon Page—Vermont; LaRue Allen and Amanda Denson—Alabama. Sharla Hulsey led 510 to close the lesson. Leaders: Michael Moore 487; Eric Saylor 444; Annie Grieshop 344.

RECESS

Annie Grieshop brought the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 496; Melanie Hauff 216; Bonnie Davis 30t; Eleanor Haase 312b; Sharla Hulsey 189; James Page 188; Annie Grieshop 117; Jim Pfau 480; Louis Tenenbaum 178; Colette Miller 436; Matt Wells 163t; Karen Swenson 475; Judy Hauff 250; Denise Kania 542; Charles Wells 45t; Francis Gurtz 500; Charlotte Baldwin 442; Jim Solheim 192; Stephen Conte 324; Eric Saylor 209.

After announcements, Annie Grieshop led 347, and Sharla Hulsey offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Annie Grieshop; Vice Chairperson—Bryan Davis; Secretary—Shirley Sprague

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York
Saturday, June 7, 2008

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Joanne Fuller leading 52t. Jean Seiler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—George Seiler.

Leaders: Joanne Fuller 131b; Jean Seiler 72b, 82t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 129, 36b; George Seiler 31t, 503; Crystal Burnham 117, 134; Michael Ryan 47b, 86; Anna Hendrick 421, 319; Patricia Geritz 34b, 479; Lauren Bock 186, 306.

RECESS

Jennie Brown called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Fred Henson 63, 268; Lucy Roberts 278b, 47t; Barbara Swetman 567, 168; Judith Parker 49b, 53; Sheila Kelley 67, 474; Molly Merrett 144, 277; Carole Dempsey 65, 142; Terry Ryan 148, 38t.

RECESS

Dan Hertzler called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: John Holbrook 339, 347; Becky Wright 327, 547; Margaret Bornick 70t, 454; Alexander Jones and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 203, 324; Liz Cantrell 384, 102; George Seiler 68b; Chuck McCallum 56b, 178; Stephen Hoyt 323b, 122; Leonard Spencer 260, 218. George Seiler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock called the afternoon session to order leading 87. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 137, 282; Lynne Hoyt 314, 378b; Rosalie Elkinton 89, 542; Kelsey Sunderland 29t, 419; Dan Hertzler 269, 270; Joanna Lampert 564, 411; Lynne deBenedette 283, 455; Aldo Ceresa 220, 284; Jennie Brown 145t, 466; Justin Squizzero 36t, 316; Linda Shea 300, 302; Laura Timmerman 448t, 440; Anna Hendrick 217.

RECESS

Jean Seiler and George Seiler called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Terry Ryan 475; Lynne Hoyt 515; Liz Cantrell and Lynne deBenedette 37b; Nick Kinsey and Lauren Bock 348b; Carole Dempsey, Rosalie Elkinton, and Dan Hertzler 528; Molly Merrett 162; Joanna Lampert and Justin Squizzero 349; Jennie Brown and Becky Wright 504; Margaret Bornick, Fred Henson, Dennis Leipold, and Barbara Swetman 497; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 447; Sheila Kelley and Linda Shea 335; Lauren Bock and Kelsey Sunderland 456; Lucy Roberts 163t; Judith Parker and Linda Shea 128; John Holbrook and Laura Timmerman 145b; Patricia Geritz and Michael Ryan 163b; Crystal Burnham, Joanne Fuller, and Pam Regan 111b.

Joanne Fuller, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and George Seiler led 62 as the closing song and those who wished took the parting hand. Jean Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—George Seiler

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

June 7-8, 2008

Saturday, June 7

The 62nd annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 87 and 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 101t; Nate Green 61; Bob Watkins 512, 460; Willie Mae Moon 441, 112; Douglas Conn 430, 434; Robert Walker 99, 480; Margie Smith 499, 494; S.T. Reed 393, 303; Ed Thacker 41, 498; Sharon DuPriest 172, 186.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together leading 144. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah Gilmore and Paula Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Bob Watkins.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; Henry Johnson 435; Kristie Harju 328; Connie Stanton 318; Marie Brandis 142; Jessica Beer 36b; Chris Cotter 189; Bridget Hill 422; Ted Brown 378t; William Shetter 228; Judy Caudle 336; Velton Chafin 419; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 270 (for James Cain); Wayne Dell 49b; Louis Hughes 378b; Helen Brown 542; B.M. Smith 73t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Philip Gilmore leading 411. Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 324; Darrell Swarens 335; Stella Pratt 487; Linda Thomas and Chris Green 358 (for Myrtle Phillips); Amber Davis, Carson Davis, and April Watkins 192; Calvin Phillips 59; John Plunkett 279; Stanley Smith 546; Joyce Walton 456; Katrina Holmes 137; Marlin Beasley 283; Sandie Scott 396; Ben Faucher 317; Loyd Ivey 384; Michael Thompson 380.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading 166. Leaders: Chris Green 388; Katherine Eldridge 354b; David Carlton 474; Jason Kirby 72b; Don Robertson 182; Tommie Spurlock 475; Stephanie Fida 344; Ernestine Pipkin 110; J.L. Hopper 534; Pinina Kane 128; Eddie Mash 234; B.J. Green 45t; Leona Haynes 277; Betty Wright 569b; Tim Jones 63; Norma Green 373; Margaret Spurlock 108b; James Eldridge 40; Vella Dailey 452; Judy Caudle 276; Daphene Causey 369; J.L. Hopper 245.

Terry Hullett led 47b as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 8

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 122; Nate Green 354t, 56t; Bob Watkins 56b, 313t; Jewel Wootten 37b, 103; Willie Mae Moon 283, 337; Judy Caudle 322, 389; Jarrod George 63, 59; Stella Pratt 480, 100; Bud Oliver 73t, 30t; Philip Gilmore 39t, 48t; Doyle Alexander 68b, 146; Genora Whitworth 338, 143.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together leading 186. Leaders: Paula Gilmore 145b, 144; Benjamin Bath 411, 428; Ed Thacker 432, 486; Don Robertson 151, 540; Henry Johnson 138t, 409; Kyle Blakely and Katie Blakely 81t, 77t; Norma Green 176b, 418; Leona Haynes 571 (CB), 354b; Aaron Wootten 203, 101t; Don Clark 174, 24b; Jordan Ratliff 345b; Buell Cobb 105, 131b; Marty Wootten 30b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore. Philip Gilmore read James 4:14, then both led 348b. Philip Gilmore led 316 in memory of the following deceased: Milton Oliver, Herby Bailey, Amanda Denson, Myrtle Phillips, LaRue Allen, Raymond Moody, Zella Mae Moody, Ralph Whited, and Imogene Whited.

Jordan Ratliff sang “Beulah Land” for the following sick and shut-ins: Pearl Galbreath, Harrison Creel, James Cain, and Willard Wright. Elder Philip Gilmore offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 129. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176t, 142; Dewayne Wootten 441; Chita Blakely 189; Jared Wootten 460; Jason Kirby 388; Terry Wootten 155, 383; Donna Wootten 106; Rodney Ivey 209;

Pam Green 274t; Shane Wootten 201, 200; Ben Faucher 235; Chris Green 438, 204; Karen Clark 162, 387; Grace Gilmore 317; Jimmy Wadsworth 358; Terry Hullett 559 (CB), 501 (CB).

Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Nate Green led 62 as the closing song. Dewayne Wootten dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah Gilmore and Paula Gilmore

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, June 8, 2008

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing was brought to order by Joan Aldridge leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Amber Davis; and Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

Leaders: Elene Stovall 436 (in memory of Marie Aldridge, D.M. Aldridge, and Fred Killingsworth, Jr.); Carolyn Thompson 444; Amber Davis 440; Chris Cotter 183; Marie Brandis 448t; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, and Ashley Keeton 504, 86; Sarah Smith 146; William Shetter 82t; Jessica Beer 434; Clarence McCool 439; Bridgett Hill 302; James Eldridge 186; Kristie Harju 56b; Leon Ballinger 327; Lena Keeton 480; Bob Meek 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Connie Stanton 171; Lisa Geist 344; Ken Tate 166; Katherine Eldridge 85; Darrell Swarens 198 (in memory of Robert Aldridge and D.M. Aldridge); Josie Hyde 442, 507; Gary Smith 66 (in memory of Delores Beasley); Rebecca Eldridge 203.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elene Stovall leading 192. Leaders: Wayne Dell 277; Virginia Eldridge 180; Chris Ballinger 350; Lucy Heidorn 155; Andrew Farris 503; Stephanie Fida 288; Henry Guthery 431; Ashley Keeton 475; Adrian Eldridge 319; Marlin Beasley 348b (in memory of Lenora Beasley); Steve Helwig 157; Harrison Creel 512; Larry Ballinger 224; Steve Adams 309; Travis Keeton 400; Gravis Ballinger 112; Danny Creel 269 (in memory of Teddy Creel, Edith Tate, and Flarce Creel). The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Randall Nichols.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Carolyn Thompson leading 485. Leaders: Eddie Mash 556; Kermit Adams 39b; Earl Ballinger 162; Don Keeton 454; Chuck Howell 182; Stevie Rutledge 294; Allison Davis 542; Shirley McCoy 217; Elene Stovall, Fred Killingsworth, and Kenny Burkett 457, 146 (in memory of Fred Killingsworth, Jr.); Connie Stanton 496; Marie Brandis and Jessica Beer 456; Chris Cotter 472; Rebecca Eldridge 110; William Shetter 178; Kristie Harju 106; Katherine Eldridge 117; Darrell Swarens 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Stephanie Fida 196; Wayne Dell 47b; James Eldridge 383; Bob Meek 270; Virginia Eldridge 569b; Steve Helwig and Kristie Harju 156; Adrian Eldridge 124; Leon Ballinger 280; Eddie Mash 168; Don Keeton 384.

Joan Aldridge expressed thanks and appreciation to everyone who had helped to make the singing a success and recognized singers from the following states: Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota, Oregon, Illinois, and Mississippi. She then led 358 (by request).

Following announcements, Joan Aldridge and Elene Stovall led 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed in prayer offered by Adrian Eldridge. Chairperson—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING SINGING **Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 8, 2008**

The 140th annual session of the Alpharetta Municipal Building singing was held on the second Sunday in June in the Performing Arts Center of Old Milton High School. Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 101t and 82t. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 491; John Plunkett 81t; Helen Bryson 176t; Janice Paulk 75; Andy Anderson 31b; Faye Holbrook 67; Reuben Ball 497; Martha Ann Stegar 84; John Hollingsworth 109; Rachel Carlisle 137; Mike Castleberry 344; Stephanie Tingle 77b; Scott DePoy 457; Vaudie Sherer 345t; Cathy White 159; Shannon Primm 147t; Tony Hammock 383; Erica Hinton 33b; Susan Posey 496.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 175.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve for the following year: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Janice Paulk and Mike Castleberry; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 110; Lela Crowder 186; Robert Kelly 169; Judy Mincey 306 (for David McGukin); Malinda Snow 57; Ted Brown 569t; Faye Hollis 299; Bentley McGuire 500; Matt Hinton 503; Charlene Wallace 428; Oscar McGuire 276; Jeannette DePoy 567; Jonathan Smith 465; Joyce Walton 434; Violet Thomason 112.

LUNCH

Janice Paulk called the class to order leading 448b. Leaders: Nathan Rees 530; Helen Brown 192; Jack Paulk 565b; Karen Ivey 217; Mike Thompson 269; David Ivey 527; Andy Morse 540; Sandra Wilkinson 394; Valerie Francis 323b; Patrick Barthus 198; Reuben Ball 318; Faye Holbrook 380; Andy Anderson 28b; Rachel Carlisle 145t; Becky Allmon 170; Helen Bryson 365; Ted Brown and Helen Brown 77t; Joyce Walton 454; Violet Thomason 189.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy saying, “As we sing, we remember those we’ve lost”. She led 65 for the following deceased: Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Homer Benefield, Kenneth Walton, Asbury Walton, Muriel “Clead” Morgan, Felton Denney, Ruth Wills, Myrtle Smith, Amanda Denson-Brady, B.J. Harris, and Corrine Laminack.

Judy Mincey spoke and led 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: Gertrude DeLong, Frank Block, David McGukin, Lee Rogers, and Dot Garrison.

Richard DeLong led 403 for all those families who’ve kept singing going throughout the years. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Plunkett.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order leading 460. Leaders: Bentley McGuire 316; Mike Thompson 271t; Robert Kelly 562; Erica Hinton 225t; Nathan Rees 231; Jonathan Smith 142; Helen Brown 267; Lela Crowder 138t; Oscar McGuire and Faye Hollis 340; Shannon Primm and Stephanie Tingle 155; Martha Ann Stegar and Malinda Snow 146; Matt Hinton and Tony Hammock 212.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 341 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Janice Paulk and Mike Castleberry; Secretary—Helen Bryson

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

June 12-14, 2008

Thursday, June 12

The 29th session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Gaston White 99; Hubert Nall 47t; Buell Cobb 77b; Kathy Williams 107; Jim Helke 378t; James Watson 480; Sandie Scott 472; John Redman 236; Cheryl Foreman 492; Leon Ballinger 490; Ginnie Ely 228; Marlin Beasley 336; Elene Stovall 436; Robert Stoddard 171; Henry Guthery 549; Ruth Wyers 87; Jesse Roberts 260.

RECESS

Sharona Nelson brought the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Mike Hinton 527; Earl Ballinger 80b; Bea Carnathan 568; Natalie Davis 345t; Micah Roberts 119; Connie Stanton 441; Michael Walker 377; Uel Freeman 388; Floy Wilder 293; Susan Zurcher 163b; David Ivey 329; Anne Chalker 146; Philip Denney 84; Vernell Amason 143; Lou Cotney 218.

RECESS

Kathy Williams reconvened the class leading 108t. Leaders: Steve Helwig 168; Julietta Haynes 192; J.L. Hopper 187; Helen Brown 411; Eugene Forbes 299; Rexanna Lester 155; Larry Ballinger 540; Emily Jones 82t.

A business session was called with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Gaston White, Hubert Nall, and Buell Cobb; Secretaries—Kathy Williams and Cheryl Foreman; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee—Sandie Scott, Helen Brown, Ian West, and Elizabeth Stoddard; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Sharona Nelson. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 419; Karen Rollins 327; Bufrey Dean 47b; Randy Webber 38b; Rosalind Oldham 503. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Elder Bufrey Dean.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 101t. Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 75; Karen Roberts 496; John Plunkett 69b; Sue Bunch 448t; Margaret Gillanders 142; Gene Pinion 565; Pat Temple 72b; Lena Keeton 88t; Mike McNeil 282; Sharona Nelson 36b; Ted Brown 339; Richard Mauldin 358; Mary Wright 35; Charles McCravy 204; Coy Ivey 222; Rindy Jones 68b; Nancy Van Den Akker 394; Ian West 182; Jean Gray 63; Bobette Olson 102; Judy Chambless 28t.

RECESS

Ginnie Ely brought the class back together leading 313t. Leaders: Kevin Dyess 45t; Tom Gray 159; Elizabeth Stoddard 481; Lewis Oswalt 178; Kathryn Eastburn 128; Steve Lazicki 74b.

Mark Davis, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall led 570 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Friday, June 13

Friday's session of the Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Gaston White 186; Hubert Nall 412; Kathy Williams 437; Cheryl Foreman 475; Cricket Campbell 376; Ila Ingle 436; Richard DeLong 271t; Daphene Causey 222; Caleb Dillehay 298; Beth Branscome 228; Julie McNeil 319; Warren Steel 296; Laura Lee Earles 277; Amber Davis 142; Bobby Watkins 383; Joyce Walton 269; Arlon Gardner 448t; Nell Estes 560.

RECESS

Buell Cobb reconvened the class leading 409. Leaders: Becky Briggs 145t; Micah Roberts 354b; Henry Johnson 230; Carolyn Bonifay 234; Judy Caudle 522; Nathan Rees 227; Louis Hughes 138t; Nathan Zweig 445; Sarah Smith 340; Eric Tweedy 327; Rodney Ivey 411; Richard Schmeidler 254; Lee Rogers 352; Kathy Folsom 218; Kathy Robinson 192; Benjamin Bath 428.

RECESS

Ted Brown and Helen Brown brought the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 225t; Philippa Stoddard 474; Mary Whitehurst 66; Jonathan Smith 500; Lee Bradley 40; Satya Stark-Bejnar 128; Gary Smith 565; Frank Strickland 480; John Etheridge 426; Judy Mincey 464. Prayer was offered by Pastor Ed Spencer.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the afternoon session to order leading 73t. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 438; Walter S. Hartley 92; Edna Phillips 236; Russ Brand 406; Lela Crowder 138t; Tor Bejnar 551; Tim Reynolds 547; Bridgett Hill 168; Sheila Cotney 358; Matt Hinton 29b; Malik Williams 37b; Linda Thomas 391; Dorothea McCowan 442; David Carlton 504; Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 274t; Ann Ballard 512; Louise Holland 139.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Robert Stoddard leading 29t. Leaders: David Ivey 272; Don Keeton 454; Julietta Haynes 200; Eugene Forbes 457; Uel Freeman 64; Ellen Gwynn and Beverly Dayton 347; Morgan Bunch 456; John Plunkett 458, 137; Randy Webber 523; Gene Pinion 375; Sue Bunch 68b; Lena Keeton 546; Mike Hinton and Anne Chalker 434; Marlon Beasley 498.

The officers led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Elder Jesse Roberts.

Saturday, June 14

Saturday's session opened with Mark Davis leading 297. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Ed Spencer.

Leaders: Gaston White 485; Hubert Nall 84; Buell Cobb 207; Kathy Williams 455; Cheryl Foreman 344; Jesse Roberts 306; Robert DuPree 569b; Joan Aldridge 228; Jo Dell Albi 375; Phil Summerlin 112; Bill Hogan 448t; Rosalind Oldham 127; Harry Eskew 128; Patty Davis 117; Tim Reynolds 50t; Walter Hartley 300; Helen Brown 430; Julietta Haynes 216; Carroll Lunsford 556; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 318.

RECESS

Sandie Scott and Jim Helke reconvened the group leading 282. Leaders: Daryl Chesney 283; John Redman 507; Seth Holloway 388; Margaret Gillanders 73b; Toney Smith 475; Daphene Causey 304; Mike McNeil 384; Joyce Walton 434; Karen Clark 464; Philippa Stoddard 203; Cate Gray and Madelyn Freeman 354b; Micah Roberts 389; Natalie Davis 79; Cheyenne Ivey 101t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton and Sharona Nelson. Sharona Nelson led 378b for the sick and shut-ins.

Mike Hinton spoke, then read the list of deceased as follows: Brenda Beckett Dean, M.B. Forbes, Dick Mauldin, Bill Price, LaRue Allen, Edith Tate, Ruth Seaman, Mamie Harper Noles, Amanda Denson Brady, William O. Nall, Elder Garnsey

McGough, Delores Cobb Beasley, Keith Blayney, Milton Oliver, Wilton Donaldson, Sam Jones, Herby Bailey—Alabama; Theodore Kang Eastburn—Colorado; Ed Nelson—Delaware; Felton Denney, Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Elder Homer Benefield, Joe Gore, Wayne Faircloth, Myrtle Smith—Georgia; LaQuita Keeton—Illinois; Hugh McElrath—Kentucky; Bonnie Rogers—Massachusetts; Phyllis Bath, Rosie Shinos—Maine; Jeannette Lowry—Missouri; Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Alex Menella, Dorthy VonArx Mount—New York; James Imms—Pennsylvania; Marsh Williams, Howard Frost—Tennessee; Theodore Albert Waterman, Kimberly Carpenter—Texas; Roy West, Peter Hampson—United Kingdom. Ginnie Ely led 122 in memory of those who have passed away in the last year. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Ted Brown 74b; Rindy Jones 59; Duane Chesney 155; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 39b; Ian West 270; Mary Whitehurst 32t; Michael Walker 31t; Charles McCravy 145t; Nancy Van Den Akker 50b; Jean Gray 268; Judy Chambless 159; Ross Brand 179; Tom Gray 136; Kathryn Eastburn 99. The blessing for lunch was returned by Henry Johnson.

LUNCH

James Wagner brought the class together leading 504. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 280; Steve Lazicki 34b; Connie Stanton 479; Nathan Rees 373; Richard Schmeidler 543; Lee Rogers 196; Benjamin Bath 542; Susan Zurcher 313b; Junie McNeil 176t; Jonathon Smith 224; Bobette Olson 410t; Robert Chambless 523; Laura Lee Earles 278t; Randy Webber 107; Louise Holland 273; Arlon Gardner 201; Eric Tweedy 86; Warren Steel 214.

The Convention was called into business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the Convention for donations sufficient to cover expenses.

The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who worked to make the Convention a success, including a special thanks to the pastors of First Christian Church, Ed Spencer and Mary Pat Spencer, for their enthusiastic reception of the National Convention.

The secretary reported that 623 people from 23 states and the United Kingdom registered during the Convention. The number of people registered by state or country follows: Alabama—486; Georgia—29; Tennessee—19; Mississippi—16; Florida—12; Massachusetts—8; Texas—6; United Kingdom—6; Illinois—5; South Carolina—5; North Carolina—4; California—4; Ohio—3; Oregon—2; Louisiana—2; Virginia—2; Colorado—2; Arkansas—2; Kentucky—2; Indiana—2; New Jersey—1; Pennsylvania—1; New York—1; Maryland—1; Missouri—1. Over the three days, 150 leaders led 244 songs. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports, and the business session adjourned.

Leaders: Beth Branscome 47t; Carolyn Thompson 183; Mary Wright 312t; Henry Johnson 176b; Pat Temple 566; Linda Thomas 217; Mark Davis 388; Richard DeLong 395; Ila Ingle 530; Elene Stovall 440; Bea Carnathan 100; Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill 411; Bobby Watkins 376; The Beasley Family 274t.

Mark Davis, Buell Cobb, Hubert Nall, Gaston White, Jesse Roberts, Cheryl Foreman, and Kathy Williams led 62 as the traditional closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Hubert Nall, and Gaston White; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL
Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama
Saturday, June 14, 2008

The annual Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel in Cullman County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 155. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Danny Creel 42; Emily Creel 217; Bob Simmons 313t; Travis Keeton 340; Corene White 37b; Velton Chafin 494; Lena Keeton 200; Billy Williams 28b; Bailey Jett 31b; Butch White 178; Marlin Beasley 371; Rachel Allred 389; Leon Ballinger 460; Anne Chalker 146; John Merritt 354t; Caleb Allred 47b; Lucy Marie Heidorn 40.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order leading 275b. Leaders: Elsie Moon 456; Susan Allred 182; Ron Harper 121; Amber Davis 187; Oleta Stewart 405; Lela Crowder 100; Eugene Forbes 186; Don Keeton 290; Juanita Beasley 61; Henry Guthery 97; Brenda Merritt 436; Will Allred 503; Kate Merritt 171; Ann Jett 108b; Larry Ballinger 139; Jennifer Allred Lee 192; Ken Tate 220; Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin, Marie Guthrie and Wilton Donaldson); Cassie Allen and Harrison Creel 512; Jennifer Mosteller and Cassie Allen 457; Josie Hyde 55; Wanda Capps 298.

LUNCH

Danny Creel brought the class back in session by leading 147b and 147t. Leaders: Bob Simmons 66; Lela Crowder 391; Leon Ballinger 195; Ron Harper 203; Kate Merritt, John Merritt, and Richard Mauldin 358; John Merritt and Kate Merritt 294 (by request); Cindy Tanner 498, 198; Don Keeton 317; Brenda Merritt 430; Josie Hyde 507 (by request); Emily Creel 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Anne Chalker 235; Caleb Allred and Brenda Merritt 448t; Lena Keeton and Don Keeton 497; Rachel Allred 477 (by request, and for Jackie Tanner); Marlin Beasley 176t; Butch White 31t; Travis Keeton 441; Richard Mauldin and Anne Chalker 312b; Ken Tate 278t; Harrison Creel, Ann Jett, Danny Creel, and Cindy Tanner 342; Jennifer Mosteller and Lela Crowder 282; Billy Williams 143 (for Charlotte McCarn).

Announcements were made. Danny Creel and Harrison Creel led 56t as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

EXETER ALL DAY SINGING
Douglassville, Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 14, 2008

Elizabeth Stokes opened the annual Sacred Harp singing at the Exeter Friends Meetinghouse leading 99. Cindy Wasson offered the opening prayer. Opening announcements were made.

Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 32t; Anna Mays 192; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 100; Ted Stokes 200; Mary Julia Street 171; Rebecca Mays 56t; Dan Hunter 76b; Steven Hoyt 497; Cindy Wasson 36b; Guy Bankes 350; Molly Sayvetz 299; Sarah Allard 47b; G.C. Waldrep 306; Crystal Burnham 39t; Greg Mulkern 399b; Becky Wright

85; Laura Densmore 383; Peter Golden 129; Kelly Macklin 466; Lauren Bock 432; Kim Moreno 426b; Ina Shea 272; Barbara Hohenstein 452; Margaret Welsh 155; Lamar Matthew 35; Ruth Wampler 319; Lynne Hoyt 235; Terry Ryan 358.

RECESS

G.C. Waldrep called the class together by leading 81. Leaders: David Graff 38b; Nancy Katzen 472; Tom Tucker 430; Heather Batson 117; Diane Menella 318; Steve Helwig 71; Leyland delRe 500; Aldo Ceresa 550; Jane Spencer 131b; Carly Goss 182; Gabriel Kastle 61; Jennie Brown 548; John delRe 460; Rachel Speer 340; Kelsey Sunderland 157; Ginny Landgraf 505; Kevin Griffin Moreno 189; Dean Jens 280; Claire Simon 270; Frederick Steinruck 236; McKenzie Steinruck 59. Steven Hoyt offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Oliver Kindig-Stokes brought the afternoon session to order by leading 105. Leaders: Laura Densmore 101b; Peter Golden 37b; John delRe 68t; Jennie Brown 224; Greg Mulkern 197; Kelly Macklin 468; Kelsey Sunderland 522; Carly Goss 442; Diane Menella 512; Rachel Speer 298; Aldo Ceresa 532; Steve Helwig 215; Jane Spencer 278t; Lauren Bock 324; Kim Moreno 196; Ginny Landgraf 547; Leyland delRe 440; Dean Jens 441; Kevin Griffin Moreno 436; Crystal Burnham 240; Gabriel Kastle 355; Becky Wright 217; Guy Bankes 569t; Clair Simon 504; Terry Ryan 344; Kiriko Brindley 159; Jordan Steinruck 312b; Ina Shea 410t.

RECESS

Barbara Hohenstein called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Rebecca Mays 311; Elizabeth Stokes 328; Lamar Matthew 569b; Anna Mays 434; Tom Stokes 300; Cindy Wasson 77t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; Tom Tucker 112; Molly Sayvets 34b; Wing Mui 107; Margaret Welsh 30b; David Graff 49b; Nancy Katzen 63; Ted Stokes 69t; Dan Hunter 58; Heather Batson 163b; Mary Julia Street 546; Aldo Ceresa, Greg Mulkern, and Lauren Bock 480; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 216; Ginny Landgraf and Steve Helwig 411; Kevin Moreno, Rachel Speer, Carly Goss, and Dean Jens 542; Kelsey Sunderland, Becky Wright, and Jennie Brown 142; Peter Golden, John delRe, and Leyland delRe 564.

After final announcements, Elizabeth Stokes led 62 as the closing song. Cindy Wasson offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Elizabeth Stokes; Secretary—Tom Tucker

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 15, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Dennis George leading 82t and 59. The opening prayer was offered by S.T. Reed.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan.

Leaders: Tom George 155, 480; Sandra Jordan 45t, 145b; Henry Johnson 230, 288; S.T. Reed 289, 42 (for Bud Oliver); Bridgett Hill 549, 290; Shane Wootten 400, 131b; Rodney Ivey 512, 48t; Bobette Olson 146, 159; Susan Zurcher 68b, 99; David Ivey 458, 375; Susan Harcrow 215, 430; Karen Ivey 172, 328.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading 90. Leaders: Pat Temple 195, 34b; Mary Wright 148, 510; Connie Stanton 66, 497; Joyce Whittington, Verlon Stiefel, and Mary Ruth Stiefel 76b, 515, 406; Joan Aldridge 270 (for Bud Oliver), 523; Betty Shepherd 378t, 101t; Benjamin Bath and Sara Lynch 38b, 142, 129; Judy Caudle 316, 489 (in memory of Herby Bailey); Russell Varner and Rodney Ivey 572 (CB),

518 (CB) (in memory of Carolyn Puckett). Verlon Stiefel offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Dennis George leading 87. Leaders: Joyce Walton 297, 75; Ed Thacker 530, 456; Terry Wootten 132, 374; Karen Roberts 569b; Loretta Smith 72b; Susan Zurcher 49b, 299; Charles Stiefel and Jeanette Dollar 445, 358, 376; Susan Harcrow "Sweet Beulah Land"; Alex Makris and Norma Green 283, 203; Jack Stiefel 348b, 28b; Connie Stanton 466; Pat Temple 567, 505 (CB); Mary Wright 108t, 446; Bobette Olson 189; Benjamin Bath 192; Sara Lynch 276; Bridgett Hill 349; Dan Haynes and Ruth Hancock 30b, "I Cannot Find the Way Alone".

Announcements were made. Dennis George and Tom George led 46 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING

**King School House, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Natural Bridge,
Alabama**

Sunday, June 15, 2008

The 100th 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 68b. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde and Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 235; Gary Smith 66, 565; Stella Pratt 571 (CB), 379; Richard Schmeidler 155, 475; Leona Haynes 436, 277; Kermit Adams 285t, 67; Reba Lawler 426t, 384; Don Keeton 112, 390 (in memory of his wife); Sarah Smith, Marlin Beasley, and Seth Holloway 323t, 274t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called class back to order leading 73t. Leaders: Jim Helke 141, 512; Sandie Scott 335, 408; Seth Poston 275b, 124; Caleb Dillehay 101t, 37b; Walter Hartley 178, 40; Seth Holloway 312b, 388; Leon Ballinger 268, 313b; Lena Keeton and Don Keeton 270, 454; Parnell Berry 298, 283; Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Debbie Hall, and Kathy Buchanan 333, 339, 282 (in memory of their parents and other family members).

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the class back together leading 300. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 400, 39b; Lisa Geist 171, 327; Don Robertson 172, 192; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61, 63; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 34t; Glenn Keeton 108b, 163b; Ila Ingle 500, 530; Clarence McCool 328; Joyce Hubbert and Kim Williamson 212, 480; Larry Ballinger 224; Steve Adams and Lena Keeton 30t, 100; Earl Ballinger 430; Debbie Hall 406; Faye Donaldson 371; Betty Baccus 82t, 129; Wendell Wakefield 168; Helen Langston and Debbie Hall 391; Larry Wakefield 569b; Josie Hyde 234; Walter Hartley 236; Richard Schmeidler and Julia Smith 473.

Travis Keeton led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Debbie Hall

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia** **Sunday, June 15, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Rollins leading 75. The opening prayer was offered by Hugh McGraw. Denney Rogers led 318 and Karleen Williams led 100.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Karleen Williams; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace and Lela Crowder; Memorial Committee—Paige Harrod and Kathy Williams.

Leaders: Bentley McGuire 481, 470; Stanley Edwards 335, 340; Paige Harrod 405, 112; Lela Crowder 121, 171; Matt Hinton 99, 105; Floy Wilder 382, 389; B.M. Smith 441, 222; Judy Chambless 480, 565; Oscar McGuire 229, 515; Erica Hinton 108, 209; Philip Langley 440, 30t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bentley McGuire leading 56t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 303, 84; Malinda Snow 38b, 472; Jimmie Denney 40, 313t; Eris Muse 159, 61; Sheri Taylor 155, 349; Jonathan Smith 77t, 203; JoDell Albi 35, 101b; Ian West 479, 501; Sharona Nelson 37b, 282; Nathan Rees 390, 426t; Helen Brown 220, 392; Kathy Williams 186, 208; Margaret Gillanders 503, 373; Ted Brown 569b, 496. Chuck White, the church treasurer, gave a financial report.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nathan Rees leading 72b. Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 473, 147t; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 45t; Randa Harris, Laura Robinson, Kayla McWhorter, and Barry Rollins (Lonnie Rogers's grandchildren) 143, 153; John Plunkett 41.

Paige Harrod conducted the memorial lesson. Kathy Williams led 385t for the sick and shut-ins. John Plunkett led 420 for the following deceased: Gaylon Lumsford, Loy Garrison, Myrtle Smith, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Amanda Denson Brady, Felton Smith, Betty Sue Mann, Ed Nelson, Billy Joe Harris, LaRue Allen, Jeanette Lowry, Alice Caldwell, Elder Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, Tommie Denney, Roger Kelley, Durwin Kelley, Craig Rogers, and Pauline Langley. He also led 358 for the Roger Kelley family. Cecil Roberts offered prayer to close the memorial session.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 195, 213b; Nell Estes 560, 192; Richard DeLong 109; Jean Paine 272, 513; Philip Denney 28t, 120; Mary Jo Shafer 82t, 163b; Ann Simpson 452, 445; Louise Holland 103; Charlene Wallace and Cecil Roberts 46.

Announcements were made. Karen Rollins and Bentley McGuire led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Philip Denney.

Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Karleen Williams

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, June 15, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 49t and 48t. Ken Tate offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Kathy Robinson.

Leaders: Danny Creel 49b; Elizabeth Stoddard 32t, 440; Ann Jett 37b, 47b; Henry Guthery 45t, 30t; Ginny Ely 34b, 475; Cindy Tanner 480, 546; Emily Creel 176b, 224.

RECESS

Ken Tate called the class to order by leading 75 and 47t (in memory of Edith Tate).

Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 496, 276; Wanda Capps 146, 203; Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 274t, 354b; Kathleen Robbins 434, 436; Billy Williams 89; Kathy Robinson 142, 192; Sylvia Childers 143, 59; Elizabeth Stoddard 564, 216; Ann Jett 327, 269; Henry Guthery 140, 283; Ginny Ely 313t, 137; Cindy Tanner 76b, 198; Ken Tate 565, 530; Geraldine Sharpton 186, 566.

LUNCH

Danny Creel called the class back together leading 271t. Leaders: Patti Davis 87, 117, 122; Garrett Sipe 68b, 77t; Billy Williams 28b, 78; Sylvia Childers 100, 108t; Sonya Sipe 101t, 63; Kathy Robinson 31t; Kathy Robinson and Kathleen Robbins 442; Harrison Creel 111b, 498; Emily Creel 268, 124 (by request).

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

SOUTHEAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING
Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Madisonville, Texas
Saturday, June 21, 2008

The 5th annual Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing was held at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Madisonville, Texas, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 31b. Mike Hinton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 142; Tammy Powell 178, 535; Mike Hinton 452, 339; Evelyn Lamb 541, 128; Kevin Powell 86, 430; Lindsey Wiggins 183, 455; Daniel Alcock 39t, 186; Crystal Meadows 547, 442; Robert Vaughn 522, 203; Olivia Powell 277, 168; Ines Luettgen 218, 217; Amanda Deardoff 358, 148.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order leading 147b. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 147t, 49b; Chris Nicholson 63, 163b; Catherine Hamilton 53, 503; Mike Hinton 288, 527; Evelyn Lamb 182, 436; Lindsey Wiggins 472, 546; Daniel Alcock 268, 38b; Crystal Meadows 37b, 198. Chris Nicholson offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Gaylon Powell leading 319. Leaders: Tammy Powell 276, 299; Robert Vaughn 60, 569t; Ines Luettgen 447, 480; Charles Whitmer 320, 569b; Chris Nicholson 223, 282; Kevin Powell 220, 389; Mike Hinton 61, 480; Evelyn Lamb 58, 328; Olivia Powell 454, 532; Lindsey Wiggins 107, 505.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 287 and 236. Leaders: Daniel Alcock 448t, 448b; Crystal Meadows 362; Catherine Hamilton 112; Kevin Powell 300; Robert Vaughn 196; Ines Luetgten 383; Olivia Powell 240; Charles Whittmer 521; Chris Nicholson 47t; Tammy Powell 222.

A business meeting was held. A motion was made and passed without opposition to move the singing to Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Announcements were made.

Gaylon Powell led 346 as the closing song. Gary Hamilton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Tammy Powell

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 21, 2008**

The 7th session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 59. Pastor Roger Wilson extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman and Arranging Committee—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison.

Leaders: Henry Johnson and Roger Wilson 45t; Tom George 145b; Marlon Wootten 31t; Karleen Williams 63; Karen Rollins 225t; Michael Walker 134; J.W. Oliver 39b; S.T. Reed 277; B.M. Smith 475; Loyd Ivey 337; Betty Wright 347; Alex Craig and Zach Craig 97; Brian Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, and Zach Craig 384; Robert Chambless 84; Judy Chambless 274t; Danny Arms 304; Eddie Mash 318.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Benjamin Bath 319; Mike Thompson 106; Joyce Walton 447; Ted Mercer 217; Judy Caudle 403; Mary Ruth Stiefel 280; Nate Green and Norma Green 350, 317; Charlene Wallace 365; Cassie Allen 349; Hobert Ivey 278b; Shane Wootten 546; Janice Paulk 75; Nathan Rees 422; Dennis George 530; Ron Harper 455; Rodney Ivey 373; Andy Morse 481. Ron Harper offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson called class back to order leading 166. Leaders: John Plunkett 285b; Jesse Roberts 355; Cecil P. Roberts 335; Scott DePoy 201; Jeannette DePoy 129; George W. Burnette 417; Judy Mincey 368; Mark Brown 76b; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Bridgett Hill 396; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 99; Darlene Dalton 454; Ann H. Simpson 47t; Mary Jo Shafer 503.

RECESS

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 34t; Justin Squizzero 326; Joanna Lampert 228; Shane Wootten, Alex Craig, Zach Craig, Isaac Maxwell, and Avalea Maxwell 40; Benjamin Bath 380; Joyce Walton 500; Ted Mercer 36t; Judy Mincey 474; B.M. Smith 448b; Scott DePoy and Jeanette DePoy 566; Hobert Ivey and Loyd Ivey 30b; John Plunkett 85; Judy Caudle 345b; Michael Walker 344; Eddie Mash 24b; Danny Arms 313t; Judy Mincey 47b.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison

ANNUAL OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England
Saturday, June 21, 2008

The 10th Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Edwin Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 287. Ken Baddley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam; Arranging Committee—Steve Fletcher and Nick Hall; Chaplains—Ken Baddley and Bernard Collard.

Sheila Girling Macadam conducted a brief singing school leading 49t. Leaders: Tony Singleton 49b; Ken Baddley 34b; Rachel Jordan 66; Bernard Collard 171; Linda Reed 99; Ted Brown 569b; Stephen Biggs 178; Mandy Townsend 84; Richard Percival 33b; Nick Hall 479; Dave Townsend 300; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 143; Steve Fletcher 272; Edwin Macadam 538.

RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 441; Tom Gerber 146; Rachel Jordan 474; Bernard Collard 362; Linda Reed 496; Ken Baddley 497; Stephen Biggs 276; Nick Hall 389; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 448b; Ted Brown 378; Mandy Townsend 318; Richard Percival 313b; Dave Townsend 198; Adrian Bolge 47t; Steve Fletcher 448t; Edwin Macadam 304; Tony Singleton 504 (for Jean Barton, currently in Seattle); Sheila Girling Macadam 299; Bernard Collard 454; Ted Brown 30t; Rachel Jordan 200; Stephen Biggs 288; Ken Baddley 350; Mandy Townsend 72b. Mary Bolge offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Percival leading 159. Leaders: Linda Reed 344; Nick Hall 147t; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 163b; Tom Gerber 38b.

Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, reading from Ecclesiastes 12 and leading 28t in memory of the following deceased: Joyce Leigh, Harold Morris, Robert Taylor, H el ene La Rue, Peter Hampson, Sally Buxton's Dad, John Hicks, John Hall, Beatrice Davies, and Raymond Ayres—UK; LaRue Allen and Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama.

The sick and housebound were recalled by Bernard Collard. Sheila Girling Macadam led 340 for the following: Sylvia Thomas, Ron Trippier, Rex Cousins, Gladys Buchanan, Nicola Wilson-Smith, Stan Shaw, Yvonne Blake, David Lee, and Ivy Hughes. The memorial was closed.

The class resumed singing with Dave Townsend leading 155. Leaders: James Percival 63; Adrian Bolge 156; Steve Fletcher 383; Edwin Macadam 528; Rachel Jordan 269; Tony Singleton 86; Sheila Girling Macadam 236; Ted Brown 111b; Linda Reed 515; Bernard Collard 112; Mandy Townsend 203; Ken Baddley 481; Richard Percival 48t; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 122.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Nick Hall leading 145b. Leaders: James Percival 209; Adrian Bolge 150; Dave Townsend 457; Tom Gerber 268; Steve Fletcher 274t; Bernard Collard 480; Ken Baddley 192; Rachel Jordan 107.

Announcements were made. Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone who helped in any way to make this singing possible, and led 347 as the closing song. Richard Percival offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Vice-Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 21-22, 2008

Saturday, June 21

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 46. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Roma Rice 335, 112; Dawson Adams 77t; Travis Keeton 75, 418; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Doyce Bailey 34t, 147t; Betty Baccus, Myra Miller, and Thyra Ballentine 480 (for Odie Horton and in memory of Cecil Wakefield), 317 (in memory of Lona Horton); Stella Pratt 379, 487; Corene White 37b, 97; Lena Keeton 124, 200; Butch White 178, 74b.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 196. Leaders: Jimmie Gilmore 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 276 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Velton Chafin 177, 318; Don Keeton 73t, 35; Billy Williams 78, 28b; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; John Merritt, Seth Poston and Richard Mauldin 358; John Merritt 511 (OSH); Brenda Merritt 270, 282; Will Allred and Christy Holcomb 61, 87.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading 179. The class wished Odie Horton a happy 89th birthday.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43 (for Charlotte McCarn and in memory of his mother), 446 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Amber Davis 391, 440; Caleb Allred 47b, 503; Steven Conte and Stephanie Metcalfe Conte 287, 388, 277; Nellie Alexander 56t, 81t; Carla Trapp 59, 145t; Seth Allred and Corey Dell 278t, 410t; Pernie Pelfrey, Joan Gilbreath, Lucian Pelfrey, Gary Pelfrey, Nancy Faulkner, and Edna Earl Pace 68b (in memory of Earl Pelfrey), 414, 67; Pernie Pelfrey, Dawson Adams, Kermit Adams, and Emily Jones 122 (for Azilee Adams); Rachael Allred 385b, 300; Josie Hyde 298, 507; Carol Fannin 399b, 225t; Mary Holcomb 360; Kenneth Fannin 434; Kenneth Fannin and Aubrey Fannin 358 (for Anita Fannin); Adam Hale 84, 240; Steve Adams and Carla Trapp 309, 101t; Susan Allred 183, 378b; Laura Hale 384, 137; Steven Conte 33b.

Kermit Adams led 31b as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, June 22

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 31b. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 31t; Roma Rice 32t, 452; Stephanie Metcalfe Conte and Steven Conte 159, 324; Seth Poston 358, 275b; Joan Gilbreath 59; Dawson Adams 68b, 75; Parnell Berry 47t, 285t; Faye Donaldson 225t, 410t; Steven Conte 89, 417.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 378t. Leaders: Steve Adams and Stephanie Metcalfe Conte 401, 101t; Lera Pollack and Steve Adams 274t, 175; Betty

Claborn 100, 358; Nellie Alexander 235; Louise Yeager and Jane Velasque 426b, 337.

Roma Rice led 45t in memory of the following deceased: Roxie Keeton, Dick Mauldin, Marie Guthrie, Billy Claborn, Agnes Roberson, Welburn Yeager, Edith Tate, Wilton Donaldson, Amanda Denson, and Bernice Watts.

LUNCH

Parnell Berry called the afternoon session to order leading 406, 108t, and 129.

Leaders: Loretta Whitman 56t, 58, 124; Lorene Gray 146, 147t; Sara Berry 59, 388; Stephanie Metcalfe Conte and Steven Conte 106, 125; Nellie Alexander 81t; Parnell Berry 99, 111b; Steve Adams and Stephanie Metcalfe Conte 30t; Seth Poston 401; Steve Conte 56b, 65, 61(in memory of Jonnie Lee Robins); Margaret Keeton 87, 317. Kermit Adams led 348b as the closing song. Steven Conte offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Fayette, Alabama

Sunday, June 22, 2008

The annual singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading 32t. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Earl Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Buddy Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 523; Will Thompson and David Ballinger 99; Amanda Hardiman 155; Sherry Stover 64; Emily Thompson 397; Patrick Brady and Leslie Brady 31b; Lena Keeton 475; Teresa Hope 215; Bickett Howton 373; Lomax Ballinger 277; Clayton Ezell 335; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Amber Holmes and Nicholas Holmes 47t; Tory O'Dell and Beth Ballinger 182; Joan Aldridge 150; Nate Green and Norma Green 400; Travis Keeton 499; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 30t; Beth Ballinger and Amelia O'Dell 560.

RECESS

Gravis Ballinger called the class together leading 112. Leaders: Carol Zeanah and Brenda Robbins 100; Charles Humber 480; Phillip Ballinger 340; Bud Oliver 384; Carolyn Thompson 444; Janet Litton and Joy Litton 217; Beverly Nelson, Alana Nelson, and Drue Nelson 137; Albert Humber 176b; Amber Davis 216; Anne Chalker 146; Jared Litton, Case O'Dell, and Earl Ballinger 405; Diana Anderson, Barbara Cooley, and Mike Ballinger 45t; S.T. Reed 175; Emily West, Sam West, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, and Buddy Ballinger 212.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger called the class together leading 84. Leaders: Windell Rinehart 159; Gene Forbes 80b; Ralph Thomas and Judy Thomas 49t; Miranda Gilreath and children 441; Chuck Howell 373; Leon Ballinger and Jake Thomas 454; Richard Mauldin 312b; Brenda Robbins, Amelia O'Dell, Janet Litton, and Beth Ballinger 171; Eloise Wootten 222; Anna Litton and Alana Nelson 186; Elene Stovall 534; Glenn Keeton 504; Johnny Cooley and Donny Cooley 108t; Marlon Wootten 147t; Johnny Humber 460; Wayne Baines 59; Brenda Merritt 542; Kenneth Tate 102; Marlin Beasley 448t.

LUNCH

Earl Ballinger called the afternoon session to order by leading 234. Leaders: Clarence McCool 349; Paula Springfield and Amber Davis 389; Wayne Wootten 440; Harrison Creel 512; Don Keeton 490; Bridgett Hill 442; Toney Smith 181;

Edwin Ballinger and Lisa Geist 491; Loyd Ivey 283; Terry Wootten 472; Lisa Geist 273; Rodney Ivey 439; Henry Guthery 456; Danny Creel 177; John Merritt 176t; Buell Cobb 567; Warren Steel 522; Kathy Robinson 142; Paula Springfield and Amber Davis 546; Harrison Creel 111b; Eloise Wootten and Wayne Wootten 299; Loyd Ivey 424; Terry Wootten, Rodney Ivey, and S.T. Reed 201; Kenneth Tate 278t; Richard Mauldin and Anne Chalker 378t; Larry Ballinger and Bud Oliver 270; Marlin Beasley 35; Leon Ballinger 269.

Following announcements, Larry Ballinger and Earl Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Earl Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

NEW HOPE CHURCH **Cullman County, Alabama** **Sunday, June 22, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Butch White leading 34b and 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Stella Pratt.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton.

Leaders: Don Robertson 100, 101t; Stella Pratt 335, 282; Leona Haynes 146, 277; Rachel Allred 43, 312b; Kenneth Calvert 120, 72b; Tim Cook 52b, 287; Nancy Tuck 358, 159.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Butch White leading 503. Leaders: Don Robertson 151, 540; Seth Allred 39t; Cory Dale and Seth Allred 441; Essie Hollingsworth, Kenneth Calvert, and Geraldine Sharpton 565, 496; David Ivey 294.

The chairman of the church finance committee gave a report of the status of the finances for the upkeep of the church and cemetery. Delone Cobbs offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Billy Williams leading 89. Leaders: Josie Hyde 280, 297; Susan Allred 182, 399b; Karen Ivey 313t, 309; Caleb Allred and Cory Dale 47b, 45t; Delone Cobbs 77t, 480; David Ivey 39b, 361; Will Allred 59, 61; Carol Fannin 122; Ryan Hale 36b, 192; Kenneth Fannin 176b; Sonya Sipe 208, 63; Laura Hale 270, 276; Adam Hale 340, 155; David Ivey 316, 319; Paul McCain, Kenneth Calvert, Essie Hollingsworth, and Geraldine Sharpton (grandnieces and grandnephews of Marcus Cagle) 452.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led 62 as the closing song. Tim Cook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Banning, Georgia** **Sunday, June 22, 2008**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 60 and 57. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 225b; Margie Smith 108t; Judy Chambless 129, 28t; Robert Chambless 77t; Nick Griffin 551; Faye Hollis 283; Ashley Thompson 195, 434; Bentley McGuire 240; Helen Bryson 299, 274t; Brady DeLong 101t, 61; Glenda

Collins 100; Chris Carnell and Sarah Carnell 189, 68t; B.M. Smith 68b, 340; Cecil Roberts 97, 503.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 95. Leaders: Leon Carnell 163b, 268.

In a business session, the class voted to retain the following officers for another year: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Matt DeLong and Jesse Roberts; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 269, 481; Louis Hughes 405 (in memory of Everett Denny); Jenna Frey 46, 401; Danny Arms 200; Lonnie Rogers 141, 373; Andy Morse 313b; Bill Walters 86; Ed Thacker 464; Rachel Carlisle, Heidi DeLong, Brady DeLong, and friend, Laura 318; Jeannette DePoy and Lynn Allen 384; Eddie Mash 176b; Malinda Snow 328; Oscar McGuire 344; Jean Payne 480.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Scott DePoy 277; Randa Harris 143; Jessica Altman 419; Janice Paulk 518; Jerry Schreiber 528; Michael Walker 138b; Joyce Walton 455; Joanna Lampert 440; Bob Meek 314; Bobby Watkins 512; Frances Carnell 383; Henry Johnson 231; Carla Smith 444; Rachel Carlisle 282; Ted Mercer 468; Michael Thompson 507; Justin Squizzero 536.

Richard DeLong led 285t for the following deceased: Myrtle Smith, Milton Oliver, Dr. Hugh McElrath, Fulton Smith, B.J. Harris, Gertrude Norton, Loy Garrison, Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, and Reby Stanford. Jesse led 460 in memory of the Roberts and DeLong families.

Scott DePoy read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Dale Harris, Frank Block, Nora Roberts, Lee Rogers, Violet Thomason, and David McGukin. Judy Mincey led 510. Henry Johnson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class back together leading 345b. Leaders: Mike Castleberry and Wendy Bell 59; Laura Frey 178; Robert Kelly 130; Karen Rollins 32t; Nathan Rees 465; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 33b; Ben Bath 406; Shirley Ellis 283; John Plunkett 516.

Following announcements, Richard DeLong, Jesse Roberts, and Jeannette DePoy led 146 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Matt DeLong and Jesse Roberts; Secretary—Helen Bryson

HOLT COLLIER/MISSISSIPPI BEAR HUNT CONVENTION **Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi** **June 28-29, 2008** **Saturday, June 28**

The 2nd annual Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Singing Convention was called to order by John Merritt leading 59 (CB). Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer. John Merritt explained that the class could sing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*, or the *Alabama Christian Harmony*.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary and Arranging Committee—Henry Schuman; Memorial Committee—Emily Creel and Paul Figura.

Leaders: John Merritt and Shirley Figura 176t (CB); Henry Schuman 52t; Henry Guthery 64 (CH); Velton Chafin 316 (CH); Elsie Moon 322 (CH); B.J.

Schnorenberg 87; Bruce Hedrick 248 (CH); Emily Thompson 527; Robert Vaughn 280; Juanita Beasley 61; Randy McCollum 571 (CB); Ann Fox 145b; Bill Beverly 86; Carolyn Thompson 383.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: Stephanie Fida 162; Hugh Bill McGuire 205; Sarah Smith 340; Lewis Oswalt 146; Darlene Reynolds 484b (CB); Greg Howard 547; Tim Cook 38 (CH); Kathy Robinson 192; Vic Whisman 34b; Nancy Van Den Akker 559 (CB); Wendell Rinehart 159; Mako Cook 91 (CH); John Van Horn 140 (CB).

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class back to order leading 149 (CH). Leaders: Darrel Swarens 171 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Shirley Figura 565; Mike Myhal 107 (CB); Ruth Wyers 264 (CH); Martha Beverly 218; Harrison Creel 110; Alice Sundberg and John Merritt "Munfordville".

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 258 (CH). Leaders: Bea Carnathan 501 (CB); Gary Smith 128t (CH); Emily Creel 338b (CH); Hugh Bill McGuire 272 (CH); Wanda Capps 170 (CH); Danny Creel 308 (CH); John Merritt 96 (CB), "Higher Ground"; Cindy Tanner 168b (CH); Robert Vaughn 355 (CH); Marlin Beasley 117 (CH); Ken Sundberg 410 (CB); Ann Jett 180 (CH); John Van Horn 393 (CB); Alice Sundberg 264b (CB); Paul Figura 108b; Randy McCollum 332; Martha Beverly 546; Wendell Rinehart 445; Greg Howard 38t (CB); Henry Schuman 318 (for Pauline Childers).

John Merritt, Henry Guthery, and Robert Vaughn led 95b (CB) as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 29

The Sunday session was called to order by John Merritt and David Daniel leading 258 (CH). Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 59 (CH); B.J. Schnorenberg 282; Stephanie Fida 336 (CH); Velton Chafin 120 (CH); Emily Thompson 228; Arlon Gardner 111t; Juanita Beasley 270; Harrison Creel 317; Deborah Feaster and Ruth Wyers 106 (CH); Darrell Swarens 107 (CH); Bea Carnathan 438; William W. Gilman 268.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class back together leading 522 (CB). Leaders: Sarah Smith 239 (CH); Danny Creel 172 (CH); Mako Cook 51 (CH); Henry Schuman and Denver Rigdon 117 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 228 (CH); Paul Figura 39 (CB); Emily Creel 19 (CH); Ken Sundberg 47b (CB); Elsie Moon and Emily Creel 404 (CB); David Daniel 109 (CH); Ann Fox 45t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Danny Creel leading 76b (CB). Leaders: Kathy Robinson 146; Wanda Capps 85 (CH); Cindy Tanner and Ainslie Allen 436. Paul Figura and Emily Creel conducted the memorial lesson. Paul Figura read the names of the deceased as follows: LaRue Allen, Delores Beasley, Amanda Denson Brady, Wilton Donaldson, Marie Guthery, B.J. Harris, Dick Mauldin, Milton Oliver, and Edith Tate—Alabama; Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, and Loy Garrison—Georgia; Minja Lausevic—Massachusetts; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri. Emily Creel spoke on their behalf and led 546 in their memory.

Paul Figura read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Kathleen Robbins, Nancy Yeager, Walter Swearingen, Pauline Childers, Nellie Davis, Wilma Mitchell, Bill Ellason, Kirby Sweatt, Kirby Sweatt, Jr., and Johanna Fabke. Paul and Emily spoke on their behalf. Paul led 490 in their honor.

LUNCH

John Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading 81 (CH). Leaders: John Merritt and Ruth Wyers 511 (OSH); Bill Beverly 478 (CB); Ann Jett 255 (CH); Bruce Hedrick 184 (CH); Henry McGuire 131 (CH); Alice Sundberg 268t (CH); Gary Smith 66; Martha Beverly 475; John Van Horn 497 (CB); Darlene Reynolds 569b; Tim Cook 55 (CB); Shirley Figura 39t; Mark Davis 101 (CH); Ruth Wyers 349 (CH); Marlin Beasley 10 (CH); Carolyn Thompson 504; Henry Guthery, Henry McGuire, Henry Schuman, and John Van Horn 365; Bea Carnathan 568; John Merritt, Ken Kelley, and Steve Talbert 535 (CB).

Announcements were made. John Merritt, Henry Guthery, Bruce Hedrick, and Kristen Kelley led 392 (CB) as the closing song. Mark Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Henry Schuman

CAMP FASOLA SESSION I (ADULTS EMPHASIS)

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

June 27-30, 2008

Friday, June 27

Arrival and Check-In—Singers arrived in the late morning and early afternoon, enthusiastic about the prospect of Camp Fasola 2008. Friends from around the country greeted each other with joy and anticipation of the unforgettable experiences that awaited them.

Introductory Lesson—David Ivey. David Ivey called the class to order leading 32t. Sam Sommers offered the opening blessing. David welcomed the class to the sixth year of Camp Fasola. David said that the institution of the singing school was the vehicle for teaching, promoting, and preserving this type of singing over the past 200 years. We don't just follow our traditions because they were passed to us. We do the things we do because they have been shown to work. The singing school has been proven to work.

David introduced the four shapes and the major and minor scales. He introduced the modes of common, triple, and compound time and how to keep time for the different modes of time. He discussed the concept of accent and explained which beats are accented for the different modes of time.

Genesis of the Southern Fuging Tune—Tom Malone. Tom Malone began his lesson by asking David to demonstrate what he had taught about accent by leading the class singing 99.

Tom's session recounted the beginnings of the southern fuging tune by singing the songs chronologically. Page number 99 is the only fugue in the book written for the 1844 edition of the Sacred Harp. Several fuging tunes were added to the book when it was revised in 1850. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg spoke about 432 and how it "introduced melodic building blocks that become a part of the style of Sacred Harp fuging tunes in the 20th century." Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Aldo Ceresa 306; Tom Padwa 362. Tom remarked that many of the fuging tunes added to the 1850 and 1844 Sacred Harp were reworked versions of earlier tunes. Tom introduced the 1859 Sacred Harp, the book which includes the first fuging tunes written by brothers, J.P. Reese and H.S. Reese. Leaders: Tom Malone 371; Aldo Ceresa 434; Joyce Walton 383; Sam Sommers 112.

Jesse spoke about how the 1859 edition of the Sacred Harp introduced the first collection of fuging tunes featuring original melodies; original alto lines; the bass, tenor, treble, alto entrance pattern; and prolific fuging tune writers: the Reese brothers and Sarah Lancaster. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 460.

Moving to the 20th century, Tom remarked that the fuging tunes in the Sacred Harp from this period are dominated by the contributions of A.M. Cagle and members of the Denson family. Tom Malone and Jeff Sheppard led 316.

Aldo Ceresa spoke of the development of the Southern fuging tune as a conversation not only in our own time, but with tune writers who came before. Composers often look back 100 or more years for models for their own tunes. Aldo had the class look at 430 and then at 214, and noted the similar key and part entrances. Aldo then traced the la-mi-la-sol-la melodic figure through a variety of Sacred Harp songs from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 302; Stephen Kick 208.

Tom thanked the class and asked them to sing all the songs on his list by next year. David Ivey thanked Jesse and Aldo for their contributions to the lesson.

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During a break, campers had a chance to further catch up with singing friends from around the country.

Three Part Songs in *The Sacred Harp*—Henry Johnson. Henry Johnson began his lesson noting that he loves the three-liners in the Sacred Harp, but that he also loves the alto part and even enjoys singing alto. Henry recounted that most alto parts in *The Sacred Harp* were added to songs that originally had only three parts in *The Sacred Harp*. About 350 songs in the book were originally written in three parts with no alto. However, there have always been alto parts in the Sacred Harp. In 1859, there were 101 four-part songs out of 421, almost 25%. There is no record of B. F. White or E. J. King ever composing a four-part song, but their friends, J. P. Reese, H. S. Reese, Sarah Lancaster, Edmund Dumas, H. G. Mann, and D. P. White did compose four-part songs.

Henry recounted that Lonnie Rogers, the oldest active Sacred Harp singer could not remember a time when there were no altos but he could remember when he used to go to a big singing and there would only be two or three altos. Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten said there was a time on Sand Mountain when there were no altos. Henry noted that many people remember the Scoggins sisters at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church. These sisters were the first people the Woottens heard singing alto. Henry concluded that the presence of altos varied from place to place. He also recounted that altos did not use to have their own side of the square. Basses filtered over to what is currently the alto bench while the altos sat behind the trebles. In the 1911 Sacred Harp, S. M. Denson takes credit for composing 327 alto lines. He left 82 three-liners in the book, 13% of the book, a drastic shift. The committee examined each song and “any song which cannot be improved by addition of an alto” was left as a three-liner. Henry noted that David Ivey has guessed that we might be 10-15 years away from a revision of *The Sacred Harp*. He made the following suggestions for a future revision. 1. Keep at least 4% of the songs in three parts. Three-liners are such a vital part of the tradition. If any are taken out, then replace them with other three-liners. 2. Give credit, in every case, to the composers of added alto lines. This was done in the 1911 Sacred Harp but was increasingly lax with successive editions. By 1971, half of the attributions were missing. Giving credit lets the singers know which altos were added.

What difference does it make whether the song has an alto line? One aspect is that alto lines close up a lot of open fifths. Henry Johnson led 435 and remarked on the “austere” harmony of the song, simple and free from decoration. All Sacred Harp harmony is simple, but it’s even simpler in three-liners.

Henry Johnson led 70b, 61, 47b, 39b, 101t with and without the alto. He noted that 174 was the only song to which an alto was added in the 1991 Edition. The line was written by Hugh McGraw and is as good as Billings’ original alto. The 1991 Music

Committee removed some three-liners, but added some as well, and even included one newly composed three-liner by Judy Hauff. In closing, Henry Johnson led 138t. Dinner and Orientation Meeting. The singers assembled for dinner in the Dining Hall, then attended an orientation meeting in the Ark.

Class Singing. David Ivey introduced Jeff Sheppard, President of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA), as well as SHMHA Board members: Henry Johnson, Jeannette DePoy, Terry Wootten (absent), and David Ivey. David said that the singing would be followed by an ice cream social. David overviewed the schedule for the rest of camp and announced that there were 96 full time campers plus seven part-time instructors in attendance for Session I. In all, 30 states, provinces, and countries were represented.

In the wake of her death, David recognized the contributions of LaRue Allen to Camp Fasola from 2003-2007 and recalled that when he first told Shelbie Sheppard about his plan to hold Camp Fasola, Shelbie immediately recommended LaRue as someone who would be excellent to help. He said that when he received word that LaRue had died, his first thought was “how will we have camp without LaRue?”

Leaders: Judy Caudle 177; Steve Helwig 162; Joanne Fuller 131b; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 182; Wade Kotter 122; Nancy Hogan 274t; Anita Shaperd 106; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 328; Roberta Goodell 218; Michael Thompson 384; Sandra Wilkinson 67; Ben Bath and Rodney Ivey 271t; Kristie Harju 345b; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Jeannette DePoy 410t; Kelly House 300; Tom George 480; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 470; Richard DeLong 431; Judy Crawford 163t; Marilyn Job 268; Justin Squizzero 145t; Scott DePoy 201; Chris Holley 229.

Karen Rollins gave a moving devotional which she based on the song New Britain. She spoke of the history of the song and the concept of grace. She remarked that “grace gives us hope and gratitude, and our response is singing.” The class recognized David Ivey for all that he does, and Tom Malone led 45t.

Ice Cream Social and Free Time. Hostess Pam Nunn served ice cream to eager campers in the Ark. Some campers relaxed there, while others availed themselves of the swimming facilities at Camp Lee.

Saturday, June 28

Breakfast. Campers began their day by assembling for breakfast in the Dining Hall. Basic Rudiments I—Kelly House. Kelly House began her rudiments class listing some goals for the pupils in her singing school: understand the rudiments, sing some tunes with confidence, be able to read music, recognize the types of tunes in the Sacred Harp, recognize the roles of the different parts, be able to keep time, learn to listen actively, go back home and be a leader in their local singing community.

Kelly spoke about the voice and musical tones and described the components of musical notes: pitch, time (or length), accent (or emphasis), and volume (Sacred Harp uses natural dynamics). Relative pitch refers to the relationship between pitches.

Kelly spoke on the history and practicality of shape notes. Kelly reviewed the four shapes and suggested that the class focus first on the big long notes, and reassured them that they would “get it bit by bit.” Kelly described the aspects of musical notation: lines and spaces, staves, braces, and discussed the four parts.

Advanced Rudiments I—Richard DeLong. Richard DeLong welcomed the class, and began by asking singers to answer several Sacred Harp trivia questions, all of which were answered correctly by members of the class, save for one. In his lesson, Richard pointed out important notes and phrases in several songs, including some that are often sung incorrectly. During the discussion, he also emphasized the importance of singing with good accent, as well as about Sacred Harp traditions generally, reminding singers that they are in place because they have been proven to work over time. He and Jeff Sheppard also shared several anecdotes about Paine Denson, Hugh

McGraw, and other singers. Throughout the session, the class sang most of the songs that Richard mentioned in his remarks, including: 36t, 64, 43, 292, 44, 154, 41, 319, 496, 116, and 109. The class sang 465 to close.

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Basic Rudiments II—Kelly House. Kelly House welcomed the class and began by asking the class to sing the major scale. She then offered hints for finding the key note and determining whether a song is in major or minor. The class sang “Joy to the World” on page 14 for further orientation to the major scale. Kelly demonstrated melodic contour by pointing out the movement of the melody of 34b, and the class sang it with her. She also discussed pentatonic or “five-note” scales, using 45t as an example.

Continuing in her examination of the rudiments, she touched upon Sacred Harp harmony, pointing out that most Sacred Harp songs use counterpoint (rather than homophonic “block harmony”), resulting in the typically melodic “feel” of most of the individual lines in the book, even in the non-melody parts (bass, treble, alto). Addressing rhythmic, she explained the function of measure bars, note and rest values, and the modes of time used in *The Sacred Harp*, stressing the importance of rhythm and proper accent in Sacred Harp singing. The class sang 49t, 47t and 76b to demonstrate the differences between the time signatures. Kelly then rounded out her lesson by discussing repeat marks and the use of “D.C.” in our book.

Advanced Rudiments II—David Ivey. David Ivey opened the lesson by having the class sing the major and minor scales. A member of the class asked about the raised sixth scale degree. David said to “raise it if you can.” David said that in this singing school we are studying what we are doing and learning to do things better. The purpose of singing school is to learn the right and best way to do things and to sing correctly, so this singing school would cover the correct practices for a number of “little things.” David Ivey led 39b and instructed the class to keep time through both of the last two measures at the end of a song. David mentioned several songs without written repeats and argued that repeating those songs in many cases is confusing. David remarked that for “three-peats,” the practice of taking a third repeat, there may be an occasional case where it is okay, but it should not happen more than 1-2 times at a convention. David next commented that “no loss of time” method of leading certain songs started about twenty years ago. David noted that he does not approve of the practice unless the leader clearly announces his/her intention because it can confuse the class. David noted that a leader should never repeat on a D.C. song, remarking that “you really wear out a song when you do that.” Quoting the rudiments, David commented that all notes and words in a song should be properly pronounced.

On the topic of tempo, David read a letter from A. M. Cagle written in January 1957 on the pace of songs. Tom Denson said that a tune could be rushed or dragged. In determining tempo, David said to consider the mode of time and select a speed that enables the class to accent properly and to sing all of the notes and words. David Ivey led 269 at a moderate pace. David Ivey led 417. He commented that a change of time should occur after the end of the last measure in the previous mode of time. David Ivey led 320. David slowed the tempo for each section in 3/2 and sped up for each section in 4/4. David noted that usually we sing in the same tempo for both modes of time in this song, but remarked that the tempo should change when the mode of time changes. David recalled that Raymond Hamrick has said that many of the “trademark moments” in Sacred Harp songs occur when some parts are resting and others are not and reminded the class to let go of their notes when rests come. To demonstrate this, David Ivey led 38b.

David Ivey led 29b and cautioned the class to give dotted notes their time. He also warned the class not to overcompensate as in 358, and suggested that this may happen

at times if we sing too fast. David Ivey led 73t, 448t. In 448t, David spoke about tempo in relation to the 6/4 and 3/4 sections of the song. David pointed out a number of tricky pronunciations or frequently misspoken words in the Sacred Harp. David spoke about changes that had been made to some songs and noted that on 507, the pickup at the start of page 508 had been changed from an eighth note to a dotted quarter note, but that some leaders actually still sing it as an eighth note.

LUNCH

Singers broke for lunch, after which, campers assembled in front of the Dining Hall for the Camp Fasola group photo.

“River of Song”—Jim Carnes. Jim Carnes welcomed the class and asked the singers how long they had been singing Sacred Harp. He explained that the session would focus on the relationships between selected songs in *The Sacred Harp* by examining differences and similarities in harmonic language, “mood,” and other aspects. The class sang a large number of songs, with Jim calling on various singers to take turns leading them. Jim made a number of brief comments between tunes, touching upon harmony, history, and other aspects of the music, as he had promised. Leaders: Jim Carnes 87; Tom Malone 175; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 37b; Bill Hogan 142; Jim Carnes 444; Scott Kennedy 68b; Michael Walker 207; Judy Crawford 312b; Jim Carnes 49t, 28b; Nancy Hogan 162; Aldo Ceresa 354b; Joyce Walton 242; Bridgett Hill 110; Ted Mercer 82t; Judy Caudle 182; Scott DePoy 47b; Karen Ivey 201; John Plunkett 160t; Tom Malone 83t; Jeff Sheppard 334; Jack Nelson 410t; Jim Carnes 436.

Panel Discussion—Hugh McGraw, Charlene Wallace, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, and Joyce Walton. John Plunkett welcomed the class and introduced the panelists. The session began with each of the four panelists briefly outlining stories of their introduction to Sacred Harp and their early days of singing. These introductions included Joyce reminiscing about her friendship with Marcus Cagle, and Charlene remembering that her first singing school was taught by H.N. “Bud” McGraw. In addition, Hugh recalled that he attended his first singing at the age of 21 at Mt. Zion, and that the class was singing 196 when he arrived at the church. Hugh also pointed out that it takes four years to learn Sacred Harp, “just like a high school diploma.”

Jeff then shared several stories about his early singing background, pointing out that he had attended a singing school with T.J. “Uncle Tom” Denson in 1935, and that he remembered attending other singing schools—sometimes lasting a week—in his youth. He then recounted how he moved to South Georgia as a child, and how Jeff’s father had convinced T.J. Denson to move there in about 1926 or ‘27 to teach singing schools. In addition to lodging, Denson was given a wagon, a milk cow, and a pig for his efforts. The panel then shared a number of other stories and observations. The conversation touched upon a number of topics, as Charlene and Shelbie remembered that there were very few alts when they started singing and Joyce recalled that 277 was a very important song in her early singing days. Several other favorites were named, including 176t (Jeff); 455 (Joyce); 216 (Shelbie). Shelbie remembered attending her first singing after her serious car accident in 1962, and the poor printing quality of the 1960 edition that was being used at that time, adding that the ink from the covers often rubbed off on the singers’ clothes. Hugh then joined in, relating how Owel Denson (who had printed the books) suggested the idea of edging the pages in gold, “just like the Bible,” but only did so to mask the poor quality of the paper the was used in the book. Hugh also told how Owel had thrown a copy of the book against the Birmingham courthouse wall, exclaiming, “See, it’s still intact!” after Hugh complained about the poor binding.

Hugh concluded the story by mentioning that he and others dumped 1,500 copies of the defective 1960 book in the Coosa River.

Hugh then told the story of the composition of 549, how George Phillips had written the poetry and given it to Hugh. Jeannette DePoy then asked Hugh what his first composition was. Hugh told the story of 500, and how he did not even know what meter it was in when he first wrote it. He also reminisced about Dr. Dura (after whom 531 is named), recalling how he used to wear patched shirts and swat flies at singings.

Hugh and the panel then spoke about the 1991 edition, as several questions were raised about the revision process. Hugh said that 46 songs were removed, and 64 songs added to the 1991 book. Tom Malone asked how long it took for a song to no longer be considered as “new.” Jeff recalled that some songs from the 1935 still sounded “rough” in the 1940’s. Francesca Cassara asked how the sound of Sacred harp had changed in the panelists’ lifetime. Hugh replied that songs are sung faster now, and that women were not allowed to lead in his early singing days. Hugh cited the latter as an improvement. Jeff jokingly disagreed. Aldo Ceresa asked how many songs were submitted for the 1991 edition. The panel answered that about 250 were submitted, that about 100 of these were considered and sung by the committee for final selection.

The panel touched upon several other topics before closing, including the removal of the footnotes from the 1991 edition. (This was done primarily because many of them were inaccurate.) Michael Walker inquired if any of the panel remembered singers leading 20-minute lessons at conventions. Jeff and Hugh replied that they did. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg asked the panel to discuss the differences between the 1991 revision process and earlier editions. Ted Mercer asked if there was resistance to Sacred Harp singing from city people and religious leaders. Jeff and Hugh both said that there has been some resistance over the years.

Recreation. Some singers chose to enjoy the amenities of Camp Lee during this session, taking advantage of the rock slide, canoeing and other fun outdoor activities.

RECESS

Basic Leading—David Ivey. David welcomed the class, and began by asking the class to turn to 37b. In the session, David outlined several fundamental aspects of leading, reminding singers to check for time signatures and opening rests; emphasizing that the hand should be upraised both at the beginning and ending of tune; and suggesting that beginning leaders should announce their verses and repeats before leading a song. He continued by advising singers to always sound the chord at the beginning of a song, and to always beat through the last measure of a tune, so that the class know when to stop singing, using 39b as an example.

David answered questions about proper hand motions, and the relative length of measures in 43, pointing out that the durations of the measure in both the 3/4 and 6/8 measures of the song should be about the same. He also encouraged singers to sing tenor parts while leading if they can, but not to worry it about if they cannot. Using 34t as an example, David showed the class how to lead a “bird’s eye” or fermata. Returning to the topic of tempos, he spoke briefly about the difference between 3/2 and 3/4 time, pointing to 73b and 512 as examples. David demonstrated his ideas by leading several songs throughout the session, including: 37b, 348b, 43, 155, 34t, 73b, and 512.

Intermediate Leading “Boot Camp”—Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard. Shelbie Sheppard called on members of the class to volunteer to lead 155 and have their leading style critiqued. Among other suggestions, Shelbie instructed leaders to hold their hand up at the start and end of a song, lead with a simple down, up motion, and turn to the parts naturally without jerking. Shelbie noted that when you turn to meet each part,

“once you bring them in, you are through with them, forget them.” Shelbie noted that the leader should sing the tenor part. In response to a question from Jeannette DePoy about how to turn pages when “leading makes you quiver all over,” Shelbie said that the leader could put a finger in the page, and suggested flipping the page beforehand to be able to read ahead. Joyce Walton said that she gets the page ready and pinches it to flip it. Jeff Sheppard said that he puts his thumb on the next page. Leaders: Nathan Barford 155; Francesca Cassara 155; Bill Walters 155; Joanne Fuller 155; Tom Padwa 155; Jim Carnes 436; Bridgett Hill 276; Stephen Kick 36b; Chris Holley 36b; Sam Sommers 283; Steve Helwig 228; Scott Kennedy 228.

Landmark Tunes—Tom Malone. Tom Malone led a session covering the sections of the book and songs added to revisions of *The Sacred Harp* since 1844.

Keying Music—David Ivey. David welcomed the class, pointing out that Camp Fasola workshops on keying music were the first of their kind. He relayed some of his own background as a key-person, and advised the class that mastering the major and minor scales is the first step to good keying. He advised the class to start with familiar songs, and then to use those songs as a reference for other songs in the same key, citing 37b for F major as an example. He mentioned a few songs that sound better when keyed higher than is usual for their keys, including 186, 147t, and 312t; and songs that sound better when keyed lower than is usual for their written keys, for example, 282. He also advised singers to watch for songs that do not begin on their tonic chord, such as 378b and 385b. Speaking in more general terms, he continued, suggesting that singers be considerate of the key-person at singings. He also encouraged singers to practice with recordings and at local singings, and to listen to the keys at conventions.

David closed by encouraging singers to not be discouraged by inevitable criticism that comes with keying, and to “keep at it,” reminding the class that learning to key takes time and practice for most people.

Composition for Absolute Beginners—Tom Malone. Tom Malone led a hands-on workshop on the basics of writing tunes in dispersed harmony style.

A Perspective on Leading—Kelly House. Kelly welcomed the class, and began by reminding singers to be humble when leading. She also encouraged beginning singers to lead, pointing out that leading is not a test or a performance, and that everyone has a right to lead at singings. She then discussed the mechanics of leading, suggesting that singers call their page numbers loudly, and that they make eye contact with the tenors in the front bench. She continued, discussing the importance of smooth arm motions and keeping the hand visible while leading. She also advised singers to try to be relaxed while leading, and to demonstrate this in their posture. Limiting extraneous movements is also important, as it conveys confidence to the class. “Dancing” in the square is decidedly frowned upon.

Kelly then encouraged singers to “hear the words in your head” when choosing tempo. She also pointed out the importance of making eye contact with each of the sections when bring in the parts in a fusing tune. Kelly then asked several members of the class to lead, and commented upon their leading styles, offering praise and suggestions for improvement. Several songs were sung during the session, including: 277, 159, 72b, 143, 142, 30b, and 229. Kelly closed by exhorting shy or inexperienced singers to try leading while at camp. “If there’s anywhere safe to try it, it’s here.” She encouraged the class not to be intimidated by the experienced singers at camp, and reassured singers that everyone at camp wants newer singers to become better singers and leaders. This is the purpose of camp.

Best of the Ungreatest Hits—John Plunkett. John Plunkett introduced this lesson as a chance to lead under-used songs in the Sacred Harp. John looked recently at some of the oldest minutes, from 1890s in Gwinnett County and noted that some of the

same songs were popular then as are popular today. The class decided that there would be no leaders for the session, and John began by leading 115. John spoke about the quality of 503, the most popular song last year. It has a moving text, is easy to sing, and has a good text-tune pairing.

John read the class a list of the songs that had been used least frequently from 1995-2007. The class then sang the following songs: 115, 325, 279, 169, 69b, 459, 458, 285b, 82b, 41. In closing, John suggested to the members of the class: find a good song toward the bottom of the list and make it your own.

Dinner. Campers broke for dinner and had some free time to socialize before reassembling at the Church for the class singing.

Class Singing. Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading 61. Sam Sommers led the opening prayer. Leaders: Ted Mercer 123b; Jeffrey Haugaard 229; Stephen Kick 217; SuNeil Ellis and Richard DeLong 146; Francesca Cassara 155; Pam Nunn and Bridgett Hill 440; Scott Kennedy 276; Ann Webb 282; Robert Kelley 450; Kevin Dyess 35; Joanna Lampert 32t; Michael Walker 172; Randa Harris 127; Aldo Ceresca 536; Terry Barber 500; Bill Walters 442; Lea Kouba 335; Bill Hogan 475; Dan Adams 56b; John Plunkett 466; Ruth Replogle 267; Annie Grieshop and Georgeann Evans 318; Danny Arms 304; Shelbie Sheppard and Richard DeLong 211; Joanne DeVoe 47t; Maggie Leonard 159; Nathaniel Zwieg 105; Sam Sommers 437; Nathan Barford 142.

Devotional followed by Free Time. Following the devotional, a number of campers again took a dip in the pool, while others relaxed and socialized in the Church and the Ark.

Sunday, June 29

Communion Service and Breakfast. The day began with an optional 7 o'clock communion service conducted by Aubrey Hemminger. Singers then assembled at the dining hall for breakfast.

Basic Rudiments III—Kelly House. Kelly House had the class sing all the different parts to 47t. Kelly spoke about the different parts. The bass is the foundation. It hits the first step and fifth step a lot as well as other anchor points. It tells our ear if there is a chord change. The treble crosses up and down in contrast to the tenor, and spends most time in the top half of the staff. The treble “illuminates the melody through contrast.” The alto has a smaller range. It’s the “peanut butter” in the sandwich. Kelly House led 47t, 47b, 45t.

Kelly discussed accent in triple time. Kelly House led 512 and spoke about accent on the eighth notes and its relationship to the text of the song. She compared the accent to a rocking chair. Kelly said that the accent was not marked in the music because if all the aspects of accent and singing practice were marked, the book would be too big. A song is only alive when it is sung, and the purpose of singing schools is to put a name to what you know.

Kelly House led 146 and spoke about compound time. She commented on the feel of compound time rhythm. Kelly demonstrated keeping time for compound time songs. Kelly House led 378b and 378t. Kelly spoke about songs with a chorus and the importance of singing the chorus on the notes. Kelly spoke about ornamentation, saying that it is something best learned by sitting next to experienced singers. She spoke about text meters and how they match up with accented beats in music. Kelly thanked the class and encouraged them to review the rudiments. She remarked that the thing allowing each of us to sing is our joy for life and for those that we love. If we magnify that joy, we will always have great singing.

Advanced Rudiments III—Judy Hauff. Judy welcomed the class. She began by speaking briefly about the history of Sacred Harp and its roots in 18th century psalmody and the New England singing school movement. She then outlined a

variety of Sacred Harp singing practices that differ from most other Western choral traditions. Among these aspects are its lack of conductor and emphasis on democracy; its use in social settings, without the intent of pleasing an audience; its universal a cappella practice; its use of dispersed harmony; the use of four-shape notation; its emphasis on rhythm and pulse; its placement of the melody in the tenor line, rather than the top line or “soprano.” Judy then addressed several topics relating to Sacred Harp conventions, including good “front bench etiquette”; as well as tips about good keying and arranging, and they contribute to the success of a good convention. Judy concluded by briefly discussing the historical association between of Sacred Harp and the Primitive Baptist churches, citing that denomination’s exclusive use of a cappella singing, their reliance upon circuit preachers, and the availability of their meeting houses for singings that resulted from this. The class sang 551, 30b, and 183 to close.

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Lesson and Devotional—Matt Hinton. Matt Hinton remarked that very many people would say that every singing they had attended was a worship service. Music is no more than half of Sacred Harp singing. Matt Hinton introduced the theme of free grace. Free grace is at the crux of the theology of the texts of our book. Many of our songs are either about grace or are founded upon the idea of grace. Matt Hinton led 31t and read scripture from Ephesians 2:4-10.

Matt suggested that the class not think of works as a means to grace, but as a response to grace, something one can do out of gratitude. Matt Hinton led 401. Matt read scripture from the Epistle to the Church in Rome, Romans 3:20-28.

Matt spoke about the dying lamb and its significance in scripture. Matt Hinton led 81t and 105 and quoted scripture from Romans 5:6. Matt spoke about “Agape,” or unconditional love. Matt Hinton led 354t and read scripture from Romans 5. He thanked the class and spoke about the rootedness of this theology to our book and our tradition.

Free Time and Lunch. Campers then enjoyed some free time, before assembling for lunch.

“The Real McGraws”—Tom Malone. Tom welcomed the class. He spoke briefly about Hugh McGraw, then introduced the “Brothers McGraw” (Lee A., Henry N. “Bud,” and Thomas B. “Tom”) and two of their sons (Bud’s son, Buford, and Lee’s son, Leon), all of whom contributed songs to *The Sacred Harp*.

Tom then introduced Charles Woods, a grandson of Bud McGraw. Charles showed the class photos of various members of the McGraw family from personal photo albums, and reminisced about his grandparents, Bud and Lydia McGraw. He mentioned that *The Sacred Harp* contains 13 songs written by the McGraw brothers, and that 3 more were included in the book until the 1991 edition came out. Charles mentioned that Bud had only four years of formal schooling, and that he passed away four days after his wife. He closed by saying that his grandfather “was a great Sacred Harp singer, and a mighty fine man.”

Hugh McGraw then spoke further about Bud McGraw, recalling how it was his Uncle Bud who gave him his first copy of *The Sacred Harp*, and mentored Hugh in his early years of singing. Charlene Wallace recalled briefly how her father used to drive Uncle Bud to singings. Joyce Walton spoke about Tom McGraw, and remembered how much she used to enjoy sitting with him and Ruth Denson Edwards. She then told how the music to 420 was first written on a brown paper bag and then given to Veeb Walton to try out. Charles briefly mentioned the Bishops’ famous cooking and recalled Bud and Tom’s fondness for Chrysler cars.

Tom Malone mentioned the correspondence between Marcus Cagle and Tom McGraw, in which Mr. Cagle had tried to persuade Tom to rework the harmony on

some of his songs, adding that Ruth Denson Edwards apparently did not approve of Mr. Cagle's efforts. A few other comments were made, including a reminder from Matt Hinton that Gladys McGraw had appeared in the *Awake, My Soul* film.

Leaders: David Ivey 283; Aldo Ceresa and Judy Hauff 453; Judy Caudle and Robert Kelly 483; Tom Malone and Joanne Fuller 544; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 476; Joyce Walton 420; Charles Woods 197; John Plunkett 558; Justin Squizzero 562; Michael Thompson 530; Samuel Sommers 386; Michael Spencer 472; Robert Kelly 381; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg "Entrekin"; Tom Malone 395; Joanna Lampert 295.

David Ivey offered a few final thoughts and expressed thanks to Charles Woods for his contributions to the class and to the board members of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its financial support for Camp Fasola. The class sang 295, and Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer. Sacred Harp and The Denson Family—Frances Robb. Frances Robb, granddaughter of Uncle Tom Denson, gave a lecture on the history of the Sacred Harp Denson family.

Dispersed Harmony Composition—Judy Hauff. Judy Hauff led her class as an open-ended discussion. She suggested that singers begin by selecting a text or a popular meter such as C.M. or L.M. Then, she suggested that singers study all the part writing in the book, learning its distinctive sound and characteristic gaps. Judy also suggested that singers could examine chords in songs they liked. She noted that 178 has "big fat chords," not the "skinny, astringent" chords found in many other songs. She remarked on the importance of making sure every part is interesting to sing, and suggested that fat to thin to fat is more interesting than "too much frosting."

Judy noted that you can learn harmony by studying the Sacred Harp, but not melody. Melody is personal, and cannot be constructed from the book. Judy noted she had trouble writing Granville because she had the structure in mind more than the melody. Judy remarked that she was amazed and delighted that people like some of her songs, and noted that with Wood Street "for once, [she] landed right!" Her model for 504 is 163t. Judy noted that she always attempted to write fluid, interesting alto parts. She likes to keep the altos busy and off-guard, so that they have to sight read. As an example of this, Judy cited Akin, in which the alto ranges from a low B up to a C.

As a rule of thumb, Judy suggested that singers write the tenor part first. Harmonic progression can come later. Judy noted that writing the tenor and then treble, or tenor and then alto could spur interesting harmony, and suggested singers try this method of composition and add an interesting bass last.

Recreation. Some campers elected to take some time out from singing and enjoy the zip line, while others attended Jeannette DePoy's Pilates class.

Lemonade Lesson—Bud and Sammie Oliver. Eager campers watched and listened while Bud and Sammie Oliver demonstrated the method for making their famous lemonade. Singers were more than willing to test the product upon the conclusion of his demonstration.

"The Unsung Marcus Cagle"—Tom Malone. Tom Malone welcomed the class. He opened by pointing out the deeply personal nature of the songs that Marcus Cagle composed in the last years of his life. Throughout the session, Tom read from several of Mr. Cagle's letters to Raymond Hamrick that were written around the time that the tunes were written. He also offered anecdotes about Mr. Cagle's life and the unpublished songs that were contained in a packet prepared especially for the class to sing.

Joyce Walton also shared some of her memories of Mr. Cagle, and the class was honored to have three of Mr. Cagle's nieces, Geraldine Sharpston, Elsie Hollingsworth, and Kenneth Calvert, as guests for this session. (Mr. Cagle's nieces

seemed pleased to have their uncle's memory honored, and his music sung so enthusiastically.)

Leaders: Tom Malone "Tapley"; Robert Kelly "Seek The Old Path"; Tom Malone and Bill Hogan "Gladly Would My Savior See"; Justin Squizzero "This Blind Man"; Samuel Sommers "Bethesda Pool"; Tom Malone and Liz Kiser "Thou Art Needful"; Steve Helwig "My Cause Above"; Joyce Walton "Sweet Responses"; Aldo Ceresa "They Hear of Heaven"; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg "They Raise Me Higher": Tom Malone "Shining Angels."

Cooking for Dinner on the Grounds. A lesson was taught on easy to prepare traditional dishes for serving at dinner on the grounds. Also, practical tips for transporting and wrapping dishes to keep them warm or cold were provided. Dinner and Free Time. Campers then assembled for dinner and some free time before reassembling for the community singing in the Church.

Community Singing. Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey called the class to order leading 309. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jack Nelson 438; Anita Davis 30t; Bill Dunn 32t; Anne Dutton 45t; Jeff Breting 324; Jane Spencer 151; Claudia Dean 49b; Tom Padwa 34b; Janie Short 128; Tom Malone 142; Karen Rollins 327; Shannon Primm 446; Aubrey Hemminger 178; Shelby Sampson; 40; Peter Golden 277; Kelly House 270; Judy Hauff 506; Matt Hinton 99; Xaris Martinez 215; Ray Rechenberg 569b; Kathe Pilibosian 20b; Debra Brogden 268; Henry Johnson 113; Joan Aldridge 222; Eugene Forbes 143.

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Michael Thompson brought the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Michael Spencer 191; Donna Bell 480; Reba Windom 189; Rene Greene 76b; Michael Mosley 137; Lela Crowder 430; Nathan Barford 84; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 392; Carol Mosley 370; Francesca Cassara and Tom Malone 318; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Pendleton 354b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Joanna Lampert 208; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 456; Robert Kelly and Judy Crawford 48t; Bridgett Hill and Steven Kick 299; Kristie Harju and Suzanne Harju 282; Andrew Kiser 504; Geraldine Sharpton, Elsie Hollingsworth, and Kenneith Calvert 274t; Justin Squizzero 522; Liz Kiser 159; Nancy Hogan and Bill Hogan 378b; Joanne Fuller and Sandra Wilkinson 61; Danny Arms 304; Idy Kiser 448b; Carol Gardner 34t; Martha Rogers 85; Anita Shaperd and Steve Helwig 102; Annie Grieshop and Lea Kouba 496; Jeff Haugaard 229; Paige Gilbert and Joanna Lampert 146.

David Ivey thanked all who attended. Tom Malone asked the class to thank David for all of his organizational work. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Parting Hand. David Ivey remarked that this interesting and enjoyable session of Camp had gone by quickly. David called on the class for announcements and singers announced upcoming singings in their home communities.

David recognized Danny Arms for his help with transportation, Jeannette DePoy for her work behind the scenes, and Pam Nunn for her work as camp hostess.

David thanked the teachers: John Plunkett, Tom Malone, Shelbie and Jeff Sheppard, Richard DeLong, Hugh McGraw, Frances Robb, Jim Carnes, Judy Hauff, Kelly House, and Joyce Walton.

Judy Caudle and Karen Ivey presented certificates to the female and male campers, respectively. David thanked Bridgett Hill and Scott Kennedy for arranging; recognized Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg for taking the camp history and minutes; thanked Joanna Lampert and Justin Squizzero for serving as videographers. David Ivey led 62, and the class was dismissed.

Monday, June 30

Breakfast. Campers assembled for a final Camp Fasola breakfast together, and then said their goodbyes before packing up and leaving the grounds. SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey; Historians/Secretaries—Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg

CAMP FASOLA SESSION II (YOUTH EMPHASIS)

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

June 30-July 3, 2008

Monday, June 30

Campers arrived Monday afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. to register for the youth session of camp. After optional swimming and a supper of baked chicken, rice, and green beans, David Ivey welcomed the assembled class and presented the schedule for the week. He introduced the counselors, teachers, and the campers themselves. This session had 114 full time campers plus eight teachers. Their ages ranged from 6 to 81, and they came from 18 states and England.

Class Singing. The church rang as the first nightly singing began. Leaders: David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard 313t; Lela Crowder 99; Rodney Ivey 540; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 492; Jordan Leigh Taylor 274t; Joanna Lampert 228; Jennifer Lee 142; Aldo Ceresa 182; Karen Ivey 371; Judy Caudle 329; John Plunkett 354t; Benjamin Bath 270; Jennifer Mosteller 457; Justin Squizzero 430; Rebecca Eldridge 324; Jackson Harcrow 277; Paige Gilbert and Cheyenne Ivey 128; Blake Sizemore 299; Will Allred 59; Ariella Perry 186; Nathan Rees 204; Virginia Eldridge 535; Lauren Bock 89; Alex Craig and Avalea Maxwell 97; Jeannette DePoy and Holly Mixon 87; Rachel Shavers 454; Ashton Rogers, Audra Village, and Fiona Nugent 282.

After the singing, Drew Smith concluded with a devotional on the theme of Ecclesiastes 12:1—"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach..." Drew encouraged the young people to learn more about their own history and culture, and their forebears in the tradition of Sacred Harp singing, and led 176b. After a prayer by Sam Sommers, the class was dismissed to the Ark for an ice cream social. Campers headed to their lodges at 9:45 p.m., and then went to bed by 11:00 p.m., excited for the first full day of singing and activities.

Tuesday, July 1

Some of the physically adventurous campers got up early to go on a hike at 7:00 a.m. Those who were more vocally adventurous gathered on the porch of the dining hall to sing from Lloyds Hymnal with Stephen Metcalf-Conte. All assembled for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., and started the day with plenty of biscuits, gravy, sausage, and grits.

The first lessons of the morning included Rudiments I/Youth I, taught by Judy Caudle and Tom Malone; Rudiments I/Youth II, taught by Richard DeLong; and Rudiments I/Young Adults, taught by Judy Hauff.

Rather than presenting her material as a lecture, Judy Hauff brought a list of pertinent topics, and then orchestrated the lively discussion that ensued. Some of the main themes that were discussed: A balance of parts is important in Sacred Harp singing, but not an equal balance. There need to be more male trebles, as the men and women singing the part together create a sound that is much richer than a simple female soprano part.

Some singings have a problem with too many women who sing alto and too few who sing lead. An alto section that is too loud will set off the balance of parts. It is important that the entire class understands how the key is set and how to keep from

interfering. Everyone should silently listen while the keyer finds his pitch, and wait until he has sounded the opening notes to join in with the chord. Any noise, humming, or vocalized guessing at what the key might be are major distractions. Everyone in the class should be paying attention to the leader—hold your book up so you can see the music and the leader at the same time, and then watch carefully as they indicate whether or not to repeat, which verses to take, etc. Judy suggested that Sacred Harp is “genuine democracy,” which gives each of our singings its share of “colorful characters,” but emphasized that we need to respect everyone who sings even if they disagree with us on certain issues. Visitors to traditional singings might want to just listen for a while, focus on what exactly the local singers are doing that gives them their particular sound, and then try to emulate them. Remember, though, that learning to sing like the traditional singers also means listening carefully and not “adding more than was given.”

After a snack, campers had the option of going on the rock slide, canoeing, and fishing. Jeannette DePoy led a Pilate’s exercise class. Idy Kiser oversaw the crafts all week long—the first project was a cover for the songbook made out of different colors and patterns of duct tape. Those who were curious about composing songs went to an elective led by Tom Malone which he repeated from the first session of camp, on “Composition for Absolute Beginners.” Then, everyone assembled for lunch of hamburgers and french fries.

After lunch, Tom Malone led a class entitled “Genesis of the Southern Fuging Tune.” Tom began by explaining what a fugue is, and then discussed how this type of song was popular in New England in the Revolutionary period, but died out there by the early part of the 19th century. In the South, however, and in the Sacred Harp in particular, fugues continued to be written throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, and make up many of the most popular songs at singings to this day.

Tom spoke briefly about the evolution of the musical form as he asked for leaders to take the class through a chronological progression of fuging songs, beginning with the earliest Southern fugues, and ending with works by the most important early 20th century composers.

Leaders: Kelsey Sunderland 99; James Eldridge 441; Aldo Ceresa 432; Rodney Ivey 306; Lynne deBenedette 362; Tom Malone and Jeannette DePoy 371; Justin Squizzero 383; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; Judy Hauff 423; Micah Rogers and Tom Malone 402; Richard DeLong and Blake Sizemore 431; Reba Windom 434; Blake Sizemore and Benjamin Bath 112; Samuel Sommers 460; David Ivey and Tom Malone 316; Jeff Sheppard 318; Jennie Brown 426; Cassie Allen 430; Karen Swenson 302; Drew Smith 436; Jonathan Smith and Joanna Lampert 208; Jennifer Lee 336.

Following Tom’s class, everyone who wasn’t going to the next elective had the option of swimming, going on a hayride, playing dodgeball (youth under 12), going down the zip line, or just resting.

Those who were interested in keying attended an elective taught by David Ivey and Richard DeLong at the church. Richard began by relating that he learned to key out of necessity. It used to be very uncommon for more than one person in any given area to key the music, and when they passed away, new people would have to learn on the spur of the moment. One of the most important things he learned is that it is vital to key the songs where male trebles can reach the notes, because male trebles are an essential component of real Sacred Harp music.

David emphasized that listening is the best way to learn to key. Whenever you are at a singing, you can practice keying in your head (not out loud!) and compare the pitch you thought of with the one the keyer gives. Also, several good recordings include the keying at the beginning of each track. David talked about some of the challenges that come with pitching, and encouraged the class to never criticize people who key,

as they are almost always the first ones to realize it if a key is off. Techniques for good keying—use a strong full voice to sound the tonic and the notes on which other parts begin. Make sure the notes you sound are good, round “Faws” and “Laws” not nasal “fuhs” and “luhs.” Work on being timely and unobtrusive with your keying, sound all the parts’ first notes, and end on the tenor’s opening note. It is important to remember that the keyer is serving at the pleasure of the leader, not the other way around. Be courteous and wait for the leader to get to the middle of the square and be on the right page before sounding the key. Though it is still uncommon in many areas, it is fine for women to key. Whenever experienced keyers talk about the keys of songs, they are referring only to “Sacred Harp keys,” not absolute pitch. When they talk about keying in F, they mean the sound appropriate for a Sacred Harp song in F, which is not the same as the note an F played on the piano would make.

Following a recess and afternoon snack, everyone split up between two lessons on leading. Richard DeLong taught one for the younger campers, and Shelbie Sheppard conducted one for the older teens and young adults at the camp, which was affectionately dubbed “Leading Boot Camp”!

Shelbie gave a few suggestions for leading well: good Sacred Harp leaders clearly beat the tempo and lead in the parts without drawing attention to themselves or putting on a show. Many people move more of their bodies than they should as they direct music, so try practicing leading in front of a full length mirror. Avoid stomping your feet, hunching down, or shuffling as you walk, and pay attention to the view from behind, as well, as that is what the altos are seeing. How you should dress and what you should do in the square is what you would do in church, and that is not to act frivolous or cut up while others are worshipping. Students who volunteered got up one by one and led 155 while Shelbie gave them some constructive criticism, and Ben Bath got extremely good at keying that particular song by the end of the session!

Campers met for dinner and had an extra special treat listening to five songs performed by Blake Sizemore, Jackson Harcrow, Aura Spears, and Hannah Haynes, all students at Sylvania High School. Their quartet recently won first place in the Alabama state FFA competition, and it was obvious why as soon as they started singing! They treated everyone to a beautiful rendition of five very difficult songs, all done a capella.

Following some free time after dinner, everyone went down to the church for the second nightly singing. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 32t; Ricky Harcrow 283; Aaron Wooten 203; Scott Ivey, Blake Sizemore, Drew Smith, and Jackson Harcrow 63; Susan Harcrow, Aura Spears, and Hannah Haynes 45t; Lynne deBenedette 455; Julianna Jett 30t; Bentley McGuire 240; Ariella Perry 146; Sarah West 324; Caleb Allred 47b; Judy Hauff 67; Shelby Castillo 99; B.J. Schnorenberg 82t; Lauren Hall and Aaron Wooten 448t; Sam Sommers 422; Kelsey Sunderland 272; Donna Bell 503; Virginia Eldridge 33b; Pam Nunn and Reba Dell Windom 269; Judy Caudle and Drew Smith 168; Idy Kiser 312b; Xaris Martinez 344; Corbin Rogers 61; Alex Makris 142; Jennie Brown 42.

After the singing, campers walked down to a bonfire, where Ben Bath led the evening devotional. He enjoined all to “pray for those who despitefully use you,” and to do things to help other people who are in need, regardless of who they are. He led 229 after quoting the lines, “What poor despised company of travelers are these?... They are of a royal line, all children of a king...” Sam Sommers closed with prayer. Those who remained sitting around the fire were entertained by some of the boys, led by Tony Kiser, with an amusing routine they called “ride the bus.” The boys then performed an expertly whistled version of 269. Afterward, campers headed to the Ark

for refreshments, and then to bed, exhausted from a long and eventful day, but excited for lots more fun and learning to come!

Wednesday, July 2

The second full day of camp began early again for those who met to sing out of Lloyds Hymnal on the porch of the dining hall, and slightly later for others with a breakfast of bacon, eggs, and french toast.

The rudiments classes continued after breakfast. Richard DeLong's Youth II class was surprised by a visit from Raymond Hamrick, who came to Camp Fasola for the first time. He told the class how pleased he was to see so many young people singing and leading very difficult songs, and then led 486. His presence all day Wednesday and Thursday was a real treat, and he autographed more than a few songbooks!

Judy Hauff led her class in a discussion about things that you should be aware of in order to be an educated singer. The first topic was repeating properly. Leaders need to pay extra attention to 280, 335, and 400 in order to execute the repeats correctly. 98 can be confusing because there are many rests within the song. The first ending is only a half measure and the repeat starts on beat 2. On 220, be careful about the pickup at the beginning—not on beat 2, but just before beat 1 of the second measure.

After a mid-morning snack, recreation options included the rock slide, canoeing, fishing, and the zip line. Idy Kiser organized the 1st Annual LaRue Allen Memorial toenail painting contest as a tribute to LaRue, the beloved singer and camp counselor who passed away unexpectedly August 2007. There was stiff competition among the many sets of remarkably painted nails, all of which were photographed and then displayed on computers in the dining hall so campers could vote on their favorite.

The winner, who was announced on Thursday night at dinner, was Avalea Maxwell. For those who were not painting toenails or getting theirs painted, Judy Hauff led a class on the principles of composition of dispersed harmony. An important aspect of dispersed harmony is that all four parts have individual lines, often quite melodic, that cross each other frequently. Each part should be both interesting and relatively easy to sing. When you compose music, avoid unusual intervals and confusing parts.

In order to write good music in the Sacred Harp tradition, it is important to understand the characteristics of typical Sacred Harp songs. Study the good writers and try to emulate them. Note that older songs often center on gapped scales, especially in minor keys, where the 2nd and 6th scale degrees are less frequently used. Minimize the use of thirds in chords in both major and minor, and never write a third into the closing chord of a minor song—this never appears in the Sacred Harp.

Raymond discussed the importance of finding a text that suitably reflects the music. He took two months to locate a text for Lloyd, which came from a book from 1785.

Everyone enjoyed fixing their own tacos, burritos, and nachos for lunch, and then they assembled on the lawn in front of the dining hall for the group photograph taken by camp photographer, Jonathan Smith.

Following lunch, John Plunkett facilitated a question and answer session with Raymond Hamrick. Raymond has always been interested in history. He wanted to know where the songs came from, so he began corresponding with George Pullen Jackson and learning about the history of the New England writers. Raymond has always had a particular affinity for William Billings' music, which he feels is among the best ever written. In South Georgia, classes were taught to lead slowly by J. L. White. When Raymond began to sing in other areas in the 1950s and 60s, he noticed immediately that singers elsewhere went much faster than he was used to. It was much too fast, he felt. When the singers met to record the first Sacred Harp Publishing Company album, they listened to a few takes they had recorded and decided that in order to hear any of the words clearly, they would need to slow down the tempos. Marcus Cagle was an important influence on Raymond as a composer. Cagle felt that

a song could be harmonized multiple ways—that there was no one perfect harmony for any particular melody. John Plunkett led 571.

Raymond instructed the class to move right along with 6/4 or 3/4 time, but 3/2 should go somewhat more slowly. Raymond has thought a lot about how the singing has changed and where it is headed. He considers Camp Fasola a great success, and he expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people learning to sing so well. Ben Bath led 492.

Raymond was asked about his advice for younger people, and he said that they should know that there is a time and a place for everything. David Ivey closed the session by leading 347.

Following the discussion, campers got to choose between swimming, low ropes, hiking, resting, or staying in the church for an hour of singing from Raymond Hamrick's "Georgian Harmony."

John Plunkett gave some introductory remarks about how the Georgian Harmony came to be published. He and John Hollingsworth typeset all of the songs over the last several years, and various songs have been introduced at South Georgia singings since that time. The book was completed and debuted at a special singing this February.

Leaders: (note all songs are from the Georgian Harmony) John Plunkett 15; Tom Malone 72; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 26; Lela Crowder 19; Aldo Ceresa 63; Mike Spencer 9; Jane Spencer 66; Matt Hinton 18; Nathan Rees 12; Karen Swenson 65; Judy Hauff 82; Annie Grieshop 30; Darrel Swarens 34; Cassie Allen and Rodney Ivey 89; Chris Holley and Benjamin Bath 49; Alex Craig and Rebecca Eldridge 87; Benjamin Bath 80; Raymond Hamrick 54; John Plunkett 21.

Afternoon lessons included leading practice for the youth with Judy Caudle and Tom Malone; the second session of the Leading Boot Camp with Shelbie Sheppard; and "Rhythm, Time, and Tempo," with David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard.

Jeff and David began by expressing their hope that this session would encourage leaders to give some thought to the tempo of the songs they lead. Songs can be led so fast that details of the notes, rhythms, accent, and words are lost, but they can also be led so slowly that it is impossible to accent or even enjoy the music. Jeff indicated that one of his major concerns with excessively quick tempos is that the class cannot accent properly, and newer singers cannot hear accenting well enough to learn it. Both agreed that there is no one speed that is perfect for each particular song, but that there is a range in which the song might go the best.

David remarked that there is no one "Southern" way of leading a song, as visitors sometimes assume, and remembered Raymond Hamrick's earlier remark that tempo has been the single most divisive issue within the Sacred Harp community. David and Jeff talked about using the time signatures as a guide to tempos. Leaders should consult the rudiments, which position the various modes of time on a spectrum from slowest to fastest. Unless the leader wants the tempo changed, do not try to change it, regardless of how much you may disagree with their interpretation of the song. All of the parts, but basses especially, should be careful that they do not speed up on their entrances. Lastly, when there are time changes in a song, pay attention and vary the tempo of each section accordingly.

After the lessons, campers could choose between going on the zip line, playing dodgeball (12 and older), horseshoes, frisbee, basketball, or two different electives: "Keying Music," with David Ivey and Richard DeLong, and a discussion about the film, "*Awake My Soul*," with Matt and Erica Hinton.

David and Richard continued their class from the previous day and helped aspiring key-heisters practice songs they find difficult to pitch.

Matt and Erica spoke about how "*Awake My Soul*" began and was filmed.

Supper was roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, and delicious rolls, followed by some free time.

The third nightly singing got off to a great start with the older boys and their counselors singing 225b for the class. Leaders: David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard 92; Katherine Eldridge 335; James Nugent 362; Micah Rogers 57; Avalea Maxwell 282; Chyenney Ivey, Paige Gilbert, and Justin Corbett 76b; Holly Mixon 354b; Grace Gilmore 59; Zach Craig and Justin Corbett 346; Keonta Adair and Jonathan Pendleton 388; Sheila Nugent 410t; Chris Holley 102; Briana Bean Hirsch and Keonta Adair 448t; Mike Spencer 499; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 425; Sam Sommers 412; Anna Hendrick 319; Karen Swenson 183; Darrell Swarens 542; Caleb Kiser 87; Carol Mosley 455.

The singing was followed by a devotional by Justin Squizzero, on “Help Me to Sing.” He read the lyrics to 376 and talked about how each line reflects an ideal to which we should aspire. We should remember that it is to Jesus, our “prophet, priest, and king,” that we should always look, but that as we bind ourselves to him in cords of love, we also bind ourselves to each other. Nathan Rees closed the devotional in prayer, and then campers headed back to the Ark for some free time and refreshments before bed.

Watching the basketball game that started up in the Ark, most everyone over the age of 20 was astounded at the amount of energy the young people still had left after such a full day! Then it was back to quarters at 9:45 p.m. and lights out at 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 3

Campers woke up and got ready for one last full day of classes and activities—those who were a little slower were greeted once again at the dining hall by the sweet sounds of Lloyd’s hymnal singing. After a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage, everyone headed to their first classes, rudiments with Tom Malone and Judy Caudle, Richard DeLong, or Judy Hauff.

Richard DeLong encouraged the class to ask the older singers about how they used to sing and how things used to be different. Listen to old recordings, and try to make sure that we keep the tradition preserved in the way we sing. Students took a quiz on Sacred Harp trivia. Those with the highest scores from the younger and older youth groups won CDs from Morning Trumpet Recordings. The top scores in the two groups were B. J. Schnorenberg and Ben Bath. Richard then led the class in 146, and they took the parting hand.

Once again, Judy Hauff arranged her class as an open discussion among the participants. This time, they talked about some of their “pet peeves” having to do with singing, and thought about ways of addressing them. Some leaders are taking 3/4 and 3/2 songs at tempos that drag—the songs do not have to be very slow as the whole and half notes may imply to newer leaders. Some people feel very strongly about their leading styles, which are rooted in family and regional tradition. Raymond Hamrick emphasized that a leader should be a leader, not a follower. Next up were swimming, zip line, and crafts, which were pin-on buttons and hemp necklaces.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg conducted an elective discussion of Sharing Personal Sacred Harp Experiences, which was a really enjoyable experience for everyone who participated. Raymond Hamrick aptly summed up the discussion when he said, “Sacred Harp is a way of life. It’s not only something you participate in.”

Lunch was a choice of fried chicken or catfish, and was followed by a class taught by Henry Johnson in the church on three part songs.

Though approximately 75% of the songs in the 1859 edition had no alto part, the alto has always been used, and not only in compositions from the North—songs like 434, 460, and others, were composed relatively early on in the South with alto parts.

Apparently, however, neither B. F. White nor E. J. King ever wrote an alto part. Pressure to modernize music led to the addition of a large number of alto parts in the 1911 edition of the James book. The trend of adding alto parts continued through the 1991 revision, which has 26 three part songs, which make up 4% of the book. Henry had the class sing a number of songs with and without the alto part, demonstrating the changes the addition of the alto line makes to the chordal structure of the songs.

One unique aspect of Sacred Harp music that gives it its powerful sound is the prevalence of two note chords, often composed of open fifths. The addition of alto parts dilutes these chords and changes the sound of the music. On songs which were composed with four parts from the beginning, Henry said, the alto parts are consistently better, since they were not afterthoughts that could not fully participate in the melodic structure of the song. He led 480 to demonstrate this point.

Those who were up for more recreation had the choice of swimming and Pilates, and others headed to the church for an elective class with Tom Malone, on “The Unsung Marcus Cagle.”

In Raymond Hamrick’s papers at the Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Tom Malone, Aldo Ceresa, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg found a number of songs by Marcus Cagle that he sent to Raymond for input during the last few years of his life. Tom typeset all the songs and invited members of the class to lead them, while he made remarks about Cagle’s life and musical style. The class was fortunate to include Raymond Hamrick himself, who had never heard the songs sung by a sizeable group, and who was delighted to have the opportunity some 40 years after he first saw the music.

Leaders: Nathan Rees “Tapley”; Karen Swenson “Seek the Old Path”; John Plunkett “Gladly Would My Eyes My Savior See”; Sam Sommers “Bethesda Pool”; Justin Squizzero “This Blind Man”; Tom Malone and Judy Caudle “Thou Art Needful”; Lauren Bock “My Cause Above”; Judy Hauff “Hope and Trust”; Jonathan Smith “Sweet Responses”; Lynne deBenedette “Redeeming Love”; Henry Johnson “Reminiscing on My Days of Yore”; Bentley McGuire “Raymond”; Aldo Ceresa “They Hear of Heaven”; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg “Raise Me Higher”. Tom Malone closed by leading “Shining Angels”.

Bud and Sammy Oliver came down to share their delightful company, as well as their recipe for lemonade: 6 dozen lemons, 5 gallons of water, and 10 lbs. sugar. He and Sammy slice the lemons in thirds, press out the juice into the tub of water mixed with sugar, and then toss the lemon slices in on top. Make sure you have good water—it helps if it comes out from a rock like Bud’s does. Everyone enjoyed helping to squeeze the lemons and then drinking down all the lemonade while eating slices of watermelon.

Once they had as much lemonade as they could drink, some of the campers who still had energy left got one last chance at the zip line, canoeing, fishing, or dodgeball. Others headed to an elective discussion with David Ivey on the future of Camp Fasola, in which participants discussed pros and cons about the way the camp was organized this year, and brainstormed about possibilities for future years. Everyone enjoyed spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, and garlic bread for dinner, and were entertained by the “Anniston Ramblers” old time music band, which consisted of James Eldridge on guitar, Rebecca Eldridge and Corbin Rogers on fiddle, and Ben Bath on piano and spoons. After supper, some folks relaxed before the evening singing, and others were busy with a quick class in the Ark for the younger campers, staged for a TV cameraman from a local television station, who needed some footage of a singing school. Judy Caudle and Tom Malone happily obliged. The report,

which also included scenes shot at the Independence Day singing the following day, aired on Birmingham's ABC 33/40.

The final evening singing started off with the older girls and their counselors performing an excellent rendition of "Welcome, Welcome, Every Guest," 24t in the rudiments. The boys definitely have their work cut out for them for next year! Leaders: Tom Malone and Judy Caudle 46; Holly Mixon 59; Zach Craig and Justin Corbett 384; Katherine Eldridge 354b; B.J. Schnorenberg 45t; Ashton Rogers 146; Katrina Rosser 478; James Nugent 355; Rebecca Gilmore 317; James Eldridge 186; Audrey Village and Fiona Nugent 209; Stephanie Metcalf-Conte 142; Ethan Corbett 325; Audrey Presnell and Shelbie Presnell 31b; Stuart Ivey and Jonathan Pendleton 282; Avalea Maxwell 160b; Declan Nugent 31t; Hannah Tate 454; Shelby Castillo and Casey Castillo 57; Caleb Allred 236; Alex Craig and Rebecca Eldridge 421; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 377; Micah Roberts 178; Michael Mosley 485; Tony, Andrew, and Caleb Kiser 457; Alex Makris, Heather Sutton, and Rachel Shavers 480; Stephanie Fida and Andrew Fida 288; Drew Smith, Bentley McGuire, and Jennifer Lee 385b; Jennifer Mosteller and Zebulon Ferguson 68t; Justin Squizzero and Liz Kiser 506; Jonathan Smith and Benjamin Bath 411; Corbin Rogers 335; Kelsey Sunderland, Ariella Perry, and Lauren Bock 203; Sarah West and Xaris Martinez 84; Anna Hendrick and Briana Bean Hirsch 318; Liz Cantrell, Stephen Metcalf-Conte, Jo Pendleton, and Georgianna Presnell 348b; Keonta Adair, Brittany McDade, and Rodney Ivey 56t; Annie Grieshop, Brian Maxwell, and Maggie Leonard 65.

Rachel Shavers gave the devotional, which was some recollections of her great-grandmother, Mrs. Maureen Brown, her influence in her life, how she always took her family to church, and to singing. She was a great example. She never criticized if you were doing something wrong, but gently helped you to get it right. Rachel then led the version of "Holy Manna" that her grandmother used to lead. Benjamin Bath gave the closing prayer.

After the singing, David Ivey presented the teachers and counselors with certificates of appreciation, and expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped to make Camp Fasola 2008 such a success. The counselors then presented each of their campers with certificates and everyone gave David a resounding round of applause for all his hard work. Everyone was allowed an extra half hour before bed since the singing started late.

Friday, July 4

Final camp activities on Friday were breakfast and packing up, but, fortunately, final goodbyes were delayed for a few hours since the Independence Day singing began at the church at 9:00 a.m. The final moments of camp were bittersweet—sad that it was already nearly over for another year, but happy to reflect on all the fun, learning, friendship, and inspiration that filled every moment!

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey;
Historian/Secretary—Nathan Rees

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

Friday, July 4, 2008

The Independence Day Singing usually held at Muscadine, Alabama, was held at Camp Lee in Anniston, Alabama. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order by leading 32t. Samuel Sommers offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 358; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 432; Louis Hughes 350; Holly Mixon 59; Robert Chambless 523; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 186; Nathan Rees 313t; Judy Caudle 439; Jeannette DePoy 328; Lela Crowder and Ariella Perry 110; Aldo Ceresa 380; Lynne deBenedette 168; Henry Johnson 341; Charlene Wallace 283; Steven Conte 417; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; SuNell Ellis 143; Lonnie Rogers and Karen Rollins 225t; Stuart Ivey and Jordan Taylor 148; Hannah Tate and Ken Tate 542; Carol Munro Mosley 473; Joanna Lampert 560; Gary Gronau 500; Paula Oliver and Scot Oliver 117; Elene Stovall 564; B.J. Schnorenberg 155; Rodney Willard and Barbara Willard 63; Kelsey Sunderland 177t; Michael Mosley 74b; Ed Thacker 532; Ashton Rodgers 171; Lori Rodgers and Carol Selleck 142; Jonathon Smith 442.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Samuel Sommers leading 146. Leaders: Micah Rodgers 178; Shelby Presnell and Audrey Presnell 31b; Judy Chambless 569t; Becky Browne 411 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Justin Squizzero 211; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Rene Greene 436; James Nugent 355; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 540; Corbin Rodgers 401; Lauren Bock 387; Benjamin Bath 105; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 101t; Drew Smith 384; Brianna Bean Hirsch 228; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 303; Scott Kennedy 347; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 573; Anna Hendrick 192; James Eldridge 318; Bridgett Hill 297.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading 97. Leaders: Terry Barber 528; Xaris Martinez 340; J.C. Rutledge 454; Katherine Eldridge 45t; Liz Cantrell 496; Robert Walker 99; Stephanie Fida 270; Fiona Nugent and Shelia Nugent 457; Michael Walker and Shelby Sampson 30b; Karen Swenson 352; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 217; Jennie Brown 189; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 505; Annie Grieshop and Charlie Derleth 28b; Tom Ivey 195; Maggie Leonard 122; Tom Malone and Judy Caudle 193; Sharon Strong 89; Jesse Roberts 242; Judy Hauff 245; Bentley McGuire 446; Carolyn Thompson 383; Oscar McGuire and Faye Hollis 344; Bea Carnathan 472; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 512; Brandon Acton, Jacob Acton, and Jenny Acton 373; Nell Estes 269; Mary Jo Shafer and Kenneth Calvert 503 (for Evelyn Harris); Pam Nunn and Samuel Sommers 220; Carol Mosley 436 (in memory of LaRue Allen).

Jeff Sheppard and Samuel Sommers led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Samuel Sommers.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE MIRJANA LAUSEVIC MEMORIAL SINGING **First Congregational Church, Sunderland, Massachusetts** **Saturday, July 5, 2008**

The Mirjana Lausevic Memorial Singing was held at First Congregational Church in Sunderland, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the first Sunday in July. John Holbrook called the class to order leading 34b. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Matthew Wojcik; Secretary—Jeremy Galvagni. Leaders: Matthew Wojcik 37b; Guy Bankes 474; Lydia Vernon-Jones 50t; Paul Butler 319; Martha Henderson 396; George Seiler 503; Carole Dempsey 230; Terry

Ryan 496; Joanne Fuller 39b; Russ Vernon-Jones 448b; Sheila Kelley 106; Mary Alice Amidon 203; Paul Gauthier 192; Susan Loucks 448t; Ed Smith 436; Anna Maria Irvine 196; James Baumgartner 171; Peter Amidon 318; Kiri Miller 142; Jim Picton 384; Rosie Wojcik 475.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Allison Schofield "Lausevic"; Aaron Girard 430; Lucy Roberts 47t; Andrew Magee 47b; Anita Buswell 32t; Duncan Vinson 229; Kate Richardson 429; Peter Golden 144; Kitty Kagay and Paula Goode 217; Rick Johnston 228; Rosalie Elkinton 335; Paul Butler 454; Jim Ulrich 273; Molly Merrett 277; Bob Parr 215; Al Yanas 340; Paula Picton 446; Bill Dunn 145b; Laura Borelli 300; Laura Clawson 542; Sue Ulrich 504.

RECESS

Kelsey Wessels called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Jean Seiler 315; Amy Finlay 168; Anna Kazlauskas 73t; Ben Sach-Hamilton 193; Rebecca Edwards 283; Kshama Ananthapura 76b; Sheldon Finlay 189; Susan Willett 45t; Jenna Strizak and Kelsey Wessels 87; Dana Borelli 29t; Linda Shea 270; Laura Timmerman 546; Peter Irvine 163b; Allison Schofield 378b; Martha Henderson 381.

Jenna Strizak led 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Lorrie Sabourin, Marianne Taylor, Stefni Agin, Steve Hoyt, Juliet Frankland, Paul Setford, John Larson, Roger Cartwright, Elaine Sampson, Lydia Pepi, Linda Fuller, Jane MacIver, Gerald Hand, Nancy Davis, Dick Johnston, Kat Kinkade, and Margie Baron.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Eric Morgan, who led 82t for the following deceased: Minja Lausevic—Sarajevo, Massachusetts, and Minnesota; Henriette Galvagni, Victor Galvagni—Florida; Martha Dionne—New Hampshire; David Stryker, Marion Zimmerman, Arthur Dobias, Jackie Walker, Joan Goodwin, Brent Beebe, Bonnie Rogers, Alex Mason, David Emerson—Massachusetts; Barb Willett—Vermont; Milton Oliver—Alabama; Greg Smilth—Minnesota; Tippy Cook, Cecil Cook—Georgia; Shelley Cook—South Africa; James Ross—Virginia; Dick Tracey—Connecticut; Bruce Phillips—Utah. Kelly House led 376. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Eliza Cavanaugh.

LUNCH

Sheldon Finlay called the class back to order leading 324. Leaders: Laura Clawson 186; Eric Morgan 328; Dan Hertzler 379; Paula Picton 573; Tim Erickson 236; Jenna Strizak 336; Anna Maria Irvine 460; James Baumgartner 112; Matthew Wojcik 269; Linda Shea 442; Rebecca Edwards 218; Peter Irvine 198; Kiri Miller 445; Bill Dunn 49t; Guy Bankes 327; Dana Borelli and Laura Borelli 77t; Anne Kazlauskas 556; Rick Johnston 392; Anita Buswell 274t; Kelsey Wessels 146; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 480; Bob Parr 352; Deidra Montgomery 107.

RECESS

Ed Smith called the class back to order leading 528. Leaders: Laura Timmerman 111t; Amy Finlay and Sheldon Finlay 532; John Holbrook 347; Kelly House 105; Paul Gauthier 426b; Rosalie Elkinton 383; Martha Henderson 456; Carole Dempsey 162; Jim Ulrich and Sue Ulrich 191; Ben Sacks-Hamilton 268; Jim Picton 299; Rosie Wojcik and Kelsey Wessels 129; Peter Golden 178; Russ Vernon-Jones and Lydia Vernon-Jones 99; Susan Loucks 122; Kate Richardson and Sheila Kelley 209; Lucy Roberts 35; Duncan Vinson 126; Joanne Fuller, Kshama Ananthapura, and Kitty Kagay 512; Terry Ryan 344.

The business meeting was called to order by John Holbrook. Paul Butler thanked those in attendance for their generosity and announced that all expenses had been met. Secretary Jeremy Galvagni reported that there had been 89 songs led by leaders from 13 states (eventual total 109 songs.) Kshama Ananthapura and Martha

Henderson, for the Resolutions Committee, thanked all those who contributed to the success of the singing. The business session was closed. Announcements were made. John Holbrook, Matthew Wojcik, and Jeremy Galvagni led 62 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—John Holbrook; Vice-Chairman—Matthew Wojcik; Secretary—Jeremy Galvagni

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
July 5-6, 2008
Saturday, July 5

The 92nd session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Shane Wootten leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Ron Harper. Michael Thompson was appointed to serve as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: David Ivey 34t; Loyd Ivey 32t; Rodney Ivey 392; Norma Green and Nate Green 185; Michael Walker 377; Jackie Tanner 172; Ron Harper 455; Jeff Adcock 108t; Sarah Jenkins 340; Oliver Kindig Stokes 432; Liz Cantrell 73t; Joyce Walton 192; Steven Kick 217; Pat Temple 34b; Darrell Swarens 350; Eddie Mash 28b; Henry Johnson 398; Jennie Brown 314; Brad Bahler 29t; S.T. Reed 399; Hannah Tate 454; Michael Thompson and Gretchen Gugler 436.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore brought the class back together leading 101t. Leaders: Ed Thacker 51; Nathan Rees 120; Sandra Wilkinson and Tom Malone 568; James Eldridge 171; Jerry Schreiber 35; Briana Bean Hirsch 300; Mary Wright 180; Zack Craig and Isaac Maxwell 346; Shelby Presnell 31b; Tim Reynolds 278t; Louis Hughes 76b; Blake Sisemore 532; Audrey Presnell 178; Danny Arms 304; Sandie Scott 317; Becky Browne 276; Sam Sommers 502; Jonathan Smith 58.

RECESS

Shane Wootten called the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman-Karlsberg 316; Harrison Creel and family 312b; Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley 148; Cheyenne Ivey and Jessica Ivey 282; Anna Hendrick 111b; Sarah West 324; Alex Makris 389; Gary Gronau and Alex Craig 59; Beth Branscome 335; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 535; Jesse Roberts 234; Matt Hinton and students 378b; Dennis George 165; Aldo Ceresa 550; Karen Swenson 211; Joanna Lampert 560; Linda Sidas 448t. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten and Jackie Tanner called the afternoon session to order leading 36b. Leaders: Ben Bath and Richard DeLong 220; Tom Ivey 280; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 189; Tom George and Jared George 424.

S.T. Reed had counted the ballots and results of the election were announced as follows: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom.

Leaders: Richard Ivey and Allison Ivey 182; Sharon Strong 38t; Ken Tate 362; Kelsey Sunderland 460; Velton Chafin 232; Justin Squizzero 214; Bud Oliver 421; Wayne Dell 277; Lynne deBenedette and Reba Windom 542; Mike Grimes 344; Louis Hughes, Jr. 163b; Darlene Dalton and Karen Clark 47b; Xaris Martinez and Karen Ivey 482; Arlon Gardner 475; Lela Crowder and Erica Hinton 270; Judy Caudle and Bridget Hill 138t; Frank Strickland 480; Charlie Derleth, Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, Gary Gronau, and Becky Browne 68b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey brought the class back together leading 97. Leaders: Chris Holley and Kathy Pilibosian 201; Lauren Bock 543; B.M. Smith 318; Jennifer

Mosteller and Tom Malone 457; Bea Carnathan 205; Rebecca Eldridge 110; Shelby Sampson 497; Bob Simmons 569b; Marilyn Burchett and Gail Aagaard 551; Paula Oliver and Scot Oliver 117; Syble Adams 496; Julietta Haynes 222; Geraldine Sharpton 299.

Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Hobert Ivey led 486 (WB) to end the day's singing. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Sunday, July 6

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 32t. Tony Ivey offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 37b; Rodney Ivey 373; Loyd Ivey 47t; Reba Windom 208; Scott Ivey 460; Bill Walters 468; Jared George 155; Larry Ballinger 224; Aldo Ceresa 318; Scott Kennedy 228; Leona Haynes and Rodney Ivey 146; Karen Bahler and Ruth Dolby 128; Ethan Corbett 152; Charlie Derleth 348b; Chris Ballinger 270; Elene Stovall 142; John Etheridge and Oliver Kindig Stokes 30b; Hubert Nall 168; Shelby Castillo 186; Wayne Wootten 310; Joan Aldridge 546; Bobby Watkins and April Watkins 314; Ruth Dolby 503; Liz Cantrell 442.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Shane Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: Jared Wootten 441; Danny Arms 392; Mike Dunn and Grant Dunn 137; Carolyn Thompson 349; Susan Harcrow 411; Harrison Creel 111b; Brad Bahler 77t; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 113; S.T. Reed 428; Jackson Harcrow 399b; Lisa Geist 291; William Shetter 96 (CB); Henry Johnson 132; Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver 282; Stuart Ivey 200; Steven Taylor 81t; Idy Kiser 385b.

Ed Thacker and Reba Windom conducted the memorial lesson. Reba Windom read the names of the following deceased: Marsha Williams, LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson Brady, Jeanette Lowry, Minja Lausevic, Milton Oliver, Christine Chrisman, Howard Frost, Jr., Edith Tate, Marie Guthrie, Dick Mauldin, Myrtle Smith, Gene Anderson, Ed Nelson, Sam Jones, Alton Ivey, Kenneth Walton, Asbury Walton, Chester Lacy, and Gretchen Cassara. Ed Thacker read the poetry from 650 (LD), and Reba Windom led 499 in memory of the deceased.

The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Bill Ellason, Mattie Townsel, Cora Sweatt, Bill Tanner, Johanna Fabke, Kathleen Robbins, Genny Whitworth, Jimmie Gilmore, Gene Forbes, Alan Rosser, Bob Leonard, Dolores Katz, Walter Howell, Gary Trentham, Landa Trentham, and Kirby Sweatt. Ed Thacker led 403.

Henry Johnson spoke about Milton Oliver, a devoted singer and dedicated member of the community. In his memory, the class sang 147t. Ricky Harcrow closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Joyce Walton 269; James Eldridge 35; Gravis Ballinger 384; Wayne Dell 159; Linda Sides 480; Eddie Mash 39t. Sam Sommers offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the class back together leading 319. Leaders: Arlon Gardner 183; Richard Ivey 293; Paul Figura 72b; Beth Ballinger 391; Sam Sommers 279; Shirley Figura 235; Judy Caudle 216; Xaris Martinez 215; Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, Anzlea Maxwell, Alex Craig, Eddie Akins, and Cassie Allen 198; Bridgett Hill and Drew Smith 408; Lynne deBenedette and John Etheridge 272.

Shane Wootten expressed gratitude to all who helped make the singing possible. A commemorative plaque was presented to Coy and Marie Ivey in appreciation of their many years of support to the Sacred Harp tradition, at home and around the country. Leaders: Coy Ivey, Marie Ivey, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Mike Ivey, Pam Ellis, and the grandchildren 384; Ricky Harcrow, Sarah Jenkins, and Joel Jenkins 486 (WB); Mary

Wright, Pat Temple, and Richard Ivey 567; Kathy Robinson 436; Jordan Leigh Taylor 63; Joe Nall and Oliver Kindig Stokes 448t; Linton Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 144; Donna Wootten, Shane Wootten, Marlon Wootten, and Eloise Wootten 176b; Becky Browne, Charlie Derleth, Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, and Gary Gronau 99.

RECESS

Coy Ivey called the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Ben Bath and Blake Sisemore 209; Loyd Ivey, Louise Ivey, and family 517 (WB); Liz Kiser 426b; Matt Hinton 268; Darrell Swarens 47b; Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, John Etheridge, and Ivey family 410t; Nate Green and Norma Green 425; Jenni Wallace 474; Rebecca Eldridge 58; Charles Franklin 74b; Joyce Whittington 452; Michael Thompson and Loyd Ivey 424.

Shane Wootten led 328 (WB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer offered by Joel Jenkins.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL **Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church** **(New Flatwoods), Nauvoo, Alabama** **Sunday, July 6, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp memorial singing held at Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 319; Don Keeton 390, 317 (for Joe Mack Jackson), 58; Alene Woodley 399b, 83t, 77t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 111b, 467, 127; Lena Keeton 43, 235, 30t; Kermit Adams 31b, 34t, 99; Faye Donaldson 47t, 410t, 225t; Anita Naramore and Ronni Naramore 348b, 145b, 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading 146. Leaders: Steve Adams 101t, 401, 309; Tim Gilmore 278b, 56t, 32t, 37b (in memory of John Hyde). Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 179 and 421. Leaders: Anita Naramore and Ronni Naramore 111t, 30b; Dwight Ingle 274t, 314, 445, 63; Margaret Keeton 48t, 213b, 147b, 138t; Otis Sides 61, 145t, 144, 544; Ila Ingle 29t, 72b, 100, 87; Nathan Gilmore 571 (CB), 45t, 270, 124, 393, 147t; Josie Hyde 167, 424.

Due to lack of support, this singing is discontinued.

Following announcements, Travis Keeton led 426t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Ronald Gilmore, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Secretary—Lena Keeton

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Sunday, July 6, 2008

The 95th session of the Sacred Harp singing at Crossroads Baptist Church, north of Tallapoosa, Georgia, was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes called the class to order leading 32t. After welcoming everyone, Louis Hughes introduced the pastor, Elder Bobby Clark, who gave a brief history of the church. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Miranel Swafford 313t; Donna Bell 155; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 138b (in memory of his father, Elder J. C. Hughes, and grandfather, Elder George Lawson Hughes); B. M. Smith 101t; Sharon Strong 162; Karen Rollins 405; Michael Walker 31t; Sandra Wilkinson 406; Mary Jo Shafer 452; Judy Chambless 179; Jennie Brown 157; Lauren Bock and Anna Hendrick 361; Tom Malone 548; Nathan Rees 465; Kelsey Sunderland 87; Lonnie Rogers 97, 389 (by request).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Louis Hughes, Jr., Katie Curry, Sarah Curry, and Sallie Hughes leading 34b. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 99; Lela Crowder 391; Tom Ivey 113; Justin Squizzero 292; Joanna Lampert 138t; Bentley McGuire 556; Ann Simpson 47t; Allison Thompson 145t; Robert Chambless 317; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 541; Karen Swenson 187; Chris Holley 229; Oscar McGuire 54; Karen Clark 354t.

Louis Hughes recognized Mattie Lou Pope, Dorsey Newman, and Lonnie Rogers, all over 90 years of age. Mr. Lonnie spoke of being at Camp FaSoLa earlier in the week and was very impressed with the number of “young people” taking an interest in Sacred Harp singing. Mr. Lonnie thanked everyone for coming.

RECESS

Louis Hughes brought the class back together leading 75. Leaders: John Plunkett 104; Eschol Hughes 59; Mike Grimes 551 (for Nick Griffin).

Louis Hughes conducted the memorial lesson. Cecil Roberts led 385t for the following sick and shut-ins: Renea Campbell, Mary Florence Smith, Jimmie Denney, Dale Harris, Evelyn Harris, Ceford Wood, and Ruth Daniel.

Karen Clark led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Douglas McCray, Lillian McCray Brock, LaRue Allen, B.J. Harris, Reby Stanford, Myrtle Smith, Lee Williamson, Felton Denney, Floye Hulsey, Minja Lausevic, Calvin Pope, Rev. J. T. Williams, Belle Williams, Cecil Gable, Irvin Roberts, Corene Laminack, Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver, and Gladys McGraw. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 448b; George Garner 454; Eric Robinson 569b; Aaron Little 348b. Elder Bobby Clark offered the blessing for the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Louis Hughes, Jr. leading 225t.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 129; Daphene Causey 222; Barbara Willard, Rodney Willard, Louis Hughes, and Joanna Lampert 128; James Newman and Elaine Newman 111t; Jeff Sheppard 121; Anna Hendrick 127; Chris Holley 111b; Jennie Brown 466; Lauren Bock 217; Tom Malone 188; Kelsey Sunderland 379; Justin Squizzero 197; Karen Swenson 402; Louis Hughes, Janice Hughes, Louis Hughes, Jr., Sallie Hughes, Katie Curry, Sarah Curry, Jeff Dodson, Lynne Dodson, Will

Dodson, Allison Thompson, Eschol Hughes, and Elaine Newman 335; Nathan Rees 422; Michael Walker 298; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 572; Mike Grimes 106; Joanna Lampert 318; Tom Ivey 562; Ann Simpson 378t; Sharon Strong 479; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Mary Jo Shafer 49b; Aaron Little 480; Bentley McGuire 31b; Karen Clark 569t; Kathe Pilibosian 448t; Oscar McGuire 441; James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 45t; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 236.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes and Miranel Swafford led 347 as the closing song. Elder Gerald Sloman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

NATIONAL SHAPE NOTE GATHERING
Ozark Folk Center, Mt. View, Arkansas
July 10-12, 2008
Thursday, July 10

The 5th annual Shape Note Gathering began on Thursday evening with leaders from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision, *Cooper Book* (CB), *Alabama-Christian Harmony* (AL-CH), *North Carolina-Christian Harmony* (NC-CH), *Black Mississippi Shape Note* (B-M), *Cayce-The Good Old Songs* (GOS), and *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 511t (CB). Dennis George offered the opening prayer.

Charley Sandage appointed Gaylon Powell to moderate the Shape Note Gathering. Tammy Powell was appointed as Secretary.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 511b (CB); Hugh McGraw 37t, 31b; Cassie Allen 261 (AL-CH), 31t (AL-CH); Charlie Sandage 253 (GOS), 156 (GOS); Dan Brittain 16 (MH), 109 (MH); Holly Gale 258 (NC-CH), 117 (NC-CH); Connie Stanton 171 (CB), 276 (CB); Tammy Powell 168t (CB), 558 (CB); Dennis George 171 (AL-CH), 19 (AL-CH); Sonny Erwin 505 (CB); 336t (CB); Emily Creel 51 (AL-CH), 85b (AL-CH); Jarrod George 109 (AL-CH), 559 (CB); Eddie Huckaby 232 (GOS), 339 (GOS); Mark Tew 59, 239 (CB).

Gaylon Powell led 46 as the closing song. Hugh McGraw offered the closing prayer.

Friday, July 11

Morning—Featured Leaders: Dan Brittain, Laura Boosinger, and Charlie Sandage. Dan Brittain talked about the history of the *Missouri Harmony* and led 6, 22, 23, 26, 30, 34, 48, 113, 130, 160, and 172 (MH). Laura Boosinger talked about the traditions of the *North Carolina Christian Harmony* and led 58b, 88, 258, 360, 341, 208b, 214, and 117 (NC-CH). Charley Sandage talked about the traditions of the Cayce book aka “*The Good Old Songs*” and led 555, 352, 155, 388, 277, and 106 (GOS).

LUNCH

Afternoon—Featured Leaders: Hugh McGraw, Cassie Allen, Chiquita Walls, and Gaylon Powell. Hugh McGraw talked about the traditions of the *Denson Book* and led 155, 569b, and 73b (SH). Cassie Allen went over the traditions and the 7 shapes used in *Alabama Christian Harmony* and led 149, 189, 64, 180, 338b, 354t, and 255 (AL-CH). Chiquita Walls talked about the traditions of the *Black Mississippi Shape Note* singing. Gaylon Powell and Benny Walls led “Just Over in the Glory Land”, “He Is The Song I Love To Sing”, “I’ll Have A New Life”, and “Heaven’s Jubilee” (B-M). Gaylon Powell went over the traditions of the *Cooper book* and led 519b, 53, 559, 511t, 518, 408, and 239 (CB).

Gaylon Powell closed the session by leading 95b (CB). Andrew Albers offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, July 12

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 484b (CB). Hugh McGraw offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 558 (CB), Hugh McGraw 416t (CB), Cassie Allen 82 (AL-CH), Laura Boosinger 35b (NC-CH), 339 (NC-CH); Holly Gale 109 (AL-CH), 463 (CB); Connie Stanton 569b, 559 (CB); Charlene Wallace 220; Tammy Powell 322 (AL-CH), 19 (AL-CH); Jarrod George 155; Eddie Huckaby 235 (GOS), "Victory in Jesus" (B-M).

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back together leading 109 (MH) and 30 (MH).

Leaders: Emily Creel 54 (AL-CH), 326 (AL-CH); Mark Tew 203 (CB), "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way" (B-M); Lonnie Holland 336t (CB), 158 (GOS); Sonny Erwin 488b (CB), 511t (CB); Dennis George 177 (MH), 180 (AL-CH); Charley Sandage 155 (GOS), 282 (GOS); Chiquita Walls "I'm Moving on Home" (B-M), "I Want to Take Time" (B-M); Benny Walls "John Knew" (B-M).

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order leading 80 (AL-CH). Leaders: Hugh McGraw 87, Cassie Allen 59b (AL-CH), 316 (AL-CH); Mark Tew 47t, 73t; Charlene Wallace 46; Sonny Erwin 49b, 59; Charlie Sandage 463 (GOS), 541 (GOS); Connie Stanton 412, 393t (CB); Eddie Huckaby 341 (NC-CH), 129b (NC-CH); Laura Boosinger 128 (NC-CH), 335 (NC-CH).

Announcements were made. Leaders: Jarrod George 37b, 149 (AL-CH); Emily Creel 85 (AL-CH); Chiquita Walls 289b (NC-CH), 35 (GOS); Ann Grigsby 47b; Dennis George "Lil Liza Jane" (B-M); Benny Walls "I've Got To Cross That Lonely River" (B-M), "I'll Have a New Life" (B-M), "Heaven's Jubilee" (B-M).

Gaylon Powell, Cassie Allen, Laura Boosinger, Hugh McGraw, Holly Gale, Chiquita Walls, and Charles Sandage led 563 (CB) for the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Charlie Sandage offered the closing prayer.

Moderator—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Tammy Powell

QUEBEC SACRED HARP CONVENTION Bishops College School Chapel, Lennoxville and Town Hall, Ways Mills, Quebec

July 11-12, 2008

Friday, July 11

David Dutton called the 14th annual Quebec Sacred Harp Convention to order at the chapel of Bishops College School, Lennoxville, Quebec. Cheryl Stroud led 47t and Chuck Neville offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Parr 36b; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 276; Howard Katz 99; Susan Jaster 503; Scott Luscombe 479; Chuck Neville 68b; Bobbie Goodell 40; Chuck Crawford 569b; Pleasance Crawford 492; Jackie Hall 528; Kyle Greenlee 178; Cheryl Stroud 455.

RECESS

Leaders: Chris Weslowski 300; Cathy Brochet 86; Bob Parr 171; Gillian Inksetter 472; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 48b; Howard Katz 212; Susan Jaster 313t; Scott Luscombe 362; Chuck Neville 163b; Bobbie Goodell 344; Chuck Crawford 72b; Pleasance Crawford 476; Kyle Greenlee 129; Cheryl Stroud 198; Chris Weslowski 143; Cathy Brochet 523; Bob Parr 270; Gillian Inksetter 31t; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 189; Howard Katz 30b; Susan Jaster 569t; Scott Luscombe 430; Chuck

Neville 49b; Bobbie Goodell 540; Chuck Crawford 535; Pleasance Crawford 348; Jackie Hall 155; Kyle Greenlee 481; Cheryl Stroud 183.

The closing prayer was offered by Chuck Neville.

Saturday, July 12

The Saturday session of the Quebec Sacred Harp Convention was called to order, at the Town Hall of Ways Mills, Quebec, by Chuck Neville leading 178. He then offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Howard Katz 99; Bruce Kokern 38t; Gillian Inksetter 84; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 209; Bob Parr 128; Carole Dempsey 114; Paul Gauthier 34t; Virginia Neville 38b; Leonard Spencer 250; Kyle Greenlee 454; Wendy Gilchrist 56b; Chuck Crawford 63; Christopher Weslowski 143; Elka Schumann 315; Pleasance Crawford 485; Scott Luscombe 532; Jackie Hall 87; Bobbie Goodell 503; Susan Jaster 174; Chuck Neville 68b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order. Virginia Neville led 480 and Mae Tettero led 288.

Cathy Brochet conducted the memorial lesson, leading 452 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Joel Katz, Johanna Fabke, Monica Graf, John Pratt, James Brown, and Virginia Luscombe.

The following deceased were remembered: Gail Birch, Bob Baldwin—Maine; John Minty, Jenny Reynolds, Elvyn Baldwin, Viola Jones—Quebec; Minja Lausevic—Minnesota; Amanda Denson Brady, LaRue Allen—Alabama; Homer Benefield—Georgia; Jim Armstrong—New York; Sulimar—New Jersey; Sunshine Rodriguez-Bloch—Switzerland. Cathy Brochet led 347, and concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Susan Jaster 266; Howard Katz 475; Bruce Kokern 551; Carole Dempsey 142; Gillian Inksetter 66; Paul Gauthier 182; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 474; Christopher Weslowski 107; Elka Schumann 454; Pleasance Crawford 232; Bob Parr 180.

LUNCH

Chuck Neville called the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Alexis Walker 294; Chuck Crawford 369; Kyle Greenlee 86; Cathy Brochet 547; Cheryl Stroud 53; Virginia Neville 163b; Leonard Spencer 260; Wendy Gilchrist 39t; Jackie Hall “Ten Thousand Charms”; Scott Luscombe 353; Pleasance Crawford 564; Mae Tettero 47b; Chris Weslowski 300; Elka Schumann 40; Bob Parr 112; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 377; Paul Gauthier 362; Gillian Inksetter 448b; Virginia Neville 146; Cheryl Stroud 99; Alexis Walker 354b; Cheryl Stroud 455; Steve Crevoshay 268; Kyle Greenlee 95; Chuck Neville 147t; Pleasance Crawford 436.

RECESS

Leaders: Chris Weslowski 162; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 515b; Bobbie Goodell 196; Paul Gauthier 504; Cheryl Stroud 198.

Announcements were made. The dates for the 2009 convention were set to be the 10th and 11th of July.

Leaders: Chuck Neville 569b; Howard Katz 30b; Alexis Walker 424; Pleasance Crawford 314; Virginia Neville 38b; Gillian Inksetter 457.

Chairpersons—David Dutton and Chuck Neville; Secretary—Chuck Neville

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING
Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia
Saturday, July 12, 2008

The 2nd annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church singing was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 138b. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ashley Thompson 59; Tony Hammock 60; Valerie Francis 323b; George W. Burnette, III 85; Jeannette DePoy 99; Rodney Ivey 89; Junie Wooten 503; Benjamin Bath 36b; Faye Hollis 299; Sara Lynch-Thomason 209; Bentley McGuire 481; Henry Johnson 88t; Helen Bryson 568 (for aunt Maxine Gardner, who is in the hospital); Marvin Reeves 565; Oscar McGuire 276; Violet Thomason 168, 112; Francis Carnell 280; Eric Tweedy 58.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class together leading 311. Leaders: Micah Roberts 119; Leon Carnell 56b; John Plunkett 423; Phillip Langley 203; Lela Crowder and Phillip Langley 436; Leanne Carter 39b; Victoria Eastland 344; Matt Hinton and 8 students from Morehouse College 192; Jessica Altman and Timothy Altman 142; Judy Caudle 336; Bridgett Hill 208; Russ Hansen 270; Andy Anderson 31b; Annie Reeves 551.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts and 11 students from Morehouse College 365. The lunch blessing was offered by Bill Pierson.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the afternoon session together leading 399t. Leaders: Ashley Thompson 220; Shannon Primm 300; Sandra Wilkinson 475; Tony Hammock 321b; George W. Burnette, III 129; Jeannette DePoy 413; Benjamin Bath 411; Faye Hollis 340; Sara Lynch-Thomason 155; Bentley McGuire 236; Henry Johnson 113; Helen Bryson 532; Marvin Reeves 274t; Eric Tweedy 245; Frances Carnell 183; Victoria Eastland 218; Leon Carnell 198.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jesse Roberts leading 33b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 327; Matt Hinton and a student from Morehouse College 212; Leanne Carter, Elizabeth Carter, and Ethan Carter 45t; Rodney Ivey and Micah Roberts 389; John Plunkett 76t; Phillip Langley 430; Jessica Altman and Timothy Altman 542; Annie Reeves 40; Lela Crowder and Henry Johnson 108b; Judy Caudle 540; Bridgett Hill 215; Andy Anderson 313b; Shannon Primm 148; Sandra Wilkinson 440.

Following announcements, Jesse Roberts, Timothy Altman, and Micah Roberts led 62t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION
Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama
July 12-13, 2008

Saturday, July 12

The 106th session of the Cullman County Convention was held on the second Sunday, and Saturday before, in July, at the Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman,

Alabama. Glenn Keeton opened Saturday's singing by leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 46; Sonya Sipe 39t, 101t; Marlin Beasley 40, 348b; Robert Walker 294, 171; Angela Martin and Sonya Sipe 47b, 68b; Emily Thompson 378b, 392; Bea Carnathan 568, 496; Toney Smith 180, 225t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Finance Committee—Bea Carnathan; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams; Chaplain—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Glenn Keeton leading 122. Leaders: Henry Guthery 384, 208; Gary Smith 178, 66; Cindy Tanner 436, 198; Nancy Tuck 335, 338; Elene Stovall 217 (in memory of Amanda Denson), 273; Charles McCravy 176b, 428; David Carlton 56b, 528; John DuPree 350, 569b; Geraldine Sharpston and Danica Parker 542, 168; Delone Cobbs 288, 290.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading 275b. Leaders: Julianna Jett 410t, 155; Ann Jett 327, 269; Ken Robinson 108t, 480; Ruth Wyers 490, 138b; Corene White 403; Josie Hyde 507; Linda Thomas 123t; Carolyn Thompson 383, 77t.

Marlin Beasley offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 317. Leaders: Elsie Moon 494; John Merritt "Higher Ground"; Loyd Ivey 30b; Eugene Forbes 426t, 426b; Marilyn Burchett 36b; Clarence McCool 203, 349; Hugh Bill McGuire 460; Beth Branscome 99; Sandy Scott 124; Margaret Keeton 276; Susan Allred 76b; Travis Keeton 179; Buell Cobb 143; Donald Robertson 151, 540; Wanda Capps 192; Brenda Merritt 336; Stella Pratt 487; Sarah Smith 401; Garrett Sipe and Sonya Sipe 354b; Harrison Creel 342; Juanita Beasley 340; Wayne Kendrick 341; Billy Williams 334, 448b; John Merritt and Will Allred 196.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 13

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Convention was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 59 and 100. The opening prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Seth Allred and Corey Dell 274t; Corene White and Margaret Keeton 97; Michael Thompson 337, 336; Henry Guthery, III 528, 434; Carolyn Thompson 444, 38b; Travis Keeton 129, 343; Sarah Smith 318; Lena Keeton 137, 88t; J.C. Rutledge 560; Hugh Bill McGuire 142, 40; Robert DuPree 282, 87; Kermit Adams 285t.

RECESS

Michael Thompson brought the class together leading 144. Leaders: Geraldine Sharpston 229, 66; Bea Carnathan 80b, 472; Bryan Black 134, 192; Freda Bledsoe 335; Josie Hyde 442, 507; John Merritt and Bryan Black 96 (CB); John Merritt and Ruth Wyers 511 (OSH); Zeb Ferguson 32t, 535; Tyler Newman 30t, 119; Tim Cook 125, 77b.

Sarah Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 354b in memory of the following deceased: M.B. Forbes, LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson, Fred Killingsworth, Jr., Betty Shaver, Dick Mauldin, Herby Bailey, Edith Tate, B.J. Harris, Wilton Donaldson, Marie Guthrie, Elder Garnsey McGough, Delores Beasley, Milton Oliver, Sam Jones, and Mamie Harper Noles—Alabama; Marcia Williams and Howard Frost, Jr.—Tennessee; Theodore Eastburn—Colorado;

Elder Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, and Felton Denney—Georgia; Kat Kincade—Virginia.

Sarah Smith and Marlin Beasley led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Johanna Fabke, Emily Boswell, Cora Sweatt, Kirby Sweatt, Sr., Kirby Sweatt, Jr., Ruth Burleson, Reedie Powell Evans, Kathleen Robbins, Bud Oliver, and Rhoda Norris. Marlin Beasley closed the memorial lesson by offering prayer.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 322; Glenn Keeton 141, 475; David Ivey 462, 505; Caleb Allred 107, 47b; Bridgett Hill 42, 276. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order by leading 76b. Leaders: Jennifer Lee 440, 383; Susan Allred 329, 183; Kathy Robinson 546, 48t; Steve Adams 309, 101t; Larry Ballinger 540; Ken Tate 73b; Shane Wootten 411; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Lisa Geist 304; Delone Cobbs 73t, 480; Rachael Allred 389; Stella Pratt 63; Wanda Capps 448t; Wanda Capps and Danny Creel 327; Brenda Merritt 376, 542; Gary Smith 323b; Allison Davis 436; Don Robertson 196; Elene Stovall 292; John Merritt “Higher Ground”; Sonya Sipe and Angela Martin 565; Michael Thompson 401 (by request); Shane Wootten 236 (by request); Butch White 503; Leona Haynes 571 (CB); Harrison Creel 512; Danny Creel 269; Richard Mauldin and John Merritt 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin, Bertha Umphries, and Doris Vickery); Richard Mauldin 446.

Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

MEMORIAL SINGING FOR MIRJANA LAUSEVIC **University Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota** **Tuesday night, July 15, 2008**

A memorial singing to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Minja Lausevic was held in our regular room, where Minja often came to sing.

The class sang a number of songs prior to the memorial service. Leaders: Steve Luttinen 52t; Cassie Lang 448b; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 176t; Kim Bahmer 28b; Stephen Parker 504; Martha Henderson 396; Kim Bahmer 29t; Eleanor Haase 32t; Christine Stevens 95; Karen Swenson 391; Cassie Lang 390.

Steve Luttinen gave announcements, and then led 499. Each person was invited to speak and lead a song. Stories were told of Minja’s love for others and the various ways in which she showed that love; of her love for Sacred Harp; of her efforts to encourage new Sacred Harp singers; and of how Minja lives on in her children and in memories of her.

Leaders: Kristie Harju 274t; Karen Swenson 377; Paul Wilson and his daughter, Sarah 131b; Jim Goetz 159; Colin MacDonald and Kim Bahmer 162; Paul Wyatt “Millbrook” (NH); Tivey 163b; Kim Bahmer 267 (for Rafko Mekic).

RECESS

Kim Bahmer reconvened the class leading 171. Leaders: Lynn Dixon 277; Cassie Lang 284; Kim Bahmer 68b (for Kristin Zoellner); Martha Henderson “Lausevic”; Nathan Berry 86; Kit Canright 129; Steve Luttinen “Jumalaan Rauhaan” (meaning “God’s Peace”); Martha Henderson 245 (requested by Jen Blecha); Kim Bahmer and newcomers 45t.

Martha Henderson led 48t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Moderator—Steve Luttinen; Secretary—Martha Henderson

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Saturday, July 19, 2008

The 94th session of the Walker County Convention was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Walker County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading 59 and 73b. The morning prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 177, 30t; Clarence McCool 85; Travis Keeton 317, 441; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Brenda Merritt 426b, 336; Robert Chambless 452, 72b; Judy Chambless 34t, 274t; Elsie Moon 434, 392.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back together leading 89. Leaders: Kathy Robinson 142, 31t, 436 (for Kathleen Robinson); Rachel Allred 377; Bill Stewart 569b, 36b; Josie Hyde 189, 477; Geraldine Sharpton 542, 84; Caleb Allred 32t, 503; Elizabeth Keeton 504; Ken Tate 462, 532; Glenn Keeton 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Gary Smith 66, 565.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. Rachel Allred led 499 in memory of the deceased. Marlin Beasley led a song in honor of the sick and shut-ins and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 202 and 343 (in memory of Furn Kitchens). Leaders: Sarah Smith 75, 43; Juanita Beasley 361, 63; Danny Creel 271t, 432; Amber Davis 564, 440; John Merritt and Robert Chambless 131b, 274b; Susan Allred 76b, 112; Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 285t; Otis Sides 530, 480; John Etheridge 74t; Danny Creel and Harrison Creel 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel), 498; Wayne Jones 30b, 566; Billy Williams 143 (for Charlotte McCarn); Glenn Keeton 45t.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Velton Chafin led 340 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

MICHIANA SINGING

New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana Saturday, July 19, 2008

The 21st Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Michael Miller offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Secretaries—Henry Schuman and Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 59; Samuel Sommers 492; Gillian Inksetter 31t; Wayne Dell 45t; Sarah Trumbore 66; Bill Beverly 171; Karen Bahler 155; Nathan Barford 183; Nicoletta Manns 208; Mark Davis 556; Cathryn Bearov 318; Peter Trumbore 277.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Lori Graber 477; Michael Miller 312b; Pleasance Crawford 476; Gerry Hoffman 501; Karen Swenson 212; Brad Bahler 192; Anne Steel 179; Ted King 178; Carol Mosley 142; Nathan Zweig 105; Rochelle Lodder 148; Bob Borcharding 56b; Joan Aldridge 540.

RECESS

James Page called the class to order leading 65. Leaders: Charlotte Wolfe 330; Ann Heider “This Spacious Earth”; Chuck Crawford 535; Judy Hauff 367; Darrel Swarens 72b; Beth Todd 436; David Barford 224; Ann Miczulski 101t; Ryan Wheeler 107.

Mark Davis and Martha Beverly conducted the memorial lesson. Mark Davis spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the following names: LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson Brady, Flarce Creel, Chester Lacy, Milton Oliver, and Edith Tate—Alabama; Homer Benefield and Felton Denney—Georgia; Glen Ernst, Magda Lissau, and Hubert Martin—Illinois; Robert Baldwin and Gail Birch—Maine; Nina Hoffman—Maryland; Virginia Wolfe Stuart—Massachusetts; Kathryn Petrich—Michigan; Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Price Truitt—Texas; Jean Anderberg—Vermont; Kat Kincaid—Virginia. Mark Davis led 176t in commemoration.

Martha Beverly spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Anderson, Pauline Childers, Nellie Davis, Dick Dunagan, Johanna Fabke, Jimmie Gilmore, Joe Harrington, Steve Hoyt, Miriam Lind, Duane MacDonald, Peg Pearson, Bob Scorgie, Ed Staeger, Claudine Townson, Julie Veal, and Nancy Yeager. Martha Beverly led 475 in their honor. Mark Davis closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Ann Missavage 480; Randy Neufeld 99; James Eldridge 504; Francesca Cassara 146.

LUNCH

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 77t. Leaders: Henry Schuman 52t; Steve Warner 86; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Guy Banks 569t; Wendy Wahn 91; John Seaton 528; Rachel Miller Jacobs 39t; William Shetter 546; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 460; Joe Todd 157; Katherine Eldridge 117; Jan May 276; Syble Adams 448t; James Page 297; Barb Lund and William Shetter 82t; John Fink 300; Virginia Eldridge 503.

RECESS

Matthew Lind called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Jo Schultz 565; Jim Helke 100; Martha Beverly 304; Steve Rogers 217; Melanie Hauff 271t; Jeremy York 207; Reba Windom 384; Adrian Eldridge 284; Ginny Landgraf 506; Warren Steel 320; Syble Adams 63; Annie Grieshop 344; Syble Adams 68b (for Claudine Townson); Ted Mercer 468; Mark Davis 240; Megan Jennings 189; Will Fitzgerald 96; Reba Windom 196.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretaries—Henry Schuman and Samuel Sommers

THE “CONNEXION” AND JEREMIAH INGALLS SINGING First Congregational Church Vestry Hall, Newbury, Vermont Saturday, July 19, 2008

Tom Malone opened the 4th annual “Connexion” and Jeremiah Ingalls Singing in Newbury, Vermont, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2008.

The singing was from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition and the Ingalls’ 1805 edition of *The Christian Harmony*.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert; Secretary—Jennie Brown.

Tom Malone called the class to order leading 2 (CH). The opening prayer was offered by Don Towle.

Leaders: Bill Holt 78 (CH); Joanne Fuller 65; Ian Smiley 13 (CH); Jennie Brown 71 (CH); Don Towle 243 (CH); Elka Schumann 221 (CH); Ishmael Stefanon-Wagner 121 (CH); Peter Golden 8 (CH); Becky Wright 25 (CH); Terry Ryan 11 (CH); Joanna Lampert 32 (CH); Susan Jaster 12 (CH); Justin Squizzero 175 (CH); Nicola Collett 15 (CH); Robert Dove 120 (CH); Laura Noble 113 (CH); Andy LaBrun 220 (CH).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Tom Malone leading 177 (CH). Leaders: Rosalie Elkinton 299; Leonard Spencer 92 (CH); Katherine Collett 50 (CH); Paul Gauthier 185 (CH); Joanna Lampert 335; Chris Holley 160b; Brian Collett 183 (CH); Nellie Farrington 105 (CH); John Ostwald 241 (CH); Tom Malone 181 (CH); Don Towle 53 (CH).

Joanne Fuller conducted the memorial lesson and led 475 for the following deceased: LaRue Allen and Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Jean Olsen—California; Reby Stanford—Georgia; Rita Higgins, Wendy Metzler, and Bonnie J. Rodgers—Massachusetts; John Elliott and Beth Housekeeper—Vermont; Fannie Altea—Phillipines; Sunshine Rodríguez-Bloch—Switzerland.

Pam Regan led 503 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jodi Beldotti, Mary Duffy, Cathy Ferree, Linda Fuller, Robert Hall, Steve Hoyt, John Pratt, Marjorie Ryerson, Anne Sidney, Curtis Smith, Jim Stanicki, Lindsay Steele, and Joyce Walton. Don Towle closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Elka Schumann 62 (CH); Terry Ryan 344; Ishmael Stefanon-Wagner 201 (CH). Don Towle offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tom Malone called the afternoon session to order leading 234 (CH). Leaders: Jennie Brown 227 (CH); Paul Gauthier 436; Becky Wright 107; Joanne Fuller 111b; Andy LaBrun 208 (CH); Nicola Collett 127 (CH); Bill Holt 5 (CH); Susan Jaster 125 (CH); Peter Golden 84 (CH); Rosalie Elkinton 230; Ian Smiley 124; Laura Noble 163b; Justin Squizzero 59 (CH); Don Towle 67 (CH); Robert Dove 287; Leonard Spencer 117 (CH) (in memory of Minja Lausevic); Joanna Lampert 166 (CH); Chris Holley 277; Katherine Collett 300; John Ostwald 143 (CH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Tom Malone leading 35 (CH). Leaders: Debbie Moody 306; Nellie Farrington 75 (CH); Brian Collett 91 (CH); Jennie Brown 145t.

David Klocko was recognized by the class for his contributions to the study of Ingalls' music, then he and Tom Malone led the class in singing 81 (CH), 61 (CH), and 94 (CH).

Leaders: Andy LaBrun 567; Ian Smiley 46 (CH); Justin Squizzero 36 (CH); Elka Schumann "Wake Ev'ry Breath" by William Billings; Don Towle 114 (CH); Susan Jaster 102 (CH); Peter Golden 148 (CH); Bill Holt 39 (CH); Debbie Moody 44 (CH); Ishmael Stefanon-Wagner 65 (CH); Nicola Collett 31 (CH); Robert Dove 547.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 76 songs had been led by 31 leaders, and that 64 singers from 12 states and two foreign countries had registered. Tom Malone announced that the 5th "Connexion" and Ingalls Singing would take place July 18, 2009. The business meeting was closed.

Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert led 57 (CH) as the closing song. Don Towle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert; Secretary—Jennie Brown

SPIVEY HALL SINGING
Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
Saturday, July 19, 2008

The 6th annual Sacred Harp singing at Spivey Hall was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 101t. He welcomed everyone. Hermon Wilkinson offered the morning prayer. Amber Dimkoff led 535.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairperson—Amber Dimkoff; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—Hermon Wilkinson; Arranging Committee—Tony Hammock.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 59; Melinda Snow 138b; Charles Woods 283; Eric Tweedy 282; Hermon Wilkinson 215; Charlene Wallace 299; John Plunkett 86; Phillip Langley 182; Ella Soler 504; Tony Hammock 132; Bob Goodman 497; Andy Morse 209; Joan Durdin 178; Martin Harden 183; Art Hargrove 159; Shannon Primm 344.

RECESS

The class was called together by Gene Pinion leading 277. Leaders: Robin White 528; Sylvia Price 128; Melinda Snow and Virginia Shank 448b; Charles Woods 197; Eric Tweedy 196; Hermon Wilkinson 100, 144; Charlene Wallace and students from Shorter College 61, 63; John Plunkett 130, 52t; Phillip Langley 222, 32t; Ellie Soler 38b, 155; Tony Hammock 314, 112; Bob Goodman 99, 475; Charlene Wallace 77b (by request).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Pinion leading 48t and 236. Leaders: Andy Morse 73b, 481; Stephanie Tingler 53, 141; Joan Durdin 148, 114; Shannon Primm 28b, 300; Robin White 524; Betty White 569b; Sylvia Price 174b, 147t; Sally MacEwen 84, 384; Amber Dimkoff 145b, 335; Melinda Snow 225t, 540; Charles Woods 547, 548; Sandra Wilkinson 512.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy called the class together leading 35 and 378b. Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 144, 145t; Phillip Langley 312b; Tony Hammock 321, 42; Bob Goodman 36b, 276; Virginia Shank 134, 137; Stephanie Tingler 26; Andy Morse 268.

Announcements were made. Gene Pinion led 62 as the closing song. Hermon Wilkinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairperson—Amber Dimkoff; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

ELDER BERNARD MOON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Saturday night, July 19, 2008

The annual Elder Bernard Moon Memorial Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, singing was held at New Prospect Church on Saturday night before the third Sunday in July. The singing could not be held at Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church this year, but will return to that location next year. The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 355, then offering the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—Harrison Creel; Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt. Leaders: Frank Hataway 47b; Gary Smith 507b; Hannah Tate 282; Tommy Spurlock 574; Ann Jett 515; Wayne Jones 464; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Marlin Beasley and John Merritt 37; Butch White and Kenny Graves 146; Velton Chafin 199; Stanley Smith 522; Barbara Jones 82; Tim Cook 95b; Emily Creel 559; Caleb Allred 142; Wanda Capps 505; Rachel Allred 300; Oleta Stewart and Danny Creel 501; Delone Cobbs 192; Nancy Hogan 274t; Bill Hogan 567; Sarah Smith 518, 519; Sonya Sipe 96; John Etheridge 133; Ken Tate 511b; Juanita Newman and Aletha Newman 393b; John Merritt, Will Allred, and Garrett Sipe 392; Elsie Moon and Stanley Smith 140; John Etheridge 468 (for Billy Williams); Geraldine Sharpton 393t; Danny Creel 404; Brenda Merritt 450.

Danny Creel led 54t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer. Honorary Chairman—Harrison Creel; Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL **New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama** **Sunday, July 20, 2008**

The 136th session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in July. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35, 30t; Oleta Stewart 313t; Tommy Spurlock 273; S.T. Reed 275t; Sarah Smith 282; Anne Chalker 146; Don Robertson 178; Freda Bledsoe 166; Wayne Jones 137; Barbara Jones 72b; Stella Pratt 61; Rachel Allred 500; Gordon Wilkinson 200; Gary Smith 31t; Corene White 379; Tyler Newman 64.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Velton Chafin leading 445. Leaders: Seth Allred 186; Marlin Beasley and Joshua Vasquez 63; Frank Hataway 58; Hannah Tate and Brenda Merritt 542; Larry Chafin, George Chafin, and Velton Chafin 68b, 45t; Travis Keeton 388; Julianna Jett 410t; Aletha Newman 335; Ernestine Pipkin 202; Caleb Allred 107; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 47b; Marlin Beasley and Joshua Vasquez 49b; Rodney Ivey 354t; John Etheridge 373; Richard Ivey 474.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class back to order by leading 111b. Leaders: Juanita Beasley 270; Elene Stovall 392; Danny Creel 456; Kathy Robinson 454; Elsie Moon 447; Bridgett Hill 402; Stanley Smith 498; Richard Mauldin 66; Judy Caudle 301; Ken Tate 37b; Josie Hyde 507; Shane Wootten 332. John Merritt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 318. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 300; Faye Donaldson 168; Chris Ballinger 44; Susan Allred 182; John Merritt 36b; Lisa Geist 195; Larry Ballinger 291; Brenda Merritt 440; Clayton Ezell 480; Sonya Sipe 569b; Harrison Creel 512, 342 (by request); Delone Cobbs 161; Wanda Capps 222; Butch White 344; Velton Chafin, Lorrie Chafin, and Larry Chafin 457; Susan Allred, Rachel Allred, Caleb Allred, and Seth Allred 390; Lisa Geist, Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 84 (in memory of LaVaughn Ballinger); Aletha Newman, Tyler

Newman, Freda Bledsoe, Juanita Newman, and Elsie Moon 340; Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, Harrison Creel, and Ann Jett 124 (for Charlotte McCarn); Velton Chafin 143, 389; Elene Stovall 436.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin and Larry Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Harrison Creel, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

KALAMAZOO SINGING
Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Sunday, July 20, 2008

John Fink opened the 10th annual Kalamazoo singing leading 59. Will Fitzgerald offered the morning prayer.

The first few leaders spoke about Bill and Martha Beverly's contributions to the Kalamazoo singing and to Sacred Harp. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 32t; Cathryn Bearov 340; Samuel Sommers 112; Ann Miczulski 479; John Fink 49b; Gillian Inksetter 472; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; Martha Beverly 47b; B.J. Schnorenberg 155; Mark Davis 406; Beth Todd 319.

RECESS

Bill Beverly called the class to order leading 37b. Leaders: GeorgeAnn Evans 86; Brian How 114; Ann Missavage 163t; Ted Mercer 444; Nicoletta Manns 434; Jim Helke 368; Sarah Trumbore 117; Hal Eisen 270; Syble Adams 503; Bob Borcharding 440; Annie Grieshop 168; John Seaton 103; Joan Aldridge 486.

RECESS

Mary List called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Nathan Zweig 348b; Ann Heider "This Spacious Earth"; Guy Bankes 532; Francesca Cassara 142; Steve Warner 171; Rochelle Lodder 220; James Page 505; Jo Schultz 350; Reba Windom 182; Tom Kochan 496; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 76b; Steve Rogers 34b; Lori Graber 510; Ryan Wheeler 367.

LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald and Hal Eisen called the class to order leading 96. Leaders: Karen Swenson 227; Mark Davis 254; Carol Mosley 455; Bill Beverly 569b; Peter Trumbore 40; Judy Hauff 181; Joe Todd 106; Syble Adams 203; Jan May 163b; Jo Dell Albi 35; Wayne Dell 277; Mary List 267; Chuck Crawford 347; Reba Windom 542.

RECESS

Dave Woolf called the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Beth Todd 306; Barb Gingerich and James Nelson Gingerich 330b; Pleasance Crawford 485; Hal Eisen 198; Lisa Cohen 504; Gerry Hoffman 362; Ginny Landgraf 547; Bill Beverly 297; Gillian Inksetter 474; Darrell Swarens 186 (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady); GeorgeAnn Evans 137; Guy Bankes 391; Jo Schultz 428; James Page 272; Karen Swenson 27; Samuel Sommers 548; Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford 176b; Brian How 313b; Francesca Cassara 530; John Fink 24b.

Announcements were made. John Fink led 46 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Fink; Secretary—Henry Schuman

HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
Sunday, July 20, 2008

The 136th session of the Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama. The class sang 32t, 64, 68b, 72t, 63, 73t, 99, 313t, 26, 27, 560, 448b, 236, 401, 400, 340, and 341.

RECESS

Ed Thacker offered a prayer. A business session was held to elect the following officers for the convention: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Nell Estes.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop and Jenny Acton 145b and 229 (CB); Oscar McGuire 155, 171; Ed Thacker 111b, 460; Robert Chambless 284, 77t; Douglas Kirk 45t, 72b; Jacob Acton 282, 100; Brandon Acton 40, 53; Bentley McGuire 325, 329.

LUNCH

Charlotte Bishop and Jacob Acton brought the afternoon session to order leading 200.

Jenny Acton conducted the memorial lesson and led 146 in memory of Lora Kelley, and 288 in memory of M.B. Forbes and Milton Oliver.

Jenny Acton led 222 for the following sick and shut ins: Eugene Forbes, Bud Oliver, Elder L. Culver, and Dale Harris. Jack Nelson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 335; Jeff Sheppard 322, 142; Jack Nelson 480, 30b; Floy Wilder 283, 422; Nell Estes 112, 371; Jenny Acton 170, 108b; Mary Jean Payne 373, 438 (for Eugene Forbes); Judy Chambless 372, 389; Sharon Whitehead 294, 143; Charlotte Bishop 196, 268; Ed Thacker 220; Robert Chambless 84; Jack Nelson 369; Bentley McGuire 567; Brandon Acton 385b; Jacob Acton 289; Judy Chambless 354t.

Announcements were made. Charlotte Bishop led 56t as the closing song. Kenny Whitehead offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama
Saturday, July 26, 2008

The 120th session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Judy Caudle leading 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 177; J.L. Hopper 187, 52t; Nancy Thompson 40, 46; Lomax Ballinger 277, 168; Robert Walker 34b, 99; Don Robertson 151, 540; Margaret Thacker 348b, 489; Andrew Farris 503, 178; Sonya Sipe 32t, 128; Mark Brown 53, 349; Delone Cobbs 235, 480; Cindy Tanner 182, 220.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

RECESS

The class was called back together by J.L. Hopper leading 145t. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 318, 283; Ed Thacker 280 (for Joyce Walton), 375; Rachel Allred 542, 29t; Garrett Sipe 274t, 354b; Anna Grace Sipe 77t; Susan Allred 329, 183; Stella Pratt 335, 282; Billy Williams 84, 78; Geraldine Sharpton 300, 565; Phil Summerlin 30t, 97. Butch White asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 467. Leaders: David Ivey 534, 460; Butch White 326, 28b; Leona Haynes 436, 192; Benjamin Bath 131t, 421; Bridgett Hill 74b, 163t; Henry Johnson 111t, 230; Rodney Ivey and Jim Aaron 569b; Rodney Ivey 492; Reba Windom 383, 442; Seth Allred and Corey Dell 499, 172; Daniel Hopper 28t, 451, 98; Reba Windom 440 (by request); Benjamin Bath 208; J.L. Hopper 66 (for Glenda Hopper), 254.

J.L. Hopper led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Billy Williams, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

COASTAL MAINE SINGING **Darrow's Barn, Damariscotta, Maine** **Saturday, July 26, 2008**

The 6th annual Coastal Maine Singing was held at Darrow's Barn in Damariscotta, Maine, on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Barb Ames leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Marge Awalt. Leaders: Barb Ames 24b; Corrone Bryant 147t; Edith Berger 31b; Peter Golden 29t; Pleasance Crawford 492; Sumner Roberts 391; George Seiler 183; Kelsey Sunderland 192; Robert Stoddard 377; Vicki Adams 178; Jesse Pearlman-Karlsberg 499; Celia Devine 106; Aldo Ceresa 435; Hallie Wells 299; Chris Holley 105; Anne Kazlauskas 479; Bill Holt 208; Terry Ryan 250; Becky Wright 163t; Greg Mulkern 411; Leonard Spencer 254; Andrew Magee 47b; Lauren Bock 282.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Joanne Fuller leading 89. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 77b; Hal Booth 452; Bobbie Goodell 472; Justin Levi 283; Joanna Lampert 500; Lynne deBenedette 162; Barb Ames 503.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Jennie Brown leading 460. Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 176b; Sumner Roberts 332; Vicki Adams 556; Aldo Ceresa 222; Robert Stoddard 454; Peter Golden 274t; Hallie Wells 48t; Chuck Crawford 47t; Liz Cantrell 348b; Kelsey Sunderland 129.

George Seiler led 36b for the sick and shut-ins: Linda Fuller, Jane Ames, Jim Stanicki, Robert Hall, Anne Allen, and John Pratt.

George Seiler then read the memorial lesson and led 347 in memory of the following deceased: Joel Cartwright, Missy Kent, LaRue Allen, Homer Benefield, Amanda Denson Brady, Gail Birch, Bob Baldwin, Milton Oliver, Kat Kinkade, Wendy Karlesberg-Meltzer, Barry Talesnick, Matthew Morry, Peter Smith, Toby Sogman, Joan Durbin, Sunshine Rodrigues-Bloch, and Bonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Joanne Fuller 131b; Chris Holley and Kathryn Mulhearn 30b; Bill Holt 352; Anne Kazlauskas 218; Corrone Bryant and Barb Ames led 49t as a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chris Holley leading 111b. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman-Karlsberg 325; Kathryn Mulhearn 209; Celia Devine 66; Terry Ryan 280; Becky Wright 442; Greg Mulkern 506; Leonard Spencer 260; Liz Cantrell 324; Andrew Magee 566; Lauren Bock 430; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Hal Booth 515; Bobbie Goodell 496; Joanna Lampert 440; Justin Levi 371; Lynne deBenedette 186; Edith Berger 384; Jennie Brown 292; George Seiler 480; Kathryn Mulhearn 163t; Barb Ames 76b; Corrone Bryant 479; Chuck Crawford 72b; Kelsey Sunderland 392; Joan Sheldon 155; Robert Stoddard 228; Aldo Ceresa 320.

RECESS

Peter Golden brought the class together leading 401. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 270; Marge Awalt and Chris Holley 171; Becky Wright 547; Jesse Pearlman-Karlsberg 46; Liz Cantrell 34t; Terry Ryan 157; Lauren Bock 80t; Greg Mulkern 360; Andrew Magee 512; Elizabeth Stoddard 448t; Justin Levi 272; Lynne deBenedette 32t; Jennie Brown 424; George Seiler 159; Kathryn Mulhearn 31t; Leonard Spencer 70b; Bobbie Goodell 193; Sumner Roberts 312t.

Barb Ames made announcements. Treasurer Dan Purdy reported that expenses have been met. Secretary Hal Booth made his report as follows: total registered attendance 73, with 35 leaders leading 98 songs. Resolutions were offered by Bobbie Goodell. Marge Awalt offered a prayer, and Barb Ames led 62. The class was dismissed with a prayer offered by George Seiler.

Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretary—Hal Booth

SWANNANOA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina** **Saturday, July 26, 2008**

The 2nd annual Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. Books used were *The Christian Harmony, Carolina Edition*; *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; *Southern Harmony*. Jane Spencer called the singing to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 61t (CH). Ron Pen offered prayer.

The first session included selections from *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 103b; Robert Kelley 268; Don Wiley 153; Caroline Parsons 215t; Michael Spencer 361; Diane Eskenasy 51; Julianne Wiley 26b; Mary Baumeister 206b; Tina Becker 367; Frank DeBolt 204t; June Jolley 54t; Marty Sullivan 255t; John Plunkett 133; Carl Blozan 381-A; Dan Huger 248b.

RECESS

Jane Spencer brought the class back to order leading 67b (CH). Leaders: Jane Spencer and Dot Lane 209t (CH); Stephanie Tingler 236b (CH). The following leaders selected songs from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition: Ron Pen 455; Emily Holzer 410t; David Bowen 128; Shannon Primm 540; Maggie Foote 146; Robert Kelley 90; Ron Pen 282 (by request); Michael Spencer 113; Caroline Parsons 430.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jane Spencer leading 112, continuing the session from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 475; Diane Eskenasy 155; Ken George 569b; Julianne Wiley 63; Mary Baumeister 180; Frank DeBolt 452; John Plunkett 461; Carl Blozan 159; Dan Huger 29t; Stephanie Tingler 196; Meghan Cornett 421; Nathan Morrison 497.

In a brief business meeting officers were elected to serve for the 2009 singing as follows: Chairperson—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairperson—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm.

Leaders and selections from the *Southern Harmony*: Ron Pen 6t; Jane Spencer 318; Robert Kelley 173b; Michael Spencer 41; Maggie Foote 8t; Mary Baumeister 260; John Plunkett 114; Dan Huger 134; Ron Pen 285t; Robert Kelley 108; Michael Spencer 102; Maggie Foote 272; Mary Baumeister 63; John Plunkett 295; Dan Huger 267t.

Ron Pen led 267 as the closing song. Dan Huger offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairperson—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL
Poway, California
Saturday, July 26, 2008

The 12th annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing was called to order by Carroll Lunsford leading 32t. Anitra Kaye offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was called and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairperson—Midge Harder; Secretary—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Chaplain—Anitra Kaye; Arranging Committee—Jerry Schreiber and Susanna Ball; Resolutions Committee—Linda Selph and Carolyn Deacy.

Leaders: Midge Harder 556; Mary Linn Bergstrom 34b; Susanna Ball 36b; Anitra Kaye 31b; Carla Smith 31t; Jane Campbell 84; Pat Keating 291; Betty Marvin 314; Rick Russell 74b; Carolyn Deacy 168; Polly Henniger 391 (for her grandson, led by Jerry Schreiber); Linda Selph 29t; Xaris Martinez 102; Inder Khalsa 272; Tammy Heihsohn 155; Jerry Schreiber 203; Carroll Lunsford 490 (dedicated to Sharon Kermiet's mother, Ann Barkey), 294.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Tammy Heinsohn leading 479. Susanna Ball 49t, 45t; Anitra Kaye 56b, 198; Carla Smith 192, 349; Jane Campbell 474, 475; Pat Keating 528, 504; Betty Marvin 164, 228; Rick Russell 66 (dedicated to Rich Johnson), 182; Jane Campbell 551.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Midge Harder leading 159. Leaders: Tammy Heinsohn 178; Carolyn Deacy 456, 330b; Midge Harder 87, 112; Polly Henniger 186 (for her granddaughter, led by Jerry Schreiber). Anitra Kaye offered grace for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Midge Harder leading 37b. Leaders: Xaris Martinez 95, 216; Linda Selph 179, 384; Inder Khalsa 312b, 383; Mary Linn Bergstrom 425, 184; Jeff Gauthier 424, 222; Jerry Schreiber 106 (dedicated to Jean Olsen), 496 (for Dwayne Gruber), Carroll Lunsford 403; Susanna Ball 497; Midge Harder 290; Anitra Kaye 503; Carla Smith 309 (for Darlene Dalton); Jane Campbell 28b; Pat Keating 538; Betty Marvin 341; Rick Russell 446.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Midge Harder leading 35. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 236; Polly Henniger 107 (led by Jerry Schreiber), Linda Selph 217; Xaris Martinez 472; Inder Khalsa 547; John Marr 319; Jeff Gauthier 378b; Mary Linn Bergstrom 235; Jerry Schreiber 362; Carroll Lunsford and his daughter 204; Susanna Ball 148.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Midge Harder leading 89. Leaders: Pat Keating 129; Inder Khalsa 300; Linda Selph 229; Betty Marvin 154; Xaris Martinez 317.

The Resolutions Committee offered thanks for the singing and for the enduring memory of steadfast singers Don and Marilou Jolly. Following announcements, Carroll Lunsford and Midge Harder led 62 as the closing song. Following a closing prayer offered by Anitra Kaye, the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairperson—Midge Harder; Secretary—Mary Linn Bergstrom

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia (Off Hwy. 16)

July 26-27, 2008

Saturday, July 26

The 116th 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 to order leading 30t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 56t; Carlene Griffin 77t, 77b; Lela Crowder 283, 441; Judy Henry 146; Charlene Wallace 171, 186; Danny Griffin 127, 122; Judy Chambless 501, 503; Tommy McGraw 176b, 100; Karen Rollins 153, 76b; Stanley Edwards 436, 530; Phillip Langley 318, 172; Randa Harris 345t, 87.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 389. Leaders: Charles Woods 328, 483; Faye Hollis 168, 460; Cecil Roberts 97, 335; Judy Mincey 464, 468; Lonnie Rogers 298, 222; Jeff Sheppard 185, 220; Richard DeLong 420 (in memory of Jap Walton), 453; B.M. Smith 475, 225t; Joyce Walton 213t; Oscar McGuire 344, 336; Earlis McGraw 201, 208, 568.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw called the class back together leading 435. Leaders: Matt Hinton 108b (for Eli Hinton), 203; Michael Thompson 34t, 422; Lee Rogers 145b, 510; Nathan Rees 121, 527; Erica Hinton 67, 540; Jonathon Smith 65, 215; Martha Ann Stegar 299, 155; Jeannette DePoy 516, 392.

A motion was made to go into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Hugh McGraw; Arranging Committee—Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong and Charles Woods.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 216, 106; Lisa Webb 224, 159; B.M. Smith 448b, 68b (for Margie Smith); Richard DeLong 458; Michael Thompson 569b; Judy Mincey 474; Nathan Rees 75; Jeannette DePoy and Karen Rollins 149; Jonathon Smith 399b; Matt Hinton 157; Charles Woods 394; Phillip Langley 88t; Faye Hollis 542; Oscar McGuire 276.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led 544 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer to dismiss the class.

Sunday, July 27

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 32t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 37b; Lela Crowder 131b, 81t; Judy Henry and Aslin Leister 146, 225t; Danny Griffin 558, 569b; Phillip Langley 192, 274t; Tommy McGraw 476, 91; Faye Hollis 182, 340; B.M. Smith 204, 499; Jan House 171, 209; Robert Chambless 145b, 503; Jane Spencer 33b, 214.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace brought the class back together leading 85. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 573, 229; Jeff Sheppard 556, 142; Judy Chambless 29t, 29b; Eric Tweedy 335, 383; Shannon Primm 535, 279; Sarah Jenkins 30b, 441; John Plunkett 118, 286.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong and Charles Woods. The following deceased singers were remembered: Faye Hulseley, Lucy McWhorter, Myrtle Smith, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Homer Benefield, Felton Denney,

Chester Lacy, A.B. Hubbard, Maxine Ethington, Loy Garrison, and Jimmie Cates. Richard DeLong and Charles Woods led 353 in their memory. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Charles Dillard, Jeanine Dillard, David Yeager, Nancy Yeager, Lee Rogers, Violet Thomason, Dale Harris, and Bud Oliver. Richard DeLong and Charles Woods led 45t. Myron House closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Eric Robinson 101t, 128; Clyde McWhorter 546, 318; Earlis McGraw 284.
LUNCH

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 345t. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 430, 40; Myron House 70t, 311; Malinda Snow 547, 565; Nathan Rees 465, 426b; Jackson Harcrow 448t, 448b; Reba Windom 283, 269; Joel Jenkins 144, 76b; Lisa Webb 339, 566; Richard DeLong 399b, 418; Stephanie Tingler 117, 53; Mike Spencer 191, 278t; Susan Harcrow 159, 35; Laurie Goode 358, 222; Cecil Roberts 61, 277; Jonathon Smith 26; Jeff Sheppard 433, 432; Jackson Harcrow 480; Nathan Rees 404; B.M. Smith 373; Shannon Primm 300; Sarah Jenkins 36b.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Carlene Griffin led 62 as the closing song. Myron House offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Lela Crowder

COKER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas** **July 26-27, 2008**

Saturday, July 26

The first Coker Sacred Harp Singing (using the 1991 revision), held at Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mike Hinton leading 59. This was the first Sacred Harp singing held in San Antonio in 18 years. Gaylon Powell offered a prayer of thanks for the day.

Following welcoming remarks, a business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Don Ross; Secretaries—Henry Schuman, John Baker, Cassandra Baker; Treasurer—Sonny Erwin; Chaplain—Gaylon Powell; Memorial Committee—Bill Caldwell, Cheryl Foreman; Resolutions Committee—Crystal Meadows, Jo Pendleton.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 373; Don Ross 302; Henry Schuman 318; John Baker 45t; Sonny Erwin 454; Gaylon Powell 455; Bill Caldwell 344; Cheryl Foreman 492; Crystal Meadows 542; Jo Pendleton 72b; Sharon DuPriest 189; Scott Curran 196; Linda Booker 490; Jeb Owen 475; Leon Ballinger 195; Rich Lee 168; Janie Short 350; Amanda Bowles 441. Mike Hinton introduced the Sr. Pastor of Coker United Methodist Church and led 146 with her.

RECESS

Beverly Coates brought the class together leading 32t. Leaders: Gary Rogan 319; Mike Hinton 340; Riley Owen 401; Curtis Owen 176b; Daphene Causey 269; Mark Robeck 178; Morris Nelms 163b; Owen Ross 86; Tammy Powell 142; Bea Carnathan 472; Sonny Erwin 480; Sonny Huckaby 348b; Alexa Gilmore 229; Diane Ross 543. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by the chaplain.

LUNCH

Don Ross brought the afternoon session together leading 34b. Leaders: Dick Steil 312b; Katie Mahoney 228; Ines Luttgren 217; Kris Wiggins 522; Mike Hinton 323t (as a thank you to the lunch providers); Liz Owen 442; Chris Nicholson 63; Evelyn Lamb 440; Greg Bowles 268; Lindsey Wiggins 481; David Wright 460; Priscilla Wiggins 112; Tom Owen 327; Gail Doss 191; Henry Guthery 549; Vivian Rogan

282; Jessica Garris 328; Bruce Coates 147t; Larry Hall 40; Bill Bailey 37b; Beverly Coates 448t.

RECESS

Owen Ross led 377 to bring the class together. Leaders: Zach Rogan 159; Sara DeTurk 299; Scott Curran 39t; Dan Brittain 543; Jeb Owen 208; Rich Lee 565; Amanda Bowles 354t; Morris Nelms 192; Henry Schuman 532; Gaylon Powell 538; Bill Caldwell 547; Alexa Gilmore 76b; Sonny Huckaby 332; Dick Steil 410t; Ines Luttgren 396; Tom Owen 347.

The closing prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 27

Mike Hinton opened the Sunday session of the Coker Sacred Harp Singing at 9:30 a.m. leading 145b. The morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Don Ross 456; Henry Schuman 52t; Cassandra Baker 100; Sonny Erwin 452; Gaylon Powell 380; Bill Caldwell 497; Cheryl Foreman 283; Crystal Meadows 183; Jo Pendleton 36b; Mike Hinton and Barbara Alvarado 527; Beverly Coates 107; Henry Guthery 108t; Janie Short 180; Katie Mahoney 426t; John Baker 47b; Bill Bailey 47t; Evelyn Lamb 505; Bruce Coates 503; Jessica Garris 504; Diane Ross 430; Chris Nicholson 84; Lindsey Wiggins 434; Tammy Powell 384; Leon Ballinger 313b; Priscilla Wiggins 38b.

RECESS

Leaders: Kris Wiggins 99; John Baker gave a short lesson on the notes and music and led 45t; Jessica Garris and Becca Short 270; David Wright 138b; Gail Doss 288; Crystal Meadows 29t; Henry Guthery 176b; Jo Pendleton 448b; Bill Bailey 354b; Tammy Powell 171; Kris Wiggins 133; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Becca Short and Janie Short 68b; Mark Robeck 49b; Don Ross 546; Lindsey Wiggins 475; Bea Carnathan 568.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bill Caldwell and Cheryl Foreman leading 138b for the following sick and shut-ins: Jean Ballinger, Daphene Causey, Pauline Childers, Sallie Foreman, Jim Foreman, Kay Martin, Cathy Wathington, John Etheridge, Stephen O'Leary, Adele Reed, Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, Dave Euneekis, Mike O'Hern, and Leland Owen. Also included was Aaron Shirazi of Texas who is serving in the National Guard.

Bill Caldwell and Cheryl Foreman led 240 in memory of the following deceased friends of Sacred Harp: Milton Oliver, Dick Mauldin, LaRue Allen, Marie Guthrie, Amanda Denson-Brady—Alabama; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Alice Caldwell—Missouri; Mae Houtkin—Ohio; Jack Kramer—New York; Kat Kincade—Virginia; Myrtle Smith, Felton Denny—Georgia; W.M. (Pete) Baker, S.A. (Buddy) Baker, Charlie Vaughn, Floyd Screws, Brenda Bethard—Texas.

Leaders: Diane Ross 358; Katie Mahoney 564; Henry Schuman 436. Prayer for the noon meal was offered by the Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton and grandson Sammy Flory opened the afternoon session leading 147t. Leaders: Sara DeTurk 178; Bruce Coates 566; Sonny Erwin 113; Gaylon Powell 61 (for the cooks); Cheryl Foreman 297; Beverly Coates 385t; Dan Brittain 472; Cassandra Baker 323b; John Baker 39t; Chris Nicholson 569b; Evelyn Lamb 182; Bill Caldwell 163b; Leon Ballinger 137; Jessica Garris 106; Priscilla Wiggins 408; David Wright 186; Gail Doss 523; Crystal Meadows 198; Henry Guthery 550; Gaylon Powell 236.

Announcements and committee reports were made at this time.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 77b; Bill Bailey 63; Bea Carnathan 80b; Sara DeTurk 159; Jo Pendleton 388; Cheryl Foreman 548; Kris Wiggins 528.

Mike Hinton, Henry Schuman, John Baker, and Cassandra Baker led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Don Ross; Secretaries—Henry Schuman, John Baker, Cassandra Baker

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi Sunday, July 27, 2008

The annual Cherry Tree Singing was held at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi, on the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Matthew Cook leading 100 and 388. Wendell Rinehart offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Wendell Rinehart 445, 159; Wayne Baines 48t, 480; Dale Kennedy 127, 61; Matthew Cook 59, 145b; Betty Baccus 490, 40; Betty Baccus and Matthew Cook 145t (by request), 373; Faye Donaldson 129, 144; Matthew Cook 77t (by request), 31t; Dale Kennedy and Michael Kennedy 45t, 63.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Dale Kennedy leading 39b and 32t. Leaders: Wendell Rinehart 68b, 503; Wayne Baines 569b, 155; Hugh Bill McGuire 72b; Matthew Cook 44, 179; Betty Baccus 499, 348b; Woody Kennedy 65, 46; Wayne Baines 73t, 75; Wendell Rinehart 317.

Dale Kennedy led 101t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Betty Baccus

JOHN ETHERIDGE SINGING

(MEMORIAL TO WINSTON JONES AND DOSS BRYAN) Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Sunday, July 27, 2008

The John Etheridge Singing in memorial to Winston Jones and Doss Bryan was held at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by John Etheridge leading 519 and 32t. The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, was used for the day. The morning prayer was offered by Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Wayne Jones 99, 36b; Tim Jones 553, 293t; Rodney Ivey 380t, 552; Bill Hogan 464, 543; Paul King 384, 77t; Eloise Wootten 222, 186; Bridgett Hill 38t, 486; Bill Aplin 567, 466.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 60. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 114b, 388; Shane Wootten 359, 524; Ken Kelley and Kristen Kelley 404, 572; Donna Wootten 478; Sylvia Ivey 336t; Edd Bass 309; Marlon Wootten 73t; Paul King 47t (in honor of Bud Oliver); Scott Ivey 42, 573; Sue Bunch 544, 421.

RECESS

Tim Jones called the class to order leading 345t. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 559; Mark Brown 505; Georgeanna Presnell 282; Donna Bell 571, 229; Benjamin Bath 129, 192; Hobert Ivey 511t; Lloyd Ivey 54t; Judy Caudle 98, 216; Morgan Bunch 250; Karen Clark 563; Olivia Jones and Brianne Jones 348t; John Etheridge led 369 and Tommie Spurlock offered prayer to bless the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten and John Etheridge opened the afternoon session by leading 96.

Leaders: John Etheridge 86; Henry Johnson 315; Ann Jett 503; Ken Sundberg 431; Elsie Moon 414; Harrison Creel 355; Wanda Capps 203; Larry Shaw 81; Ernest

Cockcroft 45t; Learvene Bass 74t; Frank Hataway 283t; Janet King 148; Kennon Smith 189; Eva Padgett 536; Sam Schofield 288; Frank Strickland 100; Lera Ellison 395t; Mike Jones 47b; Tommie Spurlock 183; Stanley Smith 210; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Chip Westbrook 500; Ford Bulger 176t; Victoria Aplin 358; Loretta Jones 138t; Linda Westbrook 465; Mary Whitehurst 215; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Joe Nall 272; Crissy Schofield 80b; Billy Kelley and Brian Kelley 112; Merlene Hughes 174; Crissy Fullerton 335; Tim Jones and Rodney Ivey 488b.

Announcements were made. Mark Brown led "Sweet Beulah Land" (by request). Bill Hogan offered prayer to dismiss the class.

Chairman—John Etheridge; Vice-Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

EUGENE ALL DAY SINGING **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon** **Saturday, August 2, 2008**

The 11th annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Eugene, Oregon. Martha Sherwood called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 34b. Tony Meyer offered the invocation.

A business meeting was held and chairman for the 12th annual Eugene All Day Singing will be Steve Helwig. The singing will be held July 25, 2009. The 2008 officers were announced as follows: Chairperson—Fran Ross; Secretary—Carolyn Gilkey; Treasurer—Dorothy Attneave; Arranging Committee—Martha Johnson; Memorial Lesson—Gary Plouff; Chaplain—Tony Meyer.

Leaders: Dan Thoma 99; Erik Schwab 31b; Cornelia Stanton 473; Gary Plouff 567; Jack Lofton 335; Erika Wilson 328; Steve Helwig 351; John Dinsmore 30t; Carolyn Gilkey 474; Betsy Jeronen 448t; Jean Murphy 455; David Wright 517; Fran Ross 85; Reed Schilbach 171; Scott Kennedy 546; Tammi Ziola 277; Bill Walters 35; Karen Stingle 40; Susan Helf 86; Tamara Harris 74t; Thom Fahrbach 411; Jim Brock 72b.
RECESS

Meg Larson brought the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Tom McTighe 28t; Martha Johnson 442; Karl Oswald 218; Harlan Walker Young 148; Wendy Marshall 499; Jenn Dolan 146; Paul Berry 287; Audrey Karabinus "Sarabavam"; Suzanne Denker 361; Linda Dorsey Ralston 178; Meg Larson 506.

Gary Plouff conducted the memorial lesson and led 410t in memory of the following deceased: Joe O'Rourke, Trudy Atkinson, Doug Collins, David Fuentes, John Huckins, Bruce "Utah" Phillips, Eliot Scott, Oleg Khripkov, Alice Coburn, Mary Holt, Pat, Jeanette Denker, John Vizard, Steve Goebel, Janie Hangebrauk, and Chester Pietka.

Fran Ross and Suzanne Denker led 504 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jean Marcotte, Julie Rogers, Juretta Nidever, Steve Crumdick, Jesse Toro, Stephanie Reed, Marlene Karabinus, Tom Helf, Ann Schilbach, and Darla Haskin. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Martha Sherwood 67; Dorothy Robinson 370; Kathy Vlach 273; Dan Thoma 430; Erik Schwab 353; Cornelia Stanton 454; Gary Plouff 274t. Chaplain Tony Meyer asked a blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig and Martha Johnson brought the afternoon session to order leading 29. Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 142; Bill Walters 444; Betsy Jeronen 384; David Wright 528; Erika Wilson 500; Tammi Ziola 383; Reed Schilbach 49t; John Dinsmore 42; Jean Murphy 268; Jack Lofton 550; Tamara Harris 269; Thom Fahrbach 215; Fran Ross 236; Scott Kennedy 68; Karen Stingle 254; Susan Helf

198; Tom McTighe 466; Jim Brock 100; Martha Johnson 270; Karl Oswald 304; Harlan Walker Young 128; Wendy Marshall 344.

RECESS

Jenn Dolan brought the class back together leading 551. Leaders: Jane Grant 200; Paul Berry 106; Audrey Karabinus 70b; Suzanne Denker 209; Meg Larson 147b; Martha Sherwood 114; Dorothy Robinson 456; Kathy Vlach 24; Dan Thoma 549; Erik Schwab 208; Cornelia Stanton 276; Gary Plouff 318; Steve Helwig 71; Carolyn Gilkey 163b; Bill Walters 76b; Betsy Jeronen 472; David Wright 176t; Erika Wilson 542; Tammi Ziola 102; Reed Schilbach 347; John Dinsmore 48t.

Reports from committees were given as follows: Dorothy Atneave gave the treasurer's report; Carolyn Gilkey reported that 70 people were registered for the singing, and 88 songs were sung; Kathy Vlach offered the resolutions report. Tony Meyer offered a closing prayer. Fran Ross led 155, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Fran Ross; Secretary—Carolyn Gilkey

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 2-3, 2008

Saturday, August 2

The 156th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2008, at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia. Sheri Taylor opened the convention leading 142. Lonnie Rogers offered an opening prayer for the convention.

Hugh McGraw spoke to the convention about keeping the same traditions as in the past by electing a nominating committee to select officers and committees at the start of the convention. The suggestion was motioned and passed by the convention. Sheri Taylor selected the following to be on the nominating committee: Helen Bryson, Myron House, and Henry Johnson. They are to report at the 11:00 a.m. business session.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Donna Duke 203; Lonnie Rogers 33b; Laura Frey 358; Lela Crowder 124; Richard DeLong 399b; Jan House 45t; Sarah Ward 254; John Shippee 155; Oscar McGuire 171; Donna Bell 32t; Robert Chambless 225t; Lori Goode 176b; Harry Eskew 128; Carlene Griffin 117; Michael Haverty 208; John Hollingsworth 186; Helen Bryson 546; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Lisa Webb 455.

RECESS

Lela Crowder called the class to order by leading 72b. Leaders: Michael Thompson 198; Bridgett Hill 302.

Sheri Taylor opened the business session of the convention and the nominating committee submitted the following officers and committee members: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Oscar McGuire, Laura Frey, and Nathan Rees; Finance Committee—Lisa Webb, Lori Goode, and Bentley McGuire; Resolutions Committee—Aldo Ceresa, Kiri Miller, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Jonathan Smith, and Matt Hinton. The officers and committee members were elected as appointed.

Leaders: Danny Arms 304; Louise Holland 303; Bob Baumgartner 38b; Shannon Primm 483; Ed Thacker 528; Charles Woods 210; Erica Hinton 448b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 439; Judy Caudle 534; Eddie Mash 556; Lauren Bock 422; Mike Spencer 335; Judy Chambless 340; Robert Kelly 543; Reba Windom 328; Jennie Prater 269; Robert Stoddard 193; Phillip Denney 86.

LUNCH

John Plunkett opened the afternoon session by leading 167. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 532; Nora Dunn 500; Jonathan Smith 216; Mary McDonald Lewis 209; Lee Rogers 502; Billy Hollingsworth 250; Barbara Barry 504; Nathan Rees 558; Kim Moreno 309; Darrell Swarens 350; Jennie Brown 220; Kevin Moreno 550; Bentley McGuire 240; Elizabeth Stoddard 102; Steven Kick 101t; Kiri Miller 564; Henry Johnson 418; Karen Rollins 327; Bobby Watkins 512.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor and Lisa Webb brought the class together leading 84. Leaders: Judy Mincey 468; Tony Hammock 326; Kelsey Sunderland 522; John delRe 460; Jessica Keys 111b; Kelly Macklin 433; Joel Miller 89; Jeff Sheppard 498; Danny Arms 170; Mary McDonald Lewis 503; Steven Kick 456.

Sheri Taylor and John Plunkett led 323t for the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, August 3

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 114. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 496; John Plunkett 467; Donna Duke 448b; Lonnie Rogers 318; Charlene Wallace 106; B.M. Smith 544; Matt Hinton 436; Jeannette DePoy 34t; Judy Chambless 480; Phillip Langley 215; Nathan Rees 44; Donna Bell 112; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100; Scott DePoy 277; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Joel Miller 213t; Lori Goode 551; John delRe 466; Kathy Williams 180; Robert Kelly 156; Jennie Brown 292; Kiri Miller 144; Ed Thacker 472; Lauren Bock 432.

RECESS

Laura Frey called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 439; Mary Jo Shafer 503; Joel Jenkins 77t; Ben Dicks 159; Kim Moreno 179; Bentley McGuire 177; Anne Simpson 445; Robert Chambless 452.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong, Jonathan Smith and Matt Hinton. Jonathan Smith read the names of the deceased and led 65 in memory of the following: LaRue Allen, Milton Oliver, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Myrtle Smith, Corrine Laminack, B.J. Harris, Amanda Denson Brady, Irvin Roberts, Elder Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, Kat Kinkaid, Gertrude Norton, Elizabeth Tolbert, Bonnie Rogers, and Marie Johnson.

Matt Hinton read the names of the following sick and shut-ins and led 212: Renea Campbell Garner, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Mary Florence Smith, Joyce Walton, Bud Oliver, Raymond Hamrick, Jimmie Denney, Daniel Macklin, Frank Block, Katherine Benefield, Evelyn Harris, Dale Harris, and Reba Norton. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Eddie Mash 260; Shannon Primm 423; Tony Hammock 75; Cecil Roberts 229; Karen Rollins 455; Darrell Swarens 542; Mark Puckett 454; Sara Jenkins 222.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Plunkett leading 227. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 128; Jenna Frey and Mary Elizabeth Goode 401; Scott Ivey 474; Michael Thompson 434; Kelsey Sunderland 196; Richard DeLong 395; Kevin Moreno 189; Jessica Keys 384; Jonathan Smith 442; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 507; Henry Johnson 435; Nora Dunn 269; Danny Arms 218; Kelley Macklin 477; Steven Kick 475; Barbara Barry 360; Robert Stoddard 131t; Bobby Watkins 448t; James Baumgartner 300.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the class together by leading 528 (in memory of Mary Hackney and Naomi Sailors). Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 355; Lisa Webb 430; Kelley Macklin and John delRe 272; Barbara Barry and Darrell Swarens 36b; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 29t; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 101t; Kim Moreno and Kevin

Moreno 70t; Kelsey Sunderland, Jennie Brown, and Lauren Bock 217; Nora Dunn and Joel Miller 73t; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 494; Jessica Keys, Rodney Ivey, and Oscar McGuire 335; Nathan Rees, Robert Kelley, and Jonathan Smith 56t.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports as follows: the Finance Committee reported a collection sufficient to cover expenses; Aldo Ceresa submitted the Resolutions Committee Report thanking everyone who had participated in the convention. A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes.

Rodney Ivey and Joel Jenkins led 389 (for Lonnie Rogers).

Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 3, 2008**

The 109th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger called the class to order leading 31b. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Lisa Geist; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 269, 291; Chris Ballinger 270; Amanda Hardiman 312b, 454; Lomax Ballinger 144, 168; Teresa Hope 110, 124; Travis Keeton 57, 129; Buddy Ballinger 399b, 385b; Lena Keeton 123t, 546; Wayne Baines 318, 340; Willodean Barton 82t, 101t; Albert Humber 565, 405.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Linton Ballinger leading 224 and 222.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 299, 319; Tim Cook 410t, 344; Margaret Keeton 517; Wendell Rinehart 445, 31t; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Jimmy Ballinger 37b, 68b.

RECESS

Gravis Ballinger brought the class back to order leading 112 and 120. Leaders: Beth Ballinger 460, 442; Mary McDonald Lewis 313b, 551; Ray Tate 119, 343; Faye Donaldson 430, 138t; Don Keeton 35, 490; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Kermit Adams 418; Johnny Humber 441, 288.

LUNCH

Lisa Geist called the afternoon session to order leading 391. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 276, 151; Glenn Keeton 497, 504; Judy Caudle 411, 214; Richard Mauldin 378t, 84; Bridgett Hill 472, 192; Toney Smith 188, 227; Brenda Merritt 336, 542; Danny Creel 530, 532; Josie Hyde 302, 365; Henry Guthery 34t, 558; John Beasley 33b, 61; Ken Tate 278t, 53; Clarence McCool 225t, 349; John Merritt 271t, 511 (OSH); Elene Stovall 377, 564; Marlin Beasley 448t, 316; Velton Chafin 487; Beth Ballinger 546.

Announcements were made. Lisa Geist led 528 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lisa Geist; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

BOILING SPRINGS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama** **Saturday, August 9, 2008**

The singing was brought to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

The class elected the following officers: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice-Chairman—Jenny Acton; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Edna Ruth Phillips.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 63; Jenny Acton 108b, 170; Edna Ruth Phillips 189, 490; Robert Chambless 70t, 84; Judy Chambless 501; Ed Thacker 402, 538; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 303, 68b; Ann Webb 282, 155; Nate Green 398, 535; Donna Bell 436 (in memory of LaRue Allen), 97 (in honor of Lonnie Rogers); Richard Mauldin 100 (in memory of Wilton Donaldson), 358 (in memory of his dad, Dick Mauldin).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jenny Acton leading 340. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 229, 163b; Floy Wilder 293, 422; Brandon Acton 40, 385b; James Marshall 479, 85; Jacob Acton 101b, 200; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 215, 142; Sheila Cotney 143 (for her grandmother, Elvadie Wallace), 480; Don Clark 232; Jack Nelson 294, 560.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. Eugene Forbes led 288 in memory of M.B. Forbes. Richard Mauldin led 339 in memory of the following: LaRue Allen, Corine Laminack, Milton Oliver, Dick Mauldin, Gertrude Norton, Edith Tate, Lora Kelley, Furn Kitchens, Delores Beasley, Elder W.G. McGough, Amanda Denson, Opal Futral, and Hazel Nelson—Alabama; Felton Denney, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Irvin Roberts, and Homer Benefield—Georgia; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri.

Ed Thacker led 323b for the following sick and shut-ins: George Garner, Lucy Garner, Evelyn Harris, Mary Florence Smith, Dale Harris, Jimmy Denney, Renea Campbell, Bud Oliver, Bill Stewart, Daphene Causey, Audress Gurley, Vernelle Amason, Gib Amason, Joyce Walton, and Raymond Hamrick. Prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Karen Clark led 66 and 276.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes brought the afternoon session to order leading 145b. A business session was held and the class voted for the singing to be held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church next year*.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 45t; Tim Cook 52b, 77b; Bridgett Hill 312b, 42 (for Bud Oliver); Beth Branscome 313t, 546; Oscar McGuire 441, 336; Faye Hollis 470, 466; Charlene Wallace 299, 503; Marvin Reeves and Annie Reeves 551, 565; Karen Clark 464, 531; Eugene Forbes 78 (in memory of M.B. Forbes); Robert Chambless 72b; Judy Chambless 88b; Ed Thacker “Good Shepherd”; Donna Bell 335.

Announcements were made. Jenny Acton led 46 as the closing song. Larry Acton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Jenny Acton

*NOTE: A decision was later made to move this convention to Cane Creek Church near Heflin, Alabama, and to change the date to Saturday before the third Sunday in August (one week later). This will coincide with the Cleburne County Convention, which is held at Cane Creek the next day.

GENEVA SINGING
Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Illinois
Saturday, August 9, 2008

The Geneva annual singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Illinois, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Ryan Wheeler brought the class to order leading 59. Fred Schau offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Fred Schau 29t; Rochelle Lodder 36b; Lori Graber 274t; Ginny Landgraf 564; Carol Mosley 312t; Cathryn Bearov 368; Gary Plazyk 128; Martha Krieg 107; Lincoln Richardson 68b; Janet Fraembs 481; James Page 284; Clare Cardy 142; Linda Saxer 105; Don Bardsley 120; Anita Shaperd 32t.

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Fred Schau 86; Jim Helke 186; JoDell Albi 34b; Carol Enseki 122; Rochelle Lodder 504; Lori Graber 143; Ginny Landgraf 433; Carol Mosley 171; Cathryn Bearov 168; Gary Plazyk 267; Martha Krieg 268; Lincoln Richardson 77b; Janet Fraembs 556; James Page 272.

Ryan Wheeler read the names of the deceased and led 383 in memory of the following: Amanda Denson Brady, Flarce Creel, Edith Tate—Alabama; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri.

Cathryn Bearov spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 179 in honor of the following: Uel Freeman, Bill Stewart, Julie Vea, Johanna Fabke, Pauline Childers, Bob Scorgie, Dick Dunagan, and Peg Pearson. Fred Schau closed the memorial lesson with prayer, and included the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ryan Wheeler called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Clare Cardy 505; Don Bardsley 313b; Anita Shaperd 335; Fred Schau 47b; Jim Helke 401; JoDell Albi 74b; Carol Enseki 457; Rochelle Lodder 126; Lori Graber 228; Ginny Landgraf 497; Carol Mosley 455; Cathryn Bearov 475; Gary Plazyk 159; Lincoln Richardson 569b; Janet Fraembs 385b.

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler called the class to order leading 278b. Leaders: James Page 538; Clare Cardy 106; Don Bardsley 324; Anita Shaperd 396; Fred Schau 277; Jim Helke 198; JoDell Albi 191; Carol Enseki 474; Ryan Wheeler 45t; Lori Graber 472; Ginny Landgraf 397; Carol Mosley 370; Cathryn Bearov 532; Gary Plazyk 117; Lincoln Richardson 515; Janet Fraembs 448t; James Page 338; Clare Cardy 71.

Announcements were made. Ryan Wheeler led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Fred Schau.

Chairperson—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Jill Muirhead

BIG SIOUX RIVER (SOUTH DAKOTA) SINGING
Stavanger Lutheran Church, North Sioux City, South Dakota
Saturday, August 9, 2008

The first Big Sioux River Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in August at Stavanger Lutheran Church, located on the grounds of the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve in North Sioux City, South Dakota. Judy Hauff called the class to order leading 312b. She welcomed everyone, and gave visitors a brief introduction to Sacred Harp singing.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 159; Melanie Hauff 30t; Aura Lee Furgason 155; Jenni Wallace 28b; Bonnie Davis 31b; Mary Ann Meisner 47b; Jim Solheim 299; Bryan Davis 33b; Dylan Skerbitz 85; Paul Landskroener 107; Jon Pearson 349; Karen Swenson 268; Gerry Skerbitz 218; Ken Wells and Judy Hauff 183; Kathy Wood 143; Annie Grieshop 300.

RECESS

Melanie Hauff called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Hannah Avery 45t; Aura Lee Furgason 344; Jenni Wallace 475; Elizabeth Avery 361; Mary Ann Meisner 503; Sue Pearson 474; Bonnie Davis 68b; Paul Landskroener 86 (for Peg Pearson and other friends); Joe Harder and Judy Hauff 187; Jon Pearson 551; Bryan Davis 32b; Jim Solheim “Nebraska”; Karl Landskroener and Paul Landskroener 49b; Karen Swenson 368; Gerry Skerbitz 38t; Kathy Wood and Janet Thayer 452; Annie Grieshop 383; Ken Wells 504; Colin Douglas 308, 267; Gail Dooley and Judy Hauff 312b; Alina Douglas and Colin Douglas 207; Annie Grieshop 318.

Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff; Secretary—Karen Swenson

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 9-10, 2008

Saturday, August 9

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. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sam Craig leading 108t. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Sam Craig 100; Bobby Watkins 138t; Aubrey Barfield 464; Leon Ballinger 463; Robert Vaughn 521; Stanley Smith 268t; Judy Caudle 567; Henry Johnson 439; Ann Jett 503; Jerry Ryan 421; Sarah Huckaby 300; Frank Hataway 395b; Esther Huckaby 270; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Rodney Ivey 133; Gaylon Powell 552; Billy Huckaby 68t; Myrl Jones 142; Tammy Powell 189; Barbara Jones 336t; Riley Owen 401; Mickie Sheppard 38t; Janie Short 434; Tim McClain 47t; Bob McLemore 522; Wayne Jones 553.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Buzz Fullen, mayor of Henderson, who gave welcoming remarks. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Owen Ross 214; Liz Owen 277; Tim Jones 120; Joshua McClain 146; John Beard 282; Tommie Spurlock 112; Troxal Ballou 508; Ben Brown 571; Charles Jackson 38b; Judy Hughes 516; Alice Johnson 128; Gary Rogan 384; Josh Rogan 383; Jeb Owen 210; Baron Powers 239; Danny Creel 404; Wanda Gregg 573; Crystal Meadows 182; Cassie Allen 450; Elsie Moon 414; Emily Creel 140; Joan Smith 47b; Cindy Tanner 486. Sonny Huckaby offered the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 57. Leaders: Wanda Capps 505; Margaret Wright 82; Cheryl Foreman 53; David Rousseau 127; Lindsey Wiggins 172; Ryan Ross 402; M.H. Creel 355; Trevor Howard 155; Beverly Coates 416t; Tom Owen 96; Morris Nelms 36t; Linda Booth 507t; Vivian Rogan 559; Dale Redmon 540; Alexa Gilmore 558; Nancy Powell 397; Sonny Huckaby 400; Donald Ross 419.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 145t. Leaders: Catherine Rogan 497; Mike Hinton and Lorraine Miles McFarland 358; Gaylon Powell 235; Scott Curran 192; Bill Bailey 207; Bruce Coates 518; Sonny Erwin 145b; Stanley Smith 392; Grant Howard 411; Henry Guthery 86; Katie Mahoney 170; Donn Howard 40;

Ines Luttgen 514; Diane Ross 299; Evelyn Lamb 217; John Morris 56; Myrl Jones 491.

Sam Craig led 283t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bruce Coates.

Sunday, August 10

The Sunday session was opened by Sam Craig leading 491. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Sam Craig 225t; Eddie Huckaby 47b; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Rodney Ivey 478; Barbara Jones 72; Wayne Jones 513t; Chris Nicholson 264t; Tommie Spurlock 574; Danny Creel 222; Tim Jones 42; Wanda Gregg 98; Cassie Allen 292b; Elsie Moon 424; Emily Creel 168; Cindy Tanner 39; Leon Ballinger 280; Wanda Capps 216; Judy Caudle 380t; Bruce Coates 264b; M.H. Creel 54t; Henry Guthery 43 1; Bobby Watkins and April Watkins 470; Crystal Meadows 245; Aubrey Barfield 200.

RECESS

The class called to order by Stanley Smith leading 541. Leaders: Diane Ross 148; Trevor Howard 293b; Henry Johnson 435; Donn Howard 484; Ann Jett 136; Beverly Coates 356; Frank Hataway 32t; Cheryl Foreman 448; Sarah Huckaby 563; Grant Howard 63; Gaylon Powell 91; Billy Huckaby 543; Donald Ross 395t; Tammy Powell 137; Janie Short 393t; Liz Owen 213; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Tom Owen 27; Morris Nelms 367.

John Morris conducted the memorial lesson by leading 444t. Robert Vaughn read the names of the sick and shut-ins and two missing persons. He led 410 in their honor.

Stanley Smith then read the names of the deceased as follows: Charlie Vaughn, Olive Acker, John McCoy, Pete Baker, Buddy Baker, Christene Burton—Texas; Amanda Denson-Brady, Richard K. Mauldin, Sr., LaRue Allen, Edith Tate, Milton Oliver—Alabama. He led 39 in their memory. The memorial lesson closed with prayer offered by Mike Hinton.

Leaders: Alexa Gilmore 35; Jeb Owen 60; Sonny Erwin 199; Sonny Huckaby 558. Gaylon Powell offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 553. Leaders: Mike Hinton and Sam Flory 544; Dale Redmon 514; Scott Curran 532; Nancy Powell 515; Catherine Rogan 218; Evelyn Lamb 220; Linda Booth 358; Ryan Ross 198; David Rousseau 119; Vivian Rogan 387; Joan Smith 127; Gary Rogan 129; Robert Vaughn 468; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Chris Nicholson 559; Rodney Ivey 465; John Morris 348t; Riley Owen 274t; Judy Caudle 414 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Tommie Spurlock 146; Cassie Allen 359; Wanda Gregg 572; Sonny Erwin 451; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Cindy Tanner 76b; Henry Johnson 77b; Bruce Coates 201; Crystal Meadows 30b; Diane Ross 159.

Sam Craig led 45t as the closing song. Morris Nelms offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama** **Sunday, August 10, 2008**

The 91st session of the Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church, north of Gordo, Alabama. Amber Davis called the singing to order leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairperson—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary/Treasurer—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Amber Davis 212; Robert DuPree 40, 84; Debbie Hall 432; 426t; Wyndell Rhineheart 31t, 445; Anne Chalker 235, 146; Travis Keeton 341, 340; Ruth Wyers 318, 32t; Gary Smith 503, 66; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 143 (in memory of Willis “Pete” Keeton); Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Clarence McCool leading 203. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 177, 187; Chris Ballinger 178, 410t; Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 30t, 50b; Marlin Beasley and Sam Spencer 274t, 290; Paula Springfield, Clarissa Springfield, Amber Davis, and Carson Davis 389, 546; Douglas Wyers 101t, 480; Sarah Smith 159, 73t; Larry Ballinger 145t (for Bud Oliver), 224; Clarissa Springfield and Carson Davis 343, 82t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Amber Davis leading 142. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 122, 283; Elene Stovall 492, 316; Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 300, 86; Lisa Geist 474, 228; Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin and Wilton Donaldson), 175 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Ken Tate 362, 278t; Clarence McCool 490, 535; Wayne Baines 569b, 317.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin. Toney Smith led 337 and 475 in memory of the following deceased: LaRue Allen, Dick Mauldin, Elder Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Edith Tate, Jeanette Lowry, Furn Kitchens, Delores Beasley, Lear McGough, Elder W.G. McGough, Corene Laminack, Reby Stanford, Amanda Denson Brady, Mamie Harper Noles, Roxie Keeton, and Alex Mennella. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Elene Stovall and Ruth Wyers 568; Sarah Smith 388 (for Uel Freeman). Amber Davis and Clarence McCool led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 13, 2008

The 164th 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. The class was called to order by Clarence McCool leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Nancy Cole. The class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 101t; Travis Keeton 127, 64, 129; Gwen Cornelius 30t, 490, 480; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 47b, 445; Faye Donaldson 124, 176b, 225t; Jack Pate 535, 341; Lena Keeton 274t, 276, 498; Robert DuPree 87, 384, 569b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Wayne Baines leading 45t, 89, and 155.

Leaders: Ruth Wyers 206, 204, 138b; Hugh Bill McGuire 138t, 300, 278b; John Van Horn 40, 68b, 523; Margaret Keeton 59, 63, 77t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Clarence McCool leading 85. Leaders: Velton Chafin 410t, 410b, 100; Rachel Richards 317, 235, 282; Billy Williams 448b, 143; Ruth Wyers 318; Robert DuPree 178; Lena Keeton 294 (by request); Wendell Rinehart 72b; Margaret Keeton 81t (by request); Jack Pate 49b; Travis Keeton 343; Hugh Bill McGuire 345b; John Van Horn 373; Rachel Richards 358; Velton Chafin 77b (for Billy Williams); Wayne Baines 571 (CB) (for Rachel Richards), 535 (for Jewel McCool), 310 (for Josie Hyde). Following announcements, Clarence McCool led 503 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Hugh Bill McGuire, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Secretary—Lena Keeton

**BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY
AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
Sunday, August 17, 2008**

Marlin Beasley opened the 41st Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing leading 32t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Committee—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 47t; Travis Keeton 73t, 75; Cora Sweatt 111b, 312b; Mel Maynard 47b, 282; Lena Keeton 373 (in memory of Amanda Denson), 454 (for Don Keeton); David Daniel 354b, 36b; Amber Davis 187, 192; Matthew Cook 358, 222; Juanita Beasley 61, 270; Harrison Creel 512, 530; Tina Marquez, Andrea Fields, and Bethany Fields 129, 457.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading 317. Leaders: Becky Briggs 348b, 408; Gravis Ballinger 215, 224; Anne Chalker 146, 235; David (Chug) Beasley and Ruth Nix 30t, 45t; Ricky Beasley 39b, 77t; Brenda Peña 73b, 229; Steve Adams 101t, 309; Cora Sweatt and her granddaughter, Corissa 145b; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and his granddaughter, Brooke 72b; David (Chug) Beasley, Justin Beasley, and Emily Beasley 59, 571 (CB).

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading 44. Leaders: Ruth Wyers 318, 463 (CB); John Beasley 480; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; Earl Ballinger 212; Betty Baccus 396; Velton Chafin 177; Joshua Marquez, Jonathan Marquez, and Tina Marquez 63; Lisa Geist 304; Kermit Adams 418, 78; Margaret Keeton 182; Danny Creel 34t; Sarah Smith and John Beasley 35 (in memory of Delores Beasley); Richard Mauldin 349 (for Clarence McCool), 378t (in memory of Richard Mauldin, Sr.); Dorothea McCowan and Mel Maynard 438, 460; Larry Ballinger 133; John Merritt 294; Elene Stovall and Harrison Creel 216; Gary Smith 66; Ann Ballard 67; Robert DuPree 84; David Beasley 48t; Richard Schmeidler 268, 474; Ken Tate 362; Tim Cook 549; Henry Schuman 532.

Announcements were made. Marlin Beasley and Travis Keeton led 323t as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Henry Schuman

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION

Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama Sunday, August 17, 2008

The 119th session of the Cleburne County Convention was held at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Stanley Edwards called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 59. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer.

Stanley Edwards led the introductory lesson from a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp*, donated to the convention by Meg and Al Huester in memory of J. W. Laminack. The book was given with instructions that this is the only time the book can be used. He led 112 and 113.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 101t, 434 (for Daphene Causey); Judy Chambless 87, 82t; Ed Thacker 204, 266; Bridgett Hill 460, 302; Louise Holland 73t, 437; Henry Johnson 425, 205; Floy Wilder 383, 475; Lonnie Rogers 97, 225t; Reba Windom 186, 36b; Pearl Guier 32t, 448b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Glenda Collins and Burt Collins leading 143 and 340. Leaders: Judy Caudle 329, 336; Robert Walker 35, 99; Randa Harris 268, 127; George Garner 391; Shannon Primm 28b, 540; Robert Chambless 317, 145t; Karen Clark 70t, 534; Scott DePoy 410t, 201 (for Frank Lott); Shelbie Sheppard 365 (in memory of Walker Cates, Jimmy Cates, and LaRue Allen); 368. The memorial lesson was conducted by Robert Chambless. The deceased remembered were Felton Denney, LaRue Allen, Chester Lacy, Corene Laminack, B. J. Harris, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, Elder Homer Benefield, and Milton Oliver. Tony Hammock led 111b in their memory.

The sick and shut-ins honored were Bud Oliver, Joyce Walton, Dale Harris, Jimmie Denney, Daphene Causey, Reba Norton, Frank Block, Catherine Benefield, Mary Florence Smith, and Renea Campbell Garner. Robert Walker led 145b in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Charles Norton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Jeff Sheppard leading 61. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 105, 569b; Charlene Wallace, Melody Kennedy, and Kate Kennedy 479, 503; Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Eunice Webb 392, 480 (by request of Reba Norton); Jeff Sheppard, Charles Norton, Cathy Norton, and Sandra Sims 63, 159; Donna Bell 31t, 122; Karleen Williams and Karen Rollins 384, 178; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, and Nellie Mae White 155, 47t, 378t; Mary Jo Shafer 163b, 229; Joan Aldridge 228; Tony Hammock 83b, 400; Ann Simpson 452, 455.

A business session was held. It was decided that the Cleburne County Convention would be held at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church again next year. The following officers were elected or appointed for the following year: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairlady—Bridgett Hill; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Karen Rollins; Chaplain—Cecil Roberts.

A proposal was made that the next Boiling Springs Convention (normally held on the Saturday before the second Sunday in August) be held at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the Saturday before the Cleburne County Convention on Sunday. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Boiling Springs Convention 2009 and the Cleburne County Convention will be held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in August at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 42 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairlady—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, August 23, 2008

The 110th 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 by leading 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Velton Chafin.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Corene White 37b, 379; Roma Rice 127, 164; Dawson Adams 328, 77t; Willodean Barton 63, 82t; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445, 68b; Lena Keeton 109, 314, 546; Wayne Baines 30t, 145t, 145b; Travis Keeton 335, 129.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 66; Richard Mauldin and Mary Godsey 100; Anne Chalker 146, 235, 388; Billy Williams 28b (for Reedy Powell); Ian Ludders 556, 268, 39t; Margaret Keeton and Ernestine Parker 325.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order by leading 384 and 383. Leaders: Velton Chafin 64, 494; Nellie Alexander 108b, 56t; Emily Jones 65, 393; Azalee Adams 337, 317; Faye Donaldson 430, 168, 225t; Steve Adams 101t; Steve Adams and Emily Jones 309; Lorene Gray, Margaret Keeton, Mary Godsey, Kathryn Weaver, Jane Velasque, and Roma Rice 354b, 340, 436, 323b, 97; Ian Ludders 48b, 107, 504, 78, 270; Wendell Rinehart 72b, 31b; Wayne Baines 569b, 382; Anne Chalker 312b (in memory of Ruth Denson).

Kermit Adams led 99 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Velton Chafin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

CENTRAL ONTARIO SINGING

Detweiler Meeting House, North Dumfries, Ontario Saturday, August 23, 2008

The 4th annual Central Ontario Singing was called to order by Gillian Inksetter leading 30t. Basha Mayo offered the morning prayer. Gillian Inksetter offered birthday wishes to Steven Morel.

Leaders: Steve Rogers 472; Sarah Trumbore 117, 282; Pleasance Crawford 391, 492; Tom Siess 178, 66; Jo Schultz 34b, 198; Jan May 276, 99; Will Stoltz and Gillian Inksetter 59, 72b.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: James Page 273, "Hermitage"; Laurie Dempsey 143, 503; Chuck Crawford 300, 535; Ann Miczulski 385t, 384; Jim Grant 182, 171.

RECESS

Steve Rogers brought the class back together leading 84. Leaders: Anne Evers 87, 504; Bill Beverly 297, 547; Emily Adam 212, 29b; Thomas Evers 569b, 448t; Sue Hengelsberg 324, 344; Gerry Hoffman 168, 31b; Gloria Thompson 155, 268. Steve Rogers and Nicoletta Manns conducted the memorial lesson. Steve Rogers read the names of the deceased and led 163b in memory of the following: LaRue Allen, Amanda Denson Brady, Dick Mauldin, Milton Oliver, Edith Tate—Alabama; Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, Loy Garrison—Georgia; Robert Baldwin—Maine; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Gaia Aphrodite, Linda Thompson—Ontario; Espen Aamodt—Pennsylvania; Robin Duguid—Quebec; Kat Kinkade—Virginia. Nicoletta Manns read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Bob Anderson, David Bornier, Dick Dunigan, Johanna Fabke, Heather Henderson, Will Munro, Peg Pearson, Bob Scorgie, Cheryl Stroud, Julie Veal, and Nancy Yeager. Steve Rogers led 480 in their honor.

LUNCH

Pleasance Crawford called the class to order leading 501. Leaders: Steve Rogers 86, 49b; Martha Beverly 131t, 218; Frank Griggs 215, 440; Barbara Swetman 390, 542; Will Fitzgerald, Naomi Duguid, and Sarah Hackman 287, 29t; Karen Westhouse 452, 454; Terry Shabot and Gillian Inksetter 183, 217; Nicoletta Manns 270, 475; Peter Trumbore 107, 277; Katie White 39t, 40; Bryan How 313b, 114.

RECESS

Jo Schultz, Stephanie Allen, and Natalie Houston brought the class back to order leading 565. Leaders: Ann Miczulski 317; James Page 193; Sarah Trumbore 335; Will Fitzgerald 159; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Martha Beverly 102; Gerry Hoffman 148; Barbara Swetman 127; Peter Trumbore 496; Bill Beverly 441; Katie White 47t; Gillian Inksetter and Terry Shabot 47b.

Announcements were made. Gillian Inksetter led 347 as the closing song. Basha Mayo dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Gillian Inksetter; Secretary—Henry Schuman

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION **Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama** **August 23-24, 2008**

Saturday, August 23

The 105th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by S.T. Reed leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 32t; Judy Caudle 138b; Cassie Allen 202; Rodney Ivey 492; Donna Bell 191; Robert Walker 350; Boyd Scott 58; Shirley Figura 235; Judy Chambless 34t; Gaston White 99; Kristi Harju 101b; Bea Carnathan 568; Wayne Dell 277; Mary Whitehurst, Rodney Ivey, and Judy Caudle 498 (for John Etheridge); Harrison Creel 512; Pat Temple 312b; Virginia Eldridge 133; Louis Hughes 166; Larry Ballinger 146 (for Kim Jenkins); Roberta Strauss 276; Doug Conn and Linda Thomas 546; Syble Adams 171. Ricky Harcrow, DeKalb County Commission, presented a plaque of appreciation to the 105th session of the Lookout Mountain Convention and the families who have supported the convention.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 123b. Leaders: David Carlton 417; Lomax Ballinger 300.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—S.T. Reed; Vice Chairman—Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen; Chaplain—Wayne Reed; Finance

Committee—Rodney Ivey and Scott Ivey; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Linda Thomas.

Leaders: Scot Oliver 100; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Phil Summerlin, Gary Wilkes, and Paul Rebelo 270; Darrell Swarens 72b (in memory of Amanda Denson); Charlene Wallace 186; J.L. Hopper 140; Jonathan Smith 215; Eddie Mash 518; Judy Mincey 468; Tim Reynolds 228; Alex Craig 421; B.M. Smith 418; Bob Meek 424; Gail Aagaard 45t (for Juanita); James Eldridge 434.

RECESS

S.T. Reed brought the class together leading 48t. Leaders: Matt Hinton, Ben McKay, and Melissa Marquardt 365; Scott Ivey and Loyd Ivey 426t (for Bud Oliver); Nate Green and Norma Green 328; Wanda Capps 203; David Kaeser 39t; Henry Johnson 409; Nathan Rees 227; Joan Aldridge 309; Adrian Eldridge 35; Sandra Wilkinson 332; Jerry Enright 383 (in memory of Lawrence and Lula Underwood); Zach Craig 117; Sandie Scott 340; Linton Ballinger 145b; Mary Wright 121; Stephanie Fida 344. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 176b. Leaders: Michael Thompson 532; Reba Windom 192 (for Joyce Walton and Daphene Causey); Ron Harper 442; Carolyn Thompson 48b; Richard Ivey 411; Becky Browne 142; Gravis Ballinger 182; Emily Creel 217; Betty Shepherd 216; Rebecca Eldridge 504; Elene Stovall 392; David Ivey 224; Lynne deBenedette 536; Shane Wootten and Marlon Wootten 97; Cindy Tanner 269; Karen Freund 42; Julietta Haynes 200; Dennis George 183; Mike Spencer 499; Buell Cobb 26; Dave Lloyd 201; Lou Cotney 218; Lois Badey 84.

RECESS

Paula Oliver and Scot Oliver brought the class together leading 354b. Leaders: Jane Spencer 380; Alana Blanks 405; Paul Figura 339; Ed Thacker 423; Wayne Kendrick 446; Bob Watkins and Mercy Watkins 348b; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Cassie Allen 361; Earl Aagaard 503; Eloise Wootten and Rodney Ivey 384; Betty Wright and Anzlea Maxwell 30b; Anita Landess 297; Gail Doss 400; Katherine Eldridge 335; Rick Fretter 107.

S.T. Reed led 46 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 24

The Sunday session of the convention was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by S.T. Reed leading 135. Bud Oliver addressed the class and led 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Bob Meek.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 129; Judy Caudle 472; John Plunkett 416; Adrian Eldridge 314; Bob Meek 32t; Scott DePoy 179; Shirley Figura 36b; Robert Kelley 263; Cheyenne Ivey, Jessica Ivey, and April Watkins 128; Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Earl Ballinger 177; Ian Ludders 163b; Linda Thomas 391; Max Berueffy 392.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 283 (for Don Bowen). Leaders: Roberta Strauss 496; Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 99; Darrell Swarens 198 (for Joyce Walton and Henry Guthery); Mary Wright 154; Wayne Dell 159; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Nate Green and Norma Green 389; Mark Miller 176t; Lynne deBenedette 220; Anita Landess 170; Paula Oliver 117; Jeannette DePoy 411; Richard Ivey 500 (for John Etheridge); Eddie Mash 340; David Kaeser 282; Stephanie Fida 383; Chris Ballinger 178; Pat Temple 373.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Scot Oliver leading 313t. Leaders: Robert Walker 480; Carolyn Thompson 53; Bridgett Hill 396; Lois Badey 148; Loyd Ivey 73t; Jackie Tanner 47t; Donna Wootten 74b; Tony Ivey and Scott Ivey 528; James Eldridge 186; Karen Freund 385b; Reba Windom 172; David Ivey 120. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Wayne Reed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by S.T. Reed leading 388. Leaders: Hobert Ivey 426t; Virginia Eldridge 455; Jennifer Lee 362; Dennis George and Ernestine Parker 325.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Johnson and Linda Thomas. Henry Johnson spoke from II Kings 20:1. He led 288 in memory of the following deceased: Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver, Dale Harris, Dick Mauldin, Brenda Dean, Edith Tate, Elder W.G. McGough, Furn Kitchens, M.B. Forbes, Delores Beasley, Corene Laminack, Lear McGough, Gavin Harris, Chester Lacy, and Fred Killingsworth, Jr.—Alabama; Elder Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Reby Stanford—Georgia; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Russ Shea, Rudy Baldacci, Kat Kinkaid—Virginia; Marsha Williams, Ruby Lee Reed McWilliams—Tennessee; Stuart Lloyd—New Jersey.

Linda Thomas spoke in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, John Etheridge, Bill Elason, Lee Rogers, Henry Guthery, Genny Whitworth, Renea Garner Campbell, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Daphene Causey, Charlotte McCarn, Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Kim Jenkins, Bev Brooks, Bill Tanner, Clinton Ivey, Loy Oliver, Mary Smith, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pam Gilmore. Rodney Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Shane Wootten led 278t. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Lisa Geist 377; Lela Crowder 272; Karen Ivey 217; David Lloyd 122; Cindy Tanner 436; Coy Ivey 222; Paul Figura 490; S.T. Reed and his sisters 278b; Becky Browne 474; Emily Creel 475; Katherine Eldridge 354b; Gail Doss 191; Bea Carnathan 145t; Larry Ballinger 151; Allison Davis and Gresham Davis 440; Ed Thacker 539 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Kristi Harju 110; Bob Watkins 376; Henry Johnson 70b; Wayne Reed 108b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 438; Cecil Roberts 229; Shane Wootten and Eloise Wootten 456; Verlon Stiefel and Tony Ivey 505 (CB); Alana Blanks 79; Boyd Scott 318.

S.T. Reed, Bud Oliver, and Scot Oliver led 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—S.T. Reed; Vice Chairman—Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Scott County, Forest, Mississippi** **August 23-24, 2008** **Saturday, August 23**

The 80th session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, for two days of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when and where the following proceedings were had, to wit:

President Mark Davis called the meeting to order and led 101t. Chaplain Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. Appreciation and thanks were extended to Bro. Alfred Bailey and to the people of Antioch Church for hosting the singing. Bro. Alfred Bailey extended a welcome to all.

Leaders: Mark Davis 74b; John L. Van Horn 270, 215; Arlon Gardner 277, 163t; Jean Gray and Haley Gray 63, 82t; Hugh Bill McGuire 83t, 39t.

Hugh McGuire, Tim Gray, and Mike McNeil were appointed as Business and Credentials Committee.

Leaders: John Merritt and Bruce Hedrick 488b (CB), 81t (CH); Robert Kelley 225t (CB), 178; John Plunkett 28t (CH), 32b; Hugh McGuire 424, 40; Billy Hollingsworth 507b (CB) and 319 (CH).

RECESS

The class resumed singing when Mark Davis led 176b. Leaders: T.J. Funderburk 47b, 569b; Mike McNeil 282, 522 (CB); John Hollingsworth 384, 460; Mark Davis 117 (CH) (by request from Alfred Bailey); Bobby Caldwell and Mark Davis 157 (CH), 58t (CH); Renee Eady 171, 480; Natalie Davis 572 (CB), 79; Haley Gray and Tim Gray 284 (CH), 142 (CH). Arlon Gardner offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mark Davis leading 268 (requested by Chuck Howell). Leaders: Linda Funderburk and Mark Davis 393t (CB), 99, 38b; Bruce Hedrick 323 (CH), 303; Karen Swenson 214 (CH), 131 (CH); George Easley 34b, 523; Tim Gray 117, 200; Regina Derstine 440, 322 (CH); Drew McGuire 310t (CH), 355 (CH); Junie McNeil 43 (CH), 64 (CH); Henry McGuire 442, 430 (requested by taxi driver in San Francisco), 365.

On motion, seconded and carried, the current officers were re-elected: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Lee Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Assistant Secretary—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplains—W. M. Allen and Arlon Gardner.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mark Davis leading 155. Ester Mann and Marsha Hedrick were appointed as the Memorial Committee by President Mark Davis. Leaders: John Plunkett 324 (CH); Karen Swenson 16 (CH); Robert Kelley 172 (CH); John Merritt and Brandon Melsoncon 571 (CB); Billy Hollingsworth 39b; Mike McNeil 204 (CH) (in memory of Benny Rigdon); Henry McGuire and Luke Laird 62; Hugh McGuire 358.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn until Sunday morning. The Drone was sung as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with prayer offered by Chaplain Arlon Gardner.

Sunday, August 24

Mark Davis opened the Sunday morning session by leading 30t. W. M. Allen offered the opening prayer. Mark Davis led 42, and then reminded everyone on committees about reports.

Leaders: John Van Horn 179, 67; Jean Gray 143, 288; W. M. Allen 75, 490; Arlon Gardner 201, 76b; Hugh Bill McGuire 274t, 209; Drew McGuire 108t, 573 (CB); Mark Davis 117.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by John Van Horn leading 564. Leaders: Junie McNeil 145t, 319; Bruce Hedrick 78b (CH), 248 (CH); Hugh McGuire 137, 344 (CB); Karen Swenson 264 (CH), 299, 163b, 163t; Drew McGuire 269 (CH), 184. W. M. Allen offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed Sunday afternoon with Hugh McGuire leading 470 (OSH). Leaders: Mark Davis 234; Natalie Davis 354b, 345t (CH); Esther Mann 179, 188; Susan Duckie 178, 128; Brian Harrison 139, 457; Henry McGuire 78 (CB), 229; Mark Davis 129; John Van Horn 281b (CH); Arlon Gardner 454; W. M. Allen 282; Junie McNeil 503; Mark Davis 408, 128b (CH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Marsha Hedrick and Ester Mann leading 155 and 235 in memory of the deceased.

Hugh McGuire presented the Resolutions Committee Report thanking Antioch Church, the singers, and those who brought food.

RECESS

Leaders: John Van Horn 68b; Hugh Bill McGuire 313 (CH); Hugh McGuire 111b; Susan Duckie 59; Natalie Davis 343; Brian Harrison 284 (requested by his mother Judy Harrison and grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Allen); Marsha Hedrick 85, 206 (for Emma Lou Rigdon); Alfred Bailey 117 (CH) (by request of daughter and son-in-law).

Announcements were made. President Davis led "Drone" as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Chaplain W. M. Allen.

President—Mark S. Davis; Vice-President—John L. Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray

MAIDENCREEK SINGING

Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, August 30, 2008

The 13th annual Maiden Creek Singing was held on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend at the Maiden Creek Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Guy Banks leading 52t with announcements following. Fred Steinruck offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Guy Banks; Secretary—Ina Shea; Arranging Committee—Anna Mays and Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Guy Banks 120; Ina Shea 565; Laura Densmore 430; Anna Mays 441; Lamar Matthew 335; Elizabeth Stokes 474; Stephen Hoyt 68b; Barbara Hohenstein 506; Betty Hanf 178; Ted Steinruck 31t; Molly Sayvetz 276; Nancy Katzen 472; Dan Hunter 89; Julie Myers 99; Doron Henkin 193; Joan Trout 569b; Judy Clay 503; G.C. Waldrep 260.

RECESS

George Seiler brought the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Heather Batson 350; Ted Stokes 410b; Nancy Tkacs 149; Becky Wright 564; Fred Steinruck 236; Ruth Wampler 111b; McKenzie Steinruck 473; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 419; Cindy Wasson 354t; Ruth Shaffer 319; Tom Maher 34t; Ben Grow 208; Roland Hutchinson "Hallowmas"; Susan Bingham 542; Terry Ryan 344.

RECESS

Hal Kunkel and Zach Bullock called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Kim Moreno and Fiona Nugent 87; Lucy Roberts 53.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lamar Matthew, who led 176b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Dale Drews, Ron Langmacher, David Bornik, Kathe Philibosian, Lynne Toribara, Mike Toribara, Brian Howard, Dennis Cirelli, Kathy Balestracci, Chelsea Balestracci, Dan Macklin, Dave Kruel, Ricky Shaver, and Sandra Goss.

The deceased remembered were Aaron Sayvetz—Colorado; Espen Aamodt, Gihon Jordan—Pennsylvania; Marilyn Darch—California; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Edith Tate, Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Kat Kinkade—Virginia; Maureen Ward—Delaware; Alex Mennella, Jane Jensen—New York; Jeanne Rice—Ohio; Helen Murphy—New Jersey; Ann Crabtree Michener—Maryland; and Jean Goss—Massachusetts. Cindy Wasson offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 216; Tom Tucker 270; Claire Simon 551. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Fred Steinruck.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by John delRe leading 59. Leaders: Thom Metzger 383; Joel Miller 110; James Nugent 355; Nora Dunn 212; Lauren

Bock 192; Kevin Griffin Moreno 468; Kathy Tucker 454; Barbara Swetman 203; Carly Goss 142; Aldo Ceresa 550; Leyland delRe 302; Diane Mennella 318; Ruth Schaffer “Pottsville”; Theresa Rodriguez 333.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Carly Goss leading 72b. Leaders: Kelsey Sunderland 492; John Hewes 455; Jessica Keyes 480; Greg Mulkern 368; Kelly Macklin 444; Patricia Neiderer 125; Eileen Metzger 522; John delRe 215; Patty Ruehl 56b; Jim Glaser 569t; Jean Seiler 273; Cathy Manning 498; Jon Giles 182; Rachel Speer 532; Hal Kunkel 298; John Daniel delRe 315; Susan Silvestri 49b; Dennis Leipold 282; Sheila Nugent and Fiona Nugent 209; Dean Jens 95; Erin Kelly 452; George Seiler and Zack Bullock 159; Gina Balestracci 183; Guy Bankes 504.

Guy Bankes thanked everyone who helped with the weekend’s singing and socializing. It was noted that there were singers in attendance from 8 states and one federal district.

Guy Bankes led 347 as the closing song. Cindy Wasson dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman—Guy Bankes; Ina Shea—Secretary

YOUNG PEOPLE’S SACRED HARP ASSOCIATION SINGING **Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia** **Saturday, August 30, 2008**

The Young People’s Sacred Harp Association met on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the Fourth of July at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Bremen, Georgia. Drew Smith called the class to order leading 37b. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Drew Smith 101t; Phillip Langley 318; Lela Crowder 32t; Blake Sisemore 142; Caleb Allred 448t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 59; Matt Hinton and Anna Hinton 277; Donna Bell 163b; Robert Kelley 163t; April Dell and Jenny Steuver 155; Macy Crawford and Kendra Strickland 452; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Bridgett Hill 440; Bill Beverly 547; Jessica Beer 77t; Jeannette DePoy 338; Nate Green and Norma Green 129; Will Allred 196; Bobby Watkins 480; Thom Fahrbach 500.

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

Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Bentley McGuire; Treasurer—Richard Ivey; Arranging Committee—Rachel Allred, Sarah Jenkins, and Jenna Strizak; Finance Committee—Russ Hanson, Ariella Perry, and Allison Schofield; Locating Committee—Cassie Allen, Mary Elizabeth Lee, and Blake Sisemore; Resolutions Committee—Jessica Beer, Matt Hinton, and Matt Wojcik.

RECESS

Jackson Harcrow called the class back together leading 30t. Leaders: Richard Ivey 187; Jennie Brown 192; Holly Mixon 354b; Ed Thacker 517; Russ Hanson 222; Clarke Lee 565; Ariella Perry 335; David Ivey 168; Rachel Allred 383; John Plunkett 562; Carri Grindon 497; Jenna Strizak 217; Martha Beverly 269; Erin Mills 215; Lonnie Rogers 389; Mike Thompson 342; Riley Lee 551; Micah Roberts 119; Sheldon Finlay 112; Mark Miller 195; Jonathon Smith 434; Matt Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, and Marian Wojcik 216; Mike Spencer 207; Danny Arms 304; Bentley McGuire 316; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 40; B.M. Smith 384; Stephanie Tingler 373; Jeff Breting 324; Darrell Swarens 350; Amy Finlay 203; Karen Clark 475; Jesse Roberts 333; Susan Allred 329; Louis Hughes 510.

LUNCH

Nathan Rees called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 345b; Henry Johnson 375; Cassie Allen 504; Kelsey Wessels 278b; Bob Meek 496; Sam Sommers 54; Will Fitzgerald 287; Rodney Ivey 426b; Carol Hanson 68b; Reba Windom 436; Oscar McGuire 485; Sophie Grindon 146; Sandra Wilkinson 182; John Hollingsworth 347; Allison Schofield 542; Morgan Bunch 106; Richard DeLong 411; Charlene Wallace 481; Susan Harcrow 498; Christian Webb 358; Jeff Sheppard 322; Joyce Whittington and Norma Green 72b.

RECESS

Phillip Langley brought the final session to order leading 460. The class resumed the business session and heard reports from each committee. The Locating Committee announced that next year's Young People's Singing will be held in Western Massachusetts. The Resolutions Committee expressed its thanks to everyone who contributed to the fellowship and support of both the Young People's Singing and Sacred Harp. The new draft of the Young People's Sacred Harp Association By-Laws was voted on and accepted. Expenses for the singing were met. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Sue Bunch 66; Billy Hollingsworth 236; John Holbrook 339; Jenna Frey 401; Karen Swenson 200; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 435.

Announcements were made. Phillip Langley led 46 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Lela Crowder

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Austin, Texas

August 30-31, 2008

Saturday, August 30

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Waldorf School near Austin, Texas. The session was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 336t. Prayer was offered by Wayne Walther.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Secretary—John Baker.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 78; Sonny Huckaby 35; John Baker 268t; Robert Vaughn 50t; Alexa Gilmore 558; Sonny Erwin 488t; Cheryl Foreman 470; John Kerr 505; Olivia Powell 573; Doug Foster 32t; David Wright 30t; Ayne Ray 142; Beverly Coates 380t; Bill Bailey 106; Leon Ballinger 168; Katie Mahoney 381t; Scott Curran 217; Linda Booker 55; Janie Short 148; Bruce Coates 507b; Betty Marvin 141.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Mike Hinton leading 447t. Leaders: Tom Owen 47b; Crystal Meadows 567; Daniel Allcock 296; Ryan Ross 196; Evelyn Lamb 36b; Eddie Huckaby 277; Anne Moseley 192; Josh Rogan 319; Steve Helwig 298; Donn Howard 559; Liz Owen 98; Jessica Garris 159; Riley Owen 274t; Don Ross 211; Vivian Rogan 508; Chris Nicholson 513t; Dick Steil 463; Curtis Owen 515; Brennen Leigh 146; Jeb Owen 155; Gary Rogan 99; Trevor Howard 182; Mickie Sheppard 220; Amanda Bowles 42; Morris Nelms 36t; Gaylon Powell 53; Sarah Huckaby 224; Rich Lee 198; Greg Bowles 29b. The memorial committee was named and class was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Tom Owen.

LUNCH

Sonny Huckaby called the afternoon session together by leading 440b. Leaders: Billy Huckaby 30b; Diane Ross 183; Robert Vaughn 387; Mike Moseley 507t; John Kerr

122; Cheryl Foreman 140; Doug Foster 49b; Kevin Powell 239; Sonny Erwin 511t; Janie Short 276; Lindsey Wiggins 186; David Wright 391; Ryan Ross 132; Kris Wiggins 299; Evelyn Lamb 110; Betty Marvin 287; Josh Rogan 203; Eddie Huckaby 398b; Donn Howard 484; Chris Nicholson 571; Steve Helwig 543; Mickie Sheppard 348t.

RECESS

Tom Owen brought the class together by leading 336b. Leaders: Morris Nelms 38b; Gaylon Powell and students of the host school 384; Trevor Howard 388; Alexa Gilmore 138b; Tammy Powell 138t; Ayne Ray 270; David Moseley 442t; Olivia Powell 189; Bill Bailey 63; Katie Mahoney 425; Linda Booker 410; Sonny Huckaby 450; John Baker 449.

Mike Hinton led 95b as the closing song, and prayer was offered by Scott Curran.

Sunday, August 31

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mike Hinton at 9:30 a.m. leading 28b. Prayer was offered by Diane Ross.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 544; Sonny Huckaby 49t; Cassandra Baker 40; Amanda Bowles 68t; Bill Bailey 61; Donald Ross 338; David Wright 200; Jessica Garris 416t; Evelyn Lamb 58; Steve Helwig 414; Vivian Rogan 96; Ryan Ross 212; Janie Short and Becca Short 282; Donn Howard 264b; Ayne Ray 559; Katie Mahoney and Rich Lee 406; Jeb Owen 68b (for Adele Reed); Trevor Howard 518; Lindsey Wiggins 383.

RECESS

Leaders: John Baker 110; Dick Steil 393t; Diane Ross 434; Leon Ballinger 196; Mickie Sheppard 56; Scott Curran 424; Sarah Huckaby 210; Kris Wiggins 217; Gaylon Powell 494; Riley Owen 401; Eddie Huckaby 82; Alexa Gilmore 42; Curtis Owen 137; Rich Lee 365; Billy Huckaby 268t; Cheryl Foreman 272.

Elder Sonny Huckaby began the memorial lesson by quoting verse 2 of song number 42, and reminding the class that the deceased are at a “perfect singing.”

Bill Bailey led 73t for the following sick and shut-ins: Daphene Causey, Cathy Wathington, John Etheridge, Stephen O’Leary, Dave Euneekis, Adele Reed, Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, Mike O’Hern, and Leland Owen. Special mention is made of Aaron Shirazi of Texas who is unable to attend the singing due to serving in the National Guard.

Jessica Garris then led 380t for the deceased as follows: Pete Baker, Buddy Baker, Charley Vaughn, Brenda Bethard—Texas; Milton Oliver, Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Myrtle Smith, Felton Denny—Georgia. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Curtis Owen.

Leaders: Brennen Leigh 45t; Greg Bowles 395b; Reed Coates 299; Sonny Erwin 199; Liz Owen 288. Leon Ballinger offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the afternoon session to order by leading 505. Leaders: Bruce Coates 133; Betty Marvin 118; Crystal Meadows 240; Priscilla Wiggins 31t; Gary Rogan 54t; Olivia Powell 140; Beverly Coates 464; Tammy Powell 216; Chris Nicholson 293b; Tom Owen 64; Kevin Powell 77t; Morris Nelms 304; Steve Helwig 112.

Announcements were made. Leaders: David Wright 76b; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Bill Bailey 324; Donald Ross 123b; Lindsey Wiggins and Liza McCown 558; Rich Lee 372; Cheryl Foreman 497; Sonny Erwin 572; Kris Wiggins 343; Janie Short and Becca Short 72; Amanda Bowles 144; Leon Ballinger 120; Katie Mahoney 67; Diane Ross 394; Scott Curran 203; Betty Marvin 145b; Reed Coates 331b.

Mike Hinton, Sonny Huckaby, and John Baker led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Gary Rogan, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Secretary—John Baker

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING
Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama
Sunday, August 31, 2008

The annual Lacy Memorial Singing held on the first fifth Sunday following the 4th of July was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Reba Windom; Vice Chairman—Dennis George; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Michael Thompson.

Leaders: Reba Windom and Dennis George 37b; Judy Caudle 177; Scott DePoy 448t; Sheldon Finlay 76b; Riley Lee 47b; Jennifer Lee 500; S.T. Reed 472; John Holbrook 415; Ariella Perry and Rachel Shavers 142; Tom George 36b; Bob Meek 287; Susan Allred 183; Louis Hughes 348b; Kelsey Wessels 171; Henry Johnson 147b; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Thom Fahrback 336; Mary Ruth Stiefel 408; Bill Beverly 297; Reba Windom and Kathy James 168 (in memory of Chester Lacy).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dennis George leading 166. Leaders: Drew Smith 35; Holly Mixon 388; Shane Wootten 317 (for Leonard Smith); Martha Beverly 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Scott Ivey 442; April Dell 28b; Judy Chambless 129; Matthew Wojcik 302 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Charlene Wallace 269 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Oscar McGuire 573; Karen Swenson 272; Nate Green and Norma Green 418 (for John Etheridge); Jeff Breting 324; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 396; Lela Crowder 436; Linda Sides 328; Anita Landess 389; Michael Thompson 89.

RECESS

Jackie Tanner brought the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Betty Wright 97; Caleb Allred 146; Sue Bunch 34b; Robert Chambless 523; Aaron Wootten 203; Cassie Allen and Chrissie Watkins 215; John Plunkett 463; Donna Bell 405 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Bentley McGuire 240; Will Fitzgerald 124 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Macy Crawford and Kendra Strickland 288; Samuel Sommers 386; Mary Elizabeth Lee 192. Tony Ivey offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Reba Windom and Dennis George leading 159. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 186; Will Allred 300; Matthew Wojcik 457 (by request); Jennie Brown 197; Jenna Strizak 218; Allison Schofield 564; Richard DeLong 419; Amy Finlay 349; Jenny Steuver 358; Jeff Sheppard 313t; Loyd Ivey 283; Bridgett Hill 377; Jonathan Smith 214; Steve Kick 204; Nathan Rees 371; Mark Miller 383; Jackson Harcrow 480; Will Kerby 182; Sarah Jenkins and Joel Jenkins 496; Danny Arms 200; Eddie Mash and Rodney Ivey 47t (for Evelyn Harris); Ed Thacker 176b; Ricky Harcrow 571 (CB); Darrell Swarens 198; Jessica Beer 434; Morgan Bunch 162; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 566; Rachel Allred 440; Bobby Watkins 222; Clarke Lee 48t; Susan Harcrow 196; Reba Windom and Jackie Tanner 477; Tony Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Scott Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, and Eloise Wootten 454 (for John Etheridge).

Reba Windom and Dennis George led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Clarke Lee, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Reba Windom; Vice Chairman—Dennis George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING

Geneva, Illinois

Sunday, August 31, 2008

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing began at 11:00 a.m. on the Sunday before Labor Day. Marcia Johnson called the class to order leading 32t.

Leaders: Ted Mercer 34b; James Page 284; Melanie Hauff 148; Lisa Grayson 29t; Sarah Kierstead 105; Ted Johnson 222; Jim Lawrie 335; Jim Helke 546; Herb Schroeder 36b; Judy Hauff 107; Anita Shaperd 106; Susan Geil 344; Grace Scrimgeour 547; Ryan Wheeler 278b; James Page 272.

LUNCH

Ted Mercer brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Margaret Smith and Marcia Johnson 52t; Carol Munro Mosley 171; John Gearen 178; Lisa Grayson 269; James Page 273; Judy Hauff 300; Jim Lawrie 268; Stephanie Fida 146; Kris Richardson 217; Sarah Kierstead and Lisa Grayson 485; Anita Shaperd 328; Susan Geil 81t; Ted Johnson 89; Herb Schroeder 332; Sue Kessell 200; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Ted Mercer 86; Bruce Holmes 47t; Marcia Johnson 288 (in memory of Pauline Childers).

Judy Hauff gave a brief summary of Sacred Harp traditions and shape-note singing.

RECESS

Lisa Grayson brought the class back to order leading 348b. Leaders: Jim Helke 186; Stephanie Fida 99; Melanie Hauff 215; Ryan Wheeler 208; Jim Lawrie 63; Sue Kessell 464.

Announcements were made. Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Lisa Grayson led 267 as the closing song. Carol Munro Mosley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ted Mercer; Secretary—Lisa Grayson

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING

Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama

Sunday, August 31, 2008

The annual memorial singing held at Liberty Church was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 33b, 30b; Kermit Adams 39b, 43; David Roberson 146, 222, 274t; Travis Keeton 179, 75; Gary Smith 66, 565, 569b; Lena Keeton 35 (for Don Keeton), 480 (in memory of John Hocutt); Seth Holloway 145b, 354b, 388; Roma Rice 460, 434; Gravis Ballinger 49t, 410t, 112; Velton Chafin 482 (in memory of Pauline Childers).

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order leading 175 (in memory of Harlie Guthrie). Leaders: Elizabeth Keeton 212; Amber Davis 402, 187; Marlin Beasley 192, 283, 418; Ellis Shipp 108t, 108b; Willodean Barton 454, 498; Billy Williams 319, 334; Fay Naramore 406; Margaret Keeton 171, 137, 143; Sarah Smith 340; Sarah Smith, Jorge Carrish, Seth Holloway 323b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 38t and 41. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 74b, 77t, 77b; Jorge Carrish 45t, 73t, 73b; Amber Davis 318, 384; John Merritt 224, 358; Hannah Tate 294; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 124; Emily Creel 284, 475, 178; Larry Ballinger 76t, 76b; Steve Adams and Emily Creel 309, 101t, 100; Eldagene Roberson 40; Ken Tate 512, 347; Ellis Shipp 337; Brecklyn Tate and Hannah Tate 59, 61, 430; Brenda Merritt 336.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson

LABOR DAY SINGING

Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama

Monday, September 1, 2008

The annual Labor Day Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the first Monday in September. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 73b; Richard DeLong 102, 101b; Judy Chambless 82t; Judy Caudle 439; Rodney Ivey 144; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 134; Bob Meek 268; Stanley Edwards 436; Louise Holland 467; Jonathan Smith 458; Karen Rollins 149; Robert Chambless 145t; Nathan Rees 48t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Bill Beverly 86; Tommy McGraw 475; Samuel Sommers 512 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Heidi Nolan and Linda Jones 448t; Darrell Swarens 217; Earlis McGraw 329; Cheyenne Ivey and Paige Gilbert 87; Matthew Wojcik and Sharon Benefield 274t; Martha Beverly 532 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Will Fitzgerald 365; B.M. Smith 222.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 370. Leaders: Dennis George 441; Matt Hinton, Kate Kiefer, and Andy Lee 39t; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Michael Thompson and Bridgett Hill 424; Karen Swenson 567; Phillip Langley 110.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 282; Steve Kick 384; Allison Schofield 215; Bobby Watkins 298; Donna Bell 31t; Cecil Roberts 101t; Robert Kelley 92; Jennie Brown 325; Nate Green 393; Debra Langley 299; Anita Landess 314; Thom Fahrback 316; Charlene Wallace 171. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 176b. Leaders: Amy Finlay 564; John Plunkett 88b; Tony Hammock 229 (in memory of Corinne Laminack); Danny Arms 218; Mary Jo Shafer 33b; Sheldon Finlay 189; Jane Spencer 151; Richard Ivey 353; Carol Chapman 542; Janet Sheppard 155; Jeff Breting 106; Ann Simpson 445; Joan Durdin 178; Evelyn Harris 47t; Sharon Benefield, Matthew Wojcik, and Allison Schofield 312b; Virginia Dyer 193; Mark Miller 315; Mike Spencer 191; Reba Windom 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Jeff Sheppard 556; Judy Caudle 421 (for Bud Oliver); Richard DeLong 214; Bridgett Hill and Jessica Beer 142; Samuel Sommers 422; Bob Meek 496; Rodney Ivey and Richard Ivey 176t (in memory of Milton Oliver); Charlene Wallace, Tommy McGraw, and Earlis McGraw 283; Nathan Rees, Jonathan Smith, Phillip Langley, Michael Thompson, and Steve Kick 58 (for J.J. Jackson); Robert Kelley, Thom Fahrback, Jeff Breting,

Will Fitzgerald, Amy Finlay, Danny Arms, Karen Swenson, Darrell Swarens, and Martha Beverly 546; Darrell Swarens 358 (by request).
Jeff Sheppard and Richard DeLong led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
Saturday, September 6, 2008

The 103rd 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 opened the singing by leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Velton Chafin led 32t.

A business session was held electing or appointing the following officers:
Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Travis Keeton 421, 400; David Roberson 220, 222; Eugene Forbes 299, 426t; Juanita Beasley 31b, 39b, 61; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 204, 76b; Geraldine Sharpton 66, 300; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Marlin Beasley 213, 312t; Margaret Keeton 138t, 78.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading 80t. Leaders: Willodean Barton 270, 391; John Merritt 207 (for hurricane victims), 224, 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Emily Creel 345t (for John Etheridge), 535, 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Butch White 29b, 74b.

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson, reading the names of the following deceased: Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, M.B. Forbes, Betty Shaver, Milton Oliver, Theresa Earnest, Homer Benefield, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Amanda Denson Brady, Furn Kitchens, Cecil Wakefield, Dale Harris, Lora Kelley, Delores Beasley, Elder W.G. McGough, Lear McGough, Corene Laminack, Reby Stanford, and Roxie Keeton. Richard Mauldin led 339 in their memory.

Richard Mauldin read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: John Etheridge, Daphene Causey, Cecil Sanders, Winell Sanders, Ozella Blackmon, Bud Oliver, Henry Guthery, Joyce Walton, Mark Cain, and Charlotte McCarn. John Merritt led 75 in their honor. Butch White offered prayer to close the lesson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 90. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 40, 100 (in memory of Marie Guthrie); Wanda Capps 36b, 144; Bridget Hill 133, 312b, 276 (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady); Steve Adams and Emily Creel 101t, 309, 401; Harrison Creel 111b; Eugene Forbes 168; Marlin Beasley 138b, Richard Mauldin 143 (for Charlotte McCarn), 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady), 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Geraldine Sharpton 347, 496; Brenda Merritt 278t; Butch White 178; John Merritt and Richard Mauldin 358, 511 (OSH); Willodean Barton 454.

Announcements were given, and then the class sang 228. Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led 521 as the closing song. Butch White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Crossroads Community Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania
Saturday, September 6, 2008

Gerry Hoffman called the class to order leading 34b, and introduced Aldo Ceresa, who taught a brief singing school. Aldo started by presenting a brief history of Sacred Harp singing, followed by covering the shapes and the scales, time signatures, accent, and the importance of observing rests. He then gave a brief overview of leading before ending. In the course of the singing school, Aldo lead 49b, 209, 436, 49t, 77b, and 446.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Katie White. Leaders: Laura Densmore 522; Ginny Landgraf 162; Joe Todd 373; Pleasance Crawford 524; Bud Briggs 49t; Anna Mays 171; Aldo Ceresa 318; Shirley Pfadt 107; Guy Banks 474; Jo Schultz 361; Beth Todd 501; Stephen Syrell 479; Lamar Matthew 569b; Barbara Swetman 457; Kaleeya Furlow 45t; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 222; Eileen Metzger 159; Betsy Scheuerman 47b; Scott Luscombe 353; Ruth Wampler 383; Kelly Armor 178; Thom Metzger 192; Sue Neth 31t; Annie Grieshop 40; Cynthia Fuhrman 63; Chuck Crawford 300; Robert Schmalz 38b; Tiffany Vergato 347. The blessing for lunch was offered by David White.

LUNCH

Gerry Hoffman brought the class back together leading 128. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 58; Marita Straffin 276; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 142; Katie White 39t; Ruth Wampler 84; Bob Rhodes 85; Ginny Landgraf 81t; Guy Banks 549; Annie Grieshop 384; Sue Beates 319; Scott Luscombe 112; Denah Bookstein 547; Patrick Hersch 564; Beth Todd 284; Anna Mays 419; Joe Todd 102; Betsy Scheuerman 83t; Guy Banks 68b; Pleasance Crawford 446.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman brought the class back together leading 148. Leaders: Lamar Matthew 35; Laura Densmore 542; Chuck Crawford 47t; Jo Schultz 234; Barbara Swetman 179; Thom Metzger 236; Cynthia Fuhrman 254; Brian How 114. At this time, announcements of upcoming singings were made.

Leaders: Katie White 267; Annie Grieshop 344; Ginny Landgraf 465; Chuck Crawford 72b; Ruth Wampler 369; Aldo Ceresa 512; Anna Mays 298; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 292; Pleasance Crawford 476; Guy Banks 327.

Gerry Hoffman extended thanks for the help making this first Northwestern Pennsylvania singing a success, and led 146 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the ending prayer.

Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Marita Straffin

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, near Tallapoosa, Georgia
Sunday, September 7, 2008

The annual Shiloh-Little Vine singing met at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Tony Hammock and Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 99; Cecil Roberts 97, 480, 399b; Charlene Wallace 146 (for Katherine Benefield), 168, 267; Jeff Sheppard 75, 61, 192; Tony Hammock 60,

303, 166; B.M. Smith 340, 313t, 503; Joyce Lambert 127, 82t, 56t, 45t (in memory of Joel Patterson).

RECESS

The class was called together by Stanley Edwards leading 283. Leaders: Karen Rollins 405 (for John Etheridge), 143; Ed Thacker 172, 546; Reba Windom 270, 171; Jonathan Smith 109, 222, 224; Lonnie Rogers 298, 373.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tony Hammock. Michael Thompson led 227 for the following sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Katherine Benefield, Eugene Forbes, Reba Norton, John Etheridge, Daphene Causey, and James Castell.

Ed Thacker led 403 in memory of the following deceased: B.J. Harris, Dale Harris, Corene Laminack, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney, Reby Stanford, Myrtle Smith, Elder Homer Benefield, Joel Patterson, and Milton Oliver. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Michael Thompson led 67, 318, and 271t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Stanley Edwards leading 383. Leaders: Richard DeLong 431, 293, 325; Mildred Patterson, Clint Patterson, Amy Hicks, and Penny Patterson 401; Carlene Griffin 113, 117, 155; Nathan Rees 288, 451, 382; Jeff Sheppard 82b, 368 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Margaret Thacker 68b, 348b, 569b; Curtis Hamrick 77t, 137, 436; Michael Thompson 179; Jonathan Smith 421, 521; Ed Thacker 498; Reba Windom 418; B.M. Smith 475, 501; Nathan Rees 511, 513; Tony Hammock 544; Margaret Thacker 39b; Cecil Roberts 229, 30b.

Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 343 and 42 for the closing songs.

Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse) Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, September 7, 2008

The Clear Creek Convention West was held at Pleasant Hill Church on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Elene Stovall leading 36b.

The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 172; Larry Ballinger 164, 157; Travis Keeton 68b, 57; Stella Platt 61, 100; Faye Donaldson 40, 138t; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 56t, 141.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class back to order leading 112. Leaders: Leona Haynes 146, 335; Wanda Capps 298, 546; Carolyn Thompson 53, 48b, 80t; Elizabeth Keeton 163b, 50b; Joyce Hubbert 209, 81t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Elene Stovall leading 436. Leaders: Clarence McCool 225t, 73b; Lena Keeton 482, 497; Leona Haynes and Stella Platt 277; John Merritt 487; Gravis Ballinger 142; Wanda Capps 383; Don Robertson 217; Steve Adams 101t, 309; Marlin Beasley 60, 406; Kermit Adams 28b, 192; John Merritt 312b, 274t; Gravis Ballinger 78, 182; Johnnie Humber 460, 445; Don Robertson 434, 272; Glenn Keeton 523, 501; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Lisa Geist 224, 220; Margaret Keeton 422, 517; Marlin Beasley 283; Glenn Keeton and

Elizabeth Keeton 349; Kermit Adams 99; Harrison Creel 111b; Johnnie Humber 389; Carolyn Thompson 442; Travis Keeton 290; Elene Stovall 79.
Elene Stovall and Larry Ballinger led 89 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

OWINGS PIONEER DAY SACRED HARP SINGING **Owings Music Hall, Owings, South Carolina** **Saturday, September 13, 2008**

The 3rd Pioneer Day singing was called to order by Frances Carnell leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.
Leaders: Frances Carnell 75; Leon Carnell 47b; Victoria Eastland 384; Danny Arms 392; Robert Kelley 528; Dan Huger 479; Mary Baumeister 184; David Libby 503; Kathy Evans 45t; Marshall Gagne 457; Bill Hollingsworth 341; John Hollingsworth 176t; Shannon Primm 31t; Jane Spencer 108b.
The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Victoria Eastland.

RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Tom Ivey 327; Sharon Strong 162; John Plunkett 96; Michael Spencer 499; Sarah R. Carnell 53; Eric Carnell 163b; Charity Carnell 40; Esther Carnell 38b; Frances Carnell 422; Leon Carnell 51; Victoria Eastland 454; Danny Arms 218; Robert Kelley 269; Dan Huger 254; Mary Baumeister 148.

LUNCH

Frances Carnell brought the afternoon session to order leading 34t. Leaders: Marshall Gagne 522; David Libby 566; Bill Hollingsworth 236; John Hollingsworth 460; Eric Carnell 455; Shannon Primm 43; Jane Spencer 532; Sarah R. Carnell 135; Tom Ivey 195; Sharon Strong 567; John Plunkett 266; Chris Carnell 512; Sarah B. Carnell 178; Michael Spencer 191; Esther Carnell 133; Chris Wilhelm 484; Ray Orr 337.

RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading 192. Leaders: Leon Carnell 268; Victoria Eastland 344; Danny Arms 200; Kathy Evans 159; Robert Kelley 507; Dan Huger 338; Mary Baumeister 106; Marshall Gagne 332; Bill Hollingsworth 30b; Shannon Primm 47t; Chris Carnell 228; Tom Ivey and Sharon Strong 347.
Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Leon Carnell, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Victoria Eastland

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Ringgold, Louisiana** **Saturday, September 13, 2008**

The 2nd annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church on the second Saturday in September was called to order by Robert Vaughn at 10:00 a.m. leading 264b. The book used was The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, in the morning session. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Joe Asbell.
Leaders: Robert Vaughn 40, 50t; Frank Walsh 437, 159, 162; Sonya Kirkham 559, 31t, 515; Joe Asbell 450, 343, 146.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Peggy Ray 507b, 463, 47t; Frank Walsh 152; Sonya Kirkham 47b; Joe Asbell 60; Peggy Ray 135; Robert Vaughn 511t, 511b. Bruce Ray closed the morning session with prayer and offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The book used in the afternoon session was *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Robert Vaughn called the afternoon session back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 569b; Frank Walsh 59, 58, 100; Carole Watts 63, 87, 438; Sonya Kirkham 384, 329, 282; Joe Asbell 452, 201, 47b; Peggy Ray 143, 146, 47t.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 142. Leaders: Frank Walsh 354b; Robert Vaughn 137; Sonya Kirkham 155; Carole Watts 128; Joe Asbell 348b; Peggy Ray 32t; Robert Vaughn 110, 89; Joe Asbell 171; Robert Vaughn 33b; Carole Watts 571 (CB).

Robert Vaughn led 35 as the closing song. A short business meeting was held where it was decided to change the date to the Saturday before the first Sunday in September to avoid conflict with other singings on the current date.

Following announcements, the closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Marsden Mechanics Institute, Marsden

West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

September 13-14, 2008

Saturday, September 13

The 13th United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Judy Whiting leading 31b. Rev. Paul Sanderson offered the opening prayer. Chris Brown welcomed the class and led 276.

Leaders: Helen Brown 171; Ian West 32t; Hannah Land 454; Ted Brown 496; Carmel Wood 282. Matt Wojcik conducted a short singing school and led 34b and 209.

RECESS

Matt Wojcik called the class to order leading 59. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 228; Sarah West 324; Cath Tyler and Phil Tyler 318 (to celebrate the birth of their son Byron Tyler and the wedding of Cath Ingham and Steve); Michael Walker 306; Rosalind Oldham 480; Maria Wallace 159; Dave Townsend 127; Sharon Langridge 350; John Seaton 47t (for his new granddaughter); Mandy Townsend 203; Sarah Pinney 155; Bernard Collard 362; Rosie Wojcik 144; Sally Greaves-Lord 503; Nick Hall 389; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 448b; Rachel Jordan 474. Rev. Paul Sanderson offered prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Helen Brown and Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 300; Linda Reed 99; Ken Baddley 192; Sheila Girling-Macadam 168; Mick Verrier 163t; Ruth Steggles 497; Phil Tyler 182; Steve Fletcher 383; Paul Setford 40; Claire Singleton 163b; Benny Ross 278b; Matt Wojcik 442; Cath Tyler 475; Adrian Bolge 72b; Alice Metherall 117; Helen Barber 504; Piers Cawley 178; Judy Whiting 569b; Ted Brown 49b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Sarah West and Ian West leading 68b. Leaders: Hannah Land 47b; Chris Brown 277; Helen Brown 534; Rosalind Oldham 312b; Carmel Wood 472; Jenny Reid 299; John Seaton 38b; Maria Wallace 106; Dave Townsend 457; Margaret Gillanders 142; Sarah Pinney 448t; Bernard Collard 112; Mandy Townsend 39t; Sharon Langridge 515; Edwin Macadam 280; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 143; Sally Greaves-Lord 36b; Michael Walker 377; Sheila Girling-Macadam 365; Linda Reed 479; Chris Brown 267. Rev. Paul Sanderson offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 14

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Judy Whiting and Chris Brown leading 82t. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer. Cath Tyler taught a short singing school.

Leaders: Nick Hall 147t; Richard Percival 313b; Rachel Jordan 66; Ken Baddley 481; Claire Singleton 270; Mick Verrier 107; Benny Ross 86; Sarah West 335.

RECESS

Carmel Wood called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 547; Matt Wojcik 456; Ruth Steggles 33b.

Hannah Land conducted the memorial lesson and led 30b in memory of the following deceased: Ian Ferguson, Pauline Childers, Rex Cousins, Reg Dent, Roy West, Mike Mealing, Percy Bown, Brian Cheetham, Callum Greig, Angela Lee, Kath Brown, Bernard Calaluca, Paul Wheeler, Mavis Denyer, Jez Bird, Sara Bernstone, Rachel Caron, Beryl Spinks, Ian Dunmur, Amanda Denson, Joyce Leigh, LaRue Allen, Cicely Mary Smith-Bird, and Brian Walsh.

Richard Percival led 47t for the following sick and housebound: Jock Knight, Susan Knight, Michael Gear, Dorothy Williams, Jessie Randle, Doreen Grime, Sylvia Catlow, Jessie Garbbut, Steve Craddock, Gillyan Munson, Lewis Baddley, Joan Andrews, Mark Jones, Erik Mogensen, Jenny Reeves, Annie Horseley, Violet Setfield, Tim Cooke, Anne Slack, David Daylan, Sue Briggs, Jim Oss, Mary Oss, David Dabinett, Nicola Wilson-Smith, Mel Browne, Stanley Shaw, David Lee, Yvonne Blake, Gladys Buchanan, Kelvin Crook, Andy Walker, Richard Walker, Eileen Walker, Joan Bicknell, Alan Bicknell, and John Powell.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 339; Shelby Sampson 344; Adrian Bolge 156; Sally Sumner and Cath Tyler 272; Ian West 145t; Rosie Wojcik 225t, Piers Cawley 146; Alice Metherall 268; Paul Setford 273. Michael Walker offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ruth Steggles called the class to order leading 277. Leaders: David Moore 236; Helen Barber 64; Ted Brown 546; Maria Wallace 128; David Townsend 198; Carmel Wood 186; Helen Brown 532; John Seaton 269; Margaret Gillanders 373; Bernard Collard 36t; Mandy Townsend 490; Sharon Langridge 566; Sarah Pinney 74b; Shelby Sampson 171; Edwin Macadam 528; Linda Reed 300; Richard Percival 474; Sheila Girling-Macadam 142; Michael Walker 138b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 122.

RECESS

Ted Brown called the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Rosie Wojcik 460; Claire Singleton 124; Chris Brown 441; Hannah Land 522; Ken Baddley 350; Judy Whiting 212; Adrian Bolge 491; Steve Fletcher 315; Benny Ross 85; Rachel Jordan 492; Mick Verrier 538; Alice Metherall 504; Matt Wojcik 436; Cath Tyler 278t.

Following announcements, Judy Whiting and Chris Brown led 323t. John Seaton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Pleasant Hill Church, Fayette County, Alabama

September 13-14, 2008

Saturday, September 13

The 105th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Pleasant Hill Church, Fayette County, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Karen Clark leading 34b. Elene Stovall welcomed everyone and led 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker. Leaders: Floy Wilder 422; Nora Parker 317; Donna Bell 278t; Ed Thacker 338; Richard DeLong 116; Mike Hinton 373; Cindy Tanner 155; Karen Rollins 136; Sonya Sipe 77t; Roberta Strauss 276; Ottis Sides and Linda Sides 480; Joyce Walton 439; Elsie Moon 436; Velton Chafin 419; S.T. Reed 354t; Bea Carnathan 204; Beth Branscomb 81t; Matt Hinton 82t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Richard Mauldin leading 168. Judy Chambless led 404.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Dennis George; Secretary—Nora Parker; Chaplain—Ed Thacker; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Cassie Allen; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas, Richard DeLong, and Becky Browne; Resolutions Committee—Judy Caudle and Darrell Swarens; Finance Committee—Michael Thompson and Larry Ballinger; Locating Committee—David Ivey and Henry Johnson. The business session was closed.

Leaders: John Merritt 80t; Lou Cotney 218; Anne Chalker 146; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Judy Caudle 355; Kevin Dyess 52t; Michael Thompson 34t; Wendell Rinehart 445; Kristi Harju 440; Wayne Dell 49b; Anne Steel 318; Danny Creel 269; Brenda Merritt 542; Henry Johnson 326; Jonathan Smith 442.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joan Aldridge leading 474. Leaders: Toney Smith 444; Carolyn Thompson 275t; Cassie Allen 392; Tom George 145b; Robert Chambless 84; Travis Keeton 343; Warren Steel 396; Hugh Bill McGuire 441; Delone Cobbs 111b; Nate Green and Norma Green 426b; Marlin Beasley 448t; Marilyn Burchett 176b; Steve Adams 309; Gary Gronau 426t; Eddie Mash 73t; Sharon DuPriest 186; Karen Ivey 492; Henry Guthery 140.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elene Stovall, Joan Aldridge, and Toney Smith leading 192. Leaders: Dennis George 189; Ken Tate 222; Reba Windom 411; Harrison Creel 512; Bridgett Hill 377; David Carlton 528; Matthew Cook 388; Sarah Smith 290; Bobby Watkins 196; Juanita Beasley 61; Becky Browne 362b; Max Berueffy 72b; Wanda Capps 430; Larry Ballinger 540; Linda Thomas 217; Wayne Baines 354b; Rodney Ivey 432; Nathan Rees 530; Gary Smith 66; Anna Grace Sipe 274t; Bill Waddington 299; Josie Hyde 507; Coy Ivey 384.

Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge led 46 for the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 14

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Elene Stovall leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 546; Dennis George 27; Nora Parker 276; Ed Thacker 280; Henry Johnson 113; David Ivey 328; Richard DeLong 407; Linda Thomas 131; Larry Ballinger 224; Kermit Adams 288; Becky Browne 313t; Michael Thompson 506; Bill Waddington 350; Allison Davis 436; Don Clark 174; Nathan Rees 465; Sarah Smith 318; Verlon Stiefel 565; Stanley Smith 500; Tom George 155.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Dennis George leading 88t. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 173; Kristi Harju 126; Lisa Geist 273; Wayne Dell 282; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Emily Creel 532; Wendell Rinehart 72b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 143; David Carlton 254; Mercy Watkins, Bobby Watkins, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 354b; Gary Gronau 216; Mike Hinton 234; Kathy Robinson 142; Donna Bell 438; Nate Green and Norma Green 496; Andrew Farris 454.

RECESS

Joan Aldridge brought the class back together by leading 373. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 283; Cassie Allen and Eddie Mash 383; Hugh Bill McGuire 272; Jonathan Smith 400; Floy Wilder 432; Rodney Ivey and Judy Caudle 571; Wanda Capps 568; Robert Chambless 503; Karen Ivey 182; Danny Creel and Karen Ivey 222; Bea Carnathan 205; Karen Clark 534; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 456.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Elene Stovall leading 440. Leaders: Ken Tate 472; Bridgett Hill 99; Harrison Creel and Cassie Allen 342; Eddie Mash 236; Richard Mauldin 378t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas. Richard DeLong spoke on behalf of the following deceased and led 34b in their memory: Milton Oliver, Amanda Denson, Fred Killingsworth, Jr., Dale Harris, Edith Tate, Furn Kitchens, M.B. Forbes, Delores Beasley, Elder W.G. McGough, Lear McGough, Sam Jones, Corene Laminack, and Gertrude Norton—Alabama; Loy Garrison, Elizabeth Tolbert, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Felton Denney, and Elder Homer Benefield—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Marsha Williams and Naomi Uri—Tennessee; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri.

Linda Thomas read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. Becky Browne spoke and led 201 in honor of the following: John Etheridge, Ozella Blackmon, Violet Thomason, Dot Garrison, James Tolbert, Jimmie Denney, Josephine Denney, Johanna Fabke, Bud Oliver, E.M. Robbins, Kathleen Robbins, Katherine Benefield, Cecil Sanders, Kim Jenkins, Katherine Worthington, Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, and Sara Harwell. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 481; Hannah Tate and April Watkins 294; Coy Ivey, Jessica Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Travis Keeton 179; Gary Smith 178; Henry Guthery 225t; Steve Adams 101t; Juanita Beasley 39b; Josie Hyde 361; Marlin Beasley 81t; Cindy Tanner 327; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 556.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. Nora Parker gave the Finance Report. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone for helping make the singing a success. Henry Johnson of the Locating Committee read a letter from Corinth Church in Fyffe, Alabama, requesting the convention be held there in 2009 and making the recommendation that the request be granted. Reports were approved and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall, Joan Aldridge, and Dennis George led 46 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Dennis George; Secretary—Nora Parker

RIVANNA RIVER SINGING **Charlottesville, Virginia** **Saturday, September 20, 2008**

The annual Rivanna River Singing was held in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. John Alexander called the class to order leading 312b and welcomed all present. Hank Schutz, Chaplain, offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting followed wherein the following were elected: Co-Chairpersons—Tom Clay and Zoe Clay; Vice Chairman—Hank Schutz; Secretary—Bev Yaeger; Treasurer—Judy Cahill.

Leaders: Tom Clay and Zoe Clay 64; Hank Schutz 73b; Bev Yaeger 28b; Alice Noyes 47b; Jane Spencer 33b; Beth Neville-Evans 209; Eddie Mash 300; Lois Badey 547; Mary Wright 480; Winston Barham 63; Peggy Dyson-Cobb 59; Frank Evans 47; Gillie Campbell 68b; Jim Strube 148; John Alexander 178; Tom Clay 179; Zoe Clay 455.

RECESS

Hank Schutz brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Judy Cahill 503; Alice Noyes 203; Jane Spencer 112; Beth Neville-Evans 82b; Sheila Nugent 277; Eddie Mash 198; Lois Badey 141; Fiona Nugent 441; Mary Wright 274t; Winston Barham 145t; James Nugent 355; Peggy Dyson-Cobb 86; Gillie Campbell 66; Jim Strube 146; John Alexander 163b; Tom Clay and Zoe Clay 344; Hank Schutz 186; Judy Cahill 384; Alice Noyes 565; Jane Spencer 191; Beth Neville-Evans 127; Sheila Nugent 30b; Eddie Mash 32t. Hank Schutz, Chaplain, offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Tom Clay brought the class back to order leading 24b. Leaders: Winston Barham 147t; Lois Badey 335; Sheila Nugent 31b; Mary Wright 314; Frances Schutz 504; Frank Evans 315; Dianne Ober 551; Gilly Campbell 40; Jim Strube 501; James Nugent 29t; Bev Yaeger 192; John Alexander 31t; Tom Clay 56b; Hank Schutz 143; Alice Noyes 448t; Zoe Clay and Fiona Nugent 354b; Jane Spencer 306; Eddie Mash 434; Winston Barham 49t.

Mary Wright conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 312t in honor of the following: Pat Temple, John delRe, Tom Badey, Mary Elizabeth Freeman, and Robert Barham.

She spoke of the following deceased and led 122 in their memory: Kat Kincaid and Rev. Ron Barham.

RECESS

Tom Clay and Zoe Clay brought the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Lois Badey 30t; James Nugent 388; Frank Evans 284; Jim Strube 354t; Sheila Nugent 410b; Mary Wright 35; Bev Yaeger 351; John Alexander 230; Tom Clay 545; Hank Schutz 155; Alice Noyes 217; Jane Spencer 500; Eddie Mash 269; Winston Barham 452; Lois Badey 339; James Nugent 410t; Frank Evans 268; Sheila Nugent 481.

Following announcements, Tom Clay led 347 as the closing song. Hank Schutz offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Tom Clay and Zoe Clay; Vice Chairman—Hank Schutz; Secretary—Bev Yaeger

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community,
between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama
Saturday, September 20, 2008

The 94th session of the Calhoun County Convention met at the Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community, between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. Jeff Sheppard led 32t to bring the convention to order, followed with prayer offered by Ed Thacker. Jeff Sheppard led 75; Henry Johnson led 375 and 539. The class was organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard. Leaders: Ed Thacker 57, 147b; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t; B.M. Smith 318, 441, 317; Cecil Roberts 277, 229, 30b; Judy Chambless 159; Lou Cotney 172, 384; Bobby Watkins 442, 336, 186.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Johnson leading 231. Leaders: Karleen Williams 30t, 40, 45t; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155, 87; Carlene Griffin 77t, 448b; Mercy Watkins 335; Pam Nunn 334, 313t, 280; Robert Chambless 337, 480; S.T. Reed 64, 65, 131b; Emily Creel 426t, 426b, 454.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Ed Thacker leading 112 and 530. Leaders: Louise Holland 471, 35; Ann Simpson 452, 122; Nick Griffin 551; Lonnie Rogers 373, 348b; Bud Oliver 73t; Cecil Roberts 503; Judy Chambless 358; Bobby Watkins 300; Henry Johnson 123t; Karleen Williams 136; Mercy Watkins 203; Pam Nunn 224; Robert Chambless 143; S.T. Reed 123b; Emily Creel 378b; Louise Holland 217; Ann Simpson 445.

Henry Johnson led 330t as a memorial for all the deceased who have passed away in the last few years and also remembered the sick and shut-ins. Evelyn Harris led 303 in memory of her husband, B.J. Harris, and son, Dale Harris.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Henry Johnson led 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard

SACRED HARP SINGING SCHOOL AND SINGING
Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia
Saturday, September 20, 2008

For the second consecutive year, the day began with a singing school conducted by Hugh McGraw. After presentation of the rudiments, he led 49t and 64. Leaders: Robert Boone 347; Steve Walker 49b; Marshall Gagné 268; Stephanie Tingler 77b; Gwendolyn Boone 113; Michael Spencer 335; Shannon Primm 334; Ariella Perry 448t.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw brought the class back to order leading 448b, an example of a tune that uses D.C. notation. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 499b; Phillip Langley 30t; Steve Walker 39t; Chris Wilhelm 87; Becky Walker 117; Winston Stephens 503; Billy Hollingsworth 146; Robert Kelley 272; Lela Crowder 121; Charlene Wallace 63; Hugh McGraw 85; Shannon Primm 250 (for Lee Rogers); Jeanne Marsh 178, 100; John Hollingsworth 290.

John Hollingsworth shared that he had just received word that Lee Rogers had passed away. He called on Robert Kelley to lead 475 in her memory. John Hollingsworth closed the session with prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

John Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 176t. In a brief business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm; Arranging Committee—Chris Wilhelm. The business session was concluded.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 381; Michael Spencer 420; Shannon Primm 548; Marshall Gagné 38b; Billy Hollingsworth 186; Mary Baumeister 184; Robert Boone 147t; Jeanne Marsh 401; Stephanie Tingler 527; Steve Walker 73b; Charlene Wallace 141; Ariella Perry 142; Winston Stephens 354t; Becky Walker 480; Robert Kelley 481; Michael Spencer 370; Shannon Primm 163b; Marshall Gagné 384; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Mary Baumeister 211; Jeanne Marsh 354b; Hugh McGraw 500.

RECESS

Robert Kelley called the class back together leading 73t. In another brief business session, the class voted to name this singing the Lee Rogers Memorial Singing. The tunebooks to be used will be decided later.

Leaders: Stephanie Tingler 32t; Steve Walker 107; Ariella Perry 318; Becky Walker 441; Michael Spencer 111b; Shannon Primm 192; Marshall Gagné 522; Billy Hollingsworth 287; Mary Baumeister 78; Chris Wilhelm 203; John Hollingsworth 196; Stephanie Tingler 454; Steve Walker 58; Ariella Perry 168; Becky Walker 145t.

Following announcements, Robert Kelley led 330b and John Hollingsworth closed with prayer.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

NEW YORK CITY ALL DAY SINGING

Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn Heights, New York Saturday, September 20, 2008

The 4th annual New York City All Day Singing was brought to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 77b. An opening prayer was offered by Kevin Griffin Moreno. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Vice Chairwoman—Inga Knets; Secretary—Lauren Bock; Arranging Committee—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Dean Jens.

Leaders: Lauren Bock 37b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 57; Dean Jens 123b; Diane Menella 34b; Ryan Young 348b; Charlotte Ehrman 77t; Terry Ryan 414; Violet Krumbein 48t; Ian McGullam 40; Nancy Mandel 65; Dan Adams 148; Anna Hendrick 105; Greg Mulkern 97; Rachel Speer 89; Roland Hutchinson 553; Liz Cantrell 70b; Dan Hunter 465; Anna Nowogrodzki 85; Becky Wright 209.

RECESS

G.C. Waldrep called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Anna Mays 426b; John Holbrook 339; Ina Shea 397; James Baumgartner 99; Cindy Wasson 547; Joseph Smeall 155; Dean Jens 480; Kelsey Sunderland 314; Cat Lyons 146; Guy Banks 550; Susan Bingham 340; Justin Levi 197; Jessica Keyes 277; Lynne deBenedette 536; Jean Seiler 472; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 434; Barbara Swetman 313b; Richard Schmeidler 254.

RECESS

Kim Moreno called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Crystal Burnham 445; Natalie Jablonski 56b; Jennie Brown 371; Ben Vincent 171; Jim Picton 384;

Laura Borrelli 196; Ben Bath 186; Elizabeth Stokes 110; D.J. Hatfield 442; George Seiler 183; Ruth Wampler 383; Cheri Hardy 542; Jon Giles 376.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Thompson and Elene Stovall. Michael Thompson led 288 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Chelsea Balestracci, Kathy Balestracci, Ozella Blackmon, Alida Brill, Daphne Causey, John delRe, Johanna Fabke, Dot Garrison, Sandra Goss, Drusilla Grubb, Brian Howard, Bud Oliver, Kathe Pilbosian, Lee Rodgers, Manny Shemin, Susan Shirk, and Violet Thomason.

Elene Stovall read scripture from Ecclesiastes 7:2, and led 564 in memory of the following deceased: Delores Beasley, Amanda Denson Brady, Brenda Dean, Fred Killingsworth Jr., Chester Lacy, Dick Mauldin, Gertrude Norton, Milton Oliver, Edith Tate, Christine Turner—Alabama; Nancy Adamson, Marilyn Darch—California; Peter Callahan, Jane Koga—Connecticut; Homer Benefield, Felton Denney, Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Abigail Imbrie—New Hampshire; Richard Cook—New York; Harry Vincent—Ohio; Kat Kinkaid—Virginia. The memorial session was closed with prayer offered by George Seiler.

LUNCH

Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class back to order leading 72t. Leaders: Leyland delRe 318; G.C. Waldrep 269; Kiri Miller 430; Laura Densmore 302; Matt Hinton 192; Kim Moreno 215; Ted Mercer 468; Judy Caudle 500; Michael Thompson 300; Carly Goss 272; Richard DeLong 411; Judy Hauff 377; Elene Stovall 436; Kevin Griffin Moreno 227; John Daniel delRe 372; Daniel Braithwaite 315; Kathy Manning 408; Cathy Tucker 454; Barbara Barry 168.

RECESS

Justin Levi called the class back to order leading 30b. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 419; Sam Amidon 48b; Deidra Montgomery 448t; Lara Eilhardt 142; Julian Damashek 82t; Sarah Ward 178; Chris Bracken 266; Ezekial Healy 159; Sandy Rosenberg 365; Sarah Whites-Kotichek 523; Anna Mays and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 292; Dean Jens 344; Judy Caudle and Richard DeLong 507; Elene Stovall and Michael Thompson 203; Lauren Bock and Nick Kinsey 417; Judy Hauff, Matt Hinton, and Ted Mercer 217; Aldo Ceresa and Greg Mulkern 464; Ellyse Adele Vitiello and Sarah Ward 47b. Aldo Ceresa gave the Resolutions report, and presented Greg Mulkern with a farewell card and a copy of *The American Vocalist* in special recognition of his dedication to the NYC Sacred Harp singing community.

Aldo Ceresa led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Vice Chairwoman—Inga Knets; Secretary—Lauren Bock

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Christian County Historical Museum, Taylorville, Illinois** **September 20-21, 2008** **Saturday, September 20**

The 24th annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was opened by Terry Hogg leading 49t. He then offered the opening prayer, welcomed the singers and made announcements. The books used were *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition, and the *Missouri Harmony*, 2005 revision (MH).

The following officers and committees were previously elected or appointed: Chairman—Terry Hogg; Co-Chairman and Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Treasurer—Barbara A. Moore; Chaplains—Tom Anderson, Mark Graber, Don Baker, Berkley Moore; Arranging Committee—Barbara A. Moore, Berkley Moore, Marsha Barr; Finance Committee—Barbara Moore, Barry Pidcock; Memorial Committee—

Peggy Brayfield, Becky Browne; Steering Committee—Terry Hogg, Berkley Moore, Peggy Brayfield, Janet Fraembs, Lori Graber.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 59; Peggy Brayfield 53; Lori Graber 128; Berkley Moore 67; Joan Aldridge 63; Jan Ketelle 168; Dorothy Amare 155; Darrell Swarens 142; Cathryn Bearov 318; John Seaton 47t; Bob Meek 209; Wayne Dell 277; Patricia Lazicki 203; David Rust 268; Penny Kujawinski 102; Ryan Wheeler 547; Bill Shetter 49b.

RECESS

Terry Hogg brought the class back together leading 523. Leaders: James Page 13 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 272; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Karen Swenson 51 (MH); Kristie Harju 101b; Terry Hogg 180 (MH); Janet Fraembs 172 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 138 (MH); Lori Graber 297; Joan Aldridge 276; Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Dorothy Amare 133; Darrell Swarens 542; Cathryn Bearov 148 (MH).

RECESS

Terry Hogg called the class back to order leading 535. Leaders: John Seaton 84t; Bob Meek 145 (MH); Wayne Dell 178; Patricia Lazicki 166 (MH); Carol Munro Mosley 127 (MH); David Rust 200; Penny Kujawinski 180; Ryan Wheeler 139 (MH); Bill Shetter 546; James Page 66 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 56 (MH). Tom Anderson asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Terry Hogg called the class back together for the afternoon session leading 501. Leaders: Karen Swenson 142; Kristie Harju 106; Anita Shaperd 480; Terry Hogg 212; Berkley Moore 137 (MH); Janet Fraembs 532; Peggy Brayfield 8 (MH); Joan Aldridge 270; Jan Ketelle 75 (MH); Dorothy Amare 45 (MH); Darrell Swarens 146; Cathryn Bearov 244; John Seaton 34t; Lori Graber 327; Bob Meek 314; Wayne Dell 235.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens, Bob Meek, and Bill Shetter called the class back leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Patricia Lazicki 107; Carol Munro Mosley 370; Marlen Rust 313b; Penny Kujawinski 372; Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Bill Shetter 228; James Page 98 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 162 (MH); Karen Swenson 113 (MH); Terry Hogg 112; Berkley Moore 229; Janet Fraembs 335; Kristie Harju 312b; Anita Shaperd 29t; Peggy Brayfield 236; Jan Ketelle 430.

Following announcements, Terry Hogg led 46 and closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, September 21

The Sunday session was called to order by Terry Hogg leading 27 (MH). Mark Graber offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 87; Peggy Brayfield 48t; Lori Graber 569t; Wendy Popp 59; Richard Popp 277; Becky Browne 36b; Presley Barker 191; Don Baker 284; Don Bardsley 276; Lisa Bulawsky 86; Lissa Blood 179; Joan Aldridge 282; Anita Shaperd 142; Berkley Moore 114; David Rust 566; Penny Kujawinski 32t; Ryan Wheeler 34 (MH); Bill Shetter 138.

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler called the class back together leading 278b. Leaders: James Page 67 (MH); Bill Rintz 68b; Gary Gronau 39b; Lou Kujawinski 477; Karen Swenson 103 (MH); Kristie Harju 215; Terry Hogg 43; Janet Fraembs 151 (MH); Peggy Brayfield and Karen Swenson 250; Lori Graber 372; Wendy Popp 335; Richard Popp 112; Becky Browne 168.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Karen Swenson leading 34b. Leaders: Presley Barker 89 (MH); Don Baker 56b; Don Bardsley 171.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, and Becky Browne. Terry Hogg spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Rochelle Lodder, John Etheridge, Johanna Fabke, Dick Dunagan, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Julie Veal, and Peg Pearson. Peggy Brayfield led 547 for the sick and shut-ins and noted how the words apply to our ailing world as well.

Becky Browne reminded us to be grateful for those singers who have gone before and to treasure their memories. She led 176t in memory of Edith Tate, Milton Oliver, Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Judith (Lee) Rogers—Georgia; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Pauline Childers—Michigan. She then closed the lesson with prayer. Don Baker offered the grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Terry Hogg called the afternoon session to order by leading 135. Leaders: Lisa Bulawsky 474; Lissa Blood 290; Bill Rintz 288; Joan Aldridge 228; Anita Shaperd 110; Berkley Moore 14 (MH); David Rust 270; Penny Kujawinski 175 (MH); Bill Shetter 180 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 124 (MH); James Page 71 (MH); Gary Gronau 135 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 142 (MH); Karen Swenson 74 (MH); Kristie Harju 101b; David Rust 123b.

RECESS

Gary Gronau brought the class back together leading 148. Leaders: Terry Hogg 361; Janet Fraembs 448t; Peggy Brayfield 385t; Lori Graber 472; Wendy Popp 392; Richard Popp 175; Becky Browne 384; Presley Barker 481; Don Baker 74b; Don Bardsley 163b; Lisa Bulawsky 503; Lissa Blood 383; Bill Rintz 157 (MH); Anita Shaperd 496; Karen Swenson and Kristie Harju 99.

Announcements were made. The chairman thanked all who contributed to this great weekend of singing, eating, and fellowship. The secretary reported that eighty one songs were led on Saturday and seventy eight on Sunday. The total registered was 68 people from Illinois, Indiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New York.

Berkley Moore closed the final session with prayer and Terry Hogg led 347 as we all wished one another Christian's Farewell.

Chairman—Terry Hogg; Co-Chairperson and Secretary—Janet Fraembs

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) Walker County, Alabama Sunday, September 21, 2008

The 37th annual singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) on the third Sunday in September was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 65 and 64. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Glenn Keeton extended a warm welcome to everyone.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Glenn Keeton.

Leaders: Joshua Keeton 30t, 108t; Lena Keeton 176b (in memory of Bruce Randolph), 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Travis Keeton 275t (in memory of Bruce Randolph), 480; Stella Pratt 318, 61; Wanda Capps 36b, 146; Don Robertson 216, 217; Josie Hyde 103, 513; Leona Haynes 421, 404; Kermit Adams 426t, 192; Anne Chalker 147t, 235.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order by leading 75. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 182, 410t; Bea Carnathan 365 (in memory of Amanda Denson), 472; Don Keeton 112, 454; Roma Rice 321, 149; Richard Mauldin 551, 446; Margaret Keeton 301, 572 (in memory of Ora Lee Fannin), 499 (by request); James S. Wagner 186, 455; Leonard

Keeton, Nell Keeton Sorsby, ArIon Keeton, Lena Keeton, Don Keeton, Glenn Keeton, Gwen Keeton Cornelius, Pam Keeton Cooper, Terry Keeton, Bridgett Keeton, Mike Sloman, and Joshua Keeton (all descendants of Archibald Keeton) 285t, 571 (CB). Henry Guthery asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joshua Keeton called the class to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Willodean Barton 418; Danny Creel 271t, 234; James M. Wagner 490, 496; Emily Creel 362, 179; Henry Guthery 527, 549; Larry Ballinger 158, 360; Elizabeth Keeton and Emily Creel 481, 63; Henry Guthery III 58, 340; Marlin Beasley 129, 137; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Lisa Geist 222, 304; Steve Adams 309, 401; Velton Chafin 488; Glenn Keeton 47b (in memory of his aunt, Jimmie Keeton).

Following announcements, Joshua Keeton and Travis Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Harrison Creel, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

THE ORIGINAL B. F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (J. L. WHITE 1911 REVISION) Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Sunday, September 21, 2008

The singing was opened by John Plunkett leading 30t. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Officers for the singing had been previously elected to serve as follows: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 50t; Sandra Wilkinson 59, 330t; Bob Goodman 145b, 354b; Shannon Primm 519, 151; Sharon Hamrick 276; Malinda Snow 511, 108b; Tony Hammock 274t, 275b (lesson dedicated to the memory of Lee Rogers); Kathy Smith 38b, 475; Vaudie Sherer 328, 112; Bill Hollingsworth 487t, 546t; Violet Thomason 189, 192; Misty Mullis 334, 358.

RECESS

Russ Hanson led 101t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Tom Hanson 491b, 512; Valerie Francis 545t, 323b; Helen Bryson 176t, 38t; Wesley Haley 45t, 47b; John Hollingsworth 544t, 480t; Lela Crowder 277, 101b; Robert Kelly 484b, 468; Judy Mincey 54t, 55t; David Grant 177, 273. The noon prayer was offered at the lunch table by Henry Johnson.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 150 and 480b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 155, 522; Laura Akerman 478t, 471; Henry Johnson 58, 70b; Mary Brownlee 182, 183; B.M. Smith 222, 313.

Carol Hanson, Tom Hanson, Russ Hanson, and Sandra Wilkinson sang 527 together for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The class joined them in singing 447t. The deceased included were Marjorie Faith, Marie Cook, Loy Garrison, Elizabeth Tolbert, Lee Rogers, Myrtle Smith, and Felton Denney—Georgia; Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver, B.J. Harris, Dale Harris, and Corene K. Laminack—Alabama. The sick and shut-ins named were Robert Cook, Nora Roberts, Frank Green, and Bud Oliver.

Leaders: Carol Hanson 26 (in back of book); Betty Harber 311, 384; Carol Brown 299, 91t; Susan Cole 513, 517; Russ Hanson 389t, 526, 317b; Raymond Hamrick 490b; Henry Slack 239, 540; Rebecca Higgins 491t, 408.

After announcements, John Plunkett led 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING

Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama Sunday, September 21, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama, was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 480 and offering prayer.

A motion was made to keep the following officers: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 46, 338; Ed Thacker 48t, 568; Robert Chambless 317, 225t; Richard Ivey 37b, 157; Jordan Taylor 479, 270; Floy Wilder 155, 142; Judy Chambless 82t, 34t; Myrline Redmon 569b, 358; William Futral 490, 340; Edna Ruth Phillips 164, 119.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jack Nelson leading 438.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson leading 45t for the following deceased and sick and shut-ins: Verlie McDaniel and Lora Kelley—Alabama; Eugene Forbes, Audress Gurley, Vernell Amason, John Etheridge, Willard Frederick, Maudie Frederick, Mattie Townsel, and Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Tom Ingram 68b, 127; Margaret Thacker 452, 489; Wendy Futral 319 (for James Waldrop), 196; Denice Burleson 184, 168; Debra Ritch 373, 220; Erin Mills 267, 42; Karen Ivey 36b, 441; David Ivey 332, 85. Roy Nelson offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson led 274t to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Ed Thacker 361; Robert Chambless 77t; Richard Ivey 179; Daniel Dean 61; Floy Wilder 63; Judy Chambless 219; Myrline Redmon 147t; William Futral 341; Edna Ruth Phillips 189; Tom Ingram 491; Margaret Thacker 503; Wendy Futral 35; Denice Burleson 300; Debra Ritch 385b; Erin Mills 384; Karen Ivey 124; David Ivey 143; Virginia Futral 566; Jack Nelson 89, 67, 358 (all by request); Denice Burleson 25 (by request).

Following announcements, Elder Louis Culver dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY SINGING

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina Saturday, September 27, 2008

The 34th annual session of the Mountain Heritage Day singing was held in the Outreach Center Gym, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina. The morning session was sung from *The Sacred Harp* (1991 edition). The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Hugh McGraw leading 32t. Mike Nichols offered the opening prayer, and led 128. Bob Meek led 209. Dr. James Dooley, Emeritus Professor of Music at WCU greeted the singers, remembered the late Dr. Eva Adcock, the founder of the singing, and led 127.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 148; Dan Huger 276; Eddie Mash 344; Judy Mincey 178; John Plunkett 297; Darrell Swarens 72b; Diane Esekensy 155; Shannon Primm 550; Steve Walker 107; Chris Wilhelm 569t; Mary Baumeister 569b; Nathan Rees 75;

Rebecca Eldridge 168; Stephanie Fida 542; James Eldridge 300; Virginia Eldridge 503; Michelle Cull 448t; Virginia Douglas 49t; Wayne Dell 45t; Robert Kelley 407; Carl Blozan 159; Sandie Scott 282.

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class together leading 49t. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 337; Becky Walker 480; Caroline Parsons 335; Will Peebles 48b; Jonathan Smith 186; Ed Smith 341; Sarah Jane Thomas 146; Greg Smith 145b; Marilyn Burchett 294; Katherine Eldridge 117. The blessing for dinner was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was sung from *The Christian Harmony* (1873/1994). Dr. Dooley brought the class together at 1:30 pm leading 117 in memory of Dr. Eva Adcock. Dan Huger led 103b (in memory of Judith Lee Rogers).

Leaders: John Plunkett 133; Diane Eskenasy 51; Homer Smith 46t; Bob Meek 287; Adrian Eldridge 59b; Tim Reynolds 346; Stephanie Fida 337t; Darrell Swarens 105b; Michelle Cull and Annaliza Cull 226t; Rebecca Eldridge 231t; Sandie Scott 100; Judy Mincey 50; Virginia Eldridge 68b; Wayne Dell 78t; James Eldridge 293; Eddie Mash 198.

RECESS

Dan Huger brought the class to order leading 74t. Leaders: Carl Blozan 381A; Paul Mooney, Jr. 136; Chris Wilhelm 63t; Katherine Eldridge 210t; Edna Vickers 59t; Ed Smith 116t; Steve Walker 280t; Nathan Rees 215b; Greg Smith 55b; Mike Nichols 367; Becky Walker 67b; Will Peebles 344; Caroline Parsons 147t; Jonathan Smith 215t; Sarah Jane Thomas 299; Mary Baumeister 80t; Robert Kelley 149b. Announcements were made. Dan Huger led 200b as the closing song and the class extended the parting hand. Tim Reynolds offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Secretary—Michelle Cull, Dan Huger

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

The Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota

September 27-28, 2008

Saturday, September 27

The 19th annual Minnesota State Convention was called to order by Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson leading 350. Doug Donley offered the opening prayer. Jefferson Spilman of the Three Rivers Park System welcomed the class to The Landing (formerly known as Murphy's Landing), noting that Sacred Harp conventions have met at The Landing almost every year since 1993.

Leaders: Denise Kania and Steve Luttinen 565; Bill Waddington 171; Doug Donley 424; Nancy Koester 337; Stephen Parker 32t; Charles Wells 546; Cassie Lang 448b; William Gilman 29t; Jeanette Nelson 272; Mark Ellenberger 107; Annie Grieshop 384; Jeff Bell 148; Alice Love 65; Kristie Harju 440; Nathan Berry 170; Pleasance Crawford 446; Hans Guttman 270.

RECESS

Midge Olsen called the class back together by leading 50t. Leaders: Michael Moore 50b; Jim Goetz 159; Cindy Kissee 479; Barbara Swetman 497; Emma Schmidgall and Shachar Raindel 117; James Page 505; Bobby Watkins 376; Kit Canright 47t; Lisa Grayson 436 (for Steven Levine's birthday); Donna Bell 480; Anita Shaperd 536; Judy Hauff 411; Dan Edwards, Karen Edwards, and Finnian Edwards 99; Paul Figura 339; Peter Newton 268; Peter Bradley 244.

RECESS

Gordon Olsen called the class back to order by leading 277.

A business session was held and next year's officers were announced as follows: Co-Chairpersons for next year's fall convention are Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju; Chairperson for the *Cooper Book* singing in February is Carol Buche. Leaders: Myles Alexander 129; Jason Chance 254; John Seaton 49b; Jeff Breting 163t. Doug Donley offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson leading 496. Leaders: Martha Henderson 550; Kim Bahmer 318; Shirley Figura 176t; Ted Mercer 302; Jessica Beer 142; Laura Densmore 328; Melanie Hauff 421; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 224; Ginny Landgraf 419; Steven Levine 28b; Roberta Strauss 276; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Charlie Obert 500; Stacey Berkheimer 335; Matt Wells 434; Chuck Crawford 38b; Midge Olsen 454; Cathy Lutz 218; Claudia Egelhoff 369; Anita Shaperd 183.

RECESS

Denise Kania brought the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 168; Nate Zweig 432; Irene Lawrence 47b; Jenny Willard 422; Judy Hauff 181; Carol Buche 504; Bobby Watkins 512; Scott Schroeder 269; Lisa Grayson 448t; Donna Bell 503; Gordon Olsen 313b; Barbara Swetman 542; Shelley Robbins 299. Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson led 330b as the closing song. The class was dismissed after prayer offered by Doug Donley.

Sunday, September 28

The Sunday session of the Minnesota State Convention was called to order by Steve Schmidgall and Karen Swenson leading 217. Myles Alexander offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gordon Olsen 39t; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Jim Goetz 312b; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 155; John Seaton 47t; Hans Guttman 209; Michael Moore 202; Kristie Harju 148; Nate Zweig 84; Scott Schroeder 299; Peter Bradley 163b; Martha Henderson 456; James Page 24t; Roberta Strauss 300; Myles Alexander 129; Colette Miller 348b; William Gilman 51.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Stephen Parker leading 48t. Leaders: Francis Gurtz 56b; Jim Parsons 385t; Carol Buche 350; Chuck Crawford 535; Paul Wyatt 195; Jeff Breting 108b; Cathy Lutz 378b; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Alice Love 66; Melanie Hauff 271t; Jeff Bell 135 (for Val Eng); Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilly 112; Anita Shaperd 372; Christine Stevens 373.

RECESS

Dan Edwards, Karen Edwards, Finnian Edwards, Peter Edwards, and Caleb Borgmeier brought the class back together leading 278b. Kim Bahmer led 162. Stephen Parker and Paul Figura conducted the memorial lesson. The names of the deceased were read as follows: Marjorie Parker Burke—North Dakota; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Jean Marcotte, John Sinclair Payne—Oregon; Paul Gilliland, Joy Swenson, Mirjana Lausevic, Ann Nelson, Irene Yung, Fran Farnham, Ramona Lang—Minnesota; Barbara Holly Neal—Colorado; Lee Rogers, Homer Benefield—Georgia; Pauline Childers, Norman Whitfield—Michigan; Marilyn Darch, Al Chealey—California; Jeannette Lowry, Janet Boyer, Ben Berry—Missouri; Amanda Denson Brady, Dick Mauldin, Mattie Townsel, Edith Tate, LaRue Allen, Milton Oliver—Alabama; Richard Ellenberger—Connecticut; Kat Kincaide, Becky McGill—Virginia; Anah Jackson, Becky Roberts—Wisconsin; Robert Baldwin—Maine; Virginia Tomlinson—Kentucky; Ed Wagner—Iowa; David Foster Wallace—New York; Edna Lehr—Pennsylvania; Gary Irwin—Alaska; Doug Spitz—Rhode Island. Stephen Parker led 122 in their memory.

The list of sick and shut-ins included John Yoakam, Rev. Tom Ewald, Beverly Dumas, Bill Plieseis, Roy Wyatt, Cindy Kisse, Val Eng, Cathryn Bearov, Rochelle Lodder, Richard Grayson, Hollis McBride, Edie Goffrey, Larue Stolling, George Garner, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Dick Dunagan, Bill Ellason, Clinton Ivey, Bud Oliver, Peg Pearson, Janet Bell, John Blattner, Margie Baron, John Etheridge, and Jennifer Burke. Paul Figura led 68b in their honor. Stephen Parker offered prayer to conclude the lesson. After the grace offered by Myles Alexander, the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson called the afternoon session to order leading “Marching to Zion”. Leaders: Cassie Lang 472; Jeanette Nelson 455; Johanna Fabke 475; Matt Wells and Lara Andersen 318; Donna Bell 31t; Laura Densmore 522; Julie Vea 436; Pleasance Crawford 151; Midge Olsen 362; Bobby Watkins 460; Karen Swenson 327; Ginny Landgraf 383; Kit Canright 203; Jan Ketelle 168; Steven Levine 285t; Ted Mercer 468; Jenny Willard 145b; Steven Schmidgall and Eloise Jerome 340.

RECESS

Christine Stevens brought the class back together leading 31b. Leaders: Nancy Parr and Steven Levine 474; Jessica Beer 549; Keith Willard 274t (for John Etheridge); Nathan Berry 178; Barbara Swetman 390; Steve Luttinien 442; Lisa Grayson 428; Denise Kania 384; Carol Buche 143; Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju 282.

The secretary reported that singers attended from 13 states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Oregon, Alaska, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New York) and from Canada. Claudia Egelhoff and Joan Fritz, as the Resolutions Committee, gave thanks—in rhyming verse!—to all who worked to make the convention a success.

Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson led 82t as the closing song. Myles Alexander offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Next year’s convention will be held on September 26 and 27, 2009.

Chairpersons—Steven Schmidgall and Karen Swenson; Secretary—Stacey Berkheimer

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum** **Albuquerque, New Mexico** **September 27-28, 2008** **Saturday, September 27**

The 19th annual Rocky Mountain Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September at the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mary Lou Van Laanen led 48t and Ed Stevens called the class to order leading 66. The opening prayer was offered by Norma Ruptier.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ed Stevens; Secretary—Nancy Nortz.

Leaders: David McPherson 128; Harlan Van Camp 34b; Sally Gwylan 142; Norma Ruptier 480; Kay Sirco 143; Courtney Lawton 77t; Catie Van Duzer 198; Leon Ballinger 280; John Schaffer 535; Karl Dise 172; Bonnie Dolan 419; Erika Roush 455; Michael McKernan 49b; Paige Winslett 178; Paul Lindholm 377; Gaylon Powell 312b; Jo Pendleton 479; Bill Walters 410t.

RECESS

The session resumed with Ed Stevens leading 515. Leaders: Marilyn Murata 200; Sandy Klien 107; Steve Helwig 458; Maggie Leonard 207; Eric Morgan 186; Janet Morgan 106; Katie Mahoney 285t; Rebecca Edwards 287; Carol Munro Mosley 485; Mary Lou Van Laanen 540; Ed Stevens 40; David McPherson 290; Harlan Van Camp 189; Sally Gwylan 114; Nancy Nortz 38b; Norma Ruptier 168; Kay Sirco 99; Courtney Lawton 159; Catie Van Duzer 497; Leon Ballinger 454; John Schaffer 313b; Karl Dise 157; Bonnie Dolan 38t; Erika Roush 504; Michael McKernan 122; Paige Winslett 334; Paul Lindholm 39t.

LUNCH

Sandy Klein called the afternoon session together by leading 332. Leaders: Allan Stavely 112; Chloe Webb 512; Larry Matlock "La Bajada" (by Daniel Davis); Judy Van Duzer 315; Gaylon Powell 538; Jo Pendleton 59; Bill Walter 86; Marilyn Murata 218; Russ Nye 209; Elder Gerald Hand 379; Sandy Klein 81t; Steve Helwig 547; Maggie Leonard 56b; Eric Morgan 183; Katie Mahoney 131b; Janet Morgan 32t; Rebecca Edwards 441; Carol Munro Mosley 29t; Mary Lou Van Laanen 474; Ed Stevens 171.

RECESS

The session continued with Harlan Van Camp leading 46. Leaders: Sally Gwylan 330b; Catie Van Duzer 84; Nancy Nortz 89; John Schaffer 391; Norma Ruptier 155; Bonnie Dolan 179; Kay Sirco 147t; Karl Dise 436; Claire Singleton 270; Leon Ballinger 327; Erika Roush 28b; Michael McKernan 272; Paige Winslett 146; Paul Lindholm 527; Allan Stavely 58; Chloe Webb 148; Larry Matlock 71; Judy Van Duzer 151; Gaylon Powell 220; Jo Pendleton 24b; Bill Walters 35; Marilyn Murata 506; Russ Nye 208; Sandy Klein 127; Steve Helwig 217; Maggie Leonard 275b; Eric Morgan 430; Katie Mahoney 426t; Janet Morgan 448t; Rebecca Edwards 349; Ed Stevens 369.

Sunday, September 28

The Sunday session was called to order by David McPherson leading 72b. Leaders: Allan Stavely 479; Claire Singleton 33b; Sally Gwylan 30t; Norma Ruptier 63; Courtney Lawton 47b; Janet Morgan 68b; Nancy Nortz 135; Eric Morgan 274t; Chloe Webb 270; John Schaffer 229; Leon Ballinger 490; Gaylon Powell 380; Erika Roush 276; Mary Lou Van Laanen 180; Carol Mosely 473; Catie Van Duzer 277; Judy Van Duzer 173; Bill Walker 324; Michael McKernan 147t; Bonnie Dolan 296; Paige Winslett 503; Sandy Klein 117.

RECESS

The session resumed with Larry Matlock leading 65. Leaders: Russ Nye 34b; Jo Pendleton 388; Rebecca Edwards 105; Katie Mahoney 326; Maggie Leonard 224; Kay Sirco 165.

Kay Sirco conducted the memorial lesson. Chloe Webb spoke of the family of Sacred Harp Singers. The deceased remembered were Stan Nye—Arizona; Lois Brakey and Erma Swoveland—Colorado; Amanda Denson—Alabama; Robert LaCompte—New Mexico; Pete Baker and Buddy Baker—Texas.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Cathryn Bearov, Dick Steil, Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, the Sherman Twins, Suzanne Cowain, Edwin Macadam, Katherine Shopstead, John Etheridge, and Jeanne Schaffer.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 351; Marilyn Murata 412; Paul Lindholm 163t; Karl Dise 320; Claire Singleton 273; Leon Ballinger 137; Gaylon Powell 240; Carol Mosely 370; Bill Walters 437; Steve Helwig 500; Rebecca Edwards 542; Sally Gwylan 288; Erika Roush 228; Marilyn Murata 434; Mary Lou Van Laanen 564.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Ed Stevens leading 510. Leaders: Jo Pendleton 448b; John Schaffer 236; Eric Morgan 442; Kay Sirco 497; Russ Nye 213t;

Katie Van Duzer 192; Larry Matlock 323b; Karl Dise 348t; Judy Van Duzer 193; Paige Winslett 146; Sandy Klein 551; Bonnie Dolan 556; Michael McKernan 300; Janet Morgan 82t; Paul Lindholm 522; Maggie Leonard 344; Katie Mahoney 532; Chloe Webb 470; Erika Roush 203; Mary Lou Van Laanen 174; Harlan Van Camp 547; Ed Stevens 569b.

RECESS

The session resumed with Allan Stavely leading 335. Leaders: Norma Ruptier 333; Ed Stevens 384; Nancy Nortz 102; David McPherson 282; Sally Gwylan 61; Bill Walters 468; Harlan Van Camp 362; Bonnie Dolan 297; Steve Helwig 142; Rebecca Edwards 348b; Marilyn Murata 80t; Jo Pendleton 472; Ed Stevens 385.

The treasurer expressed thanks for the generous financial support of the attendees. Announcements were made. Ed Stevens expressed thanks to all who worked to make this convention possible.

Norma Ruptier offered the closing prayer. Harlan Van Camp led 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand.

The Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Convention will meet in the fall of 2009 in Colorado.

Chairman—Ed Stevens; Secretary—Nancy Nortz

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Eva, Morgan County, Alabama** **Sunday, September 28, 2008**

The annual singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by J.L. Hopper leading 52t and 48t. The morning prayer was offered by David Light.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Brandon Thompson and Jonathon Thompson. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 326; Judy Caudle 108t, 101t; Jonathon Thompson 32t, 31t; Brandon Thompson 39b, 335; Nancy Thompson 73t, 64; S.T. Reed 30t, 31b; Lomax Ballinger 67, 144; Delone Cobbs 30b, 480; Bud Oliver 145b, 61; J.C. Rutledge 59, 143.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 75. Leaders: David Light 274t, 176b; Garrett Sipe 354b, 36b; Clayton Ezell 231, 278t; Wayne Reed 285t, 145t; Sonya Sipe and Brenda Childers 63, 358; Gordon Wilkinson 373, 475; Gerald Holmes 155, 28t; Susan Holmes 313t, 441. Delone Cobbs offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by J.L. Hopper leading 163t. Leaders: Carol Newman 220, 323b; Craig Holmes 438, 111b; Dan Hopper 320, 311; Wayne Kendrick 448b, 131b; Judy Caudle and Leslie Beard 276; David Light 460 (for Arvid Holmes), 318; Clayton Ezell 300; Bud Oliver 421; Gordon Wilkinson 434; S.T. Reed 425; J.C. Rutledge 568; Dan Hopper 301; Jonathon Thompson and Brandon Thompson 448t.

J.L. Hopper led 209 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jonathon Thompson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, September 28, 2008

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Kermit Adams brought the class to order leading 39b. The morning prayer was offered by Eugene Forbes.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 36b, 37b; Roma Rice 452, 490; Dawson Adams 77t, 68b; Corene White 73t, 146; Travis Keeton 460, 235, 343, 48t; Stella Pratt 75, 111b; Eugene Forbes 317, 426t, 137; Leona Haynes 128, 87, 101t; Glenn Keeton 122, 216, 313b.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class to order by leading 103. Leaders: Reba Lawler 82t, 179, 213t; Parnell Berry 283, 373; Emily Jones 288, 92, 112; Don Robertson 99, 151, 178; Carla Trapp 145t, 145b, 143; Larry Ballinger 132, 133.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 43. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 176t, 40; Steve Adams 309, 401, 59; Pernie Pelfrey 47t, 47b, 74b; Glenn Keeton 97; Josie Hyde 224, 142; Eugene Forbes 566 (for his wife); Travis Keeton 56t; Larry Ballinger 266; Parnell Berry 306, 68b; Earl Ballinger 123t; Don Robertson 212; Dawson Adams 328; Josie Hyde 329.

Kermit Adams led 45b as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice

SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)

Dutton, Alabama Saturday, October 4, 2008

The annual singing at Shady Grove Church was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Syble Adams leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Mark Brown.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Syble Adams.

Leaders: Mark Brown 461, 31b; B.M. Smith 38t, 507; Tim Jones 179, 120; Rodney Ivey 464; Ed Thacker 432, 54t; Bruce Coates 39, 133; Johnny Lee 95b; Robert Walker 575, 546; Samuel Sommers 174, 450; Brad Bahler 55, 96 (for John Etheridge); Nathan Rees 286b, 98; Judy Caudle 273; Loyd Ivey 478, 116; Rhonda Arnold 393t, 574.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Syble Adams leading 78. Leaders: Don Clark 320, 35; Henry Johnson 359; Betty Wright 225t; Bud Oliver 563; Beverly Coates 380t; Wayne Kendrick 384; Joan Aldridge 497; Phil Summerlin 571; Ricky Harcrow 447t; Paul Wyatt 125; Tim Dalton 543; Rodney Ivey, Tim Jones, and Shane Wootten 86 (for John Etheridge), 138t (for Frank Hataway); Frank Strickland 410; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 573; Brenda Carroll and Carolyn Bullock 463.

Prayer was offered by Mark Brown for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Syble Adams leading 540. Leaders: Karen Bahler 559; Will Fitzgerald 287; Karen Clark 486; Cassie Allen 552 (for

John Etheridge); Michael Thompson 567; Bridgett Hill 515; Shane Wootten 292b; Darlene Dalton 288; Bobby Watkins 484; Myra Dalton 416t; Eloise Wootten 229; Jonathan Smith 522; Charlotte Heard 84; Claudine Townson 68t; Ruth Dolby 82; Shane Wootten 468 (for Billy Williams); Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 489; Samuel Sommers and Will Fitzgerald 263; Paul Wyatt 505; Johnny Lee 46; Henry Johnson 336b; Robert Walker 336t; Syble Adams 527.

Following announcements, Mark Brown led 465 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Syble Adams

CHURCH MUSIC HERITAGE AND FALL FESTIVAL 1859 USA Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Tennessee Saturday, October 4, 2008

The 5th annual singing at USA Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Tennessee, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Edmondson. Tim Reynolds offered the opening prayer. John Edmondson led 49t.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: John Edmondson 45t; Tim Reynolds 84, 39t; Roy Turrentine 47t, 99t; Sandie Scott 46, 74b; Clayton Ezell 278t, 300; Lewis Frost 178, 73b; Laurens Blankers 155, 479; Lomax Ballinger 168, 535; Gordon Wilkinson 75, 112.

RECESS

Ron Harper brought the class back to order leading 37b and 101t. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 551, 36b; Rick Hoffman 145t, 192; John Edmondson 59, 81t; Tim Reynolds 107, 312b; Clayton Ezell 34b, 480; Sandie Scott 176t, 146; Roy Turrentine 147t, 35.

Announcements were made. Roy Harper offered the prayer before the noon meal held at Petersburg United Methodist Church.

LUNCH

John Edmondson called the class back to order leading 128 and 159. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 335, 176b; Rick Hoffman 72b, 42; Lewis Frost 515, 86; Laurens Blankers 193, 151; Ron Harper 43, 106; Laurens Blankers 240; Ron Harper 214; Lewis Frost 457; Clayton Ezell 358.

Following announcements, John Edmondson led 161 as the closing song. Clayton Ezell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Sandie Scott

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION Walpole, New Hampshire October 4-5, 2008 Saturday, October 4

The 33rd session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Matt Wojcik leading 34b. Walt Colteryahn offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Wojcik; Vice Chairman—Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Laura Timmerman.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 59; Laura Timmerman 52t; Bill Schults 178; Chris Noren 203; Ines Luttgén 100; Ed Smith 283; Rosie Wojcik 30t; Walt Colteryahn 155; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 217; Elizabeth Stoddard (no number listed); Jenny Wright 191; Ian Ludders 157; Bob Parr 297; Deidra Montgomery 146; Ken Mattson 474; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 47t; Jeremy Galvagni 39t; Susan Jaster 485; Ron Trial 276; Julian Damashek 270; Susan Mampre 106; Lyra O'Brien 216.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kelsey Sunderland leading 89. Leaders: Terry Ryan 71; Miranda Elliott-Rader 410t; Kitty Kagay 163t; Jane Zanichowsky 479; Robert Stoddard 564; Jennie Brown 192; Jean Seiler 168; John Holbrook 38t; Justin Levi 134; Anayis Wright 35; Neely Bruce 298; Scott Luscombe 353; Anne Kazlauskas 110; Paul Butler 319; Liz Cantrell 101t; Allison Schofield 83b; Lynne deBenedette 107; Lauren Bock 197; Dennis O'Brien 547; Brendan Taaffe 163b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Paul Gauthier leading 105. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Charles Cofone 64; Nancy Reid 147t; Peter Irvine 111t; Dana Borrelli 335; George Seiler 480; Joanna Lampert 95; Rick Johnston 310; Robb Barnard 50t; Leonard H. Spencer 250; Anne Johnston 294; Glen Wright 228. Jan Dreshler offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Laura Timmerman called the class to order leading 176b. Leaders: Laura Borrelli 142; Bill Holt 352; Lea Kouba 76b; Kelsey Sunderland 196; Aldo Ceresa 532; Tim Eriksen 383; Chris Noren 236; Jennie Brown 292; Lauren Bock and Alice Maggio 209; Stephen Marini 245; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Allison Schofield 542; Miranda Elliot-Rader 143; Neely Bruce 553; Bobbie Goodell 430; Peter Irvine 419; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 299; Lynne deBenedette 162; Justin Levi and Joanna Lampert 455; Dana Borelli 300; Scott Luscombe 481; Terry Ryan 344.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 324. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 37b; Deidra Montgomery 384; Robert Stoddard 183; Robb Barnard 38b; Charles Cofone 569b; Dan Hertzler 550; Julian Damashek 347; Laura Borelli 277; Ron Trial 47b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 254; Leonard H. Spencer 260; Bill Holt 556; Ken Mattson 454; Tim Eriksen 499; Lea Kouba 31t; Walt Colteryahn 82t; Aldo Ceresa 118; Paul Butler 490; Bill Schults 40; Ines Luttgén 396; Anayis Wright 189.

The day was concluded with a prayer offered by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg.

Sunday, October 5

Matt Wojcik called the Sunday session of the New England Convention to order leading 171. Effie Cummings offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Matt Wojcik 200; Paul Gauthier 228; Laura Timmerman 535; Debby Moody 76b; Deirdre Counter 106; Sheila Kelley 383; Ian Smiley 285t; Bobbie Goodell 540; Effie Cummings 344; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 148; Jeremy Galvagni 101t; Ed Smith 362; Joanne Fuller 131b; Bob Parr 440; Linda Shea 371; Dennis O'Brien 304; Paula Picton 306; Peter Golden 385b; Anne Kazlauskas 67.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chris Noren leading 40. Leaders: Jennie Brown 492; David Boyle 49b; Jim Picton 384; Kelsey Sunderland 36b; Lea Kouba 452; Kitty Kagay 365; Glen Wright 63; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 77b; Jenny Wright 504; Susan Mampre 372; Corrone Bryant 73b; Rosie Wojcik 377; Ian Ludders 126; Susan Jaster 347; Anayis Wright 284; Nellie Farrington 455; John Oswald 269; Rick Johnston 283.

RECESS

Paul Gauthier called the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Jean Seiler 492; Scott Luscombe 472; James Baumgartner 183; Lauren Bock 165; Andrew Lebrun 505; Paul Butler 432; Aldo Ceresa 411; Justin Levi 349; Deidra Montgomery 448t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg who noted that when we remember those who have gone before we bring them back into the square and thence have the bittersweet pleasure of singing in their presence while

experiencing their absence. He led 55 in memory of Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver, Edith Tate—Alabama; Jean Olson—California; Florencia Fitzsimons—Canada; Frank Stefanov—Connecticut; Henriette Galvagni, Victor Galvagni, Judith Morgan—Florida; Homer Benefield, Loy Garrison, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Arthur Dobias, Rita Higgins, Nancy Koughlan, Jim McDonald, Cristine Micklitsch, Ruth Mills, Father Oshagan Minassian, Bonnie Rogers, William Sansadone, Paul Thetrault, Jackie Walker—Massachusetts; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Laura Knowles, Patrick Stevens, Marianne Taylor—New Hampshire; John Copeland—New Jersey; Judith Anderson, George Tomov—New York; Stefni Agin—Pennsylvania; Fannie Altea—Philippines; Dick Johnston—Puerto Rico; Velma Moody—South Carolina; Ian Ferguson—United Kingdom; Lewis Hill, Mel Long, Jeff Stansburg—Vermont.

Susan Jaster led 315 for the following sick and homebound and their caretakers: Lily Brown, Liz Celebucki, Heidi Gold, Laura Goulliart, Ann Halliday, Beverly Jessup, Karen Keller, Virginia Luscombe, Edwin Macadam, Sheila Girling Macadam, Jean Mattson, Elise Perico, John Pratt, Paul Setford, Maureen Shea, and John Wood. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Jean Seiler offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matt Wojcik called the afternoon session to order leading 37b. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 434; Tom Ostwald 268; John Holbrook 549; Tim Eriksen 41; George Seiler 99; Joanne Fuller 39b; Linda Shea 348b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 182; Dan Hertzler 192; Lyra O'Brien 94; Anne Kazlauskas 218; Chris Holley 480; Kelsey Sunderland 328; Bob Parr 528; Dennis O'Brien 240; Ian Smiley 214; Paul Gauthier 70t; Paula Picton 210; Anne Johnston 29b; Ian Ludders 91; Bobbie Goodell 112; Ed Smith 442; Effie Cummings 203; Debby Moody 547; Jeremy Galvagni 29t.

RECESS

Lynne deBenedette called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Kitty Kagay 512; David Boyle 178; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 373; Corrone Bryant 569b; James Baumgartner 38b; Andrew Lebrun 567; Nancy Reid 191; Jim Picton 163b; Deirdre Counter 454; Terry Ryan 475; Eliza Cavanaugh and Hugo Gualberto 198; Victoria Ostwald, Tom Ostwald, John Ostwald, and Nellie Farrington 209; Jean Seiler and George Seiler 287; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 543; Chris Holley and Peter Golden 210; Tim Eriksen and Deidra Montgomery 217.

Matt Wojcik led 282 and opened the business meeting. The Treasurer reported that we met our expenses. The Secretary reported that 170 people registered, there were 80 leaders and 197 songs led over 2 days. The Resolutions committee gave thanks to all who made the convention possible. Next year's New England Convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4, 2009 in Massachusetts. The business meeting was closed.

The officers led 62 and we took the parting hand. Aldo Ceresa offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Wojcik; Vice Chairman—Paul Gauthier; Secretary—Laura Timmerman

TOM HARPER AND GANUS WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL Old Sardis Church, County Road 17, near Lynn, Alabama Sunday, October 5, 2008

The 50th session of the Tom Harper and Ganus Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Steve Miles leading 234 and 235. The morning prayer was offered by Homer Miles.

The class organized for the day by electing the same officers: Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 499, 82t; Ila Ingle 470 (in memory of Annie Harper), 530 (in memory of Tom Harper); Stella Pratt 39b, 75; Earl Ballinger 171, 40; Anne Chalker 146, 278t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Betty Baccus 134, 100; Don Robertson 216, 217; Wanda Capps 298, 540.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Miles leading 143. Leaders: Josie Hyde 454, 373 (in honor of Homer Miles); Faye Donaldson 225t, 430; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 112; Lisa Geist 472, 347; Allen Barnett 111b, 431; Harrison Creel 512, 498; Danny Creel 56b, 34t; Kim Williamson 59, 282; Joyce Hubbard and Jennette Tidwell 155, 438; Amanda Miles and Crystal Gober 439; Larry Ballinger 56t, 71; Richard Mauldin 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 312b. Ronnie Melvin made a short talk and said a prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Miles leading 145b. Leaders: Harrison Creel 342 (by request); Amanda Miles and Crystal Gober 45t, 147t; Earl Ballinger 142; Kim Williamson 480; Kermit Adams 418, 43; Dwight Ingle 129, 63; Joyce Hubbard 277; Jennette Tidwell 163t (in memory of Ben Norris); Danny Creel 177; Anne Chalker 388; Wanda Capps 73t; Travis Keeton 300; Josie Hyde 507; Allen Barnett 38b; Thyra Horton and Betty Baccus 317; Don Robertson 151; Lisa Geist 528; Homer Miles, Crystal Gober, and Amanda Miles 68b; Steve Miles, Homer Miles, Crystal Gober and Amanda Miles sang “God Is Love” as a group; Ila Ingle and Dwight Ingle 500 (in memory of Tom Harper), 294; Ila Ingle 61 (by request); Richard Mauldin 84.

Steve Miles made an announcement that the church wishes to discontinue this singing.

Steve Miles led 37b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ronnie Melvin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Liberty Hill Church, Barnesville, Georgia** **Sunday, October 5, 2008**

The 89th session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Wesley Haley leading 59. Prayer was offered by Wayne Watson, after which Wesley Haley led 108b.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 145t, 75; David Grant 96, 569b; Wayne Watson 47b, 49b; Shannon Primm 550, 569t; Jeanette DePoy 300, 347; Robert Kelley 125, 234; Lela Crowder 391, 124; Tony Hammock 132, 116.

Before recess, Mrs. Betty Crawford of Barnesville, Georgia, invited singers to come and sing during Barnesville Buggy Days next September, 2009.

RECESS

Wesley Haley brought the class together leading 146. Leaders: Jenna Strizak 77t, 421; Billy Hollingsworth 365, 236; Judy Chambless 284, 34t; John Plunkett 205, 227; Helen Bryson 178, 522; B.M. Smith 222, 340.

A business session was held, and the following officers were confirmed for 2009: President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—Lela Crowder; Secretary/Treasurer—Bentley McGuire; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee; Chaplain—Wayne S. Watson; Assistant Chaplain—David Grant.

The list of singings scheduled for the coming year were reviewed and confirmed, but due to lack of support, the singing at Lebanon Church near Cordele will be dropped. The business session was concluded with the Treasurer's Report.

LUNCH

Wesley Haley brought the class together leading 34b. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 361, 335; Robert Chambless 317, 77b; Carol Hanson 460, 68b; Bentley McGuire 91, 329; Charlene Wallace 76, 503; Michael Spencer 113, 278t; Raymond Hamrick 354t, 323b; Patty Danza 155, 46; Beth Stewart 145t, 479; Jane Spencer 418, 500; Tim Haley 384, 282.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Brownlee leading 111b and 163b to honor the memory of Polly Hester and Lee Rogers.

Lela Crowder led 129 to remember the sick and shut-ins.

The singing was resumed with Rita Haley leading 268 and 63. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 182, 186; Rosemund Watson 49t, 66, 94; Martha Harrell 39t, 211. After announcements, Oscar McGuire and Lela Crowder led 62 as the closing song. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—Lela Crowder; Secretary/Treasurer—Bentley McGuire

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama Sunday, October 5, 2008

The 42nd session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 129. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander and Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Doyle Alexander 68b, 146; Nate Green and Norma Green 63, 335; Jewell Wootten and Shane Wootten 48t, 103; Bob Watkins 33b, 460; Bud Oliver 47t; Bud Oliver and Norma Green 418; Willie Mae Moon 441, 419; April Watkins 354b; Judy Caudle 500 (for John Etheridge); Sam Sommers 112, 121; Paul White 65, 175; Beverly Coates 176b, 475; Leona Haynes 454, 373.

RECESS

Terry Hullett called the class back together by leading 203. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 204, 104; Kyle Blakeley and Katie Blakeley 30b, 59; Elene Stovall 111b, 172; Ed Thacker 539, 566; Donna Wootten 81t, 274t; Paula Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 317, 29t; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61, 39b; Bruce Coates 479, 178.

LUNCH

Billy Williams called the class back together by leading 28b. Leaders: Mercy Watkins and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 108t, 108b; Bridgett Hill 37b; Doug Conn 67, 74b; Rodney Ivey 77t, 282 (for Carmon and Ruby Brothers's 67th wedding anniversary); Eloise Wootten 171, 137; Shane Wootten 110, 273; Linda Thomas and Theresa Ratliff 106; Loyd Ivey 340, 426t; Marlon Wootten 348b, 99; Philip Gilmore 64, 448t; Verlon Stiefel 97; Daphene Causey 434; Judy Caudle 448b (in memory of Herby Bailey).

Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore led 571 (CB) as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.
Co-Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander and Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING
King's Chapel, Arrington, Tennessee
Saturday, October 11, 2008

The 1st Rutherford County Sacred Harp Singing was held in the King's Chapel church in Arrington, Tennessee, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ron Harper leading 101t. Bob Simmons offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Co-Chairmen—Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen; Secretary—Janie Harper.

Leaders: Ron Harper 312b; Jeff Adcock 72b; Jeff Adcock and Kyle Webb 63; Bob Simmons 313t; Cassie Allen 217; Henry Johnson 288, 418; Marilyn Burchett 551; Laurens Blankers 479; Tim Reynolds 492; Darrell Swarens 350; Bridgett Hill 440; Sarah Smith 146; Cheyenne Ivey 128; Bob Meek 274t; Judy Caudle 224.

RECESS

Cassie Allen brought the class back to order by leading 73t. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 39b; Sandy Scott 448t; Eddie Mash 112; B.M. Smith 475; Emily Creel 455; Rodney Ivey 442; Gail Doss 535; Caleb Dillehay 472; Harrison Creel 111b; Tim Scott and Jeff Adcock 28t; Wanda Capps 192; Gary Smith 66; David Carlton 134; Richard Ivey 391; April Watkins and Cassie Allen 354b; Cindy Tanner 335; Mercy Watkins 215.

RECESS

Ron Harper brought the class together by leading 203. Leaders: Bob Morris and Bob Meek 155; Bob Meek 441; Laurens Blankers 40; Darrell Swarens 542; Henry Johnson 375; Harrison Creel 498; Bridgett Hill 448b; Wanda Capps 546; Sandy Scott 385b; Gail Doss 302; David Carlton 332; Emily Creel 138t; Cindy Tanner 123t. Tim Reynolds offered prayer before the lunch break.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Adcock leading 49t. Leaders: Bob Simmons 532; Kyle Webb and Jeff Adcock 452; Caleb Dillehay 280; Jackie Tanner 299; B.M. Smith 182; Richard Ivey 268; Marilyn Burchett 42; Tim Reynolds 163b; Judy Caudle 478; Eddie Mash 189; Sarah Smith 544; Gary Smith 178; Seth Holloway 388; Byron Burchett 47b, 379.

Following announcements, Ron Harper led 142 as the closing song. Bob Simmons offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock; Secretary—Janie Harper

SAVANNAH SINGING
Faith Primitive Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia
Saturday, October 11, 2008

The fourth annual Savannah Singing was held on Saturday, October 11th at Faith Primitive Baptist Church. It was a collaborative event held in conjunction with the Savannah Folk Music Festival. Gene Pinion began the day with a brief introductory lesson which outlined the history of shape note music and its rudiments. The following songs were sung: 49t, 479, and 40.

RECESS

Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 452. John Gentry offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong; Arranging Committee—Tom Ivey; Chaplain—John Gentry.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 300; Frank DeBolt 569b, 63; Sharon Strong 338, 391; John Gentry 64, 133; Donna Smith 131b, 503; Judith Parker 146, 53; Ellen Lea 347, 45t; Lucile Gunnels 334, 100; Rexanna Lester 155, 186; Tom Ivey 159, 198.

RECESS

Leaders: Gene Pinion 234; Kathleen McClellan 209, 72b; Ellen Gross 49b, 47b; Frank DeBolt 56t; 515; John Gentry 455, 333; Sharon Strong 89, 474; Donna Smith 163b, 278b; Judith Parker 148, 434; Ellen Lea 106, 107. John Gentry offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

During the afternoon session the class sang from the *Cooper Book*. Leaders: Gene Pinion 32t, 229; Rexanna Lester 572, 573, 393t; Tom Ivey 260, 516, 62; Kathleen McClellan 463, 107, 38b; Ellen Lea 95b, 122, 68b; Lucile Gunnels 143, 137; Frank DeBolt 427, 38t, 574; John Gentry 126, 344, 268b; Sharon Strong 494, 113, 112; Donna Smith 427, 163t, 208, 268t; Judith Parker 571, 500; Lynnell McClure 517; Rexanna Lester 180; Bruce McClure 48t.

Announcements were made. Gene Pinion led 484b as the closing song. John Gentry closed the session with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong

COLUMBIA SINGING

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Missouri Saturday, October 11, 2008

The 14th annual Columbia Singing was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Cindy Pempiller called the class to order leading 178. Lou Kujawinski followed with an opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers and committees elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Cindy Pempiller; Secretaries—Cindy Stone and Sandy Falloon; Chaplains—Lou Kujawinski, Tim Von Engeln, and Sandy Falloon; Arranging Committee—Penny Kujawinski; Finance Committee—Carla Pempiller. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 47t; Sandy Falloon 105; Lou Kujawinski 350; Meg Stauffer 40; Carla Pempiller 56b; Cherry Hinderberger 361; Pattie Doss 430; Cindy Stone 39t; Lori Graber 352; Tim Von Engeln 163b; Jan Ketelle 89 (MH) (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); James Page 13 (MH); Roberta Strauss 32t; Gayle Von Engeln 107; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Melody Von Engeln 138 (MH); Annie Grieshop 180 (MH).

RECESS

Lou Kujawinski called the class to order leading 142 (MH). Leaders: Presley Barker 8 (MH); Becky Browne 411; David Kaeser 277 (dedicated to his brother, Steven); Joan Aldridge 222; Ryan Wheeler 139 (MH); Peggy Baum 85; Dave Lloyd 34 (MH); Gary Gronau 176b; Penny Kujawinski 440; Sandy Falloon 457; Dave Ressler 10 (MH); Cindy Stone 155; Lori Graber 318; Cindy Pempiller 59. Tim Von Engeln offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cherry Hinderberger brought the afternoon class back together by leading 159. Leaders: Pattie Doss and Roberta Strauss 76b; Jan Ketelle 550; James Page 149

(MH); Paul Figura 169 (MH); Annie Grieshop 384; Becky Browne 142; Ryan Wheeler 236; Roberta Strauss 348b (for Charlie Derleth); Presley Barker 448t; David Kaeser 385b; Carla Pepmiller and Alexa Bermudez 117; Joan Aldridge 542; Dave Lloyd 201; Wendy Hofmann 70b (for Susan Martin); Melody Von Engeln 148; Dave Ressler 77 (MH); Tim Von Engeln 86.

RECESS

Mary Barille led 128 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Lori Graber 228; Jeff Brotemarkle 268; Lou Kujawinski 473; Cary Gronau 127 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 175 (MH); Becky Browne 203; James Page 45 (MH); Annie Grieshop 151 (MH); Jan Ketelle 113 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Joan Aldridge 29t; Pattie Doss 137; Dave Ressler 300.

Cindy Pepmiller thanked everyone for attending and making it a successful singing. Announcements were made, including a report on Camp Fasola.

Cindy Pepmiller led 347 as the closing song, while everyone who wished took the parting hand. Sandy Falloon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Cindy Pepmiller; Secretaries—Cindy Stone and Sandy Falloon

TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Five Points, Tennessee** **October 11-12, 2008**

Saturday, October 11

Tim Reynolds called the 14th annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Convention to order on Saturday night leading 31b. Laris Ezell offered the evening prayer. Song selections are from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, 2006 Edition*.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 28b; Clayton Ezell 293t, 463; Gordon Wilkinson 505, 491; Kerene Box, Vella B. Gillespie, Thelma Elliot, Mina Belle Gillespie, and Reva Lee 155, 40; Delone Cobbs 47b, 49b; Margie Norwood 63, 119; Sandie Scott 571, 408; Caleb Dillehay 132, 54t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Tim Reynolds leading 148. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 511t, 393t; Gary Smith 507b, 336t; Bridgett Hill 84, 410; Eddie Mash 450, 78; Judy Caudle 464; Emily Creel and Harrison Creel 355, 572; Seth Holloway 500; Sonya Sipe 96, 559; Garrett Sipe 274t, 107t; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 367, 488t; Wanda Capps 546; Sarah Smith and Eddie Mash 547; Sarah Smith 453t; Marilyn Burchett 229; Mike Grimes 574, 573.

Tim Reynolds led 59 as the closing song. Mike Grimes offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 12

Tim Reynolds opened the Sunday session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Convention by leading 63 from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Mike Grimes offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 119; Kerene Box 405; Gordon Wilkinson 217; Anna Grace Sipe 274t, 354b; Margie Norwood 235, 100; Heidi Nolen and Michelle Roberts 178; Heidi Nolen 47b; Gary Smith 73b, 31t; Larry Ballinger 121, 139; Wanda Capps 53.

RECESS

Caleb Dillehay brought the class together leading 35 and 376.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Arranging Committee—Clayton Ezell; Memorial Committee—Eddie Mash and Darrell Swarens; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: JoAnn Grimes and Mike Grimes 236, 45t; Harrison Creel 317, 512; Marilyn Burchett 176b, 294; S.T. Reed 43, 44; Sarah Smith 290, 288; Wayne Reed 108b, 30b; Sandie Scott 124, 340 (for Alisha Williams).

RECESS

Leaders: Eddie Mash 168, 380; Earl Ballinger 329, 208; Rick Hoffman 84, 49b; Sonya Sipe 36b, 128; Velton Chaffin 123b, 487. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Gary Smith.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the afternoon session together by leading 135. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 39b, 480; Gravis Ballinger 120, 200; Emily Creel 434, 454; Darrell Swarens 569b, 277; Judy Caudle 564, 567; Mike Grimes 361, 551; Seth Holloway 99, 388; Bridgett Hill 82t, 276.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Eddie Mash and Darrell Swarens. Eddie Mash led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Delores Beasley, Amanda Denson Brady, Milton Oliver, Alan Rosser, Edith Tate and Mattie Townsel—Alabama; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Felton Denney, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Marsha Williams—Tennessee.

Darrell Swarens led 457 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ruby Nell Beecham, Emily Boswell, Sherri Cathy (great-granddaughter of Maggie Augustin Richardson), Wayne Dell, John Etheridge, Frances Mattox, Charlotte McCarn, Kathleen Robbins, Cecil Sanders, and Kirby Sweatt. Tim Reynolds closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell, Vella B. Gillespie, Thelma Elliot, Kerene Box, Reva Lee, and Mina Belle Gillespie 358; Earl Ballinger 299; Harrison Creel, Emily Creel, and Wanda Capps 342; Mike Grimes and JoAnn Grimes 282; S.T. Reed and Wayne Reed 42; Earl Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 270; Bridgett Hill and Clayton Ezell 448b; Gary Smith, Sarah Smith, and Seth Holloway 61; Vella B. Gillespie, Bridgett Hill, and Judy Caudle 454 (by request); Judy Caudle 137 (by request).

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Gary Smith, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary—Sandie Scott

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama Sunday, October 12, 2008

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama, on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Philip Gilmore extending greetings to everyone and leading 32t and 31t. The morning prayer was offered by Josh Keeton. Philip Gilmore led 30t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Jon Harper Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 37b; Josh Keeton 30b, 108t, 111t, 111b; Grace Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 29t, 317, 270, 59; Ashley Campbell 299, 143; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 504, 442; Jimmie Gilmore 68b, 36b, 72b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Philip Gilmore leading 77t and 76b. Leaders: Lisa Geist 129, 155, 171; Don Robertson 151, 540, 440; Elizabeth Keeton 63, 73t;

Leona Haynes 146; Leona Haynes and Glenn Keeton 208, 89; Margaret Keeton 51, 276, 213b. The noon blessing was offered by Elder Philip Gilmore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Philip Gilmore and Grace Gilmore leading 64 and 388. Leaders: Josie Hyde 189, 434; Stella Pratt 75, 480; Glenn Keeton 56t, 74b, 93, 101t; Ila Ingle 500, 470, 436; Travis Keeton 274t, 179, 235, 290; Pamela Vest 530, 542, 392; Rebekah Gilmore 100, 176b, 445; John Beasley 81t, 61; Letreive Bailey 318, 384; Dwight Ingle 312b, 345b, 393; Arthur Gilmore 45t. Following announcements, Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, Jon Harper Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, and Mary Jewell Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Beasley, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Jon Harper Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore

CATES-BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama Sunday, October 12, 2008

The annual singing in memory of the Walker Cates and Herbert Brown families was called to order at 9:30 a.m. (CT) by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led 36b, and Pearl Guier led 59 and 127.

The class was organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 97, 37b; B.M. Smith 81t, 225t; Judy Chambless 66, 34b; Stanley Edwards 499, 58; Joyce Walton 500, 456; Tony Hammock 303, 314; Charlene Wallace 146, 187; John Plunkett 41, 351.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cecil Roberts leading 229 and 569b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 145b, 347; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100, 101t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 348b, 340; Virginia Dyer 200, 193; Michael Thompson 460, 497; Anne Chalker 235, 147t; Aldo Ceresa 118, 396; Ann Simpson 47t, 119; Nathan Reese 414, 283.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 121 (in memory of Katherine Benefield, who passed away this morning). Leaders: Richard DeLong 338, 202; Pam Nunn 217; Pam Nunn and Rene Greene 269; Oscar McGuire 276, 485; Karleen Williams 112, 203; Jonathan Smith 273, 215; Karen Rollins 372, 155; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 541, 511; Reba Windom 349, 172; Rene Greene 137, 192; Mike Hinton 480, 527; Mary Jo Shafer 82t, 503; Shelbie Sheppard 327, 216. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. The pastor of the church, Donald Payne, dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard

TAYLOR SINGING Taylor United Methodist Church, Lafayette County, Mississippi Sunday, October 12, 2008

The 20th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order after the regular preaching service by Warren Steel leading 48t, 276, and 126. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Tew 339, 460, 39t; Hugh Bill McGuire 39b, 328; John Van Horn 163t, 299, 300; Anne Steel 171, 86, 434; Brenda Merritt 203, 430, 542; John Wall 312b, 162; Arlon Gardner 277, 457, 448t.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 222. Leaders: Chuck Howell 176b, 177, 112; Jeff Corbett 53, 350, 81t; John Merritt 274t, 294; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 438 (for Arlon and Peth Gardner); Andy Davis 120, 269, 192; Jamie Corbett 354b, 40, 178; Kevin Dyess 63, 388, 186; Warren Steel and Andy Waller 65 (for Carol Watts, who was taken to the hospital this morning); Warren Steel 236; Mark Tew 341, 217; Hugh Bill McGuire 196; John Van Horn 77t; Anne Steel 179; Brenda Merritt 282; John Wall 45t; Warren Steel 408 (for Don Treloar); Arlon Gardner 76b, 384; Chuck Howell 32t; Jeff Corbett 344; John Merritt 271t; Andy Davis 436, 379; Kevin Dyess 348b.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 235 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Chuck Howell.

Chairman/Secretary—Warren Steel

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, October 12, 2008

The 82nd session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in October. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 68b. Billy Thompson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 37b; Jackie Tanner 48t; Martha Johnson 282; Henry Johnson 96, 113; Ed Thacker 147t, 147b; Betty Wright 97; Cindy Tanner 546, 436; Sarah Jenkins 312b, 40; Dennis George 27, 404; Bud Oliver 145t; Marty Wootten 176b; Karen Ivey 36b, 475; Cheyenne Ivey and April Watkins 87, 354b; Brenda Carroll 299, 300; Jared Wootten 283; Donna Wootten 74b.

RECESS

Leaders: Billy Thompson and Rodney Ivey 335, 145b; Dewayne Wootten 170; Tom George 64, 378t; Charlotte Naylor 268, 128; Jarrod George 503, 63; Brian Naylor 59, 82t.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 499 for the following deceased: Elder Billie Wilborn, Dorothy Blackburn, Billy McCurdy, Milton Oliver, Gladys Thompson, Jeff Crane, Hansel Gilbert, Clyde Crabtree, Chester Pietka, and Mattie Townsel.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 403 for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Adelia Johnson and Winnie Blevins.

Leaders: David Ivey 92 (in memory of Henry Ott), 120 (in memory of Billy Beaty), 136 (in honor of Winnie Blevins); Shane Wootten 343, 349. Ed Thacker asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading 563 (CB) and 567 (CB). Leaders: Joel Jenkins 77t; Martha Johnson 442; Brian Maxwell, Jaren Maxwell, and Annie Williams 518 (CB); Zach Craig and Isaac Maxwell 346; Alex Craig 455; Anzlea Maxwell and Betty Wright 388; Gavin Maxwell and Avalea Maxwell 99; Henry Johnson 166; Jackie Tanner 76b; Charlotte Naylor 155; Tom George 134; Norma Green 313t; Marlon Wootten 144; Charles Stiefel 39b; Eloise Wootten 222; Myra Dalton 39t; Jarrod George 236; Loretta Smith 551; Brenda Carroll and Coy Ivey 384, 486t (WB).

Following announcements, Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Ed Thacker.

Co-Chairpersons—Loretta Smith and Amy Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

**Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Saturday, October 18, 2008**

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. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts, who extended greetings to everyone before leading 32t. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts led 33b; Tony Hammock 60, 283.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 229, 76b; Tony Hammock 83b; Donna Bell 75, 87; Judy Chambless 565, 274t; Ed Thacker 76t, 82b; Virginia Dyer 28b, 34t; Robert Chambless 47t, 145t; Stanley Edwards 396, 504; Michael Walker 134, 77t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tony Hammock leading 376. Leaders: B.M. Smith 99, 318; Lonnie Rogers 97, 186; Jeff Sheppard 187, 205; Charlene Wallace 201, 209; Curtis Hamrick 137 (in memory of his grandfather, John Newton Hamrick), 436 (in memory of his mother, Eldora Hamrick); Karen Rollins 454, 84; George Garner 112; Mary Jo Shafer 452, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 313t; 453; Carlene Griffin 448b, 155 (in honor of Evelyn Harris); Ann Simpson 147t, 445; Michael Walker 317; Donna Bell 146; Virginia Dyer 340 (in memory of Vonn Dryden); Robert Chambless 72b. Ed Thacker offered the blessing for the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tony Hammock leading 544. Leaders: Karen Rollins 540; Ed Thacker 176b; Stanley Edwards 58; Mary Jo Shafer 335; Jeff Sheppard 542; B.M. Smith 204 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt), Lonnie Rogers 475; Curtis Hamrick 314; Ann Simpson 47t (in honor of Evelyn Harris); George Garner 348b; Carlene Griffin 133; Shelbie Sheppard 333; Judy Chambless 354t; Michael Walker 31t; Mary Jo Shafer 178; Tony Hammock 32b; Virginia Dyer 480; Stanley Edwards 208; Ed Thacker 35; Donna Bell 49b (in memory of Billy Joe Harris); Karen Rollins 446 (in honor of her uncle, Jimmie Denney); B.M. Smith 393 (in honor of Margie Smith).

Cecil Roberts dedicated each song sang today in memory of all deceased Sacred Harp singers, stating they will remain in our hearts forever.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 347 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Congregational Church, Ithaca, New York

October 18-19, 2008

Saturday, October 18

The 20th annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the First Congregational Church of Ithaca, Ithaca, New York, on the third Sunday and

Saturday before in October. Eric Bean called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 48t. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eric Bean; Assistant Chairperson—Ginny Huszagh; Secretaries—Thom Metzger, Eileen Metzger, Lucy Roberts, Sue Hengelsberg; Treasurer—Jennifer Cook. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 291; Dan Hertzler 218; Lucy Roberts 105; Dennis Leipold 107; Guy Banks 77b; Evelyn Lamb 328; Jim Ulrich 191; Bob Wheeler 171; Laura Densmore 101b; Ted Mercer 202; Thom Metzger 522; Sue Ulrich 474; George Seiler 159; Anne Kazlauskas 479; Jean Seiler 217; Melody Johnson 33b; Michael Heyerman 163t.

RECESS

Eileen Metzger called the class back together leading 39b. Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 282; Ian McGuliam 186; James Nugent 388; Joanne Fuller 129; Anna Nowogrodzki 318; Cuba Ray 68b; Jesse Karlsberg 436; Lauren Bock 112; Chris Haller 335; Ginny Huszagh 276; Scott Luscombe 195; Eric Bean 178; Dan Hertzler 556; Lucy Roberts 101t; Dennis Leipold 270; Evelyn Lamb 505; Thom Metzger 387; Jean Seiler 236; Jim Ulrich 273; Guy Banks 384; Bob Wheeler 532; Sue Ulrich 198; Anna Nowogrodzki 179; Ted Mercer 36b; Ian McGuliam 215; Anne Kazlauskas 77t; Melody Johnson 315; Joanne Fuller 111b; Michael Heyerman 200; Sue Hengelsberg 504; James Nugent 274t; Lauren Bock 57. George Seiler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Bob Wheeler leading 40. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 421; Cuba Ray 503; Jesse Karlsberg 428; Chris Haller 142; Laura Densmore 157; Scott Luscombe 430; Ginny Huszagh 189; Dan Hertzler 528; Eric Bean 285t; Lucy Roberts 448t; Evelyn Lamb 30b; Dennis Leipold 31t; Jean Seiler 454; Ted Mercer 521; Jim Ulrich 551; Thom Metzger 362; James Nugent 457; Guy Banks 550; Bob Wheeler 268; Juanita Heyerman 70b.

RECESS

James Nugent called the class back together leading 59. Leaders: Sue Ulrich 569t; Anne Kazlauskas 304; Sheila Nugent 455; Laura Densmore 333; Joanne Fuller 426; Chris Haller 254; Cuba Ray 86; Denise Morris 287; George Seiler 501; Melody Johnson 340; Michael Heyerman 43; Lauren Bock 155; Sue Hengelsberg 175; Scott Luscombe 481; Ginny Huszagh 122; Dan Hertzler 332; Eric Bean 324; Lucy Roberts 47t; Evelyn Lamb 542; Denise Morris 250; Dennis Leipold 89; Jean Seiler 299.

Announcements were made. The Secretary announced the number of singers attending from nine states and one province as follows: New York—39; Pennsylvania—3; Vermont—1; Virginia—2; Texas—1; California—1; Massachusetts—2; Illinois—1; North Carolina—1; Ontario—3.

The last session of the afternoon was called to order by Eric Bean leading 38t.

Leaders: Thom Metzger 203; James Nugent 355; Guy Banks 569b; Bob Wheeler 183; Juanita Heyerman 410t; Sheila Nugent 146; Laura Densmore 365; Joanne Fuller 131; Chris Haller 497; George Seiler 347; Melody Johnson 547; Michael Heyerman 440; Lauren Bock 442; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Eileen Metzger 30t; Jesse Karlsberg 435; Fred Henson 117; Scott Luscombe 284. George Seiler said grace for the evening meal.

SUPPER

The singing for the last session of the day resumed with Dennis Leipold leading 114. Leaders: Scott Luscombe “Invitation”; Bob Wheeler 228; Denise Morris 143; Melody Johnson 95; Ginny Huszagh 29t; Kathy Collett 84; Sue Hengelsberg “Millbrook” (EH1); Scott Luscombe 415; Dennis Leipold 405; Michael Heyerman 188; Anne Kazlauskas 327; George Seiler 473; Bob Wheeler 452; Juanita Heyerman

472; Lucy Roberts 495; Melody Johnson 478; James Nugent 346; Joanne Fuller 168; Mary Skidmore 105; Jesse Karlsberg 275t; Lauren Bock 48b; Sheila Nugent 245; Laura Densmore 501; Ginny Huszagh 268; Sheila Nugent 24b; Kathy Collett 547; Sue Hengelsberg 496; Anne Kazlauskas 36b; James Nugent 209; Mary Skidmore 178. Jesse Karlsberg led 549 as the last lesson of the evening, and the class was dismissed for the night.

Sunday, October 19

The Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Eric Bean leading 46. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dennis Leipold 47b; Jean Seiler 47t; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Michael Heyerman 147t; George Seiler 183; Guy Banks 467; Ginny Huszagh 344; Anne Kazlauskas 500; Crystal Burnham 335; Juanita Heyerman 501; James Nugent 85; Eric Bean 148; Lucy Roberts 29t; Dan Hertzler 445; Sheila Nugent 31t; Bob Wheeler 350; Melody Johnson 143; Scott Luscombe 353; Lauren Bock 516; Jesse Karlsberg 464; Evelyn Lamb 36b; Denise Morris 540.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Dennis Leipold leading 145t. Leaders: Jean Seiler 448t; Sue Hengelsberg 127; Michael Heyerman 215; George Seiler 480; Guy Banks 546; Ginny Huszagh 56b; Anne Kazlauskas 210; Crystal Burnham 271t; Juanita Heyerman 147b.

Bob Wheeler conducted the memorial lesson. He led 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: John Etheridge, Eugene Forbes, Ron Bornick, Thom Metzger, Virginia Luscombe, and David Bornick.

Bob Wheeler also spoke for the deceased and led 384 in memory of the following: Marilyn Darch—California; Bonnie Rogers—Massachusetts; John Copeland—New Jersey; Katherine Benefield, Loy Garrison, Lee Rogers, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw—Georgia; Amanda Denson, Milton Oliver, Edith Tate—Alabama; Kathleen (Kat) Kinkade—Virginia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Wendy Karlsberg Meltzer—Connecticut; Charles Vaughn—Texas; Jane Krainin, Melissa Mueller—New York. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: James Nugent 277; Eric Bean 260; Lucy Roberts 28b; Dan Hertzler 475; Sheila Nugent 455.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Guy Banks leading 535. Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Leaders: Bob Wheeler 503; Melody Johnson 216; Scott Luscombe 334; Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg 361; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 325; Evelyn Lamb 220; Denise Morris 524; Dennis Leipold 477; Jean Seiler 65; Sue Hengelsberg 566; Michael Heyerman 392; George Seiler 77b; Guy Banks 556.

Eric Bean thanked those who helped to make the convention a success, and led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Bean; Assistant Chairperson—Ginny Huszagh; Secretaries—Thom Metzger, Eileen Metzger, Lucy Roberts, and Sue Hengelsberg

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION (OREGON)

The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

October 18-19, 2008

Saturday, October 18

The 18th annual Pacific Northwest Convention was held at The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Marie

Brandis called the class to order leading 448b at 9:00 a.m. Dan Thoma led the invocation.

Marie Brandis welcomed all and called a brief business meeting to accept officers: Chairlady—Marie Brandis; Treasurer—Heather Ikeler; Chaplains—Dan Thoma and Thom Fahrback; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey. After a few announcements and guidelines, Judy Caudle was introduced as the singing school teacher.

Judy shared with the class the traditions she grew up with, in a family with three generations of shape note singing school masters. She spoke of the old time necessity of conventions for people to come together to share news and socialize. She spoke of the importance of practicing rudiments, and continuing to learn new things. The class under her guidance worked on the rudiments. She led 312b, 76t, 32t, 33b, 101t, 54 and called Mark Miller to lead 451.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Scott Kennedy leading 276. Leaders: Marie Brandis 142; Dan Thoma 500; Greg Mulkern 33t; Heather Ikeler 312b; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Jessica Beer 171; Betsey Jeronen 448t; Steve Cackley 77b; Meg Larson 452; Em Lash 95; Carolyn Gilkey 474; Susan Helf 137; Abraham Hardy 347; Gary Plouff 376; Lucinda Saue 155; Ken Cofield 49b; Chris Cotter 227; Suzanne Denker 76b; Katharine Hough 153; Steve Helwig 458; Mike Hinton 434; Greg Saue 163b; Tom McTighe 480. Dan Thoma offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Arcana Fershke leading 73t. Leaders: Tamara Harris 129; Erik Schwab 562; Reba Windom 216; David Wright 392; Bridgett Hill 440; Dave Hough 496; Sharon DuPriest 189; Reed Schilbach 318; Kristi Harju 430; Caleb Hardy 127; Jill Accetta 441; Bob Schinske 335; Louis Hughes 512; Anne Huckins 159; Judy Caudle 522; Linda Booth 358; Kathy Vlach 350; John Carson 40; Mark Miller 419.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Matt Keegan leading 497. Leaders: Erika Wilson 442; Shelby Sampson 198; Daphne Causey 304; Philip Gerrie 410t; Carolyn Deacy 236; Terry Barber 28b; Jack Lofton 542; Marcia Stedman 66; Bill Walters 35; Anna Stoerch 84; Harlan Walker-Young 77t; Kaiti Carpenter 504; Lea Kouba 31t; Arcana Fershke 428; Cornelia Stanton 176b.

The class was dismissed for the day.

Sunday, October 19

Marie Brandis called the Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention to order by leading 448b. The morning invocation was led by Thom Fahrback.

Leaders: Thom Fahrback 313; Liz Bryant 475; Dorothy Robinson 375; Sarah Hauser 147b; Scott Kennedy 546; Jacob Breedlove 302; Martha Sherwood 53; Jean Murphy 181; Jane Grant 119; Fran Ross 66; Bruce Rye 193; Jan Bridges 146; Betsy Jeronen 547; Lyle Lindsey 198; Meg Larson 37b; Steve Helwig 411; Bruce Rowland 426; Greg Saue 99; Tom McTighe 56b; Tamara Harris 383; Suzanne Denker 268; Reed Schilbach 532.

RECESS

Philip Haines brought the class together by leading 276. Leaders: Eric Holt 145b; Emily Winokur 319; John Carson 163t; Robert Norman 282; Karl Oswald 48b; Mary Redman 178; Kaiti Carpenter 300; Jack Lofton 179; Ken Cofield 86; Louis Hughes 314; Kristi Harju 110; Terry Barber 214; Mike Hinton 340; Katharine Hough 269; Bridgett Hill 472; Greg Mulkern 217; Kathy Vlach 24b; Philip Gerrie 365; Bill Walters 267; Carolyn Deacy 485; Susan Helf 112; Shelby Sampson 183.

Carmen Doerge conducted the memorial lesson with Steve Cackley leading 235b. Lyle Lindsey led 122 in memory of the following deceased: Richard Mauldin Sr., Mattie Townsel—Alabama; Blanche Carlile, Bruce Phillips, Dale Aengst—California; Ellas McDaniel—Florida; Lee Rogers, Hazel Camp, Mary Camp, Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Dagmar Branson—New York; Eliot Scott, Jean Marcotte, Mary Holt, Karl Corbin, Harry Oswald, Jeanette Denker, Dorey Burden, Betty Jean Bartholomew—Oregon; Elliot Newlin, John Huckins, Evelyn Fitch, David Fuentes, Sue Marro—Washington.

Cornelia Stanton led 70t for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Marie Brandis 72b; Dan Thoma 466; Dave Hough 384; Chris Cotter 250; Linda Booth 361; Anne Huckins 479; Harlan Walker Young 378b; Carolyn Gilkey 503; Eric Schwab 351. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Thom Fahrback.

LUNCH

Karl Oswald brought the afternoon session to order by leading 49t. Leaders: Mark Miller 368; David Wright 296; Gary Plouff 70b; Jessica Beer 436; Judy Caudle 478; Jill Accetta 192; Sharon DuPriest 172; Bruce Rye 215; Reba Windom 196; Thom Fahrback 500; Erika Wilson 377; Daphene Causey 434; Arcana Fershke 491; Bob Schinske 558; Jean Murphy 504; Lucinda Saue 49b; Fran Ross 236; Eric Holt 501; Marcia Stedman 270; Lea Kouba 454; Jane Grant 277.

RECESS

The class was called back to order. Leaders: Caleb Hardy 438; Linda Jweinat 397; Rachel Hardy and Caleb Hardy 297; Wendy Marshall 499; Robert Fleming 159; Abraham Hardy 210; Cornelia Stanton 496; Mary Ditson 380; Anna Stoerch 288; Jacob Breedlove 58; Leta Marshall 143; Louis Hughes 208; Daphene Causey 216; Judy Caudle 186; Kristi Harju 114; Jenn Dolan 240; Mike Hinton 456; Sharon DuPriest 212; Raoul Titus 132; Liz Bryant 313b.

Marie Brandis called a business meeting to order. Committee reports were given as follows: Treasury announced expenses were met; Registration announced 83 leaders led 150 songs; Resolutions were given by Greg Mulkern, thanking travelers and all others who participated in making the convention a great success. Gifts were presented to Judy Caudle for being the singing school teacher, including a quilt sewn by singer Carolyn Gilkey of Oregon.

Marie Brandis led 36b as those who wished took the parting hand. Thom Fahrback offered the closing prayer.

Chairlady—Marie Brandis; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

REID MEMORIAL **County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **Sunday, October 19, 2008**

The 89th session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Danny Creel leading 30t and 34t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Permanent officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Allen; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 143 (for Charlotte McCarn); Tim Cook 347; Anne Chalker 146; Willodean Barton 82t; Billy Thompson 108t; Gordon Wilkinson 498; Barbara Swetnam 127; Richard Mauldin 66; Jennifer Lee 192; Gravis Ballinger 182; Henry Guthery III 426b; S.T. Reed 161; Ruth Wyers 75.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jerry Ryan leading 145t. Leaders: Michael Thompson 111t; Bud Oliver 42; Lucy Heidorn 155; Linton Ballinger 306; Shane Wootten 432; Juanita Beasley 396; Kathy Robinson 442 (for Kathleen Robbins); Dennis George 558; Travis Keeton 392; Clayton Ezell 119; Joyce Walton 428; Marlin Beasley and Joshua 294; Carolyn Thompson 397; Julianna Jett 47b; Jerry Ryan 421; Larry Ballinger 528; Josie Hyde 236.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 76b. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 454; Steve Kick 270; Henry Guthery 149; Lisa Geist 472; Eddie Mash 444; Bea Carnathan 568; Buell Cobb 321; Cheyenne Ivey 282; Amber Davis 142; Rachel Allred 440; Kermit Adams 99; Kenneth Tate 147t; Caleb Allred 448t; Clarissa Springfield 445; Seth Allred 433; Linda Thomas 430; Cassie Allen and Billy Allen 503.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 112. Leaders: Emily Creel 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Jim Carnes 203; Elene Stovall and David Ivey 293; Jackie Tanner 336; Rodney Ivey 383; Paula Springfield 297; Susan Allred 183; Ann Jett 327; Steve Adams and Rachel Allred 309; David Ivey 564; Hannah Tate 124; Veltan Chafin 463; SuNell Ellis and Kenneth Tate 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Ila Ingle 436; Will Allred 300; Chrissie Watkins 216; Wanda Capps 73t; Yancey Jett 35; Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 77t; Barbara Swetman 475; Eddie Mash and Rodney Ivey 500; Harrison Creel 512, 111b, and 342 (with grandchildren Cassie Allen, Yancey Jett, Michael Jett, Shelley Calvert, Emily Creel, and great-grandchildren Julianna Jett, Ainslie Allen, and Emma Calvert); Marlin Beasley and Joshua 61; Cassie Allen 434; Cassie Allen, Lucy Heidorn, and Jerry Ryan 408 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Harrison Creel 480.

After announcements, Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Jerry Ryan, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

ANDREW'S CHAPEL SINGING **Andrew's Chapel/Schoolhouse, Upson County, Georgia** **Sunday, October 19, 2008**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Andrew's Chapel was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 31b. David Grant offered a prayer. Oscar McGuire led 59. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee; Arranging Committee—Bentley McGuire and Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: John Plunkett 81t, 271b; Lauren Harrison 270, 47b; Michael Walker 111b, 144; Sharon Hamrick 40, 276; Jonathan Smith 129, 186; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 278b; Richard DeLong 431, 399b; Charlene Wallace 99, 171; Robert Kelley 187, 463; Erica Hinton 72b; Nathan Rees 441, 527.

RECESS

Bentley McGuire, leading 47t, called the class back together. Leaders: Russ Hanson 290, 161; Rosemund Watson 503, 66; Jack Nelson 480, 225t; Martha Harrell 77t, 39b; Matt Hinton 39t, 229; Jenna Strizak 70b, 564.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lela Crowder leading 30t and 371. Leaders: Robert Chambless 354t, 452; Wesley Haley 34b, 45t; Malinda Snow 191, 569t; Judy Chambless 531, 565; David Grant 85, 266; Jane Spencer 390, 478; Raymond Hamrick 402, 415; Wayne Watson 49b; Rita Haley 122, 128; Mary

Brownlee and John Brownlee 211, 542; Bentley McGuire 325, 95; John Plunkett 287; Lauren Harrison 236; Michael Walker 182; Jonathan Smith 328; Richard DeLong 331; Robert Kelley 96; Nathan Rees 231; Jack Nelson 165; Jenna Strizak 88t; Lela Crowder 76b; Malinda Snow 198; David Grant 532.

Rosemund Watson, leading 347, closed the day's session. John Plunkett offered a closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION

United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska

October 24-25, 2008

Friday, October 24

The 1st Alaska Sacred Harp Convention was held at the United Methodist Church in Sitka, Alaska, on Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Karen Willard of Buckley, Washington, conducted a singing school Friday evening teaching the rudiments, and giving an overview of the Sacred Harp tradition.

Saturday, October 25

Kari Lundgren called the class to order Saturday morning by leading 49t. Pastor Trent Baggett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Kreiss-Tomkins 117; Karen Willard 40; Iris Klingler 45t; Sher Schwartz 354b; Ken Hallock 171; Connie Stanton 565; Jackie Digannaro 68b; Steve Helwig 32t; Tom Crane 49b; Heidi Ekstrand 159; Denise Klingler 107; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 63; Kenley Jackson 38b; Connie Stanton 276; Marty Braun 277.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Sylvia Friske 198; Tom Crane 341; Kari Lundgren 344; Julia Smith 345t; David Kreiss-Tomkins 112; Mary Kambak 60; Steve Helwig 312b; Jackie Digannaro 493; Sher Schwartz 479; Karen Willard 59; Iris Klingler 47t; Ken Hallock 155; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 350.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order by leading 448b. Leaders: Denise Klingler 337; Heidi Ekstrand 457; Nancy Jo Bleier 27; Karen Willard 142; David Kreiss-Tomkins 268; Hilloah Courtney 569b. Pastor Trent Baggett blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kari Lundgren brought the class back to order by leading 178. Leaders: Iris Klingler 288; Sher Schwartz 146; Ken Hallock 373; Sylvia Friske 313t; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 434; Tom Crane 82t; Connie Stanton 87; Steve Helwig 535; Denise Klingler 299; Julia Smith 502; Heidi Ekstrand 267; Kari Lundgren 31t; Nancy Jo Bleier 81b; Karen Willard 106.

RECESS

Ken Hallock called the class back to order by leading 347. Leaders: Sher Schwartz 388; Tom Crane 84; Connie Stanton 549; David Kreiss-Tomkins 385b; Sylvia Friske 345t; Steve Helwig 551; Denise Klingler 147t; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 31b; Julia Smith 36t; Kari Lundgren 38t.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. Julia Smith reported that 32 people had registered with 20 leaders singing 60 songs. Singers attended from Portland and Eugene, Oregon; Buckley, Washington; Ketchikan and Sitka, Alaska. Treasurer Denise Klingler reported that all expenses had been met through generous donations. Connie Stanton offered the Resolutions Report

thanking all involved in the Saturday singing and Friday evening singing school. It was resolved that the Second Annual Alaska Sacred Harp Singing Convention will be held on Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 2009. Kari Lundgren and David Kreiss-Tomkins led 45t as the closing song. Pastor Trent Baggett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Kari Lundgren; Vice Chairman—David Kreiss-Tomkins; Secretary—Steve Helwig

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL SINGING
Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama
Saturday, October 25, 2008

The Putnam, Light and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing (formerly the Coy Putnam Memorial) was held at Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Light leading 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Judy Caudle.
Leaders: David Light 100, 176b; J.C. Rutledge 30t, 31b; Judy Caudle 32t, 47t, 49t; Ed Thacker 154, 494; Wayne Kendrick 319, 131b, 448b; Imogene Nelms 128, 124, 87.

RECESS

The class was called back together by David Light 274t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 63, 187 (for Rhoda Norris); Ken Robinson 569b, 565; Ramona Light 143, 441; Manilia Hudson 43, 59, 480; Eunice Kimbrell 129. Wayne Kendrick offered the blessing at the lunch table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Light leading 145b and 192. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 58; Imogene Nelms 144; J.C. Rutledge 145t; Dana Jacobs 489, 503; Ed Thacker 205, 39b; Judy Caudle 403; Glenda Hopper 276; Ramona Light 434; Ramona Light and Manilia Hudson 200; Manilia Hudson 358; Ken Robinson 108t, 68b; Wayne Kendrick 127; David Light 112; J.C. Rutledge 111b.
David Light led 45t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by J.C. Rutledge, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGERS, FALL SESSION
First United Methodist Church, Springdale, Arkansas
Saturday, October 25, 2008

The Northwest Arkansas Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading 60. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black.
Leaders: Syd Caldwell 73t; Waymon Minor 350, 31b; Bill Caldwell 99 (for Alice Moran), 497; Shannon Seyler 142, 306; Anita Buswell 480, 143; Andrew Albers 328, 326; Syd Caldwell and Holly Childs 268, 472 (for Johanna Fabke).

RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class back together leading 34b and 177 (MH). Leaders: Matt Shoemaker 277, 436; Syd Caldwell 434, 383 (for Mary Florence Smith of Georgia); Waymon Minor 454, 411; Bill Caldwell and Mary Ellen Wilkinson 282, 59; Anita Buswell 385b, 384; Shannon Seyler 352, 144; B.R. Black 178, 39b;

Shannon Seyler 183; Katy Black 217, 147t; Anita Buswell 496. The class was dismissed for lunch with a blessing offered by Mary Ellen Wilkinson.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Syd Caldwell leading 89 and 340. Leaders: Andrew Albers 225b, 24b; Bill Caldwell 212, 240; Waymon Minor 428, 280; Katy Black 159, 87; Anita Buswell 84, 85; Andrew Albers and Hannah Albers 354b, 345t.

RECESS

Andrew Albers led 180 (MH) in memory of the following deceased: Candy Youmans—Florida; Tom Walker—Maryland; Roscoe Knight, J. P. Wolf—Arkansas; Myrtle Smith, Katherine Benefield, Gladys McGraw, Felton Denney—Georgia; Amanda Denson, Milton Oliver, Edith Tate, W. G. McGough—Alabama; Jeanette Lowry, Mary Alice Caldwell—Missouri; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Jo Crain, Bonnie Newstrom, J. D. Roberts, Sharon Bowles—No State Listed.

Syd Caldwell led 189 and 373 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Shelbie Sheppard, Mary Gardner, Mary Florence Smith, Jewell Hardy, Katherine Worthington, Dick Steil, Myra Palmer, and Terry Boggs. The memorial lesson was closed.

Waymon Minor led 323b and 318. Mary Ellen Wilkinson offered prayer. Leaders: Matt Shoemaker 19 (MH), 186; Shannon Seyler 191; 504; Syd Caldwell and Denney Keithley 457, 45t; Anita Buswell and her daughter, Phyllis Buswell, who teaches English at a university in China, 163b.

Andrew Albers made a motion, seconded by Bill Caldwell, that we hold our annual fall singing on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Springdale, Arkansas. The motion passed. Our spring singing will be held on the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in May in Harrison, Arkansas.

Syd Caldwell led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Caldwell.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

PRATT-WOODARD MEMORIAL SINGING **Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Winston County,** **Alabama** **Saturday, October 25, 2008**

The 1st annual Pratt-Woodard Memorial singing was held at Houston Congregational Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Richard Mauldin called the class to order by leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Robertson; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 36b; Don Robertson 358, 182; Margaret Keeton 137, 129; Leona Haynes 146, 101t (in memory of her mother); Stella Pratt 100 (for her son); Stella Pratt and family, (daughters Hilda and Denise; grandsons Justin and Hunter; granddaughter Kasey) 487 (in memory of Stella's father, T.P. Woodard, who wrote this song); Travis Keeton 340, 348b; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Anne Chalker 235, 388; Marlin Beasley and Joshua Marquez 294, 63; Faye Donaldson 225t, 176b. The pastor, Bobby Smith, welcomed everyone.

RECESS

Don Robertson brought the class back together leading 151. Leaders: Josie Hyde 234, 200; Joshua Keeton 268, 408; Velton Chafin 177, 172; Roma Rice 475, 297 (in memory of John Hyde); Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez 460, 318; Geraldine Sharpton 542, 66; Larry Ballinger 291, 98; Glenn Keeton and Bobby Smith 45t, 59; Butch White 178, 28b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 35. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 499, 82t; Kermit Adams 424, 31b; Caleb Allred 30b, 47b; Susan Allred 183; Parnell Berry 298, 283; Rachel Allred 317, 276; Leona Haynes, Stella Pratt, Don Robertson 222; Lisa Geist 269, 304; Joshua Keeton 196; Leona Haynes 505 (CB); Anne Chalker and Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Marlin Beasley and Ester White 294; Geraldine Sharpton 300; Bridgett Hill 168; Kermit Adams 155; Lisa Geist 532.

Announcements were made, including the announcement that this singing will become an annual event.

Richard Mauldin and Don Robertson led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Robertson; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

BLOOMINGTON SINGING **Friends Meetinghouse, Bloomington, Indiana** **Saturday, October 25, 2008**

The 5th annual Bloomington area all day singing was held at the Bloomington Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday, October 25, 2008. William Shetter brought the class together by leading 59. David Rust offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Rust; Vice Chairman—Wayne Dell; Arranging Committee—Stephanie Fida and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Committee—Daniel Williams; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: David Rust 135; Wayne Dell 277; Darrell Swarens 36b; Adrian Eldridge 87; Bob Meek 511t (CB); Rebecca Eldridge 142; Virginia Eldridge 29t; Brad Bahler 192; Martha Beverly 171; James Eldridge 196; Bobby Watkins 512; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Karen Bahler 155; Joan Aldridge 445; Roger Crabtree 31t; Andy Morse 572 (CB); Janet Fraembs 421; 133 (CB); Buddy Ballinger 385b; Bea Carnathan 205; Peggy Brayfield 454; April Watkins 401.

RECESS

Stephanie Fida called the class back together leading 107. Leaders: Carol Medlicott 71; Lena Keeton 146; Thomas Smith 47b; Don Keeton 317; Lee Steinmetz 563 (CB); Darrell Swarens 72b; Wayne Dell 571 (CB); Bill Beverly 573 (CB); Adrian Eldridge 38 (CB); Bob Meek 574 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 569t; Brad Bahler, Karen Bahler, John Bahler, and Rob Bahler 486 (CB); Martha Beverly 522 (CB); Eric Schedler 528; James Eldridge 144; Bobby Watkins 138t (CB); Carol Munro Mosley 449 (CB); Joan Aldridge 515 (CB); Roger Crabtree 392 (CB); Andy Morse 497. Adrian Eldridge offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Darrell Swarens leading 312b. Leaders: John Bahler 276; Janet Fraembs 440; Henry Guthery “Higher Ground”; Rob Bahler 332; William Shetter and daughter 505 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 214 (CH); Eric Eliason 430; Buddy Ballinger 343; Bea Carnathan 472; Rebecca Eldridge 182; Lena Keeton 475; Carol Medlicott 564; Brad Bahler and family 55 (CB); Don Keeton 35; Katie Zukof and Stephanie Fida 288; Lee Steinmetz 163b;

Mary Caldwell and Darrell Swarens 128; Wayne Dell 66; Bill Beverly 478 (CB); James Eldridge 163t; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB).

RECESS

William Shetter, Bob Meek and Darrell Swarens called the class back to order leading 333 (LD). Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 117; Aubrey Hemminger 84; Adrian Eldridge 28b; Thomas Smith 63; Michele Cull 393t (CB); Virginia Eldridge 503; Bob Meek 488b (CB); Martha Beverly 218; Eric Schedler 189; Bobby Watkins 203; Carol Munro Mosley 334; Andy Morse 448t; Janet Fraembs 532; Henry Guthery 97. Announcements were made. David Rust led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Rust; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING **Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, October 25, 2008**

The 32nd Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 47t, 383; Tony Hammock 60, 37; Laura Akerman 85, 318; John Plunkett 96, 65; Kelly Morris 49b, 159; Debora Grosse 73b, 222; Bill Scott 71, 48b; Leslie Hunter 282, 47b; Henry Slack 455, 535; Susan Firestone 503, 504.

RECESS

The class was called together by Eric Tweedy leading 448b.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Laura Akerman; Memorial Committee—Malinda Snow; Finance Committee—Dan Huger; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett and Kelly Morris.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 61; Chris Wilhelm 230, 206; Adelaide Hanson 523, 99; Scott DePoy 277, 179; Alberta Hardy 417, 366; George Burnette 76b, 81t; Shannon Primm 31t, 192; Jeannie Marsh 176t, 145t.

Malinda Snow conducted the memorial lesson. Phillip Langley led 146 for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Florence Lambert-Smith, Frank Block, and Violet Thomason.

Sandra Wilkinson led 229 for the following deceased: Lee Rogers, Myrtle Smith, Felton Denney, Frank Green, Mercy Shank, Shirley Dumas, Loy Garrison, Myrtle Smith, Homer Benefield, and Katherine Benefield. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeanette DePoy leading 475 and 142. Leaders: Susan Posey 68b (for her son, who is leaving to serve for 2 years in the Peace Corps in Kenya), 362; B.M. Smith 441, 340; Jenna Strizak 105, 270; Ethan Hardy 284, 297; Helen Bryson 196, 365; Dan Huger 501, 474; Judy Mincey 184, 468; Sandra Wilkinson 167, 91; Malinda Snow 269; Alberta Hardy 34t; Chris Wilhelm 107; Ethan Hardy 347; Dan Huger 209; Jenna Strizak and Abby Minor 319; Shannon Primm 466; Helen Bryson 287.

Tony Hammock led 56t as the closing song. Eric Tweedy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Laura Akerman

RHODE ISLAND SINGING SCHOOL AND ALL DAY SINGING
North Scituate Grange, Scituate, Rhode Island
October 25-26, 2008

Saturday, October 25

The singing school, held at North Scituate Grange in Scituate, Rhode Island, taught by Mr. David Ivey, was called to order by Justin Levi who led 59. The morning prayer was offered by Liz Cantrell.

David Ivey began the singing school with a background history of Sacred Harp and singing schools. David referred to p. 13 of the 1859 Sacred Harp rudiments and quoted that singing is "to learn and practice solemn business." David taught the class that the people who kept the music for us and sent it down to us did so as part of their worship. David then spent the remainder of the day teaching the class details on the rudiments and method of leading in each mode of time.

Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 82t; David Ivey 313b, 70t, 213b, 81t, 144, 48t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 87; David Ivey 84, 135, 378t, 394, 29b, 86, 348t, 462, 29t, 378b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 89; David Ivey 75, 403, 378t, 64; Paula Picton 106.

Justin Levi and Lynne deBenedette led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Liz Cantrell, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 26

The Sunday morning session of the Rhode Island singing was brought to order by Justin Levi leading 81t. The opening prayer was offered by Liz Cantrell.

Leaders: Joanna Lampert 32t; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Liz Cantrell 101t; Elizabeth Stoddard 77b; Terry Ryan 148; Joanne Bowman 313t; James Baumgartner 171; Jack Sullivan 56b; Tom Padwa 569b; Jennie Brown 389; Jim Bean 474; Dana Borrelli 146; Chris Holley 229; Lauren Bock 134; John Holbrook 49b; Natalie Jablonski 442; Peter Golden 37b; Laura Borrelli 196.

RECESS

Kelsey Sunderland brought the class back together leading 35. Leaders: Daniel Hunter 298; Celia Devine 362; Linda Shea 371; Fiona Nugent 178; Allison Schofield 74t; Karen Ivey 475; Robert Stoddard 349; Sheila Nugent 145b; Briana Bean Hirsch 448b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 316; Bobbie Goodell 151; Rosie Wojcik 272; Anne Kazlauskas 61; Ina Shea 227; David Ivey 428; James Nugent 346; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 348b; Cindy Bean 163b; Peter Golden 384; Daniel Hunter 328; Jack Sullivan 504; Terry Ryan 344; Dana Borrelli 270. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Liz Cantrell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Natalie Jablonski leading 29t. Leaders: Linda Shea 168; Justin Levi 447; Paula Picton 286; Allison Schofield 411 (for Richard DeLong); Matt Wojcik 189; Karen Ivey 192; Laura Borrelli 142; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 110; David Ivey 90; Jim Picton 299; Jennie Brown 550; Kelsey Sunderland 419; Rosie Wojcik 332; Lauren Bock 434; Joanne Bowman 542; Chris Holley 480; Joanna Lampert 564; Liz Cantrell 501; Robert Stoddard 383; John Holbrook 549; Lynne deBenedette 300; Briana Bean Hirsch 448t; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 436; Elizabeth Stoddard 444; Bobbie Goodell 451.

RECESS

Jennie Brown called the class together by leading 72b. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 211; Fiona Nugent 209; James Baumgartner 112; Cindy Bean and Jim Bean 191; Tom Padwa 312b; James Nugent 388; Paula Picton and Jim Picton 269; Jack Sullivan and Natalie Jablonski 455; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 396; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 97; Terry Ryan 198; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 277; Jennie Brown and Kelsey Sunderland 522; Rosie Wojcik

and Matt Wojcik 217; Bobbie Goodell and Peter Goodell 472; Joanne Bowman 330b; Sheila Nugent and Fiona Nugent 117; Justin Levi and Allison Schofield 418. A business meeting was held. Announcements were made. Justin Levi, Lynne deBenedette, Liz Cantrell, and Joanna Lampert led 62 as the closing song. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Justin Levi; Vice Chairlady—Lynne deBenedette; Secretary—Joanna Lampert

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
Newell, Randolph County, Alabama
Sunday, October 26, 2008

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 Stanley Edwards leading 59. Rev. Brian Moore, pastor of the church, offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 60; Jeff Sheppard 61, 72; Donna Bell 178, 117.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Honorary Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 500; Judy Caudle 121, 120; Ed Thacker 228, 176b; Alberta Hardy 148, 229; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 303, 73b; Oscar McGuire 155, 276; Judy Chambless 100, 101t; B.M. Smith 72b, 318 (in honor of Lonnie Rogers); Geraldine Rice 217, 212; Ann Simpson 47t, 122; Ethan Hardy 479, 50t; Robert Chambless 143, 84.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 383. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 225t, 569b; Lonnie Rogers 298, 373; Nell Estes 490, 371; Cecil Roberts 105, 319; Karleen Williams 45t, 40; Henry Johnson 70b, 77t; Jean Payne 290, 99; Karen Rollins 97, 540; Charlene Griffin 113, 299; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Charlene Wallace 168, 186; Frank Bell Reaves (grandson of Frank Bell, organizer of this singing) and other descendants of the Bell family 339, 274t (in memory of Papa Bell). Rev. Brian Moore blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Stanley Edwards leading 560. Leaders: Louise Holland 323b, 300; Henry Johnson 390; Robert Chambless 503; Jeff Sheppard 415; Alberta Hardy 163b; B.M. Smith 358 (by request); Ethan Hardy 86; Donna Bell 480; Oscar McGuire 344; Lonnie Rogers 222; Judy Chambless 66; Geraldine Rice 224; Karleen Williams 32t; Cecil Roberts 30b; Mary Jo Shafer 410; Ann Simpson 452; Alberta Hardy 350; Ethan Hardy 294; Nell Estes 551; Karen Rollins 354t; Jean Payne 460.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards led 42 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Honorary Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Donna Bell

W. A. PARKER, MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS
AND ELSIE BEASLEY MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, October 26, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of W.A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers, and Elsie Beasley was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Walker

County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. The class organized by retaining the following officers: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Sarah Smith.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 36b; Richard Mauldin 175, 144; Travis Keeton 75, 145b; Willodean Barton 145t; Sarah Smith and Danica Thornton 401, 168; Glenn Keeton 535, 549; Margaret Keeton 147b; Earnestine Parker and Margaret Keeton 335; Josie Hyde 43, 477.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Marlin Beasley leading 274t. Leaders: Gary Smith 503, 565; Anne Chalker 63, 235; Larry Ballinger 138t, 164; Juanita Beasley 46, 39; Lisa Geist 306, 428; Faye Donaldson 78, 40; Ken Tate 56t, 220.

Richard Mauldin and Lisa Geist conducted the memorial lesson. Richard Mauldin led 560 in memory of the following deceased: Cecil Wakefield, Heath Jett, Flarce Creel, Mary Ballinger, Marie Guthrie, Herby Bailey, Wilton Donaldson, B.J. Harris, LaRue Allen, Felton Denney, Edith Tate, Jeanette Lowry, Furn Kitchens, M.B. Forbes, Delores Beasley, and Elder W.G. McGough.

Lisa Geist led 472 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ken Jenkins, Clarence McCool, Arlene Kitchens, Mary L. Smith, Dan Keeton, John Etheridge, Eugene Forbes, Charlotte McCarn, Ray Tate, Cecil Sanders, Edna Hinkle, and Brenda Merritt. Marlin Beasley closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Marlin Beasley led 30t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 540 and 312b. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Veltun Chafin 222 (in memory of Morrow Tidwell); Nora Parker, Ginny Williams, Martha Heyman, Darrell Parker, and Earnestine Parker 276, 299 (in memory of W.A. Parker); Marlin Beasley 192 (in memory of Elsie Beasley), 277 (in memory of W.A. Parker); Richard Mauldin 416 (in memory of Joe Myers); John Beasley 354b, 129; Anne Chalker 146, 45t; Larry Ballinger 439; Sarah Smith 143, 340.

Marlin Beasley and Richard Mauldin led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Ken Tate.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker

SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING **Eldridge Farm, near Orleans, Indiana** **Sunday, October 26, 2008**

The 2nd annual Eldridge Schoolhouse singing was held at the Eldridge farm, near Orleans, Indiana, on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Bob Meek brought the class together by leading 49t. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 32t; Darrell Swarens 569t; James Eldridge 34b; Wayne Dell 63; Rebecca Eldridge 74b; Stephanie Fida 99; Virginia Eldridge 168; Bob Meek 571 (CB); William Shetter 336t (CB); Carol Munro Mosley 449 (CB); Katherine Eldridge 335; Eric Schedler 236; Eddie Mash 454; Martha Beverly 383.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back together leading 558. Leaders: Bill Beverly 268t

(CB); Joan Aldridge 84 (CB); Bea Carnathan 568; Lena Keeton 43; Eric Eliason

426b; John Bealle 200; Don Keeton 112; Bobby Watkins 512; Aubrey Hemminger 350; Katherine Eldridge 354b; Thomas Smith 410t; Katie Zukof 504; Brenda Waters and Doug Trent 68b; James Eldridge 209; Ruth Dolby 117; Rebecca Eldridge and Emily Ashby 49b. Adrian Eldridge offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Eddie Mash leading 146. Leaders: David Rust 270; Rebecca Eldridge 507; James Eldridge 133; Randy Webber 66; Mercy Watkins 215; Jimmy Vest and Bob Meek 276.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Adrian Eldridge, who led 314 in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Wayne Dell 45t; April Watkins 282; Bob Meek 511t (CB); Henry Guthery 86 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 108t; Aubrey Hemminger 480; Darrell Swarens and Stephanie Fida 198; Bobby Watkins 277; William Shetter 496; Don Keeton 390.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Bill Beverly leading 547. Leaders: David Rust 123b; Martha Beverly 546; Thomas Smith 268; Ruth Dolby 40; Michele Cull 475; Lena Keeton 88t; Eric Eliason 518 (CB); Carol Munro Mosley 393t (CB); Stephanie Fida 460; John Bealle 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers).

Announcements were made. Wayne Dell reported that the Finance Committee had been able to meet the expenses of the singing.

Adrian Eldridge led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Meek, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO/HYDE PARK SINGING **Augustana Lutheran Church, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois** **Saturday, November 1, 2008**

The 10th annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park Singing was brought to order at 9:33 a.m. by Rachel Adelstein leading 492. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

This singing uses *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 176b; Randy Neufeld 99; Nick Pasqual 72b; James Page 13 (MH); Michael Mosley 62 (MH); Jim Swanson 139 (MH); Assunta Osterholt 82t; Bill Beverly 19 (MH); Pleasance Crawford 150; Jim Helke 315; Lena Keeton 123t; Ted Johnson 368 (in memory of Studs Terkel); Ann Miczulski 145b; Steve Warner 40; Karen Swenson 442; Don Keeton 406; JoDell Albi 77 (MH).

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Co-chairpersons—Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy; Secretary—Ginny Landgraf.

RECESS

Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy brought the class back together leading 128.

Leaders: Susan Geil 565; Darrell Swarens 542; Debbie Barford 163b; Peter Bradley 344; Anne Heider 120; Chuck Crawford 287; Martha Beverly 475; Lisa Cohen 148 (MH); Ted Mercer 417; Nancy Katzen 472; Clare Cardy 457; John Seaton 47t; Melanie Hauff 81 (MH); Carol Munro Mosley 148; Dave Barford 276; Judy Hauff 68 (MH); Jeff Breting 108b; Anita Shaperd 180; Jeremy York 503; Marcia Johnson 288; Cathryn Bearov 127 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 131 (MH); Jim Helke 177 (MH).

Since this is the tenth anniversary of this singing, in lieu of the usual memorial lesson, Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy conducted a commemoration lesson outlining the history of the group in Hyde Park and honoring the singers who have helped make the group what it is and passed through the group into the wider Sacred Harp community. John Seaton then offered a memorial minute for Wally Bloch, a

local singer who had passed away since the most recent Chicago singing. John led 69t in his memory, and offered a prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 7 (MH), Lena Keeton 546; Nick Pasqual 1 (MH), Pleasance Crawford 476. Jim Swanson offered the blessing and the class adjourned for lunch.

LUNCH

Randy Neufeld brought the afternoon session to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Anne Heider 474; Chuck Crawford 378t; Nate Zweig 145t; Peter Bradley 228; Audra Village 196; Debbie Barford 269; Molly Whedbee 122; Darrell Swarens 569b; JoDell Albi 135 (MH); Michael Appert 297; Don Keeton 388; Karen Swenson 162 (MH); Lisa Cohen 486; Megan Dunning 86; Steve Warner 84; Lisa Grayson 113 (MH); Ann Miczulski 101t; Ted Johnson 99 (MH); John Seaton 47b; Clare Cardy 532; Bill Beverly 168 (MH); Jim Swanson 399b; Michael Mosley 440.

RECESS

Ted Mercer brought the class back together by leading 106. Leaders: James Page 34 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 167 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 138 (MH); Marcia Johnson 464; Nancy Katzen 473; Lisa Cohen 485; Martha Beverly 131t; Anita Shaperd 56b; Jeff Breting 448b (in memory of Studs Terkel); Judy Hauff 172; Dave Barford 181; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Melanie Hauff 216; Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy 209 (by request).

Announcements were made. A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

The Finance Committee reported that there was a shortfall and that anyone wishing to donate further should see Randy Neufeld, Treasurer. The Secretary reported that 87 songs were led by 44 leaders from 7 states and one Canadian province. There was also a registrant from England.

Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Jim Swanson offered the closing prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Cathryn Bearov and Clare Cardy; Secretary—Ginny Landgraf

DENNEY MEMORIAL

Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia

Saturday, November 1, 2008

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church near Carrollton, Georgia. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock, and Phillip Denney offered prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 59, 60, 112; Phillip Denney 40, 99, 120; Karen Rollins 149, 34b.

A business session was held, and the following officers agreed to serve: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Chaplain—Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 56t, 205; Michael Walker 399b, 77t; Stanley Edwards 500, 396; Robert Chambless 49t, 49b; Denney Rogers 345t, 100; Nancy Robbins 101t, 347; John Plunkett 403, 523 (in memory of Felton Denney).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tony Hammock leading 131t. Leaders: Judy Chambless 162, 32t; Mickey Edwards 28b, 38b; Charlene Wallace 61, 45t; B.M. Smith 475, 426t; George Burnette 85, 282; Lonnie Rogers 318, 225t; Henry Johnson 81t, 138t; Jack Nelson 35, 30b; Ed Thacker 359, 432.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 544. Leaders: Dick Plunkett 63, 36b; Louise Holland 139, 103, 87; Marilyn Bradley 124, 34t;

Jonathan Smith 222, 29b; Richard DeLong 521, 513; Sheri Taylor 186, 37b; Lisa Webb 566, 155; Jenna Frey 401; Ed Thacker 428; Stanley Edwards 436; Michael Walker 430; Robert Chambless 147t; Henry Johnson 147b; Nathan Rees 439; B.M. Smith 146; Karen Rollins 489 (in memory of Felton Denney); George Burnette 417. Instead of leading again, Lonnie Rogers asked that all the young people lead 445 in memory of Felton Denney. Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Phillip Denney 84; Louise Holland 217; Nancy Robbins 440; Mickey Edwards 73t; Richard DeLong 116; Jonathan Smith 225b; Sheri Taylor 65; Lisa Webb 163b.

Announcements were made. Tony Hammock led 389 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the benediction, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Secretary—Karen Rollins

B. I. WOOD AND ALVIS BROTHERS MEMORIAL Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama Saturday, November 1, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of 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. The class was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Dan Hopper.

A business meeting was held with the class voting to retain the same officers:

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 77t; J.L. Hopper 85, 311, 394; Glenda Hopper 34t, 34b; Judy Caudle 36b, 39b; Dan Hopper 39t, 310, 84; Willouise Malone 89, 354b; Debra Ritch 133, 373.

RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 48t, 49t, 68b; Glenda Hopper 90, 448b; Judy Caudle 278t, 278b; Dan Hopper 48b, 52b, 56b, 54; Willouise Malone 63; Debra Ritch 108b, 206. The noon blessing was offered by Othel Brothers.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 129 and 358. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 205, 461; Glenda Hopper 56t, 108t; Judy Caudle 64, 70t; Dan Hopper 287, 479; Debra Ritch 312b, 148; Ron Crocker 490, 501 (CB) (in memory of Billie Dean Hornsby).

Ron Crocker led 138b as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING Liberty (McCormick) Primitive Baptist Church, Sumiton, Alabama Saturday, November 1, 2008

The Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick) at Sumiton, Alabama. Velton Chafin brought the class to order by leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Hugh Bill McGuire.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 138t; Travis Keeton 457, 452; Josie Hyde 451, 266, 310; Anne Chalker 146, 235, 147t; Corene White 97; Bill Hogan 171, 448t, 209; Emily Creel 228, 567 (CB), 404 (CB); Butch White 326, 86, 74b.

RECESS

Brenda Merritt called the class back to order leading 559 (CB). Leaders: Danny Creel 133 (CB), 140 (CB), 98 (CB); Henry Guthery 138t (CB), 86 (CB), 464 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire 454, 328; Bridgett Hill 149, 155, 450 (CB); Richard Mauldin 72b, 535, 229 (CB); Margaret Keeton 573; Max Berueffy 572 (CB), 96 (CB); Max Berueffy and Karen Covi 56b; Velton Chafin 414.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 373 (CB). Leaders: Marlin Beasley 204, 421, 349 (for Clarence McCool), 336; Harrison Creel 54t (CB); Ken Tate 29t, 532, 511b (CB); Bill Hogan 486; Emily Creel 355 (CB); Josie Hyde 507; Hugh Bill McGuire 563 (CB), 511t (CB); Henry Guthery 512 (CB), 522 (CB); Danny Creel 38t (CB); Max Berueffy and Karen Covi 199 (CB); Richard Mauldin 446; Travis Keeton 141; Butch White 348b, 48t; Ken Tate 472; Anne Chalker 378t; Bridgett Hill and Karen Covi 475; Bridgett Hill 163t; Brenda Merritt 542, 282. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

PENNSYLVANIA TWO BOOK SINGING (COOPER AND DENSON)

Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting, Christiana, Pennsylvania Saturday, November 1, 2008

The Pennsylvania Two Book Singing was held at Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Laura Densmore brought the class to order leading 336t (CB). Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Doron Henkin.

Leaders: Guy Banks 505 (CB); Doron Henkin 411 (CB); Oliver Stokes 378t; Lorah Hopkins 84; Roland Hutchinson 386 (CB); Dan Hunter 101b (CB); Lynne Hoyt 452; Joan Trout 199 (CB); Becky Wright 168 (CB); Ted Stokes 347 (CB); Terry Ryan 572 (CB); Lamar Matthew 571 (CB); Cindy Wasson 133 (CB); Gina Balestracci 38t (CB); Ruth Wampler 111b; Carl Baron 208; Laura Denson 98 (CB).

RECESS

Laura Densmore called the class back together by leading 511t (CB). Leaders: Steve Hoyt 39 (CB); Barbara Hohenstein 210 (CB); Mary Julia Street 171; Guy Banks 503; Doron Henkin 370; Oliver Stokes 464 (CB); Lorah Hopkins 86; Roland Hutchinson "Hallowmas"; Terry Ryan 192 (CB); Lamar Matthew 393t (CB); Cindy Wasson 47b; Gina Balestracci 110. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Oliver Stokes brought the afternoon session to order leading 106. Steve Hoyt 463 (CB); Ruth Wampler 383; Laura Densmore 488b (CB); Carl Baron 62; Barbara Hohenstein 160b; Nancy Krue 449 (CB); Mary Julia Street 127 (CB); Guy Banks 55 (CB); Doron Henkin 260; Susan Munch 315; Oliver Stokes 559 (CB); Lorah Hopkins 36b (CB); Roland Hutchinson 524; Dan Hunter 481; Lynne Hoyt 323b; Becky Wright 274t; Ted Stokes 357 (CB); Terry Ryan 475; Lamar Matthew 496.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Doron Henkin leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Gina Balestracci 69 (CB); Cindy Wasson 50t (CB); Steve Hoyt 68b; Ruth Wampler 319; Carl Baron 87; Barbara Hohenstein 553; Nancy Krue 217; Mary Julia Street 361; Guy Banks 362; Doron Henkin 269; Oliver Stokes 336b (CB); Becky Wright 504;

Gina Balestracci 48b; Terry Ryan 38b; Roland Hutchinson 479; Lynne Hoyt 209; Becky Wright 267; Lamar Matthew 317; Ruth Wampler 347; Cindy Wasson 408 (CB); Steve Hoyt 59 (CB); Carl Baron 117; Barbara Hohenstein 32b; Nancy Kruel 442t (CB).

Following announcements, Laura Densmore led 574 (CB) as the closing hymn.

Lamar Matthew offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Doron Henkin

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 2, 2008

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairperson—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 49t; Carlene Griffin 225t, 155; Danny Griffin 569b, 551; Cecil Roberts 229, 97; Tony Hammock 60, 166; George Garner 235; Curtis Hamrick 436, 196; Michael Walker 138t, 492; Mickey Edwards 310, 28b; Robert Chambless 81t, 480; Betty Anderson 479; Judy Chambless 176b, 312b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace and Avery McWhorter leading 401. Leaders: Gene Anderson 198; Judy Caudle 79 (in memory of Mattie Townsel), 534; Jeff Sheppard 556, 536; Joanna Lampert 95, 192; Justin Levi 550, 74t; Shelbie Sheppard 528; Shelbie Sheppard and Richard DeLong 411; Reba Windom 283, 546; Joyce Walton 316; Joyce Walton and Toney Smith 444; Toney Smith 475; Louis Hughes 53; Jan House, Myron House, and Renee Burkes 143, 45t; Ed Thacker 278t, 538; Henry Johnson 96, 230; Matt Hinton 142, 299; Charles Woods 128, 330b; Lonnie Rogers 298, 222; Martha Ann Stegar 146.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 284 and 389. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy and friends 328, 448t; Sandra Wilkinson 311, 177; Robert Kelley 545, 184; John Plunkett 453, 197; Elene Stovall 558, 292; Nathan Rees 447, 434; Jonathan Smith 442, 213t; Richard DeLong 566 (in memory of Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, and Carolyn Huckleba), 507; Lela Crowder 157, 383.

RECESS

The class was called together by B.M. Smith leading 448b. Leaders: Jane Spencer 306; Lisa Webb 430; Sheri Taylor 332; Melinda Snow 324; Shannon Primm 485; Jenna Frey 294; Laura Frey 46; Linda Thomas, Scott DePoy, and Karen Rollins 345t; Judy Mincey 320; Oscar McGuire 573; Mary Jo Shafer 117; Charlene Wallace 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield).

Announcements were made. Judy Henry and Charlene Wallace led 323t as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairperson—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
Near Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, November 2, 2008

The 103rd session of the Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by the pastor, Steve Wakefield. Richard Mauldin led 77t in memory of Amanda Denson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Ken Tate 213t, 283; Jayne Fulmer 460, 454; Josie Hyde 434, 361; Don Robertson 151, 540; Matthew Cook 388, 222; Carolyn Thompson 397, 448t; Kermit Adams 327, 290; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Betty Baccus and Steve Wakefield 418, 46.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ken Tate leading 135. Leaders: Andrew Farris 503, 178; Faye Donaldson 371, 430; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 309, 401; Henry Guthery 431, 456; Travis Keeton 179, 480; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Joyce Hubbert 182, 120; Amber Davis 49b, 380; Butch White 35, 40. The congregation sang birthday wishes to Ruby Mauldin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 274t.

Leaders: Ronald Jackson 147t, 143; Mary Godsey 100, 45t; Dawson Adams 68b, 328; Matthew Cook 297, 358 (for Inell); Don Robertson 196; Amber Davis 142; Carolyn Thompson 128; Andrew Farris 163b; Anne Chalker 63; Harrison Creel 342; Henry Guthery 420; Ken Tate 107; Jayne Fulmer and Josie Hyde 236; Jayne Fulmer 294; Carolyn Thompson 48b, 53; Richard Mauldin 299; Andrew Farris 408; Richard Mauldin 313t, 523.

Announcements were made. The closing prayer was offered by Andrew Farris.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

NOTE: The church building has been rented and the name has been changed to New Hope at Mt. Ebron. We will meet again next year at the same location.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION
Varina Masonic Lodge, Richmond, Virginia
Saturday, November 8, 2008

The 17th annual James River Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at the Varina Masonic Lodge in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Lois Badey leading 492 and 34b, followed by announcements.

Leaders: Stephen McMaster 24b, 77b; Pat Temple 128, 72b; Mary Wright 35, 108t; Phil Rubin 42, 208; Hank Schutz 474, 86; Marty DeNys 107, 133; Mary Langley 569t, 319; Mary DeNys 36t, 56b; Jim Strube 66, 477; Craig Baughan 178, 569b.

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

Chairman—Stephen McMaster; Vice Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Treasurer—Lois Badey; Secretary—Mary Wright; Arranging Committee—Phil Rubin. The morning prayer was offered by Sandra Hack Polaski, Chaplain, who then led 335 and 84.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Frances Schutz 155, 504; Lynda Hambourger 339, 327; Kelly Macklin 466, 408; Clare Chapin 503, 47t; Don Polaski 297, 446; Kathy Manning 159, 142; Frank Evans 501, 163b; Fiona Nugent and Hannah Polaski 299, 209; John delRe 564, 566; Clare Maher 288, 300; James

Nugent 457, 274t; John Alexander 312b, 547; Sheila Nugent 40, 203; Kathy Kaiser 384, 29t; Bev Yaeger 440, 441; Hannah Polaski and Fiona Nugent 134, 117. Sandra Hack Polaski gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Hank Schutz called the afternoon session together by leading 148. Leaders: Mary Langley 426b; Marty DeNys 198; Jim Strube 332; Mary DeNys 47b; Frank Evans 284; Kelly Macklin 538; John delRe 445; Clare Chapin 452; Lois Badye 448b; John Alexander 179; Phil Rubin 211; James Nugent 434; Kathy Kaiser 368; Lynda Hambourger 448t; Kathy Manning 325; Sheila Nugent 245.

Craig Baughan conducted the memorial lesson and offered a prayer for the following sick and shut-ins and their care-givers: Robert Hambourger, Marie Martinelli, George Tutweiler, Barbara Clarke, and Candy McLeod.

The verse "Jesus Wept" was used to remember the following deceased: Carole B. Vance and Kat Kinkade—Virginia; Clare V. Chapin—Connecticut; Amanda D. Brady and Edith Tate—Alabama.

RECESS

Stephen McMaster called the class back together by leading 282. Leaders: Bev Yaeger 192; Clare Maher 344; Don Polaski 318; Pat Temple 168; Mary Wright 105; Nancy Newell 276; Phil Rubin 191; James Nugent 354b; Mary Langley 430; Jim Strube 187; Lynda Hambourger 89; Clare Chapin 228; Frank Evans 200; Kathy Kaiser 352; John Alexander 76b; Kathy Manning 144; Stephen McMaster 236; Clare Maher 49b; Nancy Newell 273; Craig Baughan 347; Kelly Macklin 185; Sandra Hack Polaski (no number listed).

Stephen McMaster thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention and all who participated. He led 373 as the closing song, and a prayer of dismissal was offered by Sandra Hack Polaski. The James River Convention will meet next year on the Saturday before the second Sunday in November (November 7, 2009).

Chairman—Stephen McMaster; Vice Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Secretary—Mary Wright

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING

Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 8, 2008

The 22nd annual Southern Wisconsin singing was held at Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Peter Bradley leading 31t. Joyce Anderson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan 350; Marjorie Matthews 277; Jan Kettle 40; Joyce Anderson 354b; James Page 272; Laura Densmore 302; Ginny Landgraf 183; Anna Pfau 171; John Seaton 47t; Janet Fraembs 186; Jeff Breting 107; Gordon Olson 197; Charlotte Baldwin 155; Lori Graber 195; Irene Lawrence 300; Anita Shaperd 383; Midge Olson 454; Terry Hogg 430; Cathy Lutz 290; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Denise Kania 217.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Julie Vea, Arranging Committee—James Page and Paula Goode; Chaplains—Joyce Anderson and Carl Houtman; Finance Committee—Marjorie Matthews; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Julie Vea called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 76b; Bonnie Davis 68b; Ryan Wheeler 156; Jason Chance 236; Martha Henderson 411; Michael Moore 60; Darrell Swarens 198; Penny Kujawinski and Julie Thompson 216;

Charles Wells 38b; Carol Crawford 210; Kit Canright 49b; Ted Mercer 36t; Jeff Bell 394.

A memorial lesson was held with Jan Ketelle leading 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Margie Baron, Mary Chevalier, Annie Grieshop, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Margaret Guell, Linda Farley, Dorothy Arndt, John Eigel, Peg Pearson, Gary Gronau, Evelyn Harris, Clare Cardy, Rochelle Lodder, Richard Grayson, James Z. Bell, Roy Wyatt, John Martinson, Dorothy Ackerman, and Loren Tesdell.

Laura Densmore led 300 in memory of the following deceased: Wally Bloch, Eleanor Phillips, Studs Terkel—Illinois; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Edith Tate—Alabama; Jeannette Lowry—Missouri; Edward F. Wagner, Mort Dodds, Jill Brown—Iowa; Sister Polly and Charlotte Tann—Kentucky; Craig Waggoner, Roxane Crawford, Leroy Berg—Wisconsin; Marilyn Darch—California; Lee Rogers—Georgia; Lilia Springer—Wisconsin and Georgia; Dave Kracum, Charles Johnson—Minnesota; Barbara Neal—Minnesota and Colorado. Carl Houtman closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leader: Peggy Brayfield 28t. The lunch blessing was offered by Carl Houtman.

LUNCH

James Page called the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Paul Landskroener 473; Jim Helke 403; Eleanor Haase 352; Nathan Berry 86; Johanna Fabke 441; Peter Bradley 112; Marjorie Matthews 319; Jim Pfau 318; Matt Wells 163t; Cassie Lang 472.

RECESS

Julie Vea and Renee Arbisi called the class to order leading 157. Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 445; Kim Bahmer 209; Lisa Grayson 419; Kristie Harju 168; Karen Swenson and Bonnie Davis 466; Emilie Karas 39t; Charlotte Baldwin 442; Dave Minden 268; Julie Vea 218; Irene Lawrence 29t; Terry Hogg 43; Laura Densmore 542; Lou Kujawinski 490; Anita Shaperd 192; Penny Kujawinski 474; Janet Fraembs 378b; Darrell Swarens 335; Jim Crawford 546; Anna Pfau 142.

RECESS

Julie Vea called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Carl Houtman 47b; Peggy Brayfield 510; Martha Henderson 470; Ginny Landgraf 504; Jeff Breting 108b; Stacey Berkheimer 344; Lisa Grayson 224; Carol Crawford 433; Kit Canright 129. Joyce Anderson offered the closing prayer. Julie Vea led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Julie Vea; Secretary—Val Dunagan

STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING

St. Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 8, 2008

The annual Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 313t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Helen Brown; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson and Sarah West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Ian West 30t; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Ted Brown 81t; Ruth Steggle 31b; Dave Richardson 48t; Judy Whiting 350 (for Jean and Lynne Cousins); Sarah West 335; Michael Walker 35; Linda Reed 300; Chris Brown 211; Sharon Langridge 171; Richard Percival 312b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 32t; Steve Welch 503; Hannah Land 40; David Moore 361; Helen Brown 573 (CB); Ian West 98 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 515 (CB); Ted Brown 97; Judy Whiting 129.

RECESS

Dave Richardson brought the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Sarah West 288; Michael Walker 317; Ruth Steggle 107; Linda Reed 344; Chris Brown 362;

Jacqui Selby-Macleod 314; Sharon Langridge 47b; Richard Percival 210; Hannah Land 448t; Steve Welch 501; Margaret Gillanders 225t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ian West leading 28t in memory of the following deceased: Roy West, Jane Selby, Amanda Denson, Dave Little, and Lee Rogers.

Sharon Langridge read the names of the following sick and housebound and led 68b: Jean Cousins, Dorothy Williams, Mel Browne, Stanley Shaw, Pete Wilkinson, Kathy Armstrong, Ivy Moore, Elsie Batty, Eugene Forbes, and Mary Lambert Smith. Helen Brown closed the memorial lesson by leading the class in prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 534; David Moore 478; Judy Whiting 480; Sarah West 324; Michael Walker 399; Linda Reed 268; Ted Brown 496. Anne Hayto asked the blessing on the midday meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West and Ian West called the class back to order by leading 148. Leaders: Chris Brown 501 (CB); Jacqui Selby-Macleod 282; Dave Richardson 494; Sharon Langridge 155; Richard Percival 504; Hannah Land 472; Steve Welch 479; Margaret Gillanders 270; David Moore 452; Ruth Steggles 571 (CB); Ian West 102; Helen Brown 143 (for Rosalind Oldham, Sheila Macadam, and Edwin Macadam); Michael Walker 234; Linda Reed 99; Judy Whiting 510; Sarah West 89; Chris Brown 267; Sharon Langridge 106; Gillian White 47t.

RECESS

The afternoon session was reconvened by Dave Richardson leading 111t. Leaders: Jacqui Selby-Macleod 127; Ted Brown 569b; Hannah Land 563 (CB); Richard Percival 547; Margaret Gillanders 182; Ruth Steggles 86; Steve Welch 287; Helen Brown 349; Linda Reed 147t; Ian West 50b; Judy Whiting 546; Michael Walker 30b; Sarah West 354b.

Following announcements and thanks, Helen Brown led 347 as the closing song.

Gillian White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING **Old Meeting House, Granville, Massachusetts** **Saturday, November 8, 2008**

The 2nd annual Berkshire Foothills All Day Singing was brought to order by Joanne Fuller leading 52t. An opening prayer was offered by Chris Holley.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 30t; Lauren Bock 36b; Paula Picton 31t; Ed Smith 68b; Jeremy Galvagni 29t.

A business session was called to order during which the following officers were elected to serve: Chairlady—Joanne Fuller; Vice Chairlady—Paula Picton; Secretary—Lauren Bock; Arranging Committee—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg.

Leaders: Jennie Brown 228; Julian Damashek 288; Jim Picton 299; Deidra Montgomery 186; Joanna Lampert 440; Kelsey Wessels 278b; Anne Kazlauskas 273; Philippa Stoddard 107; Liz Cantrell 47t; Bob Parr 212; Kshama Ananthapura 72b; Tim Eriksen 216; Crystal Burnham 176b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 142.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: George Pomfret 556; Mary Gowins 148; George Seiler 99; Bill Holt 353; Alice Maggio and Allison Schofield 48t; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Georgianna Dalaras and Lynne deBenedette 39b; Leonard Spencer 320; Kelsey Sunderland 131t; Jean Seiler 101t; Robert Stoddard 492; John Holbrook 49b; Victoria Bolles 391; Steve Cackley 412; Jennie Brown 319; Brian Collett 218; Chris Holley 551; Terry Ryan 192; Ruby Jane Francis, Dashiell Francis, Devereux Fuller, and Lauren Bock 145b.

RECESS

Paula Picton called the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Peter Golden 191; Guy Bankes 550; George Sigut 178; Nathan Zweig 155; Barbara Swetman 457; Diane Mennella 488; Kathy Collett 547; Aldo Ceresa 396; Allison Schofield 345b; Anne Kazlauskas 61; Deidra Montgomery 217; Peter Irvine 313t; George Seiler 503; Bob Parr 542; Kelsey Wessels 477.

A memorial lesson was conducted by John Holbrook and Dan Hertzler. John Holbrook led 339 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Ron Bornick, David Bornick, John Etheridge, Terry Hanson, Fenno Heath, Karen Keller, and Joan Sheldon.

Dan Hertzler led 564 in memory of the following deceased: Amanda Denson Brady and Edith Tate—Alabama; Marilyn Darch—California; Tyler Bush and Wendy Karlsberg Meltzer—Connecticut; Judy Elaine Morgan—Florida; Maxine Wesley Ethington—Kentucky; Norma Finch, Mary Forrest, Bonnie Rogers, William Sansadone, Paul Thetrault—Massachusetts; Pauline Childers—Michigan; John Copeland—New Jersey; Alex Mennella—New York; Kat Kinkade—Virginia. Dan Hertzler closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Liz Cantrell 348b; Andrew Magee 56b; Anne Johnston 55. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Kathe Pilibosian.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock called the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Cindy Tavernise and Joanne Fuller 129; Jennie Brown 426b; Robert Stoddard 377; Tim Eriksen 383; George Sigut 480; Bill Holt 269; Kshama Ananthapura 411; Guy Bankes 327; Linda Shea 371; Aldo Ceresa 532; Barbara Swetman 91; Diane Mennella 318; Jean Seiler 277; Dan Hertzler 384; Brian Collett 236; Steve Cackley 157; Allison Schofield 448t; Elizabeth Stoddard 165; Susan Dierks and Peter Irvine 45t; Chris Holley 209; Kathy Collett 300.

RECESS

John Holbrook called the class back to order leading 37b. Leaders: Terry Ryan 344; Peter Golden 73b; Alice Maggio and Ben Sachs-Hamilton 410t; Jeff Kern 82t; Victoria Bolles 538; Lynne deBenedette and Joanna Lampert 67; Dan Hertzler 430; Philippa Stoddard and Kelsey Sunderland 454; George Pomfret 163t; Leonard Spencer 260; Paula Picton and Jim Picton 448b; Anne Johnston 285t; Linda Shea and Jeremy Galvagni 335; Ed Smith and Andrew Magee 198; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 570; Becky Fuller, Joanne Fuller and Jenny Francis 282.

The singing was concluded with Joanne Fuller, Paula Picton, Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 62. Chris Holley offered a closing prayer.

Chairlady—Joanne Fuller; Vice Chairlady—Paula Picton; Secretary—Lauren Bock

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas

Saturday, November 8, 2008

The Dallas County Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Owen Ross leading 182. Gary Rogan offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Owen Ross; Vice Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Secretary—Rick Foreman.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 454; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Ben Brown 148; Vivian Rogan 163b; Kris Wiggins 24b; Esther Huckaby 224; Reed Coates 472; Michelle Rogan 178; H.P. O'Mary 335; Leon Ballinger 299; Linda Booth 198; Mike Hinton 456; John Beard 192; Sarah Huckaby 542; Gary Rogan 168; Evelyn Lamb 376; Scott

Curran 283; Liz Owen 273; Bill Bailey 63; Beverly Coates 107; Jerry Ryan 145t; Chris Nicholson 569b; Bruce Coates 150.

RECESS

Cheryl Foreman called the class back together by leading 475. Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 348b; Ryan Ross 385b; Catherine Rogan 112; Tammy Powell 222; Tom Owen 70b; Jo Pendleton 479; Gaylon Powell 532; Crystal Meadows 442; Riley Owen 401; Eddie Huckaby 56b; Jeb Owen 455; Kevin Lee 528; Don Allen 45t, 105; Josh Rogan 183.

Vivian Rogan and Bruce Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Vivian Rogan read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows and led 34t: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Diane Ross, Adele Reed, Edwin Reed, Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Vaudie O'Mary, Dick Stiles, and Sallie Foreman.

Bruce Coates read the names of the deceased as follows and led 285t: Pete Baker, Buddy Baker, and John McCoy—Texas; Ursula Tillery—Arkansas; Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama. Sonny Huckaby closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Owen Ross 565; Esther Huckaby 270; Reed Coates 155; Michelle Rogan 47b; H.P. O'Mary 75; Leon Ballinger 490; Linda Booth 297. A prayer was offered for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cheryl Foreman called the afternoon session to order by leading 318. Leaders: Kris Wiggins 448t; Vivian Rogan 282; Mike Hinton 534; Beverly Coates 209; John Beard 358; Bill Bailey 277; Liz Owen 546; Scott Curran 269; Priscilla Wiggins 31t; Sonny Erwin 568; Sarah Huckaby 548; Jerry Ryan 421; Evelyn Lamb 180; Ray Quigley 82t; Ryan Ross 460; Bruce Coates 276; Ben Brown 40; Tammy Powell 217; Riley Owen 274t; Catherine Rogan 384; Avon Miller 242; Crystal Meadows 481.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class to order by leading 254. Leaders: Jeb Owen 503; Don Allen 64; Kevin Lee 172; Gary Rogan 324; Jo Pendleton 61; Tom Owen 549; Sonny Huckaby 441; Eddie Huckaby 448b; Chris Nicholson 452; Ray Quigley 34b; Avon Miller 543; Linda Booth 394; Bill Bailey 334; Sarah Huckaby 42; Reed Coates 352; Evelyn Lamb 522; Mike Hinton 418; Michelle Rogan 110; Kevin Lee 300; Hope Thomas 474.

Owen Ross, Cheryl Foreman, Rick Foreman, Sonny Erwin, Lee Waters, and Ben Brown led 347 as the closing song. Ryan Ross dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Owen Ross; Vice Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Secretary—Rick Foreman

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Nashville, Tennessee Saturday, November 8, 2008

The 23rd annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Ron Harper offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led 135.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Committee—David Carlton.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 390, 512; Sandie Scott 146, 124; Laurens Blankers 147t, 551; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 460; Bob Simmons 313t, 40; Caleb Dillehay 70b, 474.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 168. Leaders: Ron Harper 276, 300; David Carlton 385b, 183; Fay Thompson 128, 53; Eddie Mash 86, 468; Lewis Frost 178, 73b; Richard Ivey 228, 138t; Tom Malone 550, 572; Ezra Caynor 30b, 47b.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds, John Elg, and Gretchen Elg called the class back together leading 192. Leaders: Robert Kelly 573, 232; Logan Hatfield 35, 335; Sarah Smith 340, 318; Thelma Elliott and Clayton Ezell 294, 358; Tim Reynolds 159 (by request from William J. Reynolds).

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together for the afternoon session leading 148. Leaders: Tom Malone 521, 189; Aaron Girard 377, 384; Rick Fretter 107, 49b; Gary Smith 66, 565; Marilyn Burchett 373, 312; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; Brittany Henson 503, 547; Ezra Caynor and Graham Sherrill 24b, 39t; Laurens Blankers 99; Robert Kelly 236; Aaron Girard 270.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 209 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Oxford, Alabama

Sunday, November 9, 2008

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 Evelyn Harris leading 155.

The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Cindy Tanner; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 56t, 60; Cindy Tanner 322, 335; Robert Chambless 128, 452; Charlene Wallace 77t, 168; B.M. Smith 101t, 112; Floy Wilder 422, 432; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Judy Chambless 66, 565; Margaret Thacker 68b, 489; Cecil Roberts 569b (in memory of B.J. Harris), 229; Joyce Walton 67.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards called the class back together leading 59. Leaders: Michael Thompson 88t, 89; Margie Smith 499, 225t; Ed Thacker 57, 461; Stephanie Tingler 476, 146 (in memory of her aunt); Virginia Dyer 63, 99; Danny Creel 106; Bridgett Hill 48t, 186; Jeff Sheppard 208; Shannon Primm 475, 540; Mary Jo Shafer 503, 82t; Delone Cobbs 290, 49b; Sharon DuPriest 546, 137; John Plunkett 303, 295; Sandra McCurdy 358, 339.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 102. Leaders: Richard Delong 338, 158; Ann Simpson 97, 147t; Pearl Guier 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown), 45t; Danny Creel 269; Margaret Thacker 480; Michael Thompson 400; Joyce Walton 192; Ed Thacker 568; Shannon Primm 569t; John Plunkett 332; Bridgett Hill 391; Harrison Creel 512; Floy Wilder 402; Delone Cobbs 341; Richard Delong 109; Virginia Dyer 182; Robert Chambless 145b; Mary Jo Shafer 117; B.M. Smith 384; Ann Simpson 445; Cecil Roberts 319.

Stanley Edwards led 42 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY
Haworth Methodist Church, Haworth
West Yorkshire, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 15, 2008

The 6th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Judy Whiting began the day by leading 47t. John Hopkinson offered an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Maria Wallace and Cherri Graebe. Jesse Karlsberg taught a singing school. The class sang 318 and 49b.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class to order leading 159. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 99; Ted Brown 81t; Helen Brown 77t; Maria Wallace 178 (for Pat Emmerson and Paul Emmerson); Jesse Karlsberg 57; Michael Walker 306; Ruth Steggles 86; Benny Ross 66; Sally Greaves-Lord 36b; Phil Tyler 542; Cath Tyler 163t; Carmel Wood 274t; Chris Brown 127; Hannah Land 228; Alice Metherall 268; Helen Barber 163b; Helen Brown 560; Sharon Langridge 148; Michael Walker 73t; Ted Brown 75; Sally Greaves-Lord 335; Judy Whiting 186 (for Lynn Cousins). Rev. Alice Nunn gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land called the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Sarah Pinney 504; Jesse Karlsberg 189; Ruth Steggles 454; Carmel Wood 456; Benny Ross 142; Helen Barber 64; Cath Tyler 250; Alice Metherall 198; Sally Greaves-Lord 503. Chris Brown conducted the memorial lesson and led 45t in memory of the following deceased: Lee Rogers, Angela Lee, Ian Dunmur, Pat Tracey, Judy Tieger, Lorna Knox, Pauline Childers, Amanda Denson, Sara Bernstone, and Brian Cheatham. Sharon Langridge spoke for the sick and housebound and led 30t for the following: Jean Cousins, Mary Germaine, Mary Lambert Smith, Eugene Forbes, Stanley Shaw, Ann Cox, Jim Oss, and Mary Oss.

Leaders: Sarah Pinney 481; Phil Tyler 442; Helen Brown 436; Judy Whiting 350 (for Jean Cousins); Jesse Karlsberg 432; Carmel Wood 472; Ted Brown 546; Alice Metherall 28t; Michael Walker 225t.

RECESS

Maria Wallace called the class to order leading 183. Leaders: Ruth Steggles 448t; Benny Ross 441; Helen Barber 31t; Hannah Land 47b; Cath Tyler 276; Chris Brown 277; Sharon Langridge 496; Phil Tyler 338; Alice Metherall 240; Ted Brown 111b; Carmel Wood 270; Judy Whiting 556; Michael Walker 213t; Helen Barber 551; Hannah Land 448b; Cath Tyler 499; Jesse Karlsberg 227.

Judy Whiting and Chris Brown led 323t as the closing song. Rev. Alice Nunn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Maria Wallace and Cherri Graebe

ELMORE COUNTY CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama
Saturday, November 15, 2008

The 1st annual session of the Elmore County Convention was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. This session was dedicated to the memory of Frank Hataway.

Bill Hogan led 145t and 36b. Rev. Jonathan Yarboro, pastor, gave a welcome and offered the opening prayer. Bill Hogan gave a welcome and led 558b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary—Nancy Hogan.

Leaders: Don Clark 31t, 35; Nancy Hogan 95b, 274t; Aubrey Barfield 497, 464; Tim Jones 553, 273; Ernestine Pipkin 203, 110; James S. Wagner 111b, 207; Russ Scholz 47t, 283t; Paul King 395b.

RECESS

Bill Hogan brought the class back together leading 450. Leaders: Danny Creel 38t; Karen Clark 430; Bill Aplin 138t; Janet King 148; Judy Chambless 336b; Ted Price 196; Steve Grauberger 127; Victoria Aplin 421; Robert Walker 336t; Voncile Nall 73t; Emily Creel 140; Velton Chafin 86.

RECESS

Don Clark called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Wayne Jones 49b; Brenda Merritt 225t; Robert Chambless 145b; Mike Spencer 380b; Wanda Capps 222; John Merritt 45t; 47b; Frank Strickland 515; Adrian Nall and Wesley Herring 40; Jane Spencer 380t; Myrtle Richburg 229; Barbara Jones 72. The class sang 369 and Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Henry Guthery 559; Ken Sundberg 54t; James M. Wagner and Ermon Richmond 406, 427; Harrison Creel 355; Chip Westbrook 501; Tim Cook 393t; John Plunkett 39; Linda Westbrook 465; Alice Sundberg 505; Marion Patrick 358; Shannon Primm 373; Ann Webb 282; Ben Keeble 440b; Jonathan Blakeley 74t; Loretta Jones 285t; Stanley Smith 503; Margaret Spurlock 112; Robert DuPree 388; Mako Cook 563; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 463; Paul King 96; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 133; Karen Clark 386; Janet King 82; Steve Grauberger 426t; Robert Walker 171; Voncile Nall and Adrian Nall 48t; Mike Spencer and Jane Spencer 243b; John Merritt 392; Stanley Smith 37.

After announcements were made, the class sang 527 and shared the hand of fellowship. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Merritt.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Saturday, November 15, 2008**

The 41st session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 59. Dorsey Newman offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed those in attendance and led 480.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Belinda Stansberry and Miranel Swafford; Chaplain—Eschol Hughes. It was brought before the class whether to have a memorial lesson or to sing songs in memory of each individual. The class chose the latter and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 105; Miranel Swafford 32t (in memory of Renea Campbell), 155; Donna Bell 135 (in honor of Mary Florence Smith), 178 (in memory of her grandmother, Carrie Garner); Eschol Hughes 37b (in memory of the Hughes family), 383; C.W. Garner 172, 30t; Margie Smith 405 (in memory of Everette Denney), 108t; Evelyn Harris 303, 503 (in memory of her husband, Billy Joe Harris and her son, Dale Harris); George Garner 499 (in memory of Renea Campbell and

Lillian Brock), 186; Ann Simpson 358 (in memory of her mother, Pauline Howell, and Herman Smith), 27.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B.M. Smith leading 162 and 99. Leaders: Sarah Roberts 75 (in memory of Irvin and Shirley Roberts), 127 (in memory of Evelyn Newman); Debbie Brown 159 (in memory of her sister, Renea Campbell); Inez Chandler and Ceford Wood 290 (in memory of their father, Monroe Wood, and Gilbert Pope), 457, 490; Charlene Wallace and Lenna Davidson 37t, 164 (in memory of Lenna's sister, Mattie Lou Zabel); Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 104, 73b (in memory of Hester's sister, Alice Edwards); Paige Gilbert 146, 354b; Charlene Wallace 491.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts expressed his appreciation for all who came to this singing and for the fellowship shared, then led 147t. Eschol Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia Sunday, November 16, 2008

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Judy Mincey leading 59. Elder Ed Smith offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Judy Mincey 49b (in memory of Maxine Ethington by request of Stephanie Tingle); Ed Smith 39b, 214; Joyce Walton 40; Dan Huger 99, 497; Mike Spencer 354t, 335; Shannon Primm 492, 38b; Mike Thompson 67, 348b (with Joyce Walton in memory of Lee Rogers and Billy); B.M. Smith 225t (in honor of Lonnie Rogers), 475; Daryl Chesney 542, 66; Coy Coggins 354b, 234; Alan Pritchett 45t (in memory of Tim Kincade), 47b (in memory of Andrew McNabb); Eddie Mash 283, 279.

RECESS

Judy Mincey and Marty Briggs called the class back to order leading 63. Leader: Marty Briggs 117.

A business session was held and the previous officers were reelected as follows:

Chairperson—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Judy Mincey. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474 (in memory of Lee Rogers, who had been the secretary of this singing); John Plunkett 308, 116 (in memory of Frank Hataway); Nathan Rees 435, 426b; Ed Thacker 209, 440; John Hollingsworth 460, 182; Jonathan Smith 203, 216; Charlene Wallace 217, 276; Judy Mincey and Dr. Donna Myers 503.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the class back to order leading 47t. Richard DeLong 521, 513; Tony Hammock 544 (in memory of Lee Rogers) 112; Chris Wilhelm 36b, 228; Virginia Douglas 155; Henry Johnson 108t, 111t; Bill Hollingsworth 30b, 365; Jeremy Shipp 33b, 111b; David Smith 127, 200; Joyce Walton 456; Daryl Chesney 27; Richard DeLong 65 (in memory of Loy Garrison); Ed Thacker 383; Dan Huger 61; Eddie Mash 538; Nathan Rees 163t; Jonathan Smith 511; Mike Thompson 109; Henry Johnson 138t.

Following announcements, Judy Mincey led 347 as the closing hymn, and Henry Johnson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Judy Mincey

**WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
(GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, GENE, AND CECIL)
Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, November 16, 2008**

The 38th session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 73t. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 426t.

The class organized for the day by retaining or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 400; Beth O'Dell 208, 546; Richard Mauldin 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson), 312b; Kermit Adams 103, 426b; Carolyn Thompson 376, 74t; Marlin Beasley 75, 349 (for Clarence McCool, who was unable to attend); Anne Chalker 146, 235; Matthew Cook 401, 111b; Henry Guthery 112; Travis Ballinger 410t, 384.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin called the class back to order leading 64. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 162, 163b; Bridgett Hill 163t, 411; Lisa Geist 217, 304; Joyce Hubbard 317 (in memory of Ganus and Hazel Wakefield), 394; Margaret Keeton and Wayne Horton 319, 388; Sarah Smith 354b, 318; Jayne Fulmer 273, 454; Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Helen Langston, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, Cathy Buchanan, Jack Wakefield, Debra Hall, Alpha Mobley and daughter Sharon 333, 339, 111t, 358 (in memory of their parents and grandparents).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading 275b. Leaders: Jack Wakefield and Vonda Barton 46, 565, 45t, 159 (by request of Alpha Mobley and Sharon); Faye Smith 73b, 66; Bunk Beasley 75, 81t; Steve Adams 101t, 309; Velton Chaffin 177, 176b; Debra Hall 566; Josie Hyde 43, 329; Betty Baccus 391; Wendell Wakefield 168, 421; Larry Wakefield 37b, 312t; Carolyn Thompson 82b, 397; Bridgett Hill 396; Henry Guthery 82t; Richard Mauldin and Anne Chalker 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Marlin Beasley 129 (in memory of Wilton and Ivalene Donaldson); Kermit Adams 217; Margaret Keeton and Josie Hyde 398; Matthew Cook 222; Gary Smith 276; Sarah Smith, Bunk Beasley, and Marlin Beasley 274t. Travis Keeton and Richard Mauldin led 348b as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Josie Hyde

**NORTHWEST LONDON SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Mary's Church, Willesden, London, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 22, 2008**

The 1st Northwest London Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Michael Walker leading 225t. Michael Walker welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the church. Chaplain Helen Brown offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Arranging Committee—Sheila Macadam and Sarah West; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Judy Whiting.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg of Troy, New York, taught a singing school for advanced singers focusing on accent. The following songs were sung during the singing school: 49b, 209, 302, 340, 82t, and 522.

RECESS

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 155; Rachel Jordan 474; Michael Walker 200, 134; Ian West 135, 50b; Linda Reed 300; Edwin Macadam 217, 61; Sofi Mogensen 503; Jesse Karlsberg 348b, 371; Helen Brown 411, 278b; Paul Setford 37b, 40; Steve Fletcher 481 (for Ken Baddley and his new wife), 272; Joseph Smeall 114, 183; Margaret Gillanders 171; Nick Hall 528, 287; Sarah West 370, 324. Helen Brown offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ian West called the class back to order by leading 479. Leaders: Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 448b, 314; Pete Renyard 47t; Judy Whiting 222, 186; Ted Brown 378t; Jill Thompson 299, 504; Chris Brown 467, 362; Shelby Sampson 163t, 48b; Richard Percival 38b, 210; Dave Richardson 63, 145t; Aaron Rajeev Kahn 284, 168.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ted Brown and he led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Amanda Denson, Roy West, Jane Selby, Loy Garrison, Gladys McGraw, Katherine Benefield, Reby Stanford, Lee Rogers, Ferdi Williams, Frank Hataway, Yvonne Blake, Paddy Broughton, David Hammond, and Dave Little.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Jacqui Selby-Macleod, and she led 452 in honor of the following sick and housebound: Stanley Shaw, Maureen Gamlin, Jean Cousins, Jenny Reeves, Erik Mogensen, John Taylor, Mary Lambert Smith, Eugene Forbes, Mel Browne, Pru Coreen, Jack Walne, Violet Setford, David Lee (Essex), Gladys Buchanan, Betty Thompson, and Kerry Bloom. Helen Brown offered prayer, and the memorial lesson was closed.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class back together by leading 377. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 330b, 142; Rachel Jordan 66, 269; Sofi Mogensen 47b, 86; Margaret Gillanders 384; Ted Brown 546; Linda Reed 228, 515 (for Ken Baddley and his wife); Edwin Macadam 236; Judy Whiting 273; Richard Percival 198; Nick Hall 28b; Sarah West 385b; Steve Fletcher 277; Chris Brown 211; Helen Brown 53; Jesse Karlsberg 507.

Following announcements, Michael Walker led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Chaplain Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders, Judy Whiting

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION **Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama** **November 22-23, 2008**

Saturday, November 22

The 109th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State Community College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Chaplain Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 75; David Ivey 30b; Ed Thacker 442; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 217; Cassie Allen, Bud Oliver, and Rodney Ivey 170; Judy Caudle and Henry Johnson 204; Emily Creel and Matt Hinton 99; Anne Chalker 146; Paul Figura 339; Robert Chambless 70t; S.T. Reed 407; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Karen Rollins and Randa Harris 178; B.M. Smith 73t; Phil Summerlin 73b; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 63; Jack Nelson 480; Sarah Smith 340; Scott Kennedy 347; Adrian Nall 358; Carolyn Thompson 504.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Stanley Smith leading 318. Leaders: Rachel Shavers and Ariella Perry 142; Robert Handel 489; Joyce Walton 436; Travis Keeton 475; Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); April Watkins

354b; Tommie Spurlock 454; Karen Clark 534; John Plunkett 449; Nate Green and Norma Green 549; Sarah Jenkins 302; Louis Hughes 314; Beth Branscome 299; Aubrey Barfield 283; Eugene Forbes 168; Judy Chambless 527.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class to order leading 460. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 61; Jeannette DePoy 567; Julietta Haynes 309; Voncile Nall 47b; Bob Simmons 143; Jerry Enright 399t; Bea Carnathan 472; Byron Ford and Ben Dicks 491; Drew Smith 361; Arlon Gardner and Peth Gardner 277; Jennifer Lee 411; Shirley Figura 235; Eddie Mash 397; Judy Mincey and Peggy Pursell 538; Karen Swenson 560; Kermit Adams 89; Hubert Nall 350; Jeff Sheppard 316, 120.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Ed Thacker; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen and Bud Oliver; Resolutions Committee—Carolyn Thompson and Michael Thompson; Location Committee—Linda Thomas and Danny Creel; Finance Committee—Marlin Beasley, Robert Chambless, and Rodney Ivey; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Joyce Walton. After committees were appointed, the business session was closed.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the class to order leading 131b. Leaders: Ron Harper 214; Lela Crowder 101b; Richard Ivey 328; Karen Freund 272; Danny Creel 456; Reba Windom 383; Jenna Strizak 434; Michael Thompson 384; Laura Clawson 186; Billy Williams 76b; Loyd Ivey 208; Bridgett Hill 228 (for Joan Aldridge); Cindy Tanner 269 (for Earnie Jett); Erica Hinton and Christina Gittings 540; Jerry Creason 163b; Gary Smith 66; Harrison Creel 111b; Robert DuPree 569b; Jayne Fulmer 300; Wanda Capps 440; Nathan Rees 371; Sharon DuPriest 216; Shelbie Sheppard 283; Rodney Ivey and Elene Stovall 492 (for Ballinger Family); Linda Thomas and David Ivey 464; Karen Ivey, Allison Whitener, and Richard Ivey 182; Ben Dicks and Karen Williams 159; SuNell Ellis and Emily Creel 532.

Announcements were made. David Ivey led 56t as the closing song. Ed Thacker dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 23

The Sunday morning session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention began at 9:00 a.m. with David Ivey leading 85. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 36b; Ed Thacker 402; Elene Stovall 306; Linda Thomas 81b; Cassie Allen 74t; Bud Oliver 42; Carolyn Thompson 180; Michael Thompson 465; Danny Creel 432; Marlin Beasley 448t; Robert Chambless 84; Rodney Ivey 365; Henry Johnson 341; Joyce Walton 269; J.C. Rutledge 494; Ann Webb 282; Buddy Ballinger 343; Henry Guthery 527; Karen Freund 271t; Harrison Creel 498; Gary Smith 276; Shirley Figura 176t; Ken Tate 148.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Earl Ballinger leading 299. Leaders: Ariella Perry 203; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 168; Richard DeLong 109; Loyd Ivey 47t; Scott Kennedy 287; Judy Mincey 474; Matt Hinton 209; Jonathan Smith 142; Arlon Gardner and Peth Gardner 163t; Larry Ballinger 206 (in memory of Kim Jenkins); Tom George 64; Eddie Mash 534; Drew Smith 74b; Evelyn Harris 155; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 146; Karen Swenson 195; Nathan Rees 444.

RECESS

Hubert Nall brought the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: David Carlton 300; Mary Jo Shafer 225t; Adrian Nall 268; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Lauren Hall 376; Ann Simpson 445; Richard Mauldin 312b.

Henry Johnson and Joyce Walton conducted the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson read the names of the deceased as follows: Reby Stanford, Lee Rogers, Loy Garrison, Elizabeth Tolbert, Asbury Walton, Felton Denney—Georgia; Delores Beasley, Elder W.G. McGough, Corene Laminack, Roxy Keeton, Amanda Denson, Mamie Harper Noles, Milton Oliver, Jimmy Cates, Roscoe Knight, Mattie Townsel, Frank Hataway, Kim Jenkins, Dale Harris, Sam Jones, Lovella Kerr, Furn Kitchens, Betty Shaver, Edith Tate—Alabama; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Sue Cate, Ruth Hunt—Arkansas. Joyce Walton spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 348b.

Henry Johnson spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins and led 68b in their honor: Rebecca Clark, Corene White, Jimmie Lou Gilmore, Pearl Galbreath, Charlotte McCarn, Virginia Futral, Mary Florence Smith, Margaret Keeton, Clarence McCool, Willie Mae Moon, Joan Aldridge, Violet Thomason, Frank Block, John Hollingsworth, Jimmie Denney, Gary Gronau, Bill Ellason, and John Etheridge. Ed Thacker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 138t; Ben Dicks 284; Lela Crowder 370; Paul Figura 158 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Bea Carnathan 568; Dr. Julietta Haynes 222; Louis Hughes 181; Jeannette DePoy 229.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by David Ivey leading 345b. Leaders: Richard Ivey 392; Leon Ballinger 297; Emily Creel 196; Dennis George 442; Lisa Geist 564 (in memory of Kim Jenkins); Jerry Enright 77t; Daphene Causey 223; Seth Allred 49b; Jenna Strizak 270; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 384, 486t (WB); Travis Keeton 400; Reba Windom 546; Bridgett Hill 377 (for Joan Aldridge); Kermit Adams 327; Ila Ingle 436; Laura Clawson 362; Cheyenne Ivey and April Watkins 76b; Jerry Creason 147t; Cindy Tanner 368; Judy Chambless 565; Jennifer Lee 385t; Sarah Smith 318; Anne Chalker 388; Voncile Nall 48t; SuNell Ellis and Emily Creel 59; Sharon DuPriest 189; Judy Caudle and Karen Ivey 192; Billy Williams 97.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee (Carolyn Thompson and Michael Thompson) thanked everyone who helped to make the convention a success. The Finance Report was given by Linda Thomas and all expenses were met. The Secretary's Report was given by Elene Stovall, stating that for the two days a total of 200 leaders from 11 states and Washington, D.C. led 179 songs. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as given and adjourn the business meeting. Announcements were made. David Ivey and Hubert Nall led 62 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Hubert Nall; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 22, 2008**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Approximately 30 members were present. President Jeff Sheppard called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm. Other board members present were Henry Johnson, Jeannette DePoy, David Ivey, and Judy Caudle. Terry Wootten was unable to attend. Jeff stated that the mission of SHMHA is to promote Sacred Harp, and that as a result of SHMHA's activities and the support of Sacred Harp singers that more young people are actively participating in Sacred Harp singing than in the past. He gave a brief history of the organization which was founded in 1997.

SHMHA held its first session of Camp Fasola in 2003. Approximately 80 people attended the first session, and participation has grown steadily. In 2008 with two sessions, one for youth and one for adults, 210 people attended.

Henry Johnson gave the 2008 financial report. Handouts were provided to all members present. All receipts and expenses were itemized. An overview of the financial status of SHMHA was presented. The report also recognized institutional and individual contributors including the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. Henry encouraged members to consider giving scholarships to pay for youth to attend camp. Jeff suggested that singings and conventions consider making donations or sponsoring camp scholarships.

Judy Caudle gave a report on the "*Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*" annual publication. She stated that secretaries had overall been very good about submitting minutes, but a little slower on sending in their minute book money. This year the cost of printing a book has increased slightly to \$2.23 per book. *The Sacred Harp Historical Memorial Project* will continue this year to be published as part of the minutes. The 2008-2009 book will only include names newly submitted; otherwise, the book would be too large. Robert Vaughn of Texas submitted 468 names this year. In the future, SHMHA may consider offering a separate publication of all entries accumulated for the Sacred Harp Memorial Project. It was announced that the fee for minutes will remain \$30 per singing day for 2009. Because of U.S. Postal Service rate increases, it may be necessary to increase the charge for minutes that are provided by mail.

David Ivey then presented a brief report on the two sessions of Camp Fasola 2008. The need for two camps arose because we were not able to accommodate applications for approximately 50 campers, including some youth, in 2007. The two 2008 sessions were able to be held back to back because of the fifth weekend in June. In order to not interfere with any singings in 2009; David stated that we will have two sessions in two separate weeks. The youth camp, with emphasis for people age 30 and under and their family members, will be held June 29 to July 3, 2009 at Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. The adult camp will be held at Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama from Sunday evening, June 14 through Thursday morning breakfast, June 18 after which campers can attend the National Convention. David reported that SHMHA has been awarded a grant by the Alabama State Council on the Arts for Camp Fasola for 2009. Also, the Sacred Harp Publishing Company has awarded a grant for Camp Fasola for 2009. David emphasized that ideas received from campers and other singers are used each year to make improvements to the camp program.

Jeannette DePoy voiced encouragement that SHMHA finalize plans to hold a weekend workshop for training Sacred Harp singing school teachers in order to enlarge the pool of qualified teachers. David said these venues have now been identified that would be good for the workshop.

Michael Thompson suggested that SHMHA provide a link on its website to enable people to easily make a donation to scholarships, to the LaRue Allen Fund, or to the general SHMHA fund. Michael also suggested that secretaries provide the 911 address or the longitude and latitude of singing locations to enable people to use GPS systems and web mapping sites to locate singings. He suggested having singings submit this information with their minutes this year. There being no further discussion, President Jeff Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m., and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by John Plunkett.

SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the promotion and preservation of Sacred Harp singing. SHMHA publishes the *Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing*, operates Camp Fasola,

sponsors the fasola.org website, and supports other activities related to the music, history, and traditions of Sacred Harp singing.

President—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—David Ivey; Minutes Book Editor—Judy Caudle; Recording Secretary—Jeannette DePoy

INDIANA COOPER BOOK SINGING

**Carroll County Fairgrounds Community Center, Flora, Indiana
Saturday, November 29, 2008**

The Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler and John Bahler leading 31b. Rob Root offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Brad Bahler and John Bahler 567, 38t; Karen Bahler 111t, 518.

David Lee gave a presentation about *Cooper Book* singing traditions in South Georgia, including a demonstration of walking time. He led 563, 225t, 43, and 463.

Leaders: Johnny Lee 41, 273; David Lee 73t (for the Wagoner family); Rebecca Eldridge 36t, 408; Joe Fothergill 467, 500.

RECESS

Brad Bahler called the class to order leading 427. Leaders: Nate Zweig 321, 540; William Shetter 336t, 96; Roger Crabtree 543, 29t; Janet Glossic and John Altholz 128, 505; Jim Helke 575, 563.

LUNCH

Brad Bahler brought the class back together leading 571. Leaders: Anita Shaperd 331b, 216; Briana Meek 393t, 511t; John Bahler 486; James Eldridge 559, 572; Martha Beverly 522, 140; Bob Meek 516, 488b; Ginny Landgraf 156, 201; Samuel Sommers 279, 55.

RECESS

Brad Bahler called the class to order leading 478. Leaders: Virginia Eldridge 535t, 124b; Katherine Eldridge 392, 574; Bill Beverly 573, 484; Adrian Eldridge 35, 199; Will Fitzgerald 229, 451; Henry Schuman 497, 319; Johnny Lee 95b; David Lee 465; Samuel Sommers 489.

Announcements were made. Brad Bahler and John Bahler led 541 as the closing song. Johnny Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Henry Schuman

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia

November 29-30, 2008

Saturday, November 29

The 140th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 60. Tony Hammock offered the morning prayer. Richard DeLong led 57. Matt Hinton led 32t and 37b.

Dr. Steve Kick conducted the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 49b, 88t, 112, 542, 294, 475, and 217.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 208; Faye Holbrook 67; John Plunkett 437; Junie Wooten 503; Jeannette DePoy 566 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins); Vaudie Sherer 460; George Burnette 159; Jeannie Marsh 146; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Shannon Primm and Jennifer Primm 120; Kate Kiefer, Alex Lee, Rachel Williams, David Koworski, and Matt Hinton 347; Mike Castleberry 480.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 458. The convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Jane Spencer; Secretary/Treasurer—

Helen Bryson; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett; Finance Committee—Mike Spencer and Jonathan Smith; Resolutions Committee—Robert Kelly and Steven Kick; Chaplain—Tony Hammock.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 186; Tony Hammock 494; Ben Dicks 277; Mary Beaumeister 184; Joe Todd 106; Rachel Rudi 569b; Alexander Garden 105; Jonathan Smith 47; Lena Keeton 200; B.M. Smith 225t (for Lonnie Rogers); Charlene Wallace 63 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins); Mark King 102; Chris Wilhelm 278t; Stephanie Fida 442; Scott DePoy 201 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Laura Akerman 224; Don Keeton 454.

LUNCH

Jane Spencer opened the afternoon session leading 33b. Leaders: Eddie Mash 213b; Beth Todd 89; Ted Mercer 210; Erica Hinton 168; Mike Thompson 495; Nathan Rees 380; Darrell Swarens 335; Jenna Strizak 192; Joyce Walton 428; Dan Huger 137; Judy Mincey 492; Robert Kelly 140; Bridgett Hill 142; Mike Spencer 451; Judy Caudle 528; Susan Posey 148; Jane Spencer 225b; Alexander Garden 263; Junie Wooten 461.

RECESS

Jonathan Smith called the class back to order leading 501. Leaders: Richard DeLong 522; B.M. Smith 222; Rachel Rudi 284; George Burnette 421; Susan Posey 178 (for her son David Posey); Joe Todd and Beth Todd 373; Dan Huger, Mary Beaumeister, and Chris Wilhelm 182; Charlene Wallace and Joyce Walton 500; Stephanie Fida and Darrell Swarens 448t; Bridgett Hill and Judy Caudle 110; Eddie Mash and Ted Mercer 383; Don Keeton and Lena Keeton 384; Stephen Kick 270.

Announcements were made. Matt Hinton led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Hammock, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 30

The Sunday session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Matt Hinton leading 32t. Tony Hammock offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 157; Helen Bryson 81b, 411; Tony Hammock 321, 314; John Plunkett 441, 413; Scott DePoy 179; Jane Spencer 76t, 472; Jonathan Smith 312t, 189 (for Violet Thomason); Jeannette DePoy 183, 39b; Robert Kelly 553; Steven Kick 448b, 204; Mike Spencer 191, 420; Faye Holbrook 455, 45t (for her father, James Tolbert).

RECESS

Jane Spencer called the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Shannon Primm and Jennifer Primm 84, 28b; Mike Castleberry 334; Malinda Snow 384, 49t; Don Keeton 317, 490.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy. Scott DePoy spoke and read the names of the following deceased: Corrine Laminack, Amanda Denson Brady, Dale Harris, Edith Tate, Frank Hataway, Kim Jenkins, Milton Oliver, Mattie Townsel, Lora Keeton, Jimmie Keeton, Pat Keeton Kanaday—Alabama; Muriel Morgan, Elizabeth Tolbert, Myrtle Smith, Loy Garrison, Lee Rogers, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Felton Denney—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Wally Bloch—Illinois. Steven Kick led 414 in memory of the deceased.

Jeannette DePoy spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. Mike Thompson led 176b in honor of the following: Frank Block, James Tolbert, Lonnie Rogers, Raymond Hamrick, John Hollingsworth, Judge Donald Ross, Jenna Strizak, Violet Thomason, Reuben Ball, Mary Florence Lambert Smith, Joan Aldridge, and Corene White. Scott DePoy closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 75, 121; Bill Hollingsworth 70t, 56b. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Bridgett Hill.

LUNCH

Matt Hinton and friends called the afternoon session to order leading 142. Leaders: Beth Todd 68t, 436; Jeannie Marsh 145t, 163b; Joel Jenkins 76b, 176t; Reba Windom 306, 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Darrell Swarens 72b, 198; Richard DeLong 419, 216; Judy Caudle 458, 444; Eddie Mash 476, 271t; Stephanie Fida and Holly Evans 417, 148; Ted Mercer 123b (in memory of Jack Corley), 468; Erica Hinton 99, 108t; Rodney Ivey 389 (for Lonnie Rogers), 432; Joyce Walton 439.

RECESS

Mike Thompson called the class back to order leading 532. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475; Joe Todd 312b, 58; Bridgett Hill 504, 276; Sarah Jenkins 101t, 418; Lena Keeton 120, 546; Oscar McGuire 573.

A business session for the purpose of giving reports was held. Finance Committee reported collections and expenses for the two days. The Resolutions report was presented by Robert Kelly and Steven Kick, thanking everyone who helped make the convention a success and resolving to meet next year at the 141st Union Convention on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in November (location to be determined). Following announcements, Matt Hinton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Mike Spencer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Jane Spencer; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson

HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Heights Church of Christ, Houston, Texas** **Saturday, December 6, 2008**

The Houston Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Heights Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, on the Saturday before the first Sunday in December. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Evelyn Lamb leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Dr. Lynn Mitchell.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Chris Nicholson.

Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 49t; Crystal Meadows 565, 171; Chris Nicholson 162, 569b; Gaylon Powell 500 (CB), 505 (CB); Robert Vaughn 96 (CB), 97 (CB); Wade Price 40 (CB), 299 (CB); Lindsey Wiggins 36t, 107; Larry Hall 34b, 168; Leon Ballinger and Judy Thomas 280, 490; Don Allen 45t, 105; Tammy Powell 189, 142.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Evelyn Lamb leading 31t. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 440; Robert Vaughn 86, 383; Wade Price 192, 84; Chris Nicholson 223 (CB), 264t (CB); Crystal Meadows 273 (CB), 98 (CB); Lindsey Wiggins 567 (CB), 475; Larry Hall 56b, 384; Gaylon Powell 232 (CB), 325 (CB); Leon Ballinger and Judy Thomas 463 (CB), 120 (CB). Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Evelyn Lamb leading 47t. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 110; Mary Price 282 (CB), 283t (CB); Don Allen 63, 274t; Robert Vaughn 81b, 81t; Wade Price 497 (CB), 522 (CB); Chris Nicholson 451 (CB), 484 (CB); Gaylon Powell 244 (CB), 225b (CB); Crystal Meadows 186, 198; Lindsey Wiggins 450 (CB), 532 (CB); Larry Hall 159 (CB), 239 (CB); Mary Price 358 (CB); 348t (CB); Don Allen 158 (CB), 29b (CB); Emma Smith 393t (CB), 571 (CB); Evelyn Lamb 216, 112; Robert Vaughn 214, 419; Wade Price 217, 127; Chris Nicholson 314, 178; Gaylon Powell 538, 380; Crystal Meadows 505, 300; Lindsey Wiggins 182 (CB), 344; Larry Hall 128 (CB).

Evelyn Lamb led 62 (CB) as the closing song. Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Chris Nicholson

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 6-7, 2008

Saturday, December 6

The 40th session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Stanley Smith leading 144 and 203. The opening prayer was offered by Stanley Smith. Leaders: Tim Jones 461, 82; Victoria Aplin 421; Jewell Rowland 384, 96; Aubrey Barfield 464, 86; Cheryl Foreman 470, 450; Tommie Spurlock 168, 313; Ross Brand 239, 155; Janet King 148, 270; B.M. Smith 559.

The memorial committee was appointed as follows: Tommie Spurlock and Nancy Hogan.

RECESS

Tim Jones brought the class back to order by leading 436t. Leaders: John Merritt 380t; Joe Nall 211, 443; Judy Mincey 494; Paul King 32t, 77t; Bob Watkins and April Watkins 138t, 146; Velton Chafin 114b; Sue Bunch 74b, 268b; Nate Green and Norma Green 336b, 49b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Morgan Bunch leading 277. Leaders: Russ Scholz 60; Ellen Gwynn, Alice Bejnar, and Beverly Dayton 553, 122; Adrian Nall and Voncile Nall 497, 393t; Mary Whitehurst 393b, 505; Frank Strickland 563, 100; Wayne Reed 108b, 108t; Loretta Jones 144, 47b. Kennon Smith asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Stanley Smith leading 358. Leaders: Pamela Jo Hale 500, 99; S.T. Reed 569, 522; Bill Aplin 101t, 385t; Geraldine Sharpton 361, 340; Nancy Hogan 133, 274t; James Mitchell 449, 335; Bill Hogan 567, 543; Sonny Erwin 488t, 145b; Hubert Nall 507b, 508.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Tim Jones leading 355. Leaders: Georgeanna Presnell 87, 282; Genny Whitworth 442t; Larry Ballinger 572, 224; Alice Bejnar 112, 55; Crissy Fullerton 45t, 444b; Tor Bejnar and Beverly Dayton 486; the Barfield Family 186.

Paul King led 96 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Tim Jones.

Sunday, December 7

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Stanley Smith leading 78. The opening prayer was offered by Russ Scholz.

Leaders: Tim Jones 179, 120; Morgan Bunch 68t, 106; Jewell Rowland 340, 341; Victoria Aplin 87; Aubrey Barfield 224, 306; Cheryl Foreman 138b, 171; Ernest Cockcroft 422b, 553; Wayne Reed 115, 75; Ernestine (No last name listed) 331b; S.T. Reed 545, 544.

RECESS

Stanley Smith led 433 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 336t, 199; Eva Padgett 77t, 98; B.M. Smith 38t, 463.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tommie Spurlock and Nancy Hogan. The names of the sick and shut-ins were read by Nancy Hogan and she led 447t in their honor.

Nancy Hogan then read the names of the deceased. Tommie Spurlock spoke and led 574 in memory of those who have been called from this earthly family to sing with the angels. John Merritt closed the session with prayer.

Leaders: Georgeanna Presnell 72; Chip Westbrook 45t; Linda Westbrook 229; James Mitchell 518. Paul King offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Paul King leading 96. Leaders: Genny Whitworth 436t; Ross Brand 213; Marisse Giersch 60, 299; April Watkins 348t; Judy Mincey 273; Nate Green and Norma Green 244, 410; McKenzie Smith 559; Larry Ballinger 425; Geraldine Sharpton 276; Bobby Watkins 288; Bill Aplin and Victoria Aplin 567; John Merritt 95b; Lana Brand and Ross Brand 277; Bill Hogan 577; Nancy Hogan 382; Sue Bunch 285t; Adrian Nall and Voncile Nall 505.

The officers for the 2009 Florida State Convention were appointed as follows: Chairman—Tim Jones; 1st Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; 2nd Vice Chairman—John Merritt. Those who served this year were thanked for their contribution to help make this singing a success.

Announcements were made. The class sang 47t, and Stanley Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Smith; 1st Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; 2nd Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 13-14, 2008**

Saturday, December 13

The 14th annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by John Beasley leading 33b. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 34b; Brittany Henson 178; John Merritt and Brittany Henson 138t (CB) (in memory of John Etheridge and in honor of Thurman Nall), 38t (CB); Betty Baccus 396, 134; Velton Chafin 86 (CB), 464 (CB); Mary Godsey 100, 45t; Hugh Bill McGuire 45b, 298; Becky Briggs 393 (CB); Kevin Dyess 159, 52t; Beth Branscome 540, 505 (CB).

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 64 (LD); Jim Helke 206 (LD), 194 (LD); Marlin Beasley 201 (LD), 333 (LD); Hugh Bill McGuire 298 (LD); Becky Briggs 330 (LD); John Merritt 61 (LD); Cora Sweatt 117 (NHC), 115 (NHC); John Merritt 68 (NHC); Cora Sweatt and John Merritt 99 (NHC); Sandie Scott 346 (CH), 347 (CH); Juanita Beasley 61, 31b; David Carlton 376, 175b (CB).

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading 460. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 336; Danny Creel 204 (CH), 168 (CH); Margaret Keeton 131 (CH), 64 (CH); Harrison Creel 111t (CH), 172 (CH); Sarah Smith 117 (CH), 284 (CH); Travis Keeton 203, 300; Charlotte Ehrman 157, 273; Gary Smith 30b (CH), 142 (CH); Brenda Pena 112, 186; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 335, 354b; Seth Holloway 571 (CB), 572 (CB); Cora Sweatt 143, 312b; Richard Schmeidler 474, 268; Marilyn Burchett 229 (CB); Marilyn Burchett, John Merritt, and Brittany Henson 392 (CB); Jim Helke 184 (CH), 372b (CH); Emily Creel 316 (CH), 338b (CH); Henry Guthery and John Merritt 133 (CH), 336t (CH), 81t (CH); Freddie Briggs 388.

Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler led 46 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 14

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 52t. John Merritt offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 155; Sandie Scott 168; Brittany Henson 503; Elizabeth Keeton 504; Chuck Howell 112; Juanita Beasley 39b; Gravis Ballinger 120; Brenda Pena 99; Hugh Bill McGuire 472; Gail Doss 186; Danica Thornton 401; Jim Helke 75; Becky Briggs 73t; Lena Keeton 122; Tim Reynolds 223; Henry Schuman 532 (in memory of Edith Tate and Pauline Childers).

RECESS

Marlin Beasley brought the class to order leading 298. Leaders: Judy Caudle 500 (in memory of John Etheridge); Earl Ballinger 530; Margaret Keeton 517; Gary Smith 565; Anne Chalker 146; John Merritt and Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Richard Mauldin 43; Bridgett Hill 110; Cora Sweatt 111b; Richard Schmeidler 543; Charlotte Ehrman 452.

Richard Mauldin and Judy Caudle conducted the memorial lesson. Richard spoke on behalf of the sick and homebound and their families. Judy Caudle led 389 in honor of the following: Ann Ballard, Emily Boswell, Claire Cardy, Faye Donaldson, Eugene Forbes, Julietta Haynes, Don Keeton, Peggy Howton, Edward Howton, Johnny Humber, Charlotte McCarn, Clarence McCool, Thurman Nall, Lou Nall, Don Ross, and Diane Ross.

Richard Mauldin spoke and Judy Caudle led 403 in memory of the following deceased: Delores Beasley, Amanda Denson Brady, Mrs. Cobb, Gertrude Hannah, Frank Hataway, Kim Jenkins, Jimmie Keeton, Lora Keeton, Pat Keeton Kanaday, Elder Garnsey McGough, Mamie Harper Noles, Milton Oliver, E.M. Robbins, Johnnie Frank Williams—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Lee Rogers—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Joe Cobb and Madeleine Steel—Mississippi; Bill Anderson—Tennessee; Monnie Ross—Texas; Kat Kinkade—Virginia. The memorial lesson was concluded with a prayer offered by Tim Reynolds.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Marilyn Burchett 313b; Travis Keeton 421; Marlin Beasley 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady).

LUNCH

Jim Helke called the afternoon session to order leading 36b. Leaders: John Merritt “Higher Ground”, 511 (OSH); Lisa Geist 273; Warren Steel 211 (for Dr. Julietta Haynes); Chug Beasley 457; Glenn Keeton 475; Sarah Smith 97 (for Corene White and Reedy Powell); Seth Holloway and Freddie Briggs 388; Joan Aldridge 439; Larry Ballinger 306; Bunk Beasley 354b; Lisa Geist 304 (by request); Sarah Smith 340; Sandie Scott 152; Tim Reynolds 441; Hugh Bill McGuire 40; Anne Chalker and Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Elizabeth Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Lena Keeton 178; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Josie Hyde 507; Warren Steel 495; Benda Pena 147b; Jim Helke 48b; Gail Doss 361; Marilyn Burchett 373; Becky Briggs, Bunk Beasley, Chug Beasley, Cora Sweatt, Marlin Beasley, and Sarah Smith 72b.

Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler led 62 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is 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. Please send your contributions to 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.) Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the 2007-2008 book for all names submitted prior to this year.

A

Jerry C. Abel
b. October 28, 1856
d. July 24, 1922
Simms, Bowie County, Texas

Mary Caroline "Carrie" (White) Abel
b. April 14, 1831
d. unknown
Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

William Russell, Sr. Abel
b. August 5, 1832
d. March 9, 1887
Peatown, Gregg County, Texas

Lee Joseph Abel
b. June 12, 1865
d. August 25, 1950
Beckville, Panola County, Texas

H. M. (Elder) Abel
b. August 21, 1857
d. June 27, 1936
Fairplay, Panola County, Texas

Thomas Jefferson (Dr.) Abel
b. July 29, 1850
d. 1938
Nocona, Montague County, Texas

Homer Abney
b. September 8, 1892
d. September 16, 1975
Geraldine, DeKalb County, Alabama

Wiley Emmett Atkinson
b. February, 1874
d. September 30, 1962
Lamartine, Columbia County, Arkansas

B

Weldon Marshall "Pete" Baker
b. March 3, 1919
d. February 23, 2008
McMahan, Caldwell County, Texas

B. B. "Billy" Ballenger
b. September 1, 1861
d. January 21, 1952
Henderson, Rusk County, Texas

Artie Ballinger
b. October 12, 1907
d. July 2, 1972
Fayette County, Alabama

Hamilton Ballinger
b. February 13, 1903
d. December 7, 1991
Fayette County, Alabama

Mattye May (Evans) Barber
b. November 22, 1882
d. May 4, 1914
Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas

Susie C. (Wright) Barber
b. December 20, 1875
d. October 9, 1903
Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas

Thomas Ed Barber
b. August 10, 1872
d. May 18, 1929
Beckville, Panola County, Texas

Walter Madison Barber
b. August 18, 1872
d. February 18, 1955
Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas

Francis (Hardy) Barnett
b. March 3, 1882
d. November 20, 1964
Rocky Mound, Columbia County, Arkansas

Eva Jane (Hodges) Barr
b. March 5, 1882
d. March 2, 1938
Appleby, Nacogdoches County, Texas

John P. Barr
b. May 24, 1865
d. November 6, 1936
Appleby, Nacogdoches County, Texas

W. A. "Bill" Barr
b. March 15, 1853
d. October 29, 1929
Appleby, Nacogdoches County, Texas

William H. "Willie" Barr
b. November 8, 1875
d. April 11, 1955
Appleby, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Ola Jane (Mills) Bartlett
1887-1956
Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas

Robert E., Sr. "Bob" Bartlett
1877-1955
Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas

Ruben Allen [Rev.] Bartlett
b. October 1, 1866
d. July 21, 1928
Bowie County, Texas

**William Jackson “Jack”
Bartlett**

b. March 9, 1869
d. October 30, 1952
Phoenix, Maricopa County,
Arizona

**Beatrice Elsie (Groves)
Beard**

b. September 9, 1897
d. December 21, 1985
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

**Cora Althea (Slaughter)
Beard**

b. October 26, 1879
d. March 21, 1958
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Helene Rita (Fink) Beard

b. August 9, 1916
d. December 17, 1991
Texas

Henry Britton Beard

b. July 9, 1850
d. February 7, 1897
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Hubert Elbert Beard

b. December 25, 1891
d. September 4, 1979
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

**James Thomas “Tom”
Beard**

b. November 4, 1873
d. October 9, 1954
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Kelly Olaf Beard

b. September 16, 1918
d. March 16, 2005
Texas

Opal (Owen) Beard

b. September 16, 1907
d. April 29, 1987
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

**Samuel Houston “Sam”
Beard**

b. September 15, 1894
d. March 12, 1959
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Sarah Ann (Carlisle) Beard

b. February 12, 1857
d. November 14, 1928
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Robert James Behannon

b. May 1, 1875
d. January 4, 1953
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Susie E. (Nelson) Behannon

b. January 21, 1881
d. January 12, 1945
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Edna Merle (Maness)

Benbow
b. March 13, 1916
d. August 28, 1980
Stratton, DeWitt County,
Texas

William Jefferson Benbow

b. May 27, 1913
d. December 24, 1979
Stratton, DeWitt County,
Texas

Elder Homer Benefield

d. October 14, 2007
Waco, Haralson County,
Georgia

**Katherine (wife of Homer)
Benefield**

b. May 9, 1924
d. October 12, 2008
Waco, Haralson County,
Georgia

Pink (Dendy) Bennett

b. February 24, 1897
d. September 15, 1998
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

**Emma Lillian (Nipper)
Bigelow**

b. August, 1886
d. August 19, 1969
Rocky Mound, Columbia
County, Arkansas

William Billings

b. October 17, 1746
d. September 29, 1800
Boston, Suffolk County,
Massachusetts

**John Pulaski “Johnny”
Billingsley**

b. January 19/1872
d. May 11, 1957
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

**Robert Madison “Bud”
Billingsley**

b. September 19, 1879
d. November 12, 1959
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

Anna (Cooper) Blackshear

b. November 5, 1877
d. July 5, 1967
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama

R. D. [Dr.] Blackshear

b. September 8, 1861
d. January 20, 1941
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama

James Erastus Blakeley

b. December 23, 1869
d. May 16, 1942
Wills Point, Van Zandt
County, Texas

Angelo A. Boles

b. May 12, 1867
d. March 4, 1927
Concord, Rusk County, Texas

Cicero A. Bond

b. December 30, 1867
d. April 5, 1949
Redland, Angelina County,
Texas

Jane C. Bradfield

b. September 22, 1807
d. April 9, 1887
Matinburg, Camp County,
Texas

Oliver S. Bradfield

b. March 8, 1820
d. April 28, 1895
Matinburg, Camp County,
Texas

Hoyt, Sr. Brandon

b. July 30, 1887
d. November 4, 1967
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Grady Austin Brewster

b. December 29, 1892
d. January 15, 1963
Fort Worth, Tarrant County,
Texas

Jesse Turner Brewster

b. January 10/1894
d. January 28, 1969
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Francis M. Bridges

1863-1934
Pine Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Lora (Coston) Bridges

b. July 10, 1894
d. October 31, 1944
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Bradford Cromwell Britt

b. April 15, 1867
d. January 7, 1952
Rocky Mound, Columbia
County, Arkansas

Otto [Elder] Brittain

b. January 21, 1893
d. December 7, 1966
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

John Sanders Brower

b. April 3, 1838
d. September 14, 1923
Pine Valley, Yalobusha
County, Mississippi

Jerry J. Brown

b. August 16, 1905
d. October 22, 1988
Holland Quarters, Panola
County, Texas

Reuben E., Sr. [Rev.]

Brown
b. ca. 1794
d. 1864
Texas

John A. Burgess

b. March 14, 1866
d. September 30, 1950
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

W. E. "Elbert" Burgess

b. April 10, 1897
d. August 13, 1942
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Daniel Brunson Burkhalter

b. June 24, 1862
d. April 13, 1922
Corley, Bowie County, Texas

Joshua Jonathan [Rev.]

Burks
b. October 10, 1847
d. August 28, 1913
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

C**Ella M. Cain**

b. May 16, 1871
d. January 14, 1935
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

J. M. Cain

b. October 9, 1857
d. August 21, 1942
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

John W. Cain

b. May 6, 1853
d. February 25, 1927
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

M. E. Cain

b. December 10, 1859
d. December 20, 1942
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

Madison K. Cain

b. February 4, 1860
d. January 24, 1944
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

Mary Alice Caldwell

b. September 7, 1920
d. March 17, 2008
Quaker Mill, Missouri

Gertrude (Davidson)

Carmichael
b. July 10, 1888
d. August 6, 1968
Eustace, Henderson County,
Texas

Mary Ann (Fugate)

Carmichael
b. January 19, 1886
d. January 14, 1956
Eustace, Henderson County,
Texas

Ruben Pinkney Carmichael

b. September 3, 1872
d. January 24, 1934
Eustace, Henderson County,
Texas

William Thomas

Carmichael
b. September 14, 1877
d. April 30, 1956
Eustace, Henderson County,
Texas

Jimmy L. Cates

b. October 11, 1934
d. April 1, 2008
Anniston, Alabama

Argus Raybon Cathey

b. September 17, 1920
d. March 10, 1993
Tyler, Smith County, Texas

Cleo Pauline (Hightower)

Cathey
b. May 28, 1917
d. May 18, 2001
Tyler, Smith County, Texas

R. A. Caylor

b. September 12, 1845
d. July 20, 1920
Kentuckytown, Grayson
County, Texas

Arnold Chafin

b. August 30, 1909
d. December 10, 1990
Cullman, Cullman County,
Alabama

C. B. "Byrd" Chafin

b. December 27, 1885
d. August 25, 1955
Cullman, Cullman County,
Alabama

Namon Chafin

b. July 22, 1893
d. September 2, 1985
Saxton, Missouri

Pearl Chafin

b. October 13, 1891
d. September 18, 1970
Cullman, Cullman County,
Alabama

T. M. "Marion" Chafin

b. March 19, 1890
d. June 13, 1975
Cullman, Cullman County,
Alabama

Francis Marion Chadwick

b. October 20, 1867
d. December 13, 1950
Carthage, Panola County,
Texas

- Daniel David Chadwick, Jr.**
b. November 27, 1861
d. April 29, 1936
Carthage, Panola County,
Texas
- Joe C. Chapman**
b. February 12, 1869
d. September 18, 1912
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas
- John William Chapman**
b. December 26, 1882
d. September 15, 1946
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas
- Joseph Andrew Chapman**
b. July 26, 1854
d. May 13, 1934
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas
- Robert Ray "Bobby"
Chapman**
b. October 29, 1896
d. June 18, 1964
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas
- Ethel (Smith) Clark**
b. February 6, 1908
d. March 9, 1995
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas
- Martha America (White)
Clarke**
1848-1936
Georgia
- W. Joe Cobb**
b. January 27, 1923
d. September 24, 2008
Webster County, Mississippi
- Hilton M. Collins**
b. November 3, 1903
d. February 9, 2001
Groveton, Trinity County,
Texas
- Laura Ruth (Standley)
Collins**
b. March 31, 1911
d. June 20, 2003
Groveton, Trinity County,
Texas
- Levi "Tobe" Compton**
b. July 8, 1870
d. October 24, 1949
Pone, Rusk County, Texas
- C. Henry Cook**
b. March 26, 1917
d. July 16, 1996
Decatur, Georgia
- Wilson Marion Cooper**
b. December 17, 1850
d. July 17, 1916
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama
- Mary A. Coston**
b. December 8, 1863
d. December 24, 1918
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas
- William T. Coston**
b. May 15, 1861
d. July 13, 1938
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas
- Gladys Cottle**
b. December 26, 1904
d. March 9, 1990
Stockdale, Wilson County,
Texas
- Alcie (Redmon) Craig**
b. February 14, 1917
d. February 3, 2001
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- Emmette Craig**
b. February 13, 1875
d. September 23, 1954
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- George Oliver Craig**
b. October 21, 1866
d. January 4, 1962
Oak Hill, Rusk County, Texas
- Loula Mae Craig**
b. July 31, 1891
d. December 2, 1981
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- Samuel E., Sr. Craig**
b. November 22, 1914
d. December 30, 1999
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- W. Grover Craig**
b. December 10, 1889
d. August 14, 1935
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- James Milton Cranfill**
b. November 27, 1861
d. September 12, 1996
Texas
- Andrew J. Crawford**
b. August 1, 1840
d. January 5, 1910
Frogpond Community, Rusk
County, Texas
- Chester Cortez Crawford**
b. January 8, 1887
d. September 24, 1961
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- James Addison Crawford**
b. December 5, 1851
d. July 24, 1935
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- Mattie Lou (Craig)
Crawford**
b. December 10, 1889
d. December 3, 1966
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- William W. Crawford**
b. January 1, 1833
d. December 26, 1895
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas
- Flarce Calvert Creel**
b. February 12, 1931
d. March 12, 2007
Warrior, Alabama
- Joshua Crow**
b. September 19, 1830
d. September 19, 1908
Minden, Rusk County, Texas
- W. A. [Rev.] Cumbie**
b. October 13, 1831
d. December 25, 1918
Newton, Dale County,
Alabama

D

- John Adams Daniel**
b. October 8, 1825
d. October 15, 1913
Dublin, Erath County, Texas
- Zollie C. Daniels**
b. February 14, 1879
d. December 11, 1946
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Jesse B. Davis
b. July 19, 1907
d. January 16, 1996
Long Branch, Panola County,
Texas

Onnie Mae (Tribble) Davis
b. March 25, 1913
d. April 26, 1993
Long Branch, Panola County,
Texas

Asa Dean
b. November 14, 1862
d. December 11, 1952
County Line, San Jacinto
County, Texas

Ida Frances (Wise) Dean
b. March 4, 1868
d. February 15, 1940
County Line, San Jacinto
County, Texas

John Deason
b. August 25, 1816
d. October 20, 1883
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Tim [Dr.] Deason
b. June 27, 1856
d. November 5, 1940
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Larkin Melton Dendy
b. May 21, 1858
d. February 16, 1925
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

Martha Ann Dendy
b. December, 1856
d. March 3, 1890
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

Amanda Denson-Brady
b. November 20, 1941
d. February 8, 2008
Double Springs, Alabama

Loren M. DeSpain, Jr.
b. October 4, 1918
d. March 21, 1992
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Hubert Dobbins
b. April 13, 1919
d. January 31, 1975
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Mamie (Jones) Dobbins
b. November 9, 1893
d. December 16, 1956
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Robert Dobbins
b. February 20, 1892
d. September 3, 1976
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Martha Jane (Craig) Doerge
b. March 31, 1906
d. August 20, 1986
Oakland, Rusk County, Texas

Amos Allen [Elder] DuBose
b. November 19, 1875
d. December 10, 1955
Chinquapin, San Augustine
County, Texas

Arles E. DuBose
b. March 26, 1904
d. June 30, 1993
Jasper, Jasper County, Texas

Eli James Dubose
b. November 26, 1855
d. November 12, 1931
Saturn, Gonzales County,
Texas

Frankie (Beaver) Dubose
b. April 29, 1891
d. December 30, 1976
Saturn, Gonzales County,
Texas

John D. DuBose
b. March 15, 1908
d. December 24, 1967
Jasper, Jasper County, Texas

**Nancy A. (Simmons)
DuBose**
b. September 5, 1875
d. January 5, 1930
Chinquapin, San Augustine
County, Texas

Seth Thomas Dubose
b. April 19, 1890
d. April 1, 1958
Saturn, Gonzales County,
Texas

Versie Mae DuBose
b. February 28, 1905
d. December 24, 1988
Jasper, Jasper County, Texas

E

Robert Finis Echols
b. July 31, 1846
d. November 9, 1916
Longview, Gregg County,
Texas

**Lora Mildred (Cude)
Edmonds**
b. January 20, 1917
d. February 8, 2001
San Antonio, Bexar County,
Texas

Morris H. Edwards
b. December 13, 1887
d. July 19, 1946
DeKalb, Bowie County,
Texas

Robert Lee Edwards
b. September 11, 1866
d. November 26, 1924
DeKalb, Bowie County,
Texas

Lindsey Johnson Escoe
b. July 24, 1829
d. October 13, 1923
DeBerry, Panola County,
Texas

R. L. [Judge] Evans
b. January 29, 1873
d. June 13, 1941
Hugo, Choctaw County,
Oklahoma

F

**Louvenia "Venie"
Wilkinson Faith**
b. June 25, 1904
d. May 22, 1998
Decatur, Georgia

Bertha (Franklin) Faught
b. April 6, 1892
d. December 6, 1918
Lott, Falls County, Texas

**James Jonathan [Senator]
Faulk**
b. February 11, 1851
d. July 16, 1935
Athens, Henderson County,
Texas

William Levin [Judge]**Faulk**

b. January 27, 1845
d. September 23, 1923
Athens, Henderson County,
Texas

Morgan Faulkner

b. March 11, 1900
d. February 22, 1985
Frogpond Community, Rusk
County, Texas

M.B. Forbes

b. May 20, 1918
d. December 21, 2007
Ashland, Alabama

Balus Augustus Foster

b. July 30, 1850
d. November 8, 1922
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Cyrus Fountain

b. July 16, 1881
d. June 24, 1925
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Percy Howard Fountain

b. July 3, 1889
d. November 1, 1968
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Annie (Hill) Fowler

b. February 12, 1911
d. April 20, 1977
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

Annie (Holliday) Fowler

b. April 23, 1893
d. September 29, 1978
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Gertrude Stanley Fowler

b. October 7, 1884
d. February 22, 1976
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

Gervis Clifton Fowler

b. June 26, 1907
d. January 23, 1993
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

James Wiley Fowler

b. July 1, 1891
d. June 19, 1908
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Lewis Walter Fowler

b. October 18, 1885
d. February 14, 1929
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Melvin Thomas Fowler

b. September 10, 1897
d. June 17, 1985
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Miles T. Fowler

b. November 14, 1858
d. July 22, 1946
Maud, Bowie County, Texas

Addie (Sullivan) Fulmer

b. February 15, 1873
d. June 30, 1947
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Agnes Fulmer

b. February 14, 1905
d. June 23, 1992
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Alton Fulmer

b. December 31, 1893
d. August 9, 1969
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Everett S. "Ebb" Fulmer

b. January 5, 1881
d. December 14, 1967
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Lela Maude (Lambert)

Fulmer
b. November 27, 1886
d. January 24, 1977
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Lila E. (Fern) Fulmer

b. August 2, 1913
d. May 25, 1995
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Murvle [Dr.] Fulmer

b. November 26, 1913
d. April 28, 1945
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Odis Oliver Fulmer

b. January 13, 1905
d. December 22, 1981
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

T. D. "Tuck" Fulmer

b. January 7, 1868
d. May 13, 1952
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Vernice Ewell Fulmer

b. June 18, 1906
d. January 25, 1979
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

G**Davis Yancey Gammage**

b. February 12, 1824
d. January 1, 1894
Carthage, Panola County,
Texas

Charles Maurice Gandy

b. October 19, 1886
d. January 10, 1970
Meridian, Bosque County,
Texas

Leonidas Hastings "Jack" Garland

b. January 26, 1848
d. May 4, 1924
Marshall, Harrison County,
Texas

Loy H. "Pop" Garrison

b. 1925
d. February 12, 2008
Georgia

Addie Gray "Add" Gentry

b. October 7, 1895
d. March 29, 1962
Henderson, Rusk County,
Texas

Effie Beatrice (Woods) Gentry

b. March 10, 1887
d. September 13, 1978
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

J. E. "Ed" Gentry

1876-1940
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Jesse Gentry

b. September 13, 1881
d. October 12, 1954
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Lloyd Gentry

b. December 13, 1907
d. March 8, 1981
Lawton, Comanche County,
Oklahoma

Julia Webb George

b. April 20, 1913
d. February 14, 1965
Decatur, Georgia

Bernice (Faulkner) Gill

b. February 18, 1902
d. October 27, 1989
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Laurie (Smith) Gill

1910-1988
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Lewis Edmond Gill

b. May 29, 1905
d. March 17, 1965
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Robert G. "Bob" [Elder] Gill

b. October 2, 1860
d. December 2, 1938
Goodwin, San Augustine
County, Texas

Archibald Benjamin**Franklin Goodwin, Jr.**

b. August 24, 1853
d. March 3, 1935
Pollok, Angelina County,
Texas

Mary Elizabeth (Turner) Goodwin

b. October 3, 1863
d. June, 1957
Pollok, Angelina County,
Texas

J. P. Gossett

1834-1897
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Jess Gossett

b. December 19, 1901
d. November 20, 1990
Pine Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Alsie (Thaxton) Grafton

b. May 2, 1894
d. March 30, 1981
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

Arkie N. (Thaxton) Grafton

b. October 10, 1896
d. October 20, 1972
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

John Wesley Grafton

b. April 28, 1875
d. June 6, 1930
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

Thomas, Sr. "Tommy" Gray

b. March 30, 1893
d. August 21, 1981
Springfield, Rusk County,
Texas

Horace Ezra Green

b. September 28, 1894
d. November 28, 1978
Attoyac, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Thomas Pinkney Green

b. February 25, 1876
d. December 14, 1959
Attoyac, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

William Travis Green

b. November 22, 1898
d. May 21, 1990
Attoyac, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Nannie (Barr) Greer

b. October 11, 1878
d. November 1, 1967
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Frances Ethel (Heaton) Griffith

b. February 23, 1895
d. February 8, 1977
Gary, Panola County, Texas

Wyatt Greer [Elder] Griffith

b. June 6, 1891
d. March 3, 1974
Gary, Panola County, Texas

H**Sarah Lancaster Hagler**

b. April 28, 1834
d. April 12, 1918
Oakwood, Leon County,
Texas

Mary Crowder (Hunter) Hall

b. May 12, 1815
d. March 17, 1879
Kilgore, Gregg County,
Texas

John P. Hamilton

b. February 14, 1856
d. February 16, 1941
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

Benjamin Harvey "B. H." Handley

b. December 20, 1915
d. July 5, 2001
Arlington, Tarrant County,
Texas

Daniel Hampton "Hamp" Handley

b. April 24, 1875
d. December 11, 1957
Wellington, Collingsworth
County, Texas

Henrietta Elizabeth (Owen) Handley

b. April 27, 1880
d. October 24, 1980
Wellington, Collingsworth
County, Texas

John Daniel Handley

b. November 11, 1851
d. March 10, 1940
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

LaNelle (Cline) Handley

b. June 27, 1918
d. May 31, 2001
Arlington, Tarrant County,
Texas

Martha Ann Handley

b. March 10, 1849
d. March 21, 1941
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

James Chapman Hanks

b. October 18, 1913
d. May 15, 1990
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

Minnie Hanks

b. March 25, 1889
d. July 30, 1952
Alum Creek, Bastrop County,
Texas

- James Pendleton Hardy**
b. October 2, 1890
d. December 1, 1964
Columbia County, Arkansas
- James Wilson Hardy**
b. December 10, 1853
d. January 10, 1905
Rocky Mound, Columbia County, Arkansas
- Thaddeus Albert "Thad" Hargis**
b. October 8, 1885
d. May 11, 1973
Attoyac, Nacogdoches County, Texas
- Emma Ann (Deason) Harrell**
b. January 7, 1866
d. June 1, 1954
Minden, Rusk County, Texas
- Hubert E. Harrell**
b. March 15, 1915
d. August 29, 1988
Minden, Rusk County, Texas
- J. M. Harrell**
b. February 22, 1861
d. January 14, 1914
Minden, Rusk County, Texas
- John Bunyan Harrell**
b. September 13, 1891
d. October 10, 1980
Minden, Rusk County, Texas
- Benjamin Alvin [Dr.] Harry**
b. October 9, 1891
d. February 3, 1984
Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas
- David Williams Harry**
b. February 23, 1855
d. February 29, 1932
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
- Maude E. (Long) Harry**
b. May 17, 1889
d. 1963
Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas
- Sarah Jane (Caldwell) Harry**
b. May 14, 1859
d. March 3, 1920
Quitman, Wood County, Texas
- Franklin F. Hataway**
b. August 15, 1929
d. November 13, 2008
Pike County, Alabama
- Henry Hatchett**
b. December 2, 1886
d. June 16, 1976
Church Hill, Rusk County, Texas
- Addie Mae Hawkins**
b. September 23, 1904
d. October 19, 1997
Normangee, Madison County, Texas
- J. P. Hawkins**
b. July 8, 1922
d. October 5, 1994
Mexia, Limestone County, Texas
- John C. R. [Elder] Hawkins**
b. November 24, 1899
d. March 21, 1960
Normangee, Madison County, Texas
- Ola Ophelia (Nipper) Hayes**
b. September 18, 1879
d. March 28, 1953
Rocky Mound, Columbia County, Arkansas
- James L. "Jim" Heaton**
b. February 3, 1870
d. January 24, 1958
Gary, Panola County, Texas
- William David Heaton**
1853-1937
Gary, Panola County, Texas
- Thomas John Hightower**
b. September 15, 1851
d. August 8, 1906
Terral, Jefferson County, Oklahoma
- Dovie Ethel Hill**
b. September 1, 1906
d. February 11, 1938
Bivins, Cass County, Texas
- Gladys Pauline (Williams) Hill**
b. March 8, 1909
d. January 24, 1997
Bivins, Cass County, Texas
- Hardy Sikes Hill**
b. January 25, 1909
d. March 29, 1989
Bivins, Cass County, Texas
- Leonard Silas Hill**
b. December 29, 1897
d. March 22, 1970
Bivins, Cass County, Texas
- Silas Mercer Hill**
b. April 25, 1868
d. February 11, 1946
Bivins, Cass County, Texas
- Willis M. Hill**
b. September 14, 1899
d. April 4, 1949
Oil City, Yazoo County, Mississippi
- Gretchen (Sparks) Hillin**
b. June 28, 1909
d. May 21, 1999
Pine Hill, Rusk County, Texas
- Grover Lebron Hinton**
b. 1913
d. May 3, 2004
Jasper, Walker County, Alabama
- Perry Marlon Holley**
b. August 21, 1875
d. July 14, 1945
Maud, Bowie County, Texas
- Grady Hollis**
b. March 22, 1897
d. March 5, 1973
Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama
- James Pendleton Holloway**
b. 1818
d. July 9, 1884
Peatow, Gregg County, Texas
- John T. Holloway**
b. August 17, 1820
d. April 1, 1877
Pritchett, Upshur County, Texas
- Benjamin F. Honeycutt**
b. January 13, 1860
d. August 1, 1923
Crim's Chapel, Rusk County, Texas
- Benjamin F. Hood**
b. February 10, 1845
d. February 26, 1930
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

Henry David Hubbard

b. June 8, 1859
d. July 23, 1947
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

William Thomas Hubbard

b. May 1, 1848
d. October 28, 1937
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Anna Berta (Fleming) Hull

b. July 2, 1880
d. November 7, 1936
Pittsburg, Camp County,
Texas

William Marion "Bill" Hull

b. March 7, 1878
d. December 17, 1957
Pittsburg, Camp County,
Texas

Rade Humphries

b. November 18, 1914
d. January 19, 1997
Springfield, Rusk County,
Texas

Woodie Humphries

b. August 29, 1914
d. January 5, 1996
Springfield, Rusk County,
Texas

Augustus Absolom "Bud"

Hunt
b. December 6, 1859
d. December 2, 1930
Brachfield, Rusk County,
Texas

J**George Melvin Jeffus**

b. March 1, 1885
d. August 8, 1975
Lovelady, Houston County,
Texas

Ira (Brannen) Jeffus

b. May 7, 1893
d. September 23, 1932
Lovelady, Houston County,
Texas

Mattie Legg (Sessions)

Jeffus
b. September 22, 1893
d. November 11, 1986
Wells, Cherokee County,
Texas

Eddie Jones

b. December 4, 1890
d. March 28, 1974
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

**Eugene Edwin [Elder]
Jones**

1874-1944
Mindon, Rusk County, Texas

James M. "Jim" Jones

b. May 2, 1875
d. May 13, 1961
Mindon, Rusk County, Texas

John Dennis Jones

b. December 17, 1888
d. June 7, 1978
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Lena Cook Jones

b. August 6, 1895
d. May 7, 1969
Decatur, Georgia

Major [Rev.] Jones

b. October 7, 1918
d. April 25, 1988
Van, Smith County, Texas

Mary L. (Sinclair) Jones

b. August 12, 1881
d. December 1, 1965
Mindon, Rusk County, Texas

Simpson F. "Frank" Jones

b. August 3, 1869
d. May 23, 1960
Laneville, Rusk County,
Texas

Victor A. [Elder] Jones

b. March 30, 1866
d. August 2, 1928
Mindon, Rusk County, Texas

Wiley Palmer Jones

b. September 12, 1844
d. March 11, 1912
Childress, Childress County,
Texas

Wilma (Hunt) Jones

b. January 31, 1907
d. September 6, 1965
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Jeremiah Pinkney "Jerry"

Jordan
b. April 16, 1886
d. October 30, 1972
Spurger, Tyler County, Texas

K**Roxy Godsey Keeton**

b. November 4, 1910
d. February 2, 2008
Double Springs, Alabama

Lovella Price (wife of

Leonard B.) Kerr
b. April 14, 1923
d. August 30, 2008
Anniston, Calhoun County,
Alabama

Elias Lafayette King

b. March 11, 1828
d. October 9, 1876
Geneva, Sabine County,
Texas

Thomas Benton [Judge]

King
b. April 12, 1838
d. December 15, 1931
Stephenville, Erath County,
Texas

L**Leola Carnley Lambert**

b. March 17, 1879
d. May 28, 1929
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

R. Benjamin Lambert

b. October 16, 1889
d. December 16, 1971
Decatur, Georgia

Thomas Fuller Lambert

b. October 27, 1877
d. March 2, 1940
Swift, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Corene Kilgore Laminack

b. May 12, 1923
d. December 29, 2007
Muscadine, Alabama

Elizabeth Mahala (Strong)

"Lizzie" Leopard
b. June 2, 1881
d. November 7, 1977
Church Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Herbert A. Leopard

b. September 23, 1917
d. June 25, 1998
Church Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Oscar William Leopard
b. March 9, 1880
d. October 30, 1953
Church Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Arch Leslie
1880-1963
Jumbo, Panola County, Texas

Edward D. Lingold
d. July 8, 1935
Texarkana, Bowie County,
Texas

**Vernettie Mary (Wright)
Lingold**
d. December 20, 1928
Texarkana, Bowie County,
Texas

Donie L. (Johnson) Lyles
b. December 25, 1875
d. September 22, 1957
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

M

Amos Menon Maines
b. February 9, 1885
d. April 10, 1979
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Effie Jane Maines
b. 1885
d. May 22, 1973
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Charles Absalem Mangham
1839-1906
Kaufman County, Texas

L. D. Mangham
b. June 2, 1887
d. October 3, 1981
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Roy Scott Mangham
b. October 2, 1880
d. November 15, 1966
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Franklin Manuel
b. February 27, 1830
d. September 15, 1920
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Elton Martindale
b. November 7, 1906
d. March 16, 1992
Jasper, Jasper County, Texas

**Buel Emory "B. E. "
Matthews**
b. December 12, 1922
d. December 3, 2002
Marlin, Falls County, Texas

James O. Mayfield
b. September 9, 1878
d. March 8, 1964
Queen City, Cass County,
Texas

Bertie (Standley) McClain
b. July 22, 1888
d. June 15, 1977
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Jule Simpson McClain
b. 1882
d. April 9, 1964
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

**John Franklin [Elder]
McLendon**
b. July 28, 1839
d. August 22, 1919
Clayton, Panola County,
Texas

George W. McElhaney
b. March 1, 1855
d. December 17, 1928
Mill Run, Henderson County,
Texas

Vesta (Sparks) McElroy
b. August 7, 1911
d. October 24, 1979
Caledonia, Rusk County,
Texas

**Elder Warren Garnsey
McGough**
b. June 19, 1921
d. December 25, 2007
Nauvoo, Alabama

**Eula Elizabeth Folmer
(Crone) McLeod**
b. July 4, 1908
d. January 15, 1994
Pine Mills, Wood County,
Texas

**Henrietta M. (Richbourg)
McLeod**
1861-1925
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

Herschel Grady McLeod
b. October 28, 1891
d. May 30, 1988
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

John Bernard McLeod
b. July 6, 1887
d. December 31, 1985
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

John Silas McLeod
b. December 6, 1858
d. June 11, 1932
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

Mary Lou (Moore) McLeod
b. February 14, 1896
d. February 10, 1965
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

Lucille (Gentry) McMillan
b. March 30, 1915
d. March 19, 2001
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

**Olin G. "Uncle Mac"
McNeese**
b. September 13, 1871
d. March 10, 1949
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

James Riley Meadows
b. March 13, 1855
d. September 19, 1927
Simms, Bowie County, Texas

**James Cooper "Jim"
Melton**
b. November 13, 1854
d. March 9, 1945
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

James Lafayette Miller
b. August 16, 1837
d. January 5, 1921
Wortham, Freestone County,
Texas

John Bertrand Miller
d. October 29, 1954
Red Hill, Henderson County,
Texas

John Wesley Miller
b. 1862
d. May 29, 1931
San Angelo, Tom Green
County, Texas

Margaret Belle (Morton) Miller

b. March 4, 1869
d. January 3, 1939
San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas

Marvin Lee Miller

b. September 20, 1883
d. December 28, 1955
Red Hill, Henderson County, Texas

Berry A. Mitchell

1876-1950
Canton, Van Zandt County, Texas

Hattie (Godfrey) Mitchell

b. March 6, 1896
d. June 21, 1989
Holland Quarters, Panola County, Texas

Henry Mitchell, Jr.

b. May 13, 1895
d. January 5, 1980
Holland Quarters, Panola County, Texas

Monnie Lee (Gray) Mitchell

b. February 25, 1906
d. June 10, 1978
Holland Quarters, Panola County, Texas

Norman Mitchell

b. August 26, 1892
d. October 15, 1966
Holland Quarters, Panola County, Texas

Eldora Catherine Green Moody

b. February 20, 1917
d. April 7, 2007
Oneonta, Blount County, Alabama

J. M. Murphy

b. December 28, 1857
d. December 24, 1926
Cherokee County, Texas

Richard A. Murphy

b. June 24, 1889
d. September 3, 1951
Cherokee County, Texas

George Edgar Hardy, Sr. Myer

b. October 14, 1878
d. May 24, 1964
Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas

Thomas L. Myrick

b. January 14, 1842
d. 1906
Garden Valley, Smith County, Texas

N

Alice (Hull) Nelson

b. April 12, 1881
d. January 22, 1950
Fairplay, Panola County, Texas

Reese Nelson

b. September 4, 1903
d. December 8, 1972
Fairplay, Panola County, Texas

Thomas A. "Add" Nelson

b. August 13, 1872
d. November 5, 1952
Fairplay, Panola County, Texas

Weldon "Joe" Nelson

b. November 21, 1919
d. April 21, 1999
Fairplay, Panola County, Texas

Ebenezer James Newton

1837-1916
Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas

Mamie Harper Noles

b. September 1, 1929
d. January 13, 2008
Nauvoo, Alabama

Lera Arnivas Norton

b. October 9, 1909
d. June 9, 1995
Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama

O

Robert Monroe "Bob" Olds

b. January 11, 1863
d. January 8, 1943
Appleby, Nacogdoches County, Texas

Claudius C. Oliver

b. September 23, 1843
d. February 28, 1935
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

William Milton Oliver

b. March 11, 1919
d. March 26, 2008
Lookout Mountain, DeKalb County, Alabama

David Allen Owen

b. July 5, 1817
d. July 3, 1885
Mill Run, Henderson County, Texas

David Randolph Owen

b. September 4, 1863
d. May 7, 1927
Mill Run, Henderson County, Texas

Jack Owen

b. November 25, 1898
d. August 13, 1985
Mill Run, Henderson County, Texas

Jackson Owen

1905-1974
Athens, Henderson County, Texas

Joe Hanson Owen

b. July 4, 1902
d. February 15, 1985
Mill Run, Henderson County, Texas

Jordan Wade Owen

b. May 18, 1869
d. February 19, 1947
Mill Run, Henderson County, Texas

Mary Elizabeth (Handley)

"Lizzie" Owen
b. December 13, 1887
d. January 22, 1984
McMahan, Caldwell County, Texas

Odus Sr. Owen

b. November 26, 1882
d. December 2, 1962
McMahan, Caldwell County, Texas

P

Samuel Ashley Pate

b. September 3, 1877
d. March 9, 1959
Attoyac, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Rossy Payne

b. May 28, 1891
d. October 13, 1970
Lone Star, Cherokee County,
Texas

John Lemuel Pierce

b. November 22, 1891
d. April 15, 1971
Delray, Panola County, Texas

C. Sherman Pool

b. September 22, 1864
d. July 18, 1939
Red Hill, Henderson County,
Texas

Ida Pool

b. September 13, 1870
d. August 2, 1935
Red Hill, Henderson County,
Texas

Marvin Bea Powell

b. March 19, 1910
d. July 10, 1991
Lampasas, Lampasas County,
Texas

Robbie Angeline (Burk) Powell

b. February 20, 1893
d. March 15, 1984
Richland Springs, San Saba
County, Texas

William Reed Powell

b. November 26, 1889
d. April 22, 1961
Richland Springs, San Saba
County, Texas

Anna (Pace) Poyner

b. June 23, 1859
d. October 1, 1923
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama

Benjamin Patrick Poyner

b. April 10, 1858
d. March 18, 1947
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama

Arietta Theodocia (Stanley) Price

b. September 3, 1859
d. February 5, 1920
Pritchett, Upshur County,
Texas

C. A. Price

b. February 22, 1854
d. March 25, 1910
Oak Hill, Rusk County, Texas

C. C. Price

b. December 21, 1853
d. January 26, 1923
Oak Hill, Rusk County, Texas

James William Price

b. February 28, 1862
d. May 15, 1936
Pritchett, Upshur County,
Texas

John Thomas Pricer

b. September 5, 1868
d. June 26, 1948
Coleman, Coleman County,
Texas

Wanda Elizabeth Callwell (Amanday) Pricer

b. September 22, 1876
d. May 27, 1959
Hubbard, Hill County, Texas

Claude H. [Dr.] Prior

b. March 26, 1868
d. January 29, 1947
Church Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Charles Pruitt

b. September 16, 1878
d. October 26, 1947
Laneville, Rusk County,
Texas

Thomas J. Pruitt

b. January 10, 1872
d. May 10, 1953
Laneville, Rusk County,
Texas

R

Thomas Ervin Raley

b. November 24, 1873
d. May 14, 1952
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

Harvey D. Ratliff

b. February 2, 1905
d. July 2, 1926
Texas

Alford Redmon

b. February 2, 1904
d. January 30, 1997
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Dale, Sr. Redmon

b. November 6, 1922
d. April 16, 1995
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Edgar Redmon

b. August 14, 1894
d. April 3, 1972
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Joseph Bernard Redmon

b. January 18, 1892
d. May 29, 1966
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Katie Bell Redmon

b. November 21, 1898
d. August 17, 1978
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Mable Redmon

b. May 5, 1915
d. July 4, 1896
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Pearl (Williams) Redmon

b. May 5, 1896
d. September 27, 1982
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

James Walter Reed

b. November 30, 1871
d. August 21, 1958
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

Josie (Garner) Reed

b. October 22, 1877
d. February 20, 1955
McMahan, Caldwell County,
Texas

Reason Waymon [Elder] Rhodes

b. July 21, 1892
d. December 7, 1975
Spearsville, Union Parish,
Louisiana

James David Risinger

b. October 22, 1808
d. September 19, 1886
Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Nancy Jane (Terry) Risinger

b. January 29, 1806
d. April 16, 1901
Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

James Matthews [Doctor] Rivers

b. January 5, 1872
d. March 6, 1931
Turkey, Hall County, Texas

A. P. Robertson

b. March 18, 1875
d. April 2, 1958
Pritchett, Upshur County,
Texas

Samuel Bright Rockett

b. June 25, 1883
d. March 22, 1956
Spearsville, Union Parish,
Louisiana

James Rodgers

b. March 2, 1857
d. December 6, 1942
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Clifton Butler Ross

b. August 13, 1906
d. August 16, 1982
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Maud (Findley) Ross

b. July 29, 1895
d. October 6, 1984
Church Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Aaron Robert Rousseau

b. March 6, 1874
d. October 26, 1928
Brachfield, Rusk County,
Texas

James Henry "Sogue" Rousseau

b. July 4, 1870
d. March 6, 1951
Brachfield, Rusk County,
Texas

John Hall Rousseau

b. September 27, 1894
d. January 1, 1977
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Julia T. (Iverson) Rousseau

b. March 11, 1832
d. November 10, 1916
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Lucius Verlon Rousseau

b. November 14, 1855
d. May 2, 1929
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Myrtle (Welch) Rousseau

b. January 15, 1877
d. October 15, 1963
Brachfield, Rusk County,
Texas

Travis D. Rousseau

b. December 8, 1824
d. July 6, 1914
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Jacob Abraham Jr. [Elder] Rowell

b. August 10, 1930
d. July 18, 1991
Houston, Harris County,
Texas

M. C. Rudd

b. 1868
d. February 23, 1958
Dothan, Houston County,
Alabama

Barnabus Reuben Rushing

b. March 18, 1874
d. June 7, 1948
Edgewood, Van Zandt
County, Texas

Janie (Beard) Rushing

b. February 6, 1880
d. May 14, 1958
Edgewood, Van Zandt
County, Texas

J. B. "Jim" Russell

b. October 20, 1883
d. September 13, 1968
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas

Joshua Russell

b. April 6, 1891
d. July 27, 1959
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas

Millie (Smith) Russell

b. November 26, 1849
d. March 14, 1935
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas

Thomas Lafayette "Tom" Russell

b. August 28, 1888
d. February 19, 1904
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

S

Edmond Harris Sanders

b. July 19, 1836
d. February 16, 1922
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

John Sanders

b. May 5, 1865
d. February 18, 1926
Ballew Springs, Parker
County, Texas

Francis M. [Elder] Satterwhite

b. April 24, 1848
d. July 6, 1909
Shady Grove, Upshur
County, Texas

Rebecca J. (Willingham) Satterwhite

b. January 22, 1845
d. April 24, 1900
Shady Grove, Upshur
County, Texas

Asa Allen Scruggs

b. December 15, 1872
d. August 24, 1950
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

William Grover Scruggs

b. April 12, 1885
d. April 12, 1954
Bullard, Smith County, Texas

Rube Sessions

b. September 16, 1874
d. November 12, 1967
Wells, Cherokee County,
Texas

Spinks Lafayette Shamburger

b. October 31, 1841
d. July 26, 1932
Winnsboro, Wood County,
Texas

John Calvin Shelton

b. January 30, 1837
d. April 30, 1909
Athens, Henderson County,
Texas

Gincy M. (Gibbs) Sides

b. June 19, 1849
d. June 14, 1892
Martins Mill, Van Zandt
County, Texas

William Pitman "Pitt" Sides

b. March 5, 1841
d. June 23, 1935
Martins Mill, Van Zandt
County, Texas

Ulysses Simpson

b. January 3, 1912
d. October 12, 1996
Long Branch, Panola County,
Texas

William A. Skillern

b. December 27, 1933
d. November 13, 1921
Decoy, Nacogdoches County,
Texas

Manuel Owen "Jimmie"

[Dr.] Slaughter
b. July 5, 1918
d. May 7, 1983
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Margaret Elizabeth

(Warren) Slaughter
b. February 18, 1919
d. March 15, 1983
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Andrew D. Smith

b. November 12, 1914
d. November 3, 1980
Van, Smith County, Texas

Annie Mae Smith

b. February 15, 1905
d. December 5, 2000
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas

Austin A, Sr. Smith

b. February 19, 1890
d. June 9, 1972
Van, Smith County, Texas

E. T. Smith

b. June 25, 1895
d. January 6, 1968
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa
County, Alabama

F. Alsie (Barnes) Smith

b. July 20, 1904
d. December 19, 1991
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

Hiram Judson Smith

b. May 2, 1839
d. August 13, 1923
Cass County, Texas

Horace Wesley Smith

b. September 19, 1885
d. June 28, 1966
Nixon, Gonzales County,
Texas

J. M. "Taylor" Smith

b. January 5, 1869
d. November 20, 1951
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

James A. Smith

b. December 27, 1879
d. March 27, 1950
Lindale, Smith County, Texas

James Henry Smith

b. May 10, 1851
d. April 6, 1925
Cass County, Texas

Jordan A. Smith

b. September 7, 1875
d. November 7, 1939
Garden Valley, Smith
County, Texas

Lon A. [Hon.] Smith

b. March 13, 1869
d. October 21, 1947
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Lora Smith

b. April 4, 1897
d. August 26, 1984
Van, Smith County, Texas

Louie Smith

b. August 22, 1913
d. May 26, 1998
Huntington, Angelina
County, Texas

Myrtle L. Smith

b. November 2, 1896
d. April 14, 1986
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa
County, Alabama

Myrtle B. Smith

b. June 6, 1906
d. May 5, 2008
Silver Creek,, Georgia

Nobie V. (Moore) Smith

b. May 20, 1918
d. June 5, 2001
Van, Smith County, Texas

**Pinkie Melinda (Sims)
Smith**

b. March 31, 1854
d. November 12, 1927
Van, Smith County, Texas

**Ruby Laverne (Wells)
Smith**

b. September 11, 1926
d. December 5, 1992
Van, Smith County, Texas

Russell W. Smith

b. August 14, 1907
d. December 3, 1976
Van, Smith County, Texas

Sallie T. Smith

b. August 20, 1872
d. June 3, 1935
Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

V. P. Smith

b. April 12, 1914
d. March 21, 1977
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa
County, Alabama

Vincent John Nesbit Souter

b. April 3, 1906
d. September 29, 1998
Rocky Mound, Columbia
County, Arkansas

John [Elder] Sparkman

b. October 27, 1830
d. October 23, 1882
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Julian Bridges Sparks

b. June 7, 1879
d. March 29, 1953
Caledonia, Rusk County,
Texas

John Alexander Spurgeon

b. September 1, 1891
d. March 12, 1975
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Priscilla (Irby) Spurgeon

b. February 13, 1892
d. March 31, 1977
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Thomas Morris Spurgeon

1865-1936
Appleby, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

**William Virgil [Elder]
Stanaland**

b. June 13, 1908
d. July 14, 1992
Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches
County, Texas

Earnest Standley

b. June 16, 1892
d. May 24, 1956
Lufkin, Angelina County,
Texas

James Elias [Elder] Standley

b. July 19, 1886
d. April 12, 1944
Groveton, Trinity County,
Texas

Reby Florence Stanford

b. January 20, 1916
d. January 1, 2008
Bremen, Georgia

Crumuel Jack Stanley

b. April 22, 1894
d. July 27, 1980
Pritchett, Upshur County,
Texas

**Daniel Wilson [Elder]
Stanley**

b. February 3, 1846
d. September 13, 1932
Shady Grove, Upshur
County, Texas

John Jordan Stanley

b. May 13, 1855
d. September 6, 1875
Shady Grove, Upshur
County, Texas

Lieuwillie Alice (Price)

Stanley
b. March 13, 1895
d. August 22, 1980
Pritchett, Upshur County,
Texas

Jim C. Steger

1861-1912
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Mary Estelle (Ross) Steger

1866-1933
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Melville Scott Steger

b. August 6, 1855
d. January 21, 1945
Delray, Panola County, Texas

Maudie L. (McLeod)

Stephenson
b. February 23, 1924
d. January 10, 1998
Bivins, Cass County, Texas

J. W. [Elder] Stone

b. December 16, 1866
d. April 1, 1928
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Jesse Franklin "Jess" Stout

b. April 19, 1878
d. June 14, 1946
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

May Olevia (Dyer) Stout

b. May 29, 1882
d. March 13, 1962
Canton, Van Zandt County,
Texas

Jessie K. Summers

b. February 20, 1885
d. August 9, 1973
New Summerfield, Cherokee
County, Texas

Onie C. Summers

b. August 6, 1886
d. January 31, 1957
New Summerfield, Cherokee
County, Texas

Maud F. Swafford

b. March 19, 1871
d. December 19, 1948
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

T**Boyd Tanner**

b. February 15, 1928
d. November 30, 1985
Rosalee, Alabama

Edith Tate

b. December 15, 1922
d. November 27, 2007
Warrior, Alabama

John Stringer Terry

b. January 11, 1826
d. October 23, 1886
Covington, Hill County,
Texas

Ann Kitchens Thaxton

b. February 20, 1864
d. May 9, 1949
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

J. L. E. Thaxton

b. November 27, 1864
d. May 6, 1945
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

**Leonorah [Mrs. J. L. E.]
Thaxton**

b. April 2, 1871
d. July 3, 1906
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

**Jimmie Lou Ballinger
Thompson**

b. December 31, 1931
d. January 9, 1982
Fayette County, Alabama

Mildred Tidwell

b. May 21, 1893
d. October 31, 1975
Simms, Bowie County, Texas

Pete Tidwell

b. October 7, 1892
d. November 24, 1972
Simms, Bowie County, Texas

George C. Tiller

1847-1930
DeBerry, Panola County,
Texas

Ida Tiller

1867-1948
DeBerry, Panola County,
Texas

**Martha Elizabeth
(Crenshaw) Tiller**
1850-1895
DeBerry, Panola County,
Texas

**Gertrude "Pink" (Echols)
Tindel**
b. May 18, 1866
d. January 11, 1948
New York, Henderson
County, Texas

Seaborn Fagan Tindel
b. November 21, 1862
d. December 24, 1941
New York, Henderson
County, Texas

Mattie Lou Ivey Townsel
b. 00/00/1928
d. September 26, 2008
Henagar, DeKalb County,
Alabama

**Susan Annie Lee (Johnson)
Tucker**
b. December 11, 1873
d. January 16, 1947
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

Willis Jethro Tucker
b. January 1, 1867
d. August 9, 1957
Bernice, Union Parish,
Louisiana

V

Benjamin Lewis Vaughn
b. November 21, 1885
d. August 21, 1912
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

**James Thomas "Jim"
Vaughn**
b. February 24, 1884
d. February 7, 1962
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

**Marshall Lewis [Elder]
Vaughn**
b. May 24, 1858
d. May 5, 1947
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

Ruth Nancy Vaughn
b. February 23, 1898
d. October 4, 1924
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

Simeon Levi Vaughn
b. January 10, 1888
d. April 12, 1986
Laneville, Rusk County,
Texas

**Susie I. (Anders) "Sue"
Vaughn**
b. November 25, 1917
d. April 4, 1997
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

Tip Hays Vaughn
b. December 30, 1884
d. November 1, 1956
Kingsville, Kleberg County,
Texas

**Vincent Thornton [Elder]
Vaughn**
b. November 10, 1848
d. October 15, 1915
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

William Lewis Vaughn
b. April 7, 1910
d. July 18, 1995
Oak Flat, Rusk County, Texas

William Wyatt Vaughn
b. October 12, 1870
d. April 13, 1962
Laneville, Rusk County,
Texas

W

Cecil Jackson Wakefield
b. July 5, 1927
d. April 6, 2007
Haleyville, Alabama

**Rev. Ganus (son of Walter)
Wakefield**
b. March 3, 1924
d. March 3, 1973
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Francis David Waldrop
b. October 9, 1891
d. March 3, 1985
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

**James Lloyd "Pete" [Elder]
Walker**
b. April 13, 1918
d. December 30, 1994
County Line, San Jacinto
County, Texas

Maggie Mae (Dean) Walker
b. February 2, 1883
d. April 30, 1947
County Line, San Jacinto
County, Texas

**William James "Jim"
Walker**
b. March 7, 1881
d. December 15, 1875
County Line, San Jacinto
County, Texas

Mary Almeda Weir
b. May 24, 1906
d. August 9, 1988
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

**Andrew Jackson "Jack"
Welch**
b. June 5, 1825
d. November 22, 1899
Brachfield, Rusk County,
Texas

B. N. "Ben" Welch
b. February 26, 1848
d. March 8, 1923
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

John Russell [Elder] Welch
b. September 15, 1877
d. October 12, 1951
Minden, Rusk County, Texas

Benjamin F. White, Jr.
b. January 1, 1845
d. January 8, 1921
Georgia

**Caroline Penelope
(Ethridge) White**
b. June 28, 1829
d. December 26, 1903
Mt. Pleasant, Titus County,
Texas

Celeste V. (Brown) White
1837-1904
Cherokee County, Texas

David Patillo White
1828-1903
Cherokee County, Texas

**David Thurston (D.T.)
White**
b. November 24, 1912
d. May 17, 1988
Fayette County, Alabama

James Landrum White

b. January 22, 1847
d. March 8, 1925
Lithonia, Georgia

Jesse Tom White

b. May 27, 1821
d. July 28, 1894
Mt. Pleasant, Titus County,
Texas

Robert H. White

b. April 14, 1831
d. March 11, 1892
Georgia

William Decatur White

1826-1901
Atlanta, Fulton County,
Georgia

Larry A. Wilkinson

b. September 23, 1917
d. December 29, 1997
Decatur, Georgia

Sadie G. Wilkinson

b. April 22, 1921
d. December 11, 1999
Decatur, Georgia

W. Berry Wilkinson

b. April 8, 1902
d. September 18, 1998
Decatur, Georgia

**William R. "Will"
Wilkinson**

b. July 11, 1875
d. March 25, 1962
Decatur, Georgia

Sgt. W. Harold Wilkinson

b. July 2, 1922
d. May 23, 1944
Decatur, Georgia

James K. Willett

b. July 18, 1873
d. January 5, 1954
Sunset, Montague County,
Texas

**Lillie Ann (Chambers)
Willett**

b. December 9, 1874
d. September 30, 1954
Sunset, Montague County,
Texas

Ida Lee (Redmon) Williams

b. April 14, 1889
d. October 11, 1980
Beckville, Panola County,,
Texas

Joe H. Williams

b. July 18, 1875
d. January 7, 1946
Fairplay, Panola County,,
Texas

John T. Williams

b. January 19, 1909
d. March 6, 1970
Quitman, Wood County,
Texas

W. S. "Bill Sam" Williams

b. March 28, 1889
d. August 3, 1966
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

Albion Sherwood Wise

b. May 29, 1863
d. June 18, 1932
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

**Amanda DeMaris (Pate)
Wood**

b. October 11, 1847
d. May 7, 1920
Goodwin, San Augustine
County, Texas

Lewis Wood

b. June 26, 1849
d. November 23, 1923
Goodwin, San Augustine
County, Texas

Arthur Drenton Woods

b. June 30, 1915
d. November 23, 1964
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Marvin Dewey Woods

b. August 15, 1908
d. July 12, 1983
Beckville, Panola County,
Texas

George W. Wyatt

b. January 12, 1858
d. October 30, 1933
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

Christopher C. Wyatt

b. September 2, 1851
d. February 2, 1929
Fairplay, Panola County,
Texas

**Francis McCoy "Bud"
Wylie**

b. February 18, 1855
d. January 5, 1934
Pine Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Kellie E. Wylie

b. February 17, 1899
d. March 29, 1973
Pine Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

**Martha Catherine (Smith)
Wylie**

b. August 10, 1853
d. July 28, 1928
Pine Hill, Rusk County,
Texas

Y**Col. Rupert H. Yarbrough**

b. November 8, 1912
d. November 28, 2007
Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa
County, Alabama

William R. Young

1851-1932
Dublin, Erath County, Texas

B. B. Youngblood

1849-1921
Edom, Van Zandt County,
Texas

2008 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2008 minutes.

Listed by Date

12-21-07	Delores Beasley	Alabama
12-25-07	Elder Warren "Garnsey" McGough	Alabama
12-29-07	Corene Kilgore Laminack	Alabama
01-01-08	Reby Florence Stanford	Georgia
02-02-08	Roxy Godsey Keeton	Alabama
02-08-08	Amanda Denson Brady	Alabama
02-13-08	Loy Garrison	Georgia
02-13-08	Mamie Harper Noles	Alabama
03-17-08	Mary Alice Caldwell	Missouri
03-26-08	William Milton Oliver	Alabama
04-01-08	Jimmy L. Cates	Alabama
05-05-08	Myrtle Smith	Georgia
07-03-08	Kat Kincade	Virginia
08-03-08	Elizabeth Tolbert	Georgia
08-05-08	Roscoe Knight	Alabama
08-28-08	Pauline Creel Childers	Michigan
08-30-08	Lovella Price Kerr	Alabama
09-20-08	Judith Lee Rogers	Georgia
09-24-08	W. Joe Cobb	Mississippi
09-26-08	Mattie Ivey Townsel	Alabama
10-12-08	Katherine Benefield	Georgia
11-13-08	Franklin F. Hataway	Alabama
12-03-08	Gertrude Hannah	Alabama
12-05-08	John Etheridge	Florida
12-11-08	Monnie Ross	Texas

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Delores Beasley	Sam Jones	Hazel Nelson
Dorothy Blackburn	Pat Keeton Kanaday	*Mamie Harper Noles
Keith Blayney	Jimmie Keeton	*Gertrude Hannah
*Amanda Denson Brady	Lora Keeton	*Milton Oliver
*Jimmy Cates	*Roxy Godsey Keeton	Chester Pietka
Onzell Caudle	Lora L. Kelley	Bill Price
Bill Clabourn	*Lovella P. Kerr	Alan Harold Rosser
Clyde Crabtree	Fred Killingsworth, Jr.	Ruth Seaman
Allison Craig	Furn Kitchens	Walter D. "Cotton"
Jeff Crane	*Roscoe Knight	Shadix
M.B. Forbes	Chester Lacy	Betty Shaver
Opal Futral	Betty Laminack	Glady's Thompson
Hansel Gilbert	*Corene Laminack	*Mattie Townsel
Betty Gorham	Sally Wade Edwards	Christine Turner
Gavin Harris	Little	Bernice Watts
Warren Dale Harris	Billy McCurdy	Elder Billie Wilborn
*Franklin F. Hataway	*Elder Garnsey	Johnnie Frank Williams
Hazel G. Holmes	McGough	Ruth M. Williams
Kim Jenkins	Lear McGough	Cois E. Woodard
	William O. Nall	

Alaska

Gary Irwin

Arizona

Stan Nye
Fred Ross
David Utterbeck

Arkansas

Sue Cate
Jo Crain
Jeanie Dickerson
Ruth Hunt
Myrle Jordan
Ursula Tillery
J.P. Wolf

California

Doug Adams
Nancy Adamson
Dale Aengst
Ethel Ballin
Steve Bartel
Fred Bellin
William Boyd, Sr.
Frank Brajkovich
Blanche Carlile
Nonie Carpenter
Al Chealey
Sara Curry
Marilyn Darch
Hope Frazier
Rich Johnson
Donald Jones
Esther Love
Harry Merrick
Jerry Michlovitz
Jean Olsen
Linda Passmore
Kate Make Peace
Ed Penny
Bruce "Utah" Phillips
Cecil Piantadosi
Steve Prussing
Don Shepphard
Jennifer Tres
Dorcas Utter
Kevin Vickary
Clara Zuckerman

Colorado

Lois Brakey

Leland Larsen
Barbara Holly Neal
Aaron Sayvetz
Dennis Stevens
Erma Swoveland

Connecticut

Tyler Bush
Peter Callahan
Bo Farnham
Ilmars Knets
Jane Koga
Wendy Karlsberg
Meltzer
Frank Stefanov
Dick Tracey
Edmund Wojcik

Delaware

Ed Nelson
Maureen Ward

District of Columbia

Steve Lewis

Florida

Elizabeth Dunn
*John Etheridge
Henriette Galvagni
Victor Galvagni
Ellas McDaniel
Judith Morgan
Judy Elaine Morgan
Candy Youmans

Georgia

*Katherine Benefield
Hazel Camp
Mary Camp
Renea Campbell
Tony Colquitt
Cecil Cook
Marie Cook
Tippy Cook
Donald Denney
Tommy Denney
Maxine Ethington
Wayne Faircloth
Marjorie Faith
Jean Fincher
*Loy Garrison
Joe Gore
A.B. Hubbard

Faye Hulsey
Durwin Kelley
Roger Kelley
Pauline Langley
Gaylon Lumsford
Betty Sue Mann
Lucy McWhorter
Muriel Morgan
Ed Nelson
Craig Rogers
*Judith Lee Rogers
Fulton Smith
Mary Lee Smith
*Myrtle Smith
*Reby Florence Stanford
Elizabeth Tolbert
Asbury Walton

Illinois

Harvey Blatt
Wally Bloch
Glen Ernst
Bill Garfield
Laquita Keeton
Agnes Leatcy
Magda Lissau
Hubert Martin
Eleanor Phillips
Orrin Sebby
Sheldon Stremmel
Studs Terkel
Myrtle Thompson
Stewart Thompson

Indiana

Joyce Adams
Robert Bozarth

Iowa

Jill Brown
Mort Dodds
Terry Guthrie
Edward F. Wagner

Kentucky

Maxine Wesley
Ethington
Hugh T. McElrath
Liz Menifee
Jacob Napier
Alvin Penfield
Jane Saldaris
Sister Polly

Charlotte Tann
Virginia Tomlinson
Ellen Turnbull
Bertie Dee Walen

Maine

Robert Baldwin
Phyllis Bath
Gail Birch
Rosie Shinos

Maryland

Mary Carson
Clare V. Chapin
Ruth Donovan
Patricia Griffen
Barbara Hand
Esther Martin
Ann Crabtree Michener
Clarence Ramsburg
Jane Roman
Tom Walker

Massachusetts

Brent Beebe
John Coyne
Arthur Dobias
David Emerson
Norma Finch
Mary Forrest
Joan Goodwin
Jean Goss
Heather Egan Haynes
Rita Higgins
Peg Hoffman
Nancy Koughlan
Jack Kramer
Alex Mason
Jim McDonald
Cristine Micklitsch
Ruth Mills
Father Oshagan
Minassian
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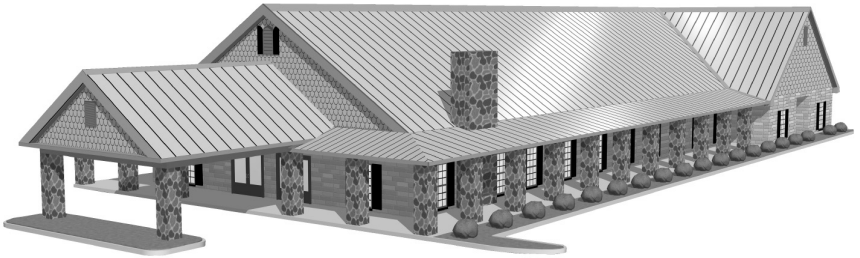
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