

# *Sacred Harp Singings*

*1998 & 1999*

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## **ONLINE EDITION**

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took the time to help me in any way with this edition of the minutes book. Address changes from rural routes to street numbers or county road numbers were made, along with area code changes. A great many of these corrections were made, but I am sure there are others. If your address changed and we didn't get it corrected, please send it to me. Also, many singings have changed the dates of their singings or combined them with other singings, so check the listings in the directory of singings section. It has been a year of a lot of changes!

A problem has arisen that needs to be addressed. In the fabulous world of technology there still remain some problems connected with these new advances. One such problem is the fact that when you send minutes via e-mail, you do not send a check with it. It is extremely difficult to keep up with who has and has not mailed a check. If you are among this group, please note that I will not include your singing minutes in the book until I have received a hard copy with a check enclosed. I'm sorry that this action has to be taken, but I trust you understand the necessity. I realize that your forgetting to mail a check is not intentional, but we all forget from time to time, and a requirement of a hard copy might jog the memory.

Another problem to be addressed is the timely submission of your minutes. Somehow the idea has come about that you don't have to send in your minutes until the end of November or December. This assumption is not correct. By the end of December the book is already at the printers. I will make every effort to include your minutes in the book, but your effort is also needed. Please send them immediately after the singing.

Shelbie Sheppard

## HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, the calendar date on which it was held, and the time you start singing.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Song Numbers** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add a “t” or a “b” onto 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).
- **Name Spellings** Please try to verify the spellings of all names.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin where known and, if convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Make check payable to: Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention (\$30.00 each singing session, and if your books are to be shipped, please include \$7.00 for shipping. Total for each 10 books shipped—\$37.00).
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard  
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# COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

If you are using a computer to prepare your minutes, you can save us from retyping them by sending the minutes on disk or by e-mail. Both Macintosh and PC users are welcome to send disks. Please follow the directions below carefully.

- **Before You Start** Read *How to Submit Minutes*, page 3.
- **Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not try to center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow them to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (sometimes called ¶ marks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row.
- **File Format** Save the file in Text Only format (this will remove any special formatting you may have used). If your word processor offers a choice between Text Only and Text Only With Line Breaks—be sure to choose Text Only because Text Only With Line Breaks will insert unwanted hard returns into the file.
- **File Name** Please save the file with a name that is only eight characters or fewer, plus the extension .TXT for text files. For example: LIBERTY.TXT.
- **Disk Format** Please use a 3.5-inch floppy disk formatted for DOS. Macintosh users: if you have System 7.5 or later and/or PC Exchange, you can format a DOS disk using the Erase Disk command.
- **To Submit by E-Mail** If you have access to e-mail, send the file as an attachment to: [minutes@fasola.org](mailto:minutes@fasola.org). Don't include the minutes in the message body itself unless you are certain that the mail program will not add unwanted hard returns.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the disk or e-mail attachment is damaged or unreadable.
- **Questions** Please direct formatting questions to Chris Thorman at [chris@thorman.com](mailto:chris@thorman.com) or phone (415) 431-7664.

# SACRED HARP SINGINGS

## 1999 DIRECTORY

### ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings are listed 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*

##### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 1st**—New Year's Day Singing—Cincinnati, Ohio—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan, Cincinnati, OH. From I-75, or I-471: follow interstate to downtown. East on US 50 (Columbia Parkway), left at first light (Kemper Lane). At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light, about .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 blks, then left on McMillan. About 1 mi to church at Ingleside. Info: John Bealle at (513)861-1137.

**Sat., 2nd**—Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church—Collins (Covington County), MS. From Collins, take 84 East out of Collins. Go one mile to Salem School Road. Take a left. Go 6 miles to first crossroads (It is Roscoe McDaniel Road to right and Blakelly Creek Church Road to left). Take a left. Go 0.5 miles to first right (Dennis Town Road). Church is on Dennis Town Road on the right. Contact Andrew Albers @ (601)765-9432.

**Sun., 3rd**—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs (Winston Co.), AL, Hwy. 195.

**Sun., 3rd**—State University of West Georgia Singing, Carrollton (Carroll Co.), GA—Food Service Building (Z-6). 9:30 ET.

**Sun., 3rd**—Friendship Church—Winston County, AL—8 miles southeast of Haleyville off Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign, go 2-3 miles, church is on left. Info: Parnell Berry at (205)486-5853. 9:30 CT.

##### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 9th, pm**—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson, and Robert Harper—Shady Grove (Keetons Cemetery), Walker County, AL. 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year.

**Sat., 9th, pm**—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 6 miles east of Jasper (Walker Co.), AL, Hwy 69. Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo. The church is on the right next to the fire station. Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year.

**Sun., 10th**—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church north of Fruithurst (Cleburne Co.), AL. County Road 49. Dutch Treat Singing. Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 10th**—Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center, 4632 N. Knox, Chicago, IL. Just off the I-94 Wilson exit. 10:30 a.m. CT.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th**—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Los Angeles, CA—Info: Rick and Laura Russell at (310)450-3516. 9:30 PT.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 23rd**—Fohs Hall—Marion (Crittenden Co.), KY. North Walker St. Info: Wm. Ralph Paris at (502)545-3920. 9:00 a.m. CT. (The Sacred Harp/Southern Harmony books used).

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, at Pine and First Street, Bay Minette, AL.

Info: Bill Hogan at (334)342-4137. 9:30 CT both days.

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., Jan. 30th**—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall, Fort Worth (Tarrant Co.), TX. Info: David Music (817)923-1921 ex. 6420.

(1991 Revision/Dutch Treat). 9:30 CT. Always the last Saturday in January.

**Sat., Jan. 30th & Sun., 31st**—Keyston Singing Convention—Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, 100 E. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA. Two blocks East/North of Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill. Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday singing follows Meeting for Worship (all are welcome to attend). 1991 Revision used. Info: Gabriel Kastelle (215)602-8330 or Doron Henkin (215)656-4206.

**Sun., 31st**—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb Co.), AL. 2 miles north of Henagar, AL on Liberty Road. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative. Turn right and go to dead end. Turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Rd.). Church is on right, approximately 1.5 miles. Info: David Ivey (256)881-5291. 9:30 CT. First fifth Sunday of year.

**Sun., 31st**—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Jefferson Co., AL. Directions: 2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78. Info: Velton Chafin (205)387-7380. 9:30 CT. First fifth Sunday of year.

**Sun., 31st**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 7900 Bethlehem Rd., Mulberry Florida—Call Lane Albritton (813)737-2249. 10:00 a.m. ET

## *February*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 6th**—Capitol Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol, Bainbridge St. at Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL. Four books used: Original 1991 Sacred Harp Revision/Cooper Revision/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp. Dutch Treat. Please bring a sack lunch. Info: Jim Carnes (334)264-0286 (days). 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. CT.

**Sat., 6th**—Provine Chapel, Mississippi College—Clinton, Mississippi (formerly held in September or October). Contact Warren Steel mudws@olemiss.edu for information.

**Sun., 7th**—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center, Ladiga St. and Church Ave. Jacksonville (Calhoun Co.), AL. Driving north on Hwy. 21, Ladiga is the first street forming the city “square”. Turn right. Pass alley; the Center is on the left at the corner of Ladiga and Church Ave. (Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch. Desserts are provided by the Burnham family.) Info: Ruth Brown at (256)831-2227. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 7th**—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—4 miles northeast of Sipsey (Walker Co.), AL on highway from Sipsey to Wilburn, AL (also called Bug Tussle), County Road 9.

**Sun., 7th**—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, IL. (Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday). Info: Ted Mercer (773)486-7400. 1:00 p.m. CT.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 13th**—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, AL 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

**Sun., 14th**—Roy Avery's Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles southwest of Daviston (Tallapoosa Co.), AL. Highway 22 to Daviston, take County Road 79 south to crossroads, church is on right. From Alexander City, Highway 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd., take right, church is on left. Singing at 9:30 a.m. CT with preaching at 11:00 a.m. CT—93rd Birthday.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 20th**—LSU Campus—St. Albans Chapel Parrish Hall, Baton Rouge, LA. Chapel is at the corner of Darymple and Highland Street. Contact Wallace McKenzie (225)924-0321 or Brad Pope (225)344-9648. 1991 Sacred Harp Revision. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. CT

**Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st**—Ohio State Convention—Columbus, Ohio. Contact Fred Todt (614)291-0282 or John Bealle (513)861-1137 or Lorraine Sawyer (614)262-9663. 10:00 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 21st**—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center, Cordova (Walker Co.), AL. Info: Velton Chafin at (205)387-7380.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 27th**—New York State Regional (Binghamton Area)—Vestal Public Library; 320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY. Info: Dennis Leipold (607)724-8784, e-mail: dleipold@spectra.net

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center, Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), WA. Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday. Info: David Hough at (425)452-0109 or Karen Willard at (360)897-9545. 9:30 a.m. PT.

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Texas State Convention—College Station Conference Center (both days), 1300 George Bush Dr., College Station (Brazos Co.), TX. Info: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. e-mail: cwhitmire@conroe.isd.tenet.edu (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat). Starts 10:00 a.m. CT on Saturday; 9:30 a.m. CT Sunday.

**Sun., 28th**—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke Co.), GA. Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Ave. Extension). Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign, turn right. (Sacred Harp/Social Harp books used). Info: John Garst at (706)548-3910.

## *March*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 6th**—Duke Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—in Heard County off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Rd., 100 yards past mile marker #17. Two miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line between Carrollton and Franklin, GA. 13 miles from bypass in Carrollton, GA.

**Sat., 6th**—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention. Raleigh/Durham area. Contact Lynda Hambourger, nhssllh@GWGATE.BAS.NCSU.EDU

**Sun., 7th**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard Co.), GA, on GA Hwy. 100. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 7th**—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton Memorial Singing—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, AL. Three miles south of Nauvoo, AL, just east of Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill). Info: Tim Gilmore (205)384-0711. 9:30 a.m. CT

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 13th**—Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing—Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, AL. From Birmingham, Hwy. 75 north to Douglas, turn right on Hwy. 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy). After about 5 miles, turn right off Hwy. 168 east onto County Road 93. (Note: You will pass Friendship church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church). 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th**—Missouri State Convention—St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, MO. 11.5 miles west of Marthasville, MO on Hwy. 94. Info: Karen Isbell (314)664-1411 or Jeanette Lowry (314)433-2101. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th**—Smith County Convention—New Harmony Community Center. On Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony community, between State Hwys. 64 and 110, northwest of Tyler (Smith Co.), TX. Info: Myrl Jones (903)593-0955 or Myra Palmer (214)223-4617. 10:00 am CT on Saturday and 9:30 am CT on Sunday. (Cooper Revision).

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

**Sun., 14th**—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville (Houston Co.), GA. On Hwy. 96. Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit, go east on Hwy. 96 for four miles. Church on right. Please bring covered dish.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 20th**—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium, on Church St., Hoboken (Brantley Co.), GA. From US 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 at (912)458-2493. 9:00 a.m. ET. (Cooper Revision).

**Sat., 20th pm**—Stephenson and Wall Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker Co.), AL. 6 miles northeast of Jasper, AL on Hwy. 69. Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo. The church is on the right next to the fire station. Saturday night.

**Sun., 21st**—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta (Fulton Co.), GA—Birmingham/Hopewell Road. 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 Rd. for about 5 miles to the four-way stop. Turn left to continue on Hopewell Rd. Turn left on Birmingham Rd. The church is about 2 miles from the intersection on the right. (Cooper Revision).

**Sun., 21st**—Wall Memorial—George Wallace Senior Center—Hollingsworth Dr., Glencoe (Etowah Co.), AL. From Gadsden, 6 miles from Coosa River Bridge on Hwy. 431. Go to the Glencoe First Baptist Church (which is on the right), turn left at the traffic signal, cross the railroad tracks, turn right onto



Railroad Ave., go until the street ends at Pineview Ave. and turn left. Drive 0.1 mile and turn left onto Hollingsworth Dr. The building is on the left. Coming Hwy. 431 north, turn right on Pineview Ave. before you get to First Baptist Church, Glencoe, and follow the rest of the directions. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 21st**—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church, Double Springs (Winston Co.), AL. Three miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195. (This singing was combined with the Log Cabin Sacred Harp Singing and the Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing, held at night, to form one singing to be held at Shady Grove.) 9:30 a.m. CT.

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 27th**—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, IN. Info: Janet Fraembs at (217)345-6873 or Marlen Rust at (812)336-2792.

**Sat., 27th**—Vermont State Shape Note Convention—Wethersfield Center, Old Meeting House, Westerfield, Vermont. Note: Singing is last Saturday in March except on Easter weekend when it is either the week before or after. Contact Larry Gordon (802)426-3210.

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Georgia State Convention—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Ga. Go GA Hwy. 400 north to exit 10 (old Milton Parkway), turn right (east). Church is approx. 2 miles on left. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 28th**—Palm Sunday Singing, Finstock Village Hall, United Kingdom. Contact Bernard Collard, gm22@dial.pipex.com

### *April*

#### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 3rd**—William Walker Memorial Singing—Burwell Building, Wofford College, N. Church St., Spartanburg, SC. Info: John Bullard at (803)582-8589. (The Sacred Harp/Southern Harmony/Christian Harmony books used).

**Sat., 3rd**—Easter Singing—Henderson Primitive Baptist Church, Henderson, TX. On U.S. 79 six miles east of Henderson. Info: John or Emmie Morris (903)898-2510. (Cooper Revision).

**Sun., 4th**—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Hwy. 9, one mile north of Bruce, MS (Calhoun Co.). The church is on the right.

**Sun., 4th**—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), AL. 6 miles east of Heflin just off Hwy. 78. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 4th**—Old Enon Church—North of Lynn (Winston Co.), AL. From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge, take Hwy. 5 towards Lynn. Turn left on County Road 25, then right at the sign for Old Enon Church after a mile or so. 9:30 CT.

#### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 9th pm**—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Friday night before the second Sunday in April, south of Tallapoosa (Haralson Co.), GA on Old 100 Hwy. From I-20 take exit #1 for GA Hwy. 100 and go south. Turn right on Carlton Johnson Rd. (at J&J/Don's Shoppette) to Old Hwy. 100. Turn left. The church is on the left. 6:30 p.m. ET.

**Sat., 10th**—State Line Church—Cleburne County, AL—From west to east, take Hwy. 78, go to the Georgia State Line, *immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right, go to the next road which will be dirt (County Rd. #207) and turn right. Go approx. 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. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 10th**—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Free Will Baptist Bible College, Johnson Academic Bldg.—Nashville (Davidson Co.), TN. Exit to U.S. 70 South. Go West (West End Ave.) off of I-440 in west Nashville. Go 1 block and turn right at Bowling Ave. (traffic light). Go 1 block and turn left onto Richland Ave., Johnson Academic Bldg. is in the middle of the block on the left. Parking on street in rear. Signs will be posted. Singing is the first Saturday after Easter each year.

**Sat., 10th**—Friend's Meeting House—Yellow Springs, OH. U.S. 68 to Yellow Springs, 4 blocks south of downtown; east on Whiteman to "T", see building to right. Info: Fred Todt (614)291-0282 or John Bealle (513)861-1137. Singing is on a set date, first Saturday after Easter. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Sat., 10th**—Brazos River Singing—Star of the Republic Museum, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Washington (Brazos Co.), TX. From Navasota, take Hwy. 105 south for 7 miles. Turn left onto Farm-to-Market Rd 1155 to the park. Info: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080. (Cooper Revision/Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a picnic lunch).

**Sun., 11th**—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb Co.), AL. From Ider, take Hwy. 75 north. Go approx. 5 miles, turn left onto County Road 141 at Hartline Grocery, go approx. 3 miles, church is on left.

**Sun., 11th**—Old County Line Church—9 miles west of Warrior (Jefferson Co.), AL near Corner, off Miller road. From Birmingham, take I-65 north, exit at Warrior exit (#282) and get on County Road 140, (also called Warrior/Jasper Rd.) going west. Turn right at Mayfield Rd. (County Road 83), drive through a cemetery then turn right on Miller Rd., the church is on the left.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 17th**—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—2 miles east of Arab (Marshall Co.), AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville). 10:00 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 17th**—New York State Regional—Rochester Area—St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 77 Country Corner Ln., Fairport, NY. Laura Densmore (716)688-2001, Densmore@acsu.buffalo.edu - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET.

**Sun., 18th**—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—South of Hwy. 8, 8 miles east of Houston (Chickasaw Co.), MS. From Hwy. 8, turn south on County Road 190. The church is on the left.

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

**Sun., 18th**—Pine Grove—Lookout Mountain near Collinsville (DeKalb Co.), AL. Take I-59 and turn east on Alabama 68 (exit 205) and follow signs to U.S. 11, go south on U.S. 11, look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Tues., 20th**—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—Spring Session—3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Info: Dr. Harry Eskew (504)282-4455, ext. 3277. 6:00 p.m. CT.

**Fri., 23rd pm, Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Potomac River Convention—Washington, DC area. Info: (301)897-5274, or Steve Sabol: e-mail: Sabol@his.com

**Sat., 24th**—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road, north of Alpharetta (Fulton Co.), GA. From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta, turn left (west) on Milton for a block, turn right on Canton. Follow Canton as it

becomes Hopewell Rd. for about 5 miles to the four-way stop. Turn left to continue on Hopewell Rd. Turn left on Birmingham Rd. The church is about 2 miles from the intersection, on the right.

**Sat., 24th & Sun. 25th**—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Ky. From Louisville, take I-71 N, go to exit 14. Turn left, go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right. Church will be on left. Info: Robert Meek (502)893-2190. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. (The Sacred Harp/Southern Harmony books used on Saturday. The Sacred Harp and Cooper Book on Sunday).

**Sun., 25th**—Friendship Church—8 miles southeast of Haleyville (Winston Co.), AL on Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign two miles, church on left. Going north, look for church sign, south 2 miles.

**Sun., 25th**—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—near Snead (Blount Co.), AL. From the junction of U.S. 278 and Hwy. 75 in Snead, drive south 4.7 miles, passing mile marker 39. Turn left, east, on Wilson's Chapel Road (Glass Grocery is on the right). The church is 0.3 miles on the right.

**Sun., 25th**—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church—Fruithurst (Cleburne Co.), AL. Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst, turn north at post office, go to County Road 49, go approx. 3 miles, turn right and follow signs to Mt. Paran Church, pass church to dead end, turn right. St. Michael on right. 10:00 a.m. CT

**Sun., 25th**—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, TX. Info: John or Emmie Morris (903)898-2510.

**Mon., 26th thru Fri., 30th**—Sacred Harp Singing School—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, AR. Taught by Hugh McGraw. Contact Susan Young @ (501)750-8165. Starting time 6:30 p.m. 1991 Revision.

## *May*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 1st**—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burrirt Museum, 3101 Burrirt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain, Huntsville (Madison Co.), AL. Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn left onto Burrirt Drive. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 1st**—All Day Singing—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, AR. Contact Susan Young at (501)750-8165.

**Sun., 2nd**—Emmaus Church—Carrollton (Carroll Co.), GA. Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton, go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road. Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 2nd**—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun Co.), MS. Hwy. 341 south of Reid.

**Sun., 2nd**—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson Co.), AL. Between Section and Dutton, off Alabama Highway 71 on the north side. Turn at church sign.

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

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

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sun., 9th**—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL, and west of Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill. There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11. 9:30 a.m. CT.

### ***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Fri., 14th pm & Sat., 15th**—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, 289 Park St., Upper Montclair, NJ. Info: Gina Balestracci (973)655-7219 (days), (973)509-2165 (nigt). Friday night singing school precedes convention.

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

**Sat., 15th**—Mattox Memorial—Lawrenceburg, TN—City Administration Building. Info: Clayton Ezell (931)762-8267. 10:00 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 15th**—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, KY (near Lexington).

**Sat., 15th**—Arrow Rock Singing—Federated Church, Arrow Rock, MO. On High Street (one block north of Main Street). Info: Richard/Susan Green at (816)931-7042.

**Sun., 16th**—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, AL. 3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 16th**—New Canaan Church—Near Empire (Walker Co.), AL. Take Empire Rd. out of Sumiton and follow it through Empire (6 miles), Creel, and on to the church (4 miles). The church is on the left.

**Sun., 16th**—Liberty Hill Church—on Highway 36 approximately 5 miles west of I-75, (take either High Falls Exit 65 or Barnesville/Jackson Exit 66) and go west toward Barnesville, (Lamar Co.), GA. Bring covered dish.

**Sun., 16th**—Concord Baptist Church—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard (Calhoun Co.), MS. In Ellard, take County Road 23 west to the church. 10:00 CT.

**Sun., 16th**—New Prospect Presbyterian Church—Off Farm-to-Market Road 124 on County Road 212, east of Beckville (Panola Co.), TX. Info: John/Emmie Morris (903)298-2510. 10:00 CT. (Cooper Revision).

### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 22nd**—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—Chambers County, AL. 6 miles south of Roanoke at Stroud, off Hwy. 431. 9:00 a.m. CT. (Cooper Book).

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

**Sun., 23rd**—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—5 miles north of Tallapoosa, (Haralson Co.), GA off Hwy. 100. Turn left on Poplar Spring Church Rd. (just before mile marker #12). Go 0.5 miles, church is on left. 9:30 ET.

**Sun., 23rd**—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson Co.), AL. 3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris, AL, on Old Sardis Rd.

**Sun., 23rd**—Sullins School House—8 miles north of Hamilton (Marion Co.), AL, Hwy. 49. The church/school house is 4 miles north of the 49/U.S. 278 junction.

### ***Fifth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL. Locations to be announced. Info: Ted Mercer (773) 862-6477 or 486-7400. 9:15 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan (Caldwell Co.), TX. Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, on Farmers Market Road 713, McMahan, Texas, between Bastrop and Luling, east of Lockhart. Info: Tom or

Jeb Owen (512)398-6075; Curtis Owen (512)398-2017. First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). (Cooper Revision).

**Sun., 30th**—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth Co.), GA. 10 miles southwest of Sylvester. From I-75 take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester. Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Rd. Go 5.5 miles, the church is on the right.

**Sun., 30th**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 7900 Bethlehem Rd., Mulberry Florida—Call Lane Albritton (813)737-2249. 10:00 a.m. ET

## *June*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—near Bremen (Carroll County), GA. 2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27. Exit #3 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27, go to top of hill at Amoco service station and turn left. Go to dead end and turn left. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 6th**—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb Co.), AL. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmer Telephone Cooperative, turn right and go to dead end. Turn right. Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road. Church on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

**Sun., 6th**—Pine Tucky Church—5 miles south of Double Springs (Winston Co.), AL. 1 mile east of Hwy. 195 on County Road 8.

**Sun., 6th**—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—west of Bruce (Yalobusha Co.), MS. Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th**—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. 6 miles east of Oneonta (Blount Co.), AL. 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport. From I-59, take Hwy. 231 north. Go beyond mile marker 249. Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church. Go to dead end, turn right. Church is on left. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 13th**—Alpharetta Municipal Auditorium—Alpharetta (Fulton Co.), GA. Auditorium is in the City Hall, corner of Academy and south Main St. Info: Helen Bryson at (770)381-9093.

**Sun., 13th**—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman Co., AL. 13 miles northeast of Cullman on Hwy. 69 (Cullman to Arab). The church is on the south side of the highway.

**Sun., 13th**—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Carroll County, GA. 1 mile east of Villa Rica, off Hwy. 78. Take exit #6 from I-20 and go north. Turn left on Hwy. 78 for 0.5 miles. Turn right on Conners Rd. and cross the railroad tracks. The church is on the right. 10:00 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 13th**—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun Co., MS. 3 miles north of Derma..

**Sun., 13th**—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House)—Fayette County, AL. On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Thurs., 17th, Fri., 18th & Sat., 19th**—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church, 1400 Oxmoor Rd., Birmingham, AL (Homewood area, I-65 and Hwy. 31.) 1.5 miles east of I-65. From I-65, take Exit 256B (Oxmoor Rd.) East. Cross major intersection and Palisades Mall (on left) then get in far right lane as Oxmoor angles off to the right. Follow through several traffic lights. Trinity Church is on the left past Dawson Memorial Baptist.

**Sat., 19th**—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman Co., AL. 15 miles southwest of Cullman. Four miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn, AL (Bug Tussle). At Bug Tussle turn north on County Rd. 54 (aka County Road 9). Go 4.0 miles. The church will be on the left.

**Sat., 19th**—New York State Regional Singing—Ithaca, NY. Call for location. Info: Jennifer Cook (607)273-7076. e-mail: jc27@cornell.edu; or Juanita Heyerman (607)277-4678. e-mail: jdh23@cornell.edu. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET.

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

**Sun., 20th**—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—near Ephesus (Heard Co.), GA. Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School. Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Rd. Go 2.5 miles, turn right. 10:00 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 20th**—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge (Winston Co.), AL, off Hwy. 278 east at County Road 49.

**Sun., 20th**—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Near Empire (Walker Co.), AL on Oaky Hollow Rd. From Sumiton, take Empire Rd. north. The road becomes Oaky Hollow Rd. at the turn to Empire. Continue straight for 2 more miles. Church is on right.

**Sun., 20th**—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community, Jackson Co. 4 miles south of Section, 7 miles northwest of Fyffe, AL on county road to Section.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

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

**Sun., 27th**—DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody (DeKalb Co.), GA. Intersection of Roberts Rd. and Spalding Dr. Exit Georgia 400 north at Northridge heading east. Go south on Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit. Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approx. 1 mile from Georgia 400). 9:30 a.m. ET.

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

**Sun., 27th**—Mt. Lebanon Church—Fayette Co., AL. The church is 8 miles northwest of Fayette. Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette. Turn right, north, on State Highway 107. Go 4 miles or so turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Rd. about midway). There should be a sign. The church is on the left.

## *July*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th**—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church—2 miles north of Henagar (DeKalb Co.), AL. From Henagar crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right. Go to dead end, turn right. Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road. Go approx. 1.5 miles, church is on right. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Sun., July 4th**—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Ashland (Clay Co.), AL. 6 miles southwest of Ashland near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

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

**Sun., 4th**—Cross Roads Baptist Church—Haralson Co., GA. Take Hwy. 100 north from Tallapoosa, turn left onto Steadman Road. Go approx. 7 miles, church is on right at the intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 4th**—Dutton, Green and Jackson Memorial—New Flatwoods Church—Walker Co., AL. 3 miles south of Nauvoo, and east of Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

**Sun., 4th**—Extension Auditorium (Ag Center) at Perry Fairgrounds—Perry, GA. 1 block South of Hwy. 34 on Commerce St. No lunch. Singing begins at 1 p.m. ET.

**Mon., July 5th**—Independence Day Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne Co.), AL. Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine, turn south on County Rd. 49, go 1 mile, church is on right. Held on Monday 5th because of conflicts with other singings. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Wed., July 7th**—Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center—Jones Chapel (Cullman Co.), AL. From I-65 take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel. Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7 also called CR 940. Go one block, building is on the right. First Wednesday in July.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri. pm, 9th & Sat., 10th**—Quebec Convention, Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada. Contact Victor Maltby.

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

**Sun., 11th**—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Rd., Decatur (DeKalb Co.), GA. Singing from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., preaching 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon ET. Singing after lunch. (J.L. White edition book used).

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

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

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Thur., 15th**—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Old Alabama Town, Grange Hall, 310 North Hull St., Montgomery, AL. Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break. Info: (334)242-3601. Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture. 10:00 a.m. CT.

**Sat., 17th**—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall Co., AL. 6 miles northwest of Arab. Turn west on county road at Discount Warehouse Grocery, County Road 418, also called Ruth Eddy Rd. The church is on the left.

**Sat., 17th**—Walker County Convention—Zions Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, AL. Hwy. 78 West. Left at traffic light in front of hospital. 3-4 miles, 2nd church on right.

**Sat., 17th & Sun. 18th**—Michiana Regional—Sat.—New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, IN.. Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about one mile.

Turn right (west) onto County Road 38. Church is approximately 3 miles on right. Info: Samuel Sommers (219)294-6180.—Sun.—Western Michigan University, Wesley Foundation (on campus), Kalamazoo, MI. Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center. Wesley Foundation is nearby. Info: Bill and Martha Beverly (616)382-4288. beverly@net-link.net.

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

#### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 24th**—Connecticut Convention. Contact Susan Garber for information at SusanGarber@aol.com.

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

**Sat., 24th**—Marilou Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego Co.), CA. From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound. Go approx. 4 miles, turn left on Midland Rd. The park is on the left. Info: Carla Smith at (619)533-3181 (days) or (619)544-0432 (evenings).

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

**Sun., 25th**—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw Co., MS. South of Hwy. 8, eight miles east of Houston. From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190. The church is on the left.

**Sun., 25th**—Marion County Courthouse Singing—Hamilton, AL. The Courthouse is at the corner of 1st Ave. and 1st St.

### ***August***

#### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., July 31st**—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—6 miles east of Oneonta, AL. 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport. From I-59, take Hwy. 231 north. Go beyond mile marker 249. Take first paved road on right, at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church. Go to dead end, turn right. Church is on left. *Saturday only.*

**Sat., July 31st & Sun., 1st**—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll Co.), GA. Turn left off Hwy. 27-A at Cross Plains Rd. Follow it as it curves and turns into a dirt road, to church. 9:30 a.m. ET.

**Sun., 1st**—Fayette County Convention—Bevill State Community College—Brewer, 2631 Temple Ave. N., Fayette, AL.

#### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 7th**—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area. Info: Jim Brock at (511) 345-9652 or jbrock@pacinfo.com. 1st Saturday in August. 9:30 a.m. PT.

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

**Sat., 7th**—New York State Regional—Kingston, New York area. Info: Jim Ulrich, (914)657-8314 e-mail: ulrich@ulster.net 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET.



**Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th**—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center, S. High St., Henderson (Rusk Co.), TX. Info: John or Emmie Morris (903)898-2510. (Cooper Revision).

**Sun., 8th**—Macedonia Baptist Church—Winston Co., AL. 6.5 miles east of Haleyville, and 4 miles south of Needmore. Take Hwy. 195 to County Road 19, also called Macedonia Rd. The church is about 4 miles from Hwy. 195 on the left.

### *Wednesday after second Sunday*

**Wed., 11th**—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Pickens Co., AL. 3 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21. This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 14th**—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Chattanooga, TN. Location to be announced. Info-Linda Sides (423)875-8619 or by e-mail: linjanes@bellsouth.net

**Sat., 14th**—Rock Creek Mountain Home and Ryan Creek Convention—Jones Chapel Senior Citizen's Center, Jones Chapel (Cullman Co.), AL. From Cullman, take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel. Turn left, south, at the signal light on County Road 7, go one block. The building is on the right. Or it will be at the Masonic Hall, Crane Hill (Cullman Co.), Alabama—10 miles south of Jones Chapel. From junction in Crane Hill of County Road 22 and County Road 7, go east on CR 22 one block. The hall is on the north side of the road. Info: David Roberson (205)681-4389.

**Sat., 14th, p.m., Sun., 15th**—Santa Cruz Regional—Women's Center, 303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. Saturday 9:00 a.m. PT. Senior Citizens Opportunities, 222 Market St., Santa Cruz, CA, Sunday 9:00 a.m. PT. Info: Kathleen Marie Pouls (408)475-8885.

**Sun., 15th**—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion Co.), AL. It is 0.7 of mile south of County Road 14, Winfield. From Hwy. 78 in Winfield, take Hwy. 129 North. County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign. Church is 0.7 mile on right. Info: John Beasley at (205)487-3916.

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

**Sun., 15th**—Cleburne County Convention—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Cleburne County, AL. 3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78. 9:30 a.m. CT.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

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

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—Mississippi State Convention—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—North of Newton (Newton Co.), MS on the Pine Bluff/New Ireland Rd. Info: Mark Davis at (601)932-9188.

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville (DeKalb Co.), AL. Take I-59 and turn east on Alabama Highway 68 (exit 205), follow signs to U.S. 11. Go south on U.S. 11 and look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213.

**Sun., 22nd**—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, MS. 4 miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road, east of Tremont.

### ***Fifth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 28th**—Young People's Singing—Held at different locations, 1999 session to be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Contact Seth Holloway at (615)320-3858. e-mail: RELAPSE777@AOL.COM. Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4.

**Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th**—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Alpharetta, (Fulton Co.), GA—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham-Hopewell Road. 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 Rd. for approx. 5 miles to the four-way stop. Turn left to continue on Hopewell Rd. Turn left on Birmingham Rd. The church is approx. 2 miles from the intersection, on the right.

**Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th**—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (Aug., Sept., or Oct. last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving) 915 E. 52nd St., between Airport Blvd. and IH-35. Info: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080 or Al Rogers (512)458-9667. (Cooper Revision).

**Sun., 29th**—Lacy's Chapel—near Henagar (DeKalb Co.), AL. 2.5 miles west of Henagar, Alabama off Hwy. 40. Turn left at church sign onto County Road 163 and go 0.3 miles. Lacy's Chapel is on the left. 10:00 a.m. CT.

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

**Sun., 29th**—Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette Co.), MS.

**Sun., 29th**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 7900 Bethlehem Rd., Mulberry Florida—Call Lane Albritton (813)737-2249. 10:00 a.m. ET

## ***September***

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 4th**—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama. 2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton, north of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78.

**Sat., 4th**—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio. Info: Charles or Jane Wells. (440)774-1926.

**Sat., 4th**—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport (Berks), PA. Info: Betty Hanf (610)582-5924 or Doron Henkin (215)656-4206 work, (610)688-6347 home, or e-mail Dhenkin@aol.com. The Saturday before Labor Day.

**Sun., 5th**—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—From Bremen (Haralson Co.), GA. Take Hwy. 78 E., turn left on Old Temple Rd. at Car Wash on left, runs into Cashtown Rd. Bear left to Golf Course, turn right on Little Vine Church Rd. (approx. 2.5 miles.)

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

**Sun., 5th**—Haynes Creek Church—10 miles north of Conyers (Rockdale Co.), GA on state Hwy. 20, turn left on Rosebud Rd., 3 miles (approx.), church is on left.

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

### ***Labor Day, Monday, September 6***

**Mon., 6th (Labor Day)**—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest. Cleburne County, AL. Hwy. 78 east to Heflin, go past Edwardsville and watch for signs to enter the Forest, turn left and follow road through the Forest, follow signs in the Forest to church. 9:30 a.m. CT.

### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 11th**—Central Louisiana Sacred Harp Singing—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Dry Prong (Grant Co.), LA.

**Sat., 11th**—Southeast Texas Convention—Community Center on Robinson Road at Hanna, near The Woodlands in Oak Ridge, TX. Info: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. e-mail:cwhitmer@conroe.isd.tenet.edu (1991 Revision).

**Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th**—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Liberty Church, Henagar, AL. 2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west 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, approximately 1.5 miles. Info: David Ivey (256)881-5291 or Coy Ivey (256)657-4681.

**Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th**—United Kingdom Shape Note Convention—Beeston Youth and Community Centre, Beeston, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Contact Steve Fletcher, Stevie\_Fletcher@classic.msn.com

**Sun., 12th**—Mountain Home Church—3 miles southwest of Bear Creek (Marion Co.), AL on Hwy. 241 south.

**Sun., 12th**—County Line Primitive Baptist Church—7 miles north of TX 105/FM 1484 intersection in Cut and Shoot, Texas on Farmer to Market road 3081 in the County Line Community, Montgomery County. Go north on Farmer to Market road 1484 for 4.5 miles, take the right fork onto Browder-Taylor Rd., turn right on Willis-County Line Rd. Immediately on the left after crossing the Peach Creek Bridge. Info: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. e-mail:cwhitmer@conroe.isd.tenet.edu (Cooper Revision).

### ***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th**—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community, AL. Take Hwy. 21 from Anniston to Jacksonville. After mile marker 264, you will see a United Methodist Church on right. Go just short of mile marker 265 and turn right on Four Mile Dr., church is on the right (in line with mile marker 265). 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 19th**—B. F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, 3965 Glenwood Rd, Decatur (DeKalb Co.), GA. (J.L. White book used).

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

### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Tues., 21st**—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall Session—3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Info: Dr. Harry Eskew. 6:00 p.m. CT.

**Sat., 25th**—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee (Jackson Co.), NC. Info: Ed Smith

(706)695-0843 for free parking passes. 10:30 ET. (The Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony books used).

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—Minnesota State Convention—Minneapolis, MN area, locations to be announced. Info: Matt Wells (651)695-0086 or Midge Olsen (651)646-6441.

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—Rocky Mountain Convention—Swallow Hill Music Assoc., 71 E. Yale Ave., Denver, Colorado Info: John Schaffer (303)234-1729 or Sandy Hill (970)669-6450. Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, IL. Location to be announced.

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

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

**Sun., 26th**—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson Co.), GA. From square in Thomaston, go west on GA 74, approx. 5 blocks, turn right across railroad at Hammond's Mill Rd., then sharp left on Emmaus Church Rd. Approx. 0.3 miles.

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

## **October**

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Fri., 1st, p.m. & Sat., 2nd**—New England Convention—Place to be announced in Massachusetts. Info: Paula McGray (781)245-3744 or Ginnie Ely (978)664-1344. or ely@star.ENABLE.com

**Sat., 2nd**—Cooper Book Singing—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church, between Dutton and Section (Jackson Co.), AL. Just off the north side of Hwy. 71.

**Sat., 2nd**—Northern Shenandoah Valley All-Day Singing—Berryville, VA. Location to be announced. Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin at (606)268-0998.

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

**Sat., 2nd**—Louisiana State—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—8576 Hooper Road, Baton Rouge, LA. Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504)286-3845.

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

**Sun., 3rd**—Sandy Creek Church—one mile south of Flovilla (Butts Co.), GA on Highway 87.

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

**Sun., 3rd**—Old Sardis Church Number 1—3 miles north of Lynn (Winston Co.), AL on County Road 17. From U.S. 278 turn south onto County Road 17 at the church sign.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 9th**—Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, OH—Semi-Annual Singing.  
Info: Fred Todt (614)291-0282.

**Sat., 9th, p.m. & Sun., 10th**—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, TN. Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points, turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Road. Go about 1 mile and turn left, then go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right. Saturday p.m. singing is the Cooper Book; Sunday singing is the 1991 Revision Edition.

**Sun., 10th**—Walker Cates and H. H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne Co.), AL. Take Hwy. 78 east to County Road 49, take right, go 1 mile, church on right. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 10th**—Chestnut Grove Church—3 miles south of Ider (DeKalb Co.), AL. Off Hwy. 117. 10:00 CT.

**Sun., 10th**—Bailey Memorial Methodist Church—Loyd (Calhoun Co.), MS.

**Sun., 10th**—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker Co.), AL. 3 miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Rd. 11. There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11. 9:30 a.m. CT.

Info: Pamela Keeton at (205)221-4465.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 16th**—Georgia, Alabama, Florida Singing Convention. Location in Alabama.

**Sat., 16th & Sun. 17th**—New York State Convention—Unity Hall, 103 Vanderkemp Ave., Barneveld, New York, near Utica. 11 miles north of Utica, west of Route 12. Info: Barbara Swetman (315)853-5723 e-mail: bswetman@hamilton.edu or Margaret and Ron Bornick (315)853-6282, e-mail: RMBornick@compuserve.com

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

**Sun., 17th**—Andrews School House—Upson Co., GA. 6.1 miles south of Thomaston on Hwy. 74. Turn right on The Rock Road to first stop sign, bear left, 1 mile to school. Bring covered dish.

**Sun., 17th**—McWhorter Memorial—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne Co.), AL. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst. Turn onto County Rd. 35. Go to County Road 49 and continue to County Road 65. Turn right onto County 65. Go 5 miles. Church is on left. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 17th**—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, AL. 10 miles west of Warrior, near Corner off Miller Road. From I-65 exit at Warrior Exit (exit #282) and get on County Road 140, (also called Warrior-Jasper Rd) going west. Turn right at Mayfield Rd (County Road 83), drive through a cemetery then turn right on Miller Rd; the church is on the left.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 23rd**—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Embry Hills United Methodist Church—3304 Henderson Mill Rd., Atlanta, GA. Info: Kelly Morris at (404)378-0595 or Bryan Black (770)938-0661 (days) 867-2253 (evenings).

**Sat., 23rd**—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles east of Arab (Marshall Co.), AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

**Sat., 23rd**—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—Scott Co., MS. 3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton, MS. (Cooper Book).

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W. A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, AL. 12 miles northeast of Jasper. 1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

**Sun., 24th**—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph Co.), AL. 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 2 miles on right.

**Sun., 24th**—University of Chicago Shape Note Singing Association—Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, IL. Info: Kiri Miller (773)955-0593 kmmille  
l@midway.uchicago.edu. Confirm time and place before coming as these are in flux as of the Directory's printing deadline. This could be an all-day event.

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sun., 31st**—Martin Blackmon Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Villa Rica (Douglas Co.), GA. Last fifth Sunday in the year. One mile east of Villa Rica off Hwy. 78. Take exit #6 from I-20 and go north. Turn left on Hwy. 78 for 0.5 miles. Turn right on Connors Rd. and cross the railroad tracks. The church is on the right.

**Sun., 31st**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 7900 Bethlehem Rd., Mulberry Florida—Call Lane Albritton (813)737-2249. 10:00 a.m. ET.

## *November*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 6th**—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio. Info: Kathryn Knecht (419)634-4916.

**Sat., 6th**—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Heard County, GA. Off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Road, 100 yards just past mile marker #17. 2 miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line, between Carrollton and Franklin. 13 miles from the bypass in Carrollton. Info: Everett Denney (770)854-4221.

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

**Sun., 7th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Carroll County, GA. Near Bremen. 2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27. Exit #3 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27, go to top of hill at Amoco service station and turn left. Go to dead end and turn left. Go to dead end, church on left. 9:30 a.m. ET.

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

**Sun., 7th**—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—9 miles south of Cordele (Crisp Co.), GA. The church is on Lebanon Church Rd. which runs between Antioch Rd. and Arabi Warwick Rd. Bring covered dish.

**Sun., 7th**—Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood Memorial Singing—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—south of Attalla (Etowah Co.), AL. On Hwy. 11.

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 13th**—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, TN, between Harding Road, U.S. 70 and Harding Place.

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

**Sat., 13th**—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Rd., Dallas, TX. Info: Bruce or Beverly Coates (972)227-7976. (1991 Revision)

**Sun., 14th**—Oak Hill Baptist Church—near Oxford (Calhoun Co.), AL. Get on Hwy. 21 South. Go under I-20. Take left at light onto Friendship Rd. Cross 3 bridges to traffic light. Turn right onto Cheaha Dr. Go 5 to 6 blocks, turn left onto County Line Rd. Church on right. 9:30 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 14th**—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph (Pontotoc Co.), MS.

**Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th**—James River Convention—Richmond, VA. Info: Stephen McMaster (804)288-1503, SLMDARIEN@aol.com. This singing is always the second Saturday in November.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 20th pm**—Cross Roads Church—9 miles north of Tallapoosa (Haralson Co.), GA. North on Hwy. 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left. Go approx. 7 miles, church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road. Sat. night before the third Sunday in November, at 7:00 p.m. ET.

**Sun., 21st**—Jones Chapel Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center—Hwy. 278 west of Cullman, AL. From I-65 take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel. Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7, also called County Road 940. Go one block, building is on the right.

**Sun., 21st**—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun (Gordon Co.), GA, Harmony Church Rd., turn right off Hwy. 156 (Red Bud Rd.) 100 yds. east off I-75, Exit 31.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church. North of Birmingham. Take I-65 North to Fultondale Exit (Exit 266), off Hwy. 31 north. Turn east to 57th Ave., 0.25 miles, look for signs. 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Sun., 28th**—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn (Winston Co.), AL, off Hwy. 278. 3 miles north of Natural Bridge.

## *December*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Panama City, FL, Holiday Inn, 2001 Cove Blvd. 1-904-769-0000 for reservations. (Cooper Revision).

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sun., 12th**—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—0.7 mile south of County Road 14, Winfield (Marion Co.), AL. 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 miles on right. Info: John Beasley (205)487-3916.

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sun. 19th**—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—near Sneed Cross Roads, off Hwy. 75. Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs. (New Singing). 9:30 a.m. CT.





## LOCAL SINGINGS

### *Alabama*

**Anniston:** Golden Springs Community Center, Spring Valley Rd. (Golden Springs Road, turn at tennis courts. Contact Roy Nelson at (256)237-7637; Ruth Brown at (256)831-2227; Jeff Sheppard at (256)492-6061. Held second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Carbon Hill:** Saturday night before the second Sunday in each month—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Contact Travis and Margaret Keeton (205)697-5268. Note: Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year is a Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson and Robert Harper; Saturday before the second Sunday in February is a memorial for Oralee Burns.

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

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

**Haleyville (Winston County):** First Sunday night—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church southeast of Haleyville on Hwy. 195, south of church sign, two miles. In April—Idella Berry Memorial Singing. Contact Josie Hyde (205)486-5625.

**Henagar:** First Sunday night—October through April at Liberty Church. Contact Coy Ivey (256)657-4681, email: ively@asc.edu

**Huntsville:** First Friday Night of February, April, August, November (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.), Burritt Museum, 3101 Burritt Dr., on Monte Sano Mt. Following Museum signs, take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn onto Burritt Dr. Contact David Ivey (256)881-5291, email: ively@asc.edu; or Linton Ballinger (256)830-5301.

**Ider:** Second Sunday night, October through March—Antioch Church, 5 miles north of Ider, AL, left on Hwy. 75. Contact Terry Wootten at (256)632-3830.

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

**Jasper:** Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing (Stephenson and Wall Memorial), Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles east of Jasper, AL, Hwy. 69.

**Mobile:** Third Thursday of each month - 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Call Bill Hogan at (334)342-4137 for info. e-mail: hoganbi1@datasync.com

### *Alaska*

**Fairbanks:** Sundays-7:00 p.m. Contact William Walters (907)479-3796, or Robert Sullivan rsrbs@aurora.alaska.edu

### *Arkansas*

**Big Fork:** First Sunday, 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact Verla Huckaby (501) 394-6135, email: EddieVerla@aol.com or Flora Burns (501)394-5730.

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

## **California**

**Berkeley, Oakland:** First Sunday, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., potluck dinner following. Call Alice Sharp (510)843-8259.

**Los Angeles:** First and third Sunday Night of each month 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. First Sunday Singing held in Eagle Rock at the home of Mary Rose and Stephen O'Leary (213)254-7707. Regular third Sunday singings are held in Mar Vista at the home of Susan and Paul Turpin: (310)390-4165. Call Sue Jones at (310)390-4165.

**Palo Alto:** Usually 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., hosted lunch following. Call Paul and Lisa Ralston (415)948-4112.

**Sacramento/Davis:** First Sunday, 1:00 p.m. potluck, singing 2-4:30 p.m., held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright, (916)641-6744, email davesue@calweb.com.

**San Diego:** Sunday, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., potluck supper on last Sunday. Call Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber at (619)544-0432, Jerry's email: drxox@aol.com, Carla by day: (619)533-3178.

**San Francisco:** Third Sundays, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.. Contact Carolyn Deacy at (415)585-4773, email: carolyn@deacy.com; or Chris Thorman, (415)431-7664, email: chris@thorman.com.

**Santa Cruz:** Tuesdays, 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m. Call Shelly Phillips at (408)464-8327.

## **Colorado**

**Boulder:** 2nd Friday of every month—3119 9th St., Boulder, CO 80304. Contact: (303)447-9379.

**Denver:** Sunday, after the fourth Friday. Call Elaine Cullor at (303)860-0662, or John Schaffer at (303)234-1729.

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

**Loveland:** Sunday after the Third Friday, 3-5 p.m. at 604 N. California Avenue. Call Sandy Hill (970)669-6450. e-mail: sandy@fril.com

## **Connecticut**

**Middletown:** First Sunday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at singer's home. Call Phyllis or Neely Bruce at (203)347-3003.

**Newtown, other places:** Meets Occasionally. Connecticut Valley Harmony. Contact Susan Garber (860)583-0841, e-mail: SusanGarber@aol.com.

## **District of Columbia**

**Metropolitan area:** Fourth Sunday, 4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in differing locations (DC, MD, and VA). Singing school 3:00 p.m., Potluck 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). Call FSGW Hotline (202) 546-2228; press 42 for Sacred Harp information, or Steven Sabol at (301)897-5274, email: Sabol@his.com, or Nancy Bailey at (703)532-7520. FSGW membership is not required to attend.

**Metropolitan area:** Every other month on Saturday or Sunday, 4:00- 8:00 p.m. in singer's homes. Call Bob Hall or Ella Wilcox (703)204-1532, email: rhall@cpug.org

## *Florida*

**Gainesville:** Third Sunday, 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Alternates between First Methodist Church, 419 NE First St., Bethany Room, Gainesville and Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Chokolka Blvd., Micanopy. Call Pat Morse at (352)377-8061 or Fr. Les Singleton (352)466-4055.

**Hilliard:** Saturday night before first Sunday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Nathlene Primitive Baptist Church. Contact Tollie Lee at (904)845-2624, e-mail: TollieLeeSaws@webtv.net (Cooper Edition)

**McIntosh:** McIntosh United Methodist Church.

**Ocala:** First Christian Church, 1908 SE Ft. King St.

**Tallahassee:** Friday before third Sunday in each month except July, August, and December at 7:00 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 2145 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL. Call Alice Bejnar (850)656-2027.

## *Georgia*

**Alpharetta:** Friday before the third Sunday except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Hwy. 120 east of Alpharetta. Exit GA 400 at Statebridge Rd., turn east. Call Faye Pettis (770)889-1703.

**Athens:** First Friday night of each month (except July and August). Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Dr. 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Contact Lee Rogers at (706)795-5472.

**Decatur:** First Thursday in each month, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Dr., 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Exception: January and possibly December. Oakhurst Baptist is two blocks south of the East Lake MARTA station. From Atlanta, take Dekalb Ave. (or from Decatur, take W. Howard Ave.) to the light at Paden Circle. Turn north; Paden Circle curves around and deadends on East Lake. Turn right and go two blocks; the church will be on your left on the corner of 3rd and East Lake. Call Liz Bryant at (404)378-5424 for location/information.

**Hoboken:** Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, from 7:00 p.m. Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light. Turn left on Kelly, cross R.R. track and take second paved street to the left. Go to the end of the block, the school and parking is on the right. Hoboken Elementary School. Contact David/Kathy Lee (912)458-2493, Clarke/Julie Lee (912)458-2268, Johnny/Delorese Lee (912)458-2595.

**Stone Mountain:** Every second Monday night, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. ET, Mountain Park United Methodist Church, 1405 Rockbridge Road. Info: Eric Tweedy (770)469-6954 bartwe@atl.mindspring.com.

**Tallapoosa:** Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—Cross Roads Church, 9 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA. North on Hwy. 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left, go approx. 7 miles. Church on right.

## *Illinois*

**Chicago:** Sundays twice monthly from 4–6 p.m., at various locations. Call the “Harp Line” (773)276-HARP. Also call: Ted Mercer, (773)486-7400; or Connie Karduck, (773)463-3637 or Chris Richardson (773)227-1723.

**Charleston:** Thursday eves, various sites. Call Janet Fraembs for information, (217)345-6873 or Don Bardsley (217)348-8295.

**Springfield:** Pete Ellertsen (217)793-287.

## *Indiana*

**Bloomington:** Second and fourth Sundays, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Hwy. 46 Bypass. Call Marlen Rust, (812) 336-2792.

**Goshen:** First Sunday in each month from 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Location moves. Contact Samuel Sommers (219)294-6180 for information.

## *Iowa*

**Cedar Falls:** Third Sunday, 2:00 p.m.–4 p.m. at Cedar Falls Mennonite Church, 9th and Clay Streets. Call Michael L. Moore, (319)277-8495, e-mail: mm11046@www.cedarnet.org.

## *Kansas*

**Lawrence:** First Sunday 1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Call Susan or Richard Green (816)931-7042.

## *Kentucky*

**Berea:** Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at Union Church, corner of Main and Prospect. Call Kent Gilbert (606)986-4057, e-mail: kgilbert@mis.net or the church at (606)986-3725.

**Lexington:** Second Sunday, September–May, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 3534 Tates Creek Rd. Contact Mary Brinkman (606) 272-3895, e-mail: mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu; or Keith MacAdam, (606)268-0998 (home) or (606)257-3344 (work), email: phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

**Louisville:** Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers, Louisville, Ky meet every 3rd Sunday of the month from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at Vine Street Baptist Church. Contact Bob Meek at (502)893-2190 or bob54393@aol.com; Michelle Cull (502)587-7510.

## *Maine*

**Belfast:** First Monday and Third Wednesday every month, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Call (207)382-3017 or (207)589-4632, or e-mail jsheldon@acadia.net

**Ellsworth, etc:** Usually monthly, near middle of the month. Travels around state: Waterville, Ellsworth, New Sharon, Pittsfield, among other places. Call Joe Kucera, (207)285-7358.

**Portland:** On Sundays. Call Max Berueffy (207)775-1486. e-mail: maxb@maine.rr.com.

## *Maryland*

**Baltimore:** Second Sunday, 4:00–8:00 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m. Contact Joanne DeVoe (410)366-1959.

## *Massachusetts*

**Amherst:** First Sunday, 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. at a private home. Call Ruth and Richard Hooke (413)549-3587; or Tim Eriksen, (413)527-7370.

**Boston:** Second Monday, 7:45 p.m.–10:00 p.m. at Andover-Newton Theological School. Contact Bob Parr at (781)648-1009, email: parr@ll.mit.edu; or Ginnie Ely at (978)664-1344, email: ely@star.enet.dec.com

## *Michigan*

**Ann Arbor:** Most 1st & 2nd Sundays, 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at The Ark Coffeehouse, 316 S. Main. Call Charlotte Wolfe at (734)663-0262,

CAWolfe@umich.edu or the Ark at (734)761-1800. Pat Forsberg-Smith (734) 747-9644.

**Kalamazoo:** Third Sunday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., pot luck dinner following. Call Bill and Martha Beverly at (616)382-4288, email: beverly@net-link.net

## *Minnesota*

**Minneapolis:** Fourth Sunday, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at (612)699-2040; or Jeff Bell, (612)722-2498.

**Saint Paul:** Second Sunday, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at (651)699-2040; or Jeff Bell, (612)722-2498.

Third Sunday each month. Cooper Book. Fifth Sundays - Cooper Book.

## *Mississippi*

**Biloxi/Gulfport:** First Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Bible Church, Woolmarket Road, north of I-20. Contact Bill Hogan, e-mail: hoganbi1@datasync.com (Cooper edition).

**Bruce:** Third Sundays, November through March, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. Contact Warren Steel, email: mudws@cotton.vislab.olemiss.edu, or Mark S. Davis, email: Horn4@aol.com, or Hugh Bill McGuire (601)983-2376.

**Enon: (Chickasaw County)**—One week singing school taught by Mark Davis from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday after the Second Sunday in July, Enon Primitive Baptist Church, south of MS Hwy. 8 on Enon Rd., 8 miles east of Houston, MS.

**Houston:** First Sundays, December through March, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Call Elder Charles Porter (601)456-3879.

**Morton:** Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, 3.2 miles south of Exit 77 off I-20 on Hwy. 13. Contact Mark Davis (601)919-0209, Lydia Hamby (601)939-1626, or Regina Glass (601)269-3635.

## *Missouri*

**Kansas City:** Third Sunday, starting at 1:30 p.m. Call Susan or Richard Green (816)931-7042.

**Lawrence (Kansas):** First Sunday 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Call Susan or Richard Green (816)931-7042.

**Saint Louis:** First, third, and fifth Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Call Karen Isbell, (314) 664-1411 or Becky Browne (314)968-8921.

## *New Jersey*

**Upper Montclair:** Fourth Sunday, singing school at 2:00 p.m., singing 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, 289 Park St. Contact Gina Balestracci or Roland Hutchinson (201)509-2165 or balestracci@saturn.montclair.edu

**Woodcliff Lake:** Second Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 10 minutes from Tappan Zee Bridge. Call Carol Werba (201)391-2713.

## *Nebraska*

**Lincoln:** Third Sundays of each month at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd. at 2:00 p.m. Contact Arlie Prokop at (402)423-3370 or e-mail: arlieprokop@hotmail.com.

**Omaha:** Second Sunday of the month 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and Fourth Saturday night 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. - St. Vincent's Orthodox Church, 2502 N. 51st St., Omaha. Contact Frances Mendenhall, (402)554-0617.

**Princeton:** First Sunday of each month thru May. Stuart B-17, Princeton Theological Seminary - 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Info: Ginny Landgraf (609)279-0251; e-mail: virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu

## *New Mexico*

**Albuquerque:** Second and fourth Sundays, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Friend's Meeting House, 1600 Fifth St., N.W. (south of I-40, north of Mountain). Take I-40 to the 2nd and 4th Streets Exit, go south on Fourth Street, about five blocks, turn right on Bellamah. Call Lisa Callirhoe or Harlan Van Camp (505) 867-6539 ganmaoli@interserv.com.

**Santa Cruz:** Call (408)426-9155 for information. March, April, May. Tues: 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m..

## *New York*

**Albany (East Greenbush):** First Saturday evening, except when that coincides with a long weekend, at St. David's Church, East Greenbush, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Contact Larry & Shirley Basch (518)479-1234; e-mail: lbasch@global2000.net; or Michael Ryan (518)399-6046.

**Altamont:** June: Fri., 25th, Sat., 26th, & Sun., 27th—Old Songs Festival, Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY. Morning singing, workshops (518)765-2815.

**Binghamton (Vestal):** Fourth Sunday 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. except summer months (or unless holiday, in which case Sunday before) at the Vestal Public Library. Call Dennis Leipold (607)724-8784, email: dleipold@spectra.net.

**Buffalo:** Third Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Vince Kuntz, in the Elmwood-W. Ferry neighborhood of Buffalo. Contact Vince Kuntz (716)884-7807, e-mail: allemand@buffnet.net

**Clinton:** Second Sunday (unless a regional the say before) at Clinton United Methodist Church 3:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Barbara Swetman (315)853-5723, email: bswetman@hamilton.edu; or Margaret or Ron Bornick, (315) 853-6282 or e-mail: RMBornick@compuserve.com.

**Ithaca:** First, Third, and Fifth Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Call Jennifer Cook, (607)273-7076, e-mail: jc27@cornell.edu or Eric Bean, (607)589-6170, e-mail: gebeac@aol.com; or Juanita Heyerman, e-mail: jdh23@cornell.edu.

**Kingston:** Meets twice a month, Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Contact Jim Ulrich (914)657-8314, e-mail: ulrich@ulster.net

**New York City (Brooklyn):** Second Sundays at 2:00 p.m., except July, Aug, Dec. Potluck after singing, usually about 6:00 p.m. Call Richard Schmeidler (718)643-1524., e-mail: dick@prolific.com.

**Rochester:** Fourth Sunday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Sampler Records Music Hall. Contact Chris Haller (716)387-9570, e-mail: chrish@moose.netacc.net; or Nancy Crawford (716)381-4279 (home), (716)422-8189 (work), email: Nancy.Crawford@usa.xerox.com

**West Islip, Long Island:** Call Frederick Rasenberger (516) 671-0459.

## *North Carolina*

**Chapel Hill:** Second Sunday, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. in Person Hall on University of North Carolina campus. Call Matt Cartmill (919)493-8519; or contact Becky Hart, home: (919)682-2517, work (919)966-4032, email: BHART@SPHVAX.SPH.UNC.EDU

**Durham:** Third Sunday, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. in Watts Street Baptist Church. Call Joy or Ron Craig (919)929-3695; or Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).

**Raleigh:** Fourth Sunday, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., usually in Mordecai Historic Park Chapel. Call Lynda Hambourger (919)781-3596; or Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).

**Winston-Salem:** Most third Sundays, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in singers homes. Call Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910)374-5943, or Cleve Callison (910) 760-2822.

## *Ohio*

**Cincinnati:** Second Sunday, 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., with modest potluck, at Walnut Hills Christian Church, 1438 East McMillan. Contact John Bealle (513)861-1137.

**Cleveland Heights:** Second Sundays 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. St. Alban Episcopal Church, 2555 Euclid Heights Blvd. Virginia Benade (216)752-9453, e-mail: vwb@po.cwru.edu, or Charles Wells (440)774-1926, e-mail: charles@freude.com

**Columbus:** First, third, and fifth Sundays, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 30 West Woodruff (at Lane). Call Fred Todt (614)291-0282, email: todt@battelle.org; or Eric Conrad (614)481-7637, email: econrad@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

**Oberlin:** Weekly singings Monday nights in Old Barrows at Oberlin Collete. Contact Chandler York (216)775-6529.

**Cleveland Area:** Second and Fourth Sundays, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in various locations. Contact Charles Wells at (440)774-1926, email: charles@freude.com or Virginia Benade (216)752-9453. e-mail: vwb@po.cwru.edu.

## *Oklahoma*

**Oklahoma City:** Call Nancy or Claire Powell (405)737-1186.

## *Oregon*

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

**Eugene:** Second and fourth Thursdays. Call Jean Murphy (503)342-4131.

**Forest Grove:** First Sunday, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., 2214 16th Ave. Contact: Thalia Stewart at (503)357-5056 or Elizabeth Wilson at (503)904-0893.

**Portland:** Second and Fifth Sundays, 3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m., 2915 NE 14th Ave., Portland. Call Marie Brandis (503)287-7583.

## *Pennsylvania*

**Philadelphia (Havertown):** Second Fridays at 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. at St. James Church, Havertown. Call Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith at (610) 896-1565, Marian's email: mmckenzi@haverford.edu

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

**Reading:** Berks Sacred Harp Singers meet each 3rd Sunday, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., September through June, near Reading. Contact Betty Hanf (610)582-5924.

**Wilkes-Barre (Dallas):** Fourth Saturday, starting at 3:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. Potluck at 5:00 p.m. Call David Martin (717)333-4007.

## ***Rhode Island***

**Providence:** Fourth Sundays, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave. Potluck following. Contact Kelly House (401)831-5879.

## ***Tennessee***

**Chattanooga:** Fourth Sundays, monthly, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.. Lower Chapel at First Baptist Church. From I-75 and I-24: Take Hwy 27 - downtown. Exit MLK/9th St. Turn left/Go under interstate. Turn Right @ light onto Gateway Ave. Go about a block - church is on left. Contact Linda Sides at (423)875-8619 or linjanes@bellsouth.net

**Knoxville:** Call Doris DeSpain at (615)546-9058.

**Nashville:** First Sundays (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) The Friends Meeting House, 2804 Acklen Ave. Call Timothy Reynolds (615)646-6485; David Carlton, carlotdl@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu

## ***Texas***

**Austin (Travis Co.):** Friday night before 2nd and 4th Sundays (except when there is a singing 3-8 hours drive away that Saturday or a holiday weekend), practice singings, Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, 915 E. 52nd St. (between IH 35 and Airport Blvd.), Austin, Texas, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (or a little later). Contact: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512)898-5110. Time split between Cooper and 1991 Revision.

**Grand Prairie:** Third Saturdays—St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 4829 S. Carrier Pkwy.—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., practice singing. Contact Larry/Karol Wheat (214)262-2550 or Bruce/Beverly Coates (972)476-9937 (1991 Revision).

**Houston:** Saturday before third Sunday—Grace Primitive Baptist Church, 3616 Hurley St.—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., practice singing. Contact Billy/Cissy Moseley (281)485-0057 or Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260 (Cooper Revision/1991 Revision).

**Nacogdoches:** First Sunday—Landmark Baptist Church, 113 Mitchell St.—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., practice singing. Contact Robert Vaughn (903)863-5379 (Cooper Revision/1991 Revision). Not held in November.

## ***Vermont***

**Brattleboro:** Monthly, usually on a Sunday, 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Call Peter Amidon (802)257-1006.

**Burlington Area:** Monthly on Sundays, 5:00 p.m., except in the summer. Contact Marti Sterin (802)849-2208, e-mail: samrah@together.net for locations and dates.

**Middletown Springs (Near Rutland):** Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Call David Wright (802)235-2376; or Beth Miller (802)235-2734.

**Montpelier or Plainfield:** Usually first Saturday, 3:00 p.m.-5 p.m. (Call to confirm!). Contact: Larry Gordon (802)426-3210; or L. H. Spencer (802)563-2547.

**Norwich:** Third Thursday, potluck at 6:00 p.m., singing 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Call Brigid Farrell (802)649-3964.

**Springfield:** Second and fourth Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Call Walt or Pat Colteryahn (802)885-9521.



## *Virginia*

**Northern Shenandoah Valley:** First Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Potluck at 6 p.m. Close to Winchester and Berryville, VA. Call John delRe and Kelly Macklin at (540)955-2660.

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

## *Washington*

(Information for all Washington singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360)897-9545, email: hallock@aa.net).

**Bellevue:** Fourth Sunday, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Call David and Katharine Hough (425)451-0109 for location.

**Okanogan Valley:** Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Call Mary Lassila (509)826-5299.

**Olympia:** Third Sunday at Re-Organized LDS Church, on Miller in Olympia. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Call (360)754-6230 for directions. Contact Janet Partlow (360)352-7902.

**Puyallup:** First Sunday, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, corner of 5th and W. Pioneer in Puyallup. Call Karen Willard (360)897-9545 or hallock@aa.net for directions.

**Seattle:** Second Sundays from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at Phinney Ridge Lutheran, 7500 Greenwood N. Call Jack Lofton (206)783-4508.

## *Wisconsin*

**Madison:** Usually first and third Sundays, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., usually at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue. Call Jim Page at (608)255-6861, email: jimp@uwfound.wisc.edu

## **SINGINGS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES**

### *Canada*

**Lennoxville, Quebec (30 miles north of Derby Line, VT):** Most Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville. Contact Chuck or Cathy Neville (819)562-8727.

**Ottawa, Ontario:** Tuesday nights except between Christmas and New Year's, and during July and August. November and December; also sing Victorian English pub Christmas carols. Contact Shelley Posen (613)235-9947, email: shelley.posen@bbs.synapse.net

### *England*

**Bolton, Lancashire:** First Saturday 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Contact Judy Whiting 01204 309709; e-mail: jw5@seh 1.acs.bolton.ac.uk.

**Oxford:** Third Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Marston United Reformed Church, Marston Rd., Oxford, England; Contact Dick Wolff, phone, +44 1865 511784; e-mail: dickwolff@patrol.i-way.co.uk.



# **SACRED HARP SINGINGS**

## **1998 MINUTES**

### **WOOTTEN NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING** **Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama** **December 31, 1997-January 1, 1998**

For the most part "The Sacred Harp 1991 Edition" book was used, but some songs were used from the Cooper Book and are annotated by (CB).

The thirty-sixth annual Wootten New Year's Eve Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church, and was called to order by Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 48t. The evening prayer was led by Dewayne Wootten. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten 101t, 503; Terry Wootten 283, 99; Coy Ivey 120, 63; Phillip Wootten 110, 312b; Mark Brown 142, 39t; Dewayne Wootten 186, 213t; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b, 137; Thurman Nall 287, 523; Jackie Tanner 47t, 299.

#### **RECESS**

Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 448t; Boyd Scott 358, 127; Jeff Sheppard 461, 404, 475; Aaron Wootten 559 (CB); Eloise Wootten 222; Eloise Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 454; S. T. Reed 344 (CB); Milton Oliver 54 (CB); Susan Davis, Jennifer Wootten, and Chris Davis 56b, 29t. A blessing for refreshments was offered by Phillip Wootten.

#### **REFRESHMENTS**

The class was brought to order by Terry Wootten, Jeffrey Wootten, and Marty Wootten leading song on page 59. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten 148; Levon Wootten 335, 47b, 348b; Richard Green 163t; Richard Green and Susan Green 350; Loyd Ivey 471, 438; Linda Sides 35, 75; Tony Ivey 92, 139; J. A. Mosley 542 (CB), 572 (CB); Jenny Wootten and Cassie Franklin 198, 182; Roy Nelson 392; Alice Mosley 282 (CB), 343 (CB); Louis Hughes 565; Allison Dodson and Louis Hughes 480; Shane Wootten 270, 300; Syble Adams 171, 367 (CB); Norma Latham 84 (CB), 540 (CB); Darlene Dalton 535, 277.

#### **RECESS**

Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten brought the class to order leading songs on pages 155 and 138b. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 410 (CB), 573 (CB); Louise Nelson 145t; Gerald Wootten 48t; Olivia Allen and Marlon Wootten 97; Terry Wootten "Gone To Rest", "Trusting".....**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!** Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten led 515b and "Roll On, Dark Streams". Tony Ivey dismissed the class in prayer. The class sang "Gospel Waves" and "Where The Soul Never Dies".

Chairmen - Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

### **CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S SINGING** **Cincinnati, Ohio** **January 1, 1998**

The seventh annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was called to order by John Bealle leading song on page 146.

The following officers were elected, appointed or volunteered to serve: Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Fred Todt; Arranging Committee - Eric Conrad. Leaders: Fred Todt 37b; Eric Conrad 163t; Bob Meek 163b, 354b; Lois Hurt 34b, 145t; Eloise Clark 145b, 276; Debbie Hall 479, 38t; Lorraine Sawyer 212, 567; Linda Coppock 542, 313b (first verse); Debbie Hall 313b (verse 2); Lorena Moore 312b, 47b.

#### RECESS

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Michele Cull 209, 73b; Paul Foster 142, 306; John Bayer 49b, 44; Loraine Bayer 503, 31; Regina Bayer 378b, 328; Michael Hieber 448, 378t; Steve Tossey 63, 323b; Ralph Long 59, 45t; Jim Coppock 273, 532. Steve Tossey led the class in prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 332. Leaders: Phil Jensen 121, 125; Fred Todt 147t, 216; Bob Meek 178, 66; John Bealle 278t, 217; Lois Hurt 49, 551; Debbie Hall 447, 28; Lorraine Sawyer 421, 287; Eloise Clark 317, 524; Linda Coppock 196, 504.

#### RECESS

Eric Conrad brought the class to order by leading songs on pages 107 and 85. Leaders: Lorena Moore 148, 39t; John Bealle 65 (assisted by Alice Barnes, who brought members of her church choir to the singing today to give them a sense of the tradition behind the Sacred Harp pieces they were performing in their services); Michele Cull 159 (for Mickie Bainter of Kentucky, age 29, who is recovering from a recent stroke), 87; Paul Foster 162, 186; John Bayer 278, 277; Rich Overturf 535; Michael Hieber 324, 445; Steve Tossey 143, 198.

#### RECESS

Eric Conrad brought the class to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Ralph Long 457; Michele Cull (with Brenda Waters) 68b; Lois Hurt 79; Bob Meek 33b; Lorena Moore 32b; Michele Cull 268; John Bealle 515; Fred Todt 183; Eloise Clark 408; Paul Foster 81b; Lorraine Sawyer 547; John Bayer 114; Eric Conrad 168. Announcements were made. Singers from 4 states: Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Pennsylvania were present.

John Bealle led song on page 347 as the closing song. John Bayer dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Fred Todt.

## **DUTCH TREAT SINGING** **Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama** **January 4, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp Dutch Treat Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was led by B. B. Maddox. Travis Keeton led song on page 460. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Odie Horton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 317; Dr. Doyle Williams 127, 84t; Jayne Fulmer 126, 101t; Cassie Franklin 303, 74b; Velton Chafin 213, 225t; Gladys Bonds 44, 77t; B. B. Mattox 277, 217; Roma Rice 34t, 90; Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Flarce Creel 318, 501.

#### RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading song on page 430. Leaders: Ila Ingle 470, 498; Parnell Berry 99, 306; Margaret Keeton 432, 475; John Hyde 73t, 61; Rose Altha Taylor 336; Harrison Creel 512; L. E. Hannah 511, 310; Mae Conwill 314, 500; Ivalene Donaldson 326, 335; Cindy Franklin 454, 222; Josie Hyde 88t, 137, 155.

#### LUNCH

Travis Keeton led songs on pages 276 and 78 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Lena Wakefield 30t, 297; Odie Horton 97, 147b, 104; Kermit Adams 220, 322; Elmer Conwill 379, 179; Cassie Franklin led a new song written by John Hocutt; Cindy Franklin 410t, 280; L. E. Hannah 273; Mae Conwill 272; Lena Wakefield 168; Velton Chafin 321; Roma Rice 120; Parnell Berry 283; Cassie Franklin 175, 162; Gladys Bonds 499.

Travis Keeton led song on page 37b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Velton Chafin.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Odie Horton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

### **STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA Food Services Building, Carrollton, Georgia January 4, 1998**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in January at the Food Services Building, State University of West Georgia. Myron House called the class together leading song on page 59. Billy Joe Harris led the morning prayer. Myron House led song on page 90, followed by B. M. Smith 225t (for Lonnie Rogers), 284; Charlene Wallace 276, 436 (for Revy Williamson).

Officers elected or appointed for the day were: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary F. Smith; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Shelbie Sheppard.

Myron House led song on page 135. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 37b, 122; Jimmy Cates 112, 137; Everette Denney 34b, 63; Evelyn Harris 155, 159; Phillip Langley 300, 217.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 123. Leaders: Karen Rollins 143, 489; Louis Hughes, Jr. 49b, 91; Shelbie Sheppard 556, 151; Roy Nelson 283, 456; Felton Denney 231, 503; Jan House and friends 40, 45t; Catherine Oss 345, 340; Tom McGraw 268, 126; Lisa Webb 178, 269.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Myron House leading song on page 166, and Billy Joe Harris leading songs on pages 303 and 77b.

The memorial lesson was held. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 73 in memory of: Willie Mae McClendon, Josie McAlpin, Gertrude Bateman, Arnold Edwards, John Forman, and Janet Rogers.

For the sick and shut-ins, Louis Hughes, Jr. led song on page 229. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 439, 392; Judy Mincey 474, 475; Tim Cook 299, 28b; Laura Clawson 228, 367; Jimmie Denney 61, 68b; Sheri Taylor 29t, 163b (for Laura Webb).

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with B. M. Smith leading song on page 30b. Leaders: Don Bowen 347, 570 (for Lee Rogers); Martha Ann Stegar 504, 479; John Redmon 198, 146; Josephine Denney 32t, 101t; Adrienne Bonham 441, 72b;

Nancy Allen 73b; Earlis McGraw 76b, 425; Louis Hughes, Sr. 288; Bobby Jackson 512.

Announcements were made. Myron House and B. M. Smith led song on page 323 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Felton Denney. Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

**FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**  
**Winston County, Alabama**  
**January 4, 1998**

The first singing at Friendship Church to be held on the first Sunday in January was called to order by Parnell Berry. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield. Parnell Berry led song on page 99. Leaders: Hubert Hood 179, 569; Ashley Keeton 146, 159; Roma Rice 405, 162, 81t; Elmer Conwill 129, 379, 396; Joshua Keeton 153, 189, 108b; Ivalene Donaldson 30t.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with John Hyde leading songs on pages 63, 313t, and 73. Leaders: Travis Keeton 400, 142, 212; Mae Conwill 222, 312, 104; Gene Wakefield 102, 103, 495; Tim Gilmore 186, 220, 203; L. E. Hannah 213, 187, 201; Doyal Williams 36b, 84; Odie Horton 83, 426, 482.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 285. Leaders: Lena Wakefield 546, 234, 498; Pam Keeton 171, 215, 371; Gladys Bonds 460, 499, 77t; Ada Godsey 34t; Ada Godsey and Josie Hyde 301; Josie Hyde 300, 426b, 296; Glenn Keeton 535, 231, 358; Pernie Pelfrey "Jesus Died For Me", 399; Kermit Adams 43, 455, 418; Latrevie Bailey 45t, "Not Made With Hands"; Larry Ballinger 123, 71, 310; Gravis Ballinger 144, 34b; Loretta Whitman 216, 217, 147t; Dawson Adams 39t, 39b; Hubert Hood 135; Ashley Keeton 29t; Travis Keeton 403. Parnell Berry led song on page 46 for the closing song, and Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

**LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL**  
**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama**  
**January 10, 1998**

The annual Birthday/Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo Community, near Jasper, Alabama on Saturday night before the second Sunday.

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel.

NOTE: The minutes to this singing were lost in the mail and the following list of singers were recalled by memory. If anyone's name is omitted, we apologize.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This singing was held the night before the death of Vernice Calvert, and it was the last singing that Hadyn Creel attended. The last song directed by Hadyn Creel was 84, and he was so weak from his illness that he could not even turn to the parts while he was leading, a true lover of Sacred Harp! These two singers are greatly missed by all who knew, loved, and sang with them throughout their lives.

Leaders: Calvert children (Mavis Price, Marie Guthrie, Flarce Creel, and Elsie Moon); Woodley children (Doris, Betty, Jettie Lawson, Fay, Dorothy, Felton Woodley, and Doc Woodley); Travis Keeton; Hadyn Creel 84; Edith Tate; Tim Gilmore; Josh Keeton; Glenn Keeton; Imogene Nelms; Velton Chafin; Henry Guthery; Eldagene Roberson; Lucy Heidorn; Edis Guthrie; Julianna Jett; Danny Creel; Shelley Capps; Elvin Guthrie; Keterina Sanders; Cecil Sanders; Sherry Guthery; Willodean Barton; Charles Kitchens; Marie Aldridge; Jimmie Gilmore; Ann Jett; Arthur Gilmore; Wanda Capps; Margaret Keeton; Harrison Creel; Randy Moon.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

## **JACK AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL**

### **Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama January 11, 1998**

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church, and was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Myron House.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 61, 75; Myron House 135, 71; Jimmy Cates 37b, 100; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Don Bowen 171, 82t; Jan House 515, 373; Phillip Langley 47b, 142; Judy Mincey 410t, 34t (in honor of Mrs. T. H. Ross); Henry Johnson 388, 569b; Karleen Williams 63, 143.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Bobby Jackson leading songs on pages 341 and 312.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace. The class resumed singing and the following leaders were called: B. J. Harris 452; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 112; Louise Allen 81t, 318; Tom McGraw 268, 126; Alice Edwards 104, 73b.

Lois Bowman, Irene Snow, and Robert Kerr (all children of Jack Kerr) welcomed everyone and expressed their appreciation for remembering their father through song. They honored their oldest sister, Tinzie Simonton, who is 99 years of age and still going strong. Rev. John Childs welcomed everyone.

#### **LUNCH**

Charlene Wallace called the class to order leading song on page 283. Leaders: Roy Nelson 87, 145t; Earlis McGraw 271t, 77t; Liz Bryant 66, 384; Everette Denney 335, 426t; Gladys McGraw, Patti McGraw, Tom McGraw, and Carlene Griffin 333, 345t; Lou Cotney 137, 172, 358; Mark Fuller 45t, 72b; Luke Allen 277, 111t; Henry Johnson 127, 338; Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Lois Bowman, and Irene Snow 274; Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, and Karleen Williams 405; Myron House and Jan House 421; Judy Mincey 50b; Liz Bryant 270; Roy Nelson 434; Don Bowen 77b (for Revy Williamson); Phillip Langley 110.

Announcements were made. B. J. Harris and Charlene Wallace led song on page 62 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Childs.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

**ANNIVERSARY SINGING**  
**Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois**  
**January 11, 1998**

The all day singing in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was convened at 10:30 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago.

Chair Anne Heider called the class to order leading song on page 47t. John Bayer led the opening prayer. Leaders: Kelly Brest van Kempen 84; Daryl Mayberry 171; David Barford 313b; Wendy Wahn 456.

Chair Anne Heider convened the business meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Elected by acclamation were: Chair - Kelly Brest van Kempen; Vice Chair - Kris Richardson; Secretary - Steve Warner. The following committees were appointed: Finance Committee - Lisa Grayson; Memorial Committee - Samuel Sommers, Clarke Lee, and Beverly Enright; Arranging Committee - Jerry Enright, Karen Hojnacki, and Daryl Mayberry.

Leaders: Herb Schroeder 65; Suzanne Flandreau 163t; Kathy Krug 318; Dan Gibbons 442; Lisa Grayson 419; D.J. Hatfield 422; Jerilyn Schumacher 547; Janet Borman 178; Kiri Miller 47b; Nathan Barford 260; Kris Richardson 466; Jerry Enright 277; Connie Karduck 368.

**RECESS**

Kelly Brest van Kempen called the class together leading song on page 335.

Leaders: Steve Warner 66; Joanna Fabke 122; Denise Kania 142; Al Frank 362; Dean Slaton 306; Debbie Barford 86; Larry Nothwehr 236; Melanie Hauff 464; Loraine Bayer 95; Karen Hojnacki 475; Samuel Sommers 426; Emmie Barford 186; Gary Gronau 300; James Page "County K"; Mary Bachmann 569b; Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan 81t.

Before the class recessed for lunch, Marcia Johnson gave instructions for the food lines, and John Bayer led the blessing.

**LUNCH**

Singing was resumed with Kelly Brest van Kempen leading song on page 146.

Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 168; Jenny Willard 299; Sue Kessell 501; Julie Vea 269; Judy Hauff led "Happy Birthday" in honor of Cassie Franklin; Becky Browne 215; Bob Meek 193; Clarke Lee 34b; Jim Pfau 99; Brad Hunnicut 388; Thomas Willard 145b; Cindy Franklin 198; Regina Bayer 101t; Steven Levine 441; Martha Beverly 45t. Anne Heider introduced the founders' lesson with greetings from Philip Trier, wintering in Sarasota, Florida. The founders lessons were led by: Ted Johnson 216; Judy Hauff 276; and Marcia Johnson 485.

**RECESS**

Kris Richardson brought the class together leading song on page 148. Leaders: JoDell Albi 480; Keith Willard 274t; Dave Ressler 272; Cassie Franklin 528; John Bayer 44; Richard DeLong 398; Lorena Moore 77t; Ted Mercer 302; Michele Cull 147; Berkeley Moore 145t; John Seaton 68b; Wayland Rogers 139. The chair then introduced the memorial committee to lead the memorial lesson. Samuel Sommers said that when he first started singing Sacred Harp he had only a vague idea of the meaning of the memorial lesson, but the more singings he has attended, the more names he knows of the deceased mentioned in the lesson. But even if he does not recognize a given name, he recognizes that among these persons may be "the singers who taught the singers who taught the singers who taught me." In some way, these persons touched our lives, and there is no better preparation for the world to come than to sing Sacred Harp in this one. These deceased were named: Sonny Frank, Ross Paulac, Warren Dare, and George



Barford - Illinois; Florence Kline Bateman - Indiana; Gayle Bannister - Wisconsin; Mark Bue - Minnesota; B. W. Ellertson, Sarah Peacock, and Eva Reeves - Georgia; Halie Armstrong, Vernice Calvert, Barrett Ashley, and Bonnie Ashley - Alabama; Ray Barnett - Texas; John Arnold - Massachusetts; Janet Rogers - Florida; David (son of Mark and Susan) - state unknown. Clarke Lee led song on page 414 in memory of the deceased, saying that death is natural and that he expects at the time of his own death that his soul will rise up to appear before God at His throne to sing His praises. He said that singing Sacred Harp means that one's deepest feelings get intertwined with the faith it affirms, that the deceased we remember are in a place where every song is pitched perfect and there is no discord. We must allow them to leave us so that they can be in that place.

Samuel Sommers read the list of the sick and shut-in, saying that they are people we can still do something for: Joan Bailey, Dorothy Wells, Tauna Le Marbe, Peter Silverman, Mary Moore, Father Riley, and Dan and Dory Havens - Illinois; Mickie Bainter - Kentucky; Cleo Hawkins and Bernice Embry - Mississippi; Isabel Arnold - Massachusetts; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood - Alabama; Claire Seaton, Popo DeAngelis, and Frances Giunchedi - states unknown. Beverly Enright led song on page 352 for them, recalling the promise of the Lord from the Book of Revelations 22:20 to come quickly. The memorial lesson was concluded with prayer led by John Bayer.

The chair then thanked those who had helped with this year's singing: outgoing Chair - Anne Heider; outgoing Arranging Committee - Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff; rising Chair - Kris Richardson; Secretary - Steve Warner; Chaplain - John Bayer; all committee chairs; Hospitality - Connie Karduck; Housing - Sue Kessel and Dean Slaton; Poster design - Lisa Grayson; Publicity - Ted Mercer, Ted Johnson, and Marcia Johnson.

Lisa Grayson reported for the finance committee that donations were sufficient to cover expenses. The class had representatives from these states: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Singers were invited to forthcoming conventions in several states. Clarke and Julie Lee, Hoboken, Georgia, were asked to lead and called 354b. The delegation from Missouri: JoDell Albi, Becky Browne, Dan Gibbons, Gary Gronau, Jeanette Lowry, and Dave Ressler led song on page 436. Kelly Brest van Kempen, Kris Richardson, and Steve Warner led the closing song on page 62. John Bayer dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kelly Brest van Kempen; Vice Chairman - Kris Richardson; Secretary - Steve Warner.

## **ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**

**Templars Hall, Poway, California**

**January 17-18, 1998**

**Saturday, January 17**

The tenth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Chris Thorman leading song on page 59. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich. Leaders: Carla Smith 28b; Richard Rands 143; Jim Friedrich 454; Sandy Klein 142; Barry Phillips 168; Anita Landess 480; Henry Schuman 99; Alyssa Storm 306b; Paul Ralston 214; Joanne Hoover 66; Matt Wells 163b; Janice Hecksel 324; Jim Brock 84; Lissa Callirhoe 328; Carroll Lunsford 153; Deborah Johnson 504; Tom Ostwald 268; Kate Ware 535b; John

Schaffer 174; Betty Herman 224; Marc Weyl 47t; Katharine Hough 378b; Gerry Hoffman 70t.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Chris Thorman leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Mary Rose O'Leary 340; Brian How 114; Jeanne Schaffer 385b; Jon Rand 385t; Jane Hancock 345b; Harlan Van Camp 501b; Carolyn Deacy 290; Rick Russell 448t; Laura Shaffer 300; Mike Hinton 146; Janet Herman 271; Stephen O'Leary and Isaac O'Leary 510; Jeannette DePoy 475; David Hough 384; Susan Turpin 344; Paul Schwebel 410t; Carol Selleck 282; Ted Mercer 302; Shelley Phillips 312b; Hugh McGuire 71; Victoria Ostwald 260; Helen Bryson 319; Leon Ballinger 217; Sandy Hill 30b; Michael Lambert 186; Laura Russell 545; Richard DeLong 542. Susan Turpin offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Chris Thorman leading song on page 299.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 198; Karen Willard 497.

Chris Thorman led the Convention into a business meeting. The following new officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Carla Smith; Vice Chairman - Mary Rose O'Leary; Treasurer - Norma Ruptier; Secretaries - Michael Lambert and Jan Hecksel; Memorial Committee - Pauline Childers and Joanne Hoover; Arranging Committee - Carolyn Deacy and Jerry Schreiber; Resolutions - Rod Willard and Ted Mercer.

Leaders: Carla Smith 222; Pauline Childers 498; Roberta Hartley 218; Mary Rose O'Leary 95b; Midge Harder 335; Matt Wells 481; Chris Thorman 474; Mike Hinton 436; Karen Hay and Karen Willard 94; Hugh McGuire 184.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Mary Rose O'Leary leading song on page 215.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 163t; Anne Friend 277; Ted Mercer 182; Lynne Welke 236; Richard DeLong 278b; Barbara Willard 171; Leon Ballinger 269; Pauline Childers 318; Jeannette DePoy 89; Carroll Lunsford 127; Dave Hough 330b; Laura Russell 298; Tom Ostwald 117; Joanne Hoover 56b; Katharine Hough 376; Shelley Phillips 532; Janet Herman and Betty Herman 106; Gerry Hoffman 566; Jeanne Schaffer 178; Rick Russell 327; Susan Turpin 33b.

Carla Smith led song on page 414b for the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Susan Turpin.

#### **Sunday, January 18**

The class was called together by Carla Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Susan Turpin. Leaders: Harlan Van Camp 125; Lissa Callirhoe 492; Stephen O'Leary 130; Jim Friedrich 40; Anita Landess 503b; Paul Ralston 210; Roberta Hartley 31t; Henry Schuman 288; Carol Selleck 328; Jane Hancock 551b; Jim Brock 350.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Mary Rose O'Leary leading song on page 274t.

Leaders: Janice Hecksel 107; John Schaffer 332; Sandy Klein 312b; Marc Weyl 128; Midge Harder 220; Jon Rand 404; Alyssa Storm 374; Sandy Hill 369; Barry Phillips 133; Deborah Johnson 147t; Genevieve Prentice 448t; Richard Rands 122; Fred Dexter 34b; Janet Herman 442; Roger Mohling 66.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Mary Rose O'Leary leading song on page 79.

Leaders: Jeanne Schaffer 569b; Don Klein 540; Tom Ostwald 209; Shelley Phillips 380; Chris Thorman 280.

The Memorial Lesson was offered by Pauline Childers. "This is the sad part of the convention; but let us be thankful to be able to sing in memory of our dear

loved ones who have departed from this life in the past year since we met. God in his infinite wisdom has called them to their Eternal Home where there will be no sorrows and sickness. They will be singing with the angels in a much sweeter song than we can here.” Carla Smith led song on page 146 in memory of Marilou Jolly. Pauline Childers read the list of our departed: California - Marilou Jolly, Leon Wilson, Peter Rydell, Dottie Horn, Ida Ray Rosenfeld, Larry Carter, and Joy Reed; Alabama - Vernice Calvert, Seldon Creel, and Jimmy Causey; Oregon - Albert Fee and baby Michael Ditson; Texas - Sam Herman and Amanda Howell; Georgia - Eva Corley Reeves; Colorado - Barry Sullivan; Utah - Jeff Hardyman; Illinois - George Barford; England - Alison Small. Pauline Childers led song on page 111b for the deceased.

Joanne Hoover spoke as follows for the sick and shut-ins. “We are now going to remember those who cannot be with us today, those who we are concerned about. If we are Christians, we hold the belief that we exist in the Communion of Saints - that in all times and in all places we live in love and fellowship - and that love can be expressed and sent to strengthen and support each other, even when we are apart. I am going to read these names, some ill in minor situations, and some with terminal illnesses. Please hold these persons in your heart as we sing “Bellevue”. How firm a foundation. Think of those who are going through ‘fiery trials’ and ‘deep waters.’ Joanne read the list of the names of the sick and shut-in: California - Pete Esten, Carol Hancock, Noelle Hancock, Clara Zukerman, Bud Orgen, and Melanie Willard; Alabama - Marie Aldridge, Hadyn Creel, and Kim Cagle; Georgia - Mary Frances Dannals and Horace DeLong; Virginia - Mary Hulbert and Betsy Callahan; Pennsylvania - Catherine Cessna; Washington - Johnny Jeans; New Mexico - Dodge Wiggins. Joanne Hoover led song on page 72b. Susan Turpin closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Stephen O’Leary 77t; Rick Russell 48t; Katharine Hough 183; Laura Russell 543; Betty Herman 372; David Hough 371; Mary Rose O’Leary 276; Carolyn Deacy 299. Susan Turpin offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Mary Rose O’Leary leading song on page 189b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 411; Carroll Lunsford 387; Jeannette DePoy 267; Leon Ballinger 137; Susan Turpin 161; Mike Hinton 365; Carla Smith 567; Hugh McGuire 550; Joanne Hoover 361; Richard DeLong 362b; Pauline Childers 530; Ted Mercer 216; Karen Willard 142.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Jon Rand leading song on page 84. Leaders: Sandy Hill 159; Ron Harrell 138t; Lissa Callirhoe 24b; Don Klein 556b; Anne Friend 160t; Barry Phillips 196; Barbara Karol 268; Harlen Van Camp 32b; Mimi Wright 39t; Deborah Johnson 207; Jim Friedrich 455; Anita Landess 68b; Henry Schuman 388; Jerry Schreiber 441.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Rick Russell leading song on page 63. Leaders: Carol Selleck 154; Rodney Willard 148; Midge Harder 401.

A business meeting was entered into for the purpose of hearing reports from the various committees.

The Treasurer reported that the Convention expenses had been met. The Locating Committee reported that the Convention would be in Los Angeles in 1999.

There was a special announcement that Carolyn Deacy started the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention 10 years ago, and seven people have attended all ten sessions of the Convention: Carolyn Deacy, Richard DeLong, Ted

Mercer, Mary Rose O'Leary, Stephen O'Leary, Jerry Schreiber and Rena Sonshine.

The Resolutions Committee read the following report. We thank:

- (1) our Maker for the gift of song and praise and the fellowship of Sacred Harp singers everywhere;
- (2) the members of the class for so enthusiastically contributing their voices to the wonderful sounds of worship these two days;
- (3) those who have come from afar to share and sing and fellowship with the local class;
- (4) the City of Poway and Old Poway Park for allowing us to enjoy this acoustically wonderful room. And a special thanks to the staff of the Park who have gone the second mile in preparing the facilities for us. Thank you San Diego Folk Heritage for bringing us together with Old Poway.

Midge Harder - will we ever fit into our clothes again? What about the jalapeno bread - that scrumptious apricot pie - the Texas pound cake from Pauline's Childers' recipe - the Coy Ivey barbecue?

San Diego singers and non-singing friends alike - thank you for your hospitality, and for opening your homes to the travelers.

Janice Hecksel and Michael Lambert, thank you for giving up some of your singing time to do the essential secretarial duties.

Richard DeLong - thank you for dealing with us so gently as you helped overcome the voids in our understanding of the tradition that is a part of Sacred Harp.

Officers and all the members of the committees - you who have worked so hard to bring this convention to be a successful and wonderful singing - our heartfelt thanks.

Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber - we love you! What would this convention have been without your devotion to detail in preparation and execution?

Submitted by: Ted Mercer and Rod Willard.

Leaders: Pauline Childers 546; Jeannette DePoy 192; Richard DeLong 318.

Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich.

Chair - Carla Smith; Vice Chair - Mary Rose O'Leary; Secretaries - Janice Hecksel and Michael Lambert.

## **FOHS HALL FOUR NOTE SINGING**

**Marion, Kentucky**

**January 24, 1998**

The seventh annual four note singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Wm. Ralph Paris. There being several newcomers to shape note singing in attendance, Ralph Paris explained some of the conventions and history of the shape note tradition.

The first session was sung from William Walker's "The Southern Harmony".

Ralph Paris opened the singing with song on page 8t.

Michael Alexander, Mayor of Marion, Kentucky, welcomed the singers to Marion on behalf of the City and the Community Arts Foundation. Leaders: Bill Hunt 299; Paul Fourshee 165t; Ralph Paris 292, 252; Kenny Hise 51; Ann Taylor 103; Michele Cull 64, 123; Phyllis Beck 109; Michele Cull 50; Drew Foster 322; Ralph Paris 10.

In response to some inquiries as to what the time signatures meant, Ralph Paris did his annual demonstration of William Walker's method of measuring time

with a plumb bob swung on a string from knots located at specified intervals along the string.

#### RECESS

The second session was sung from the "The Sacred Harp". Leaders: Ralph Paris 89; Sherry Parry 133, 107; Faye Melton 45; Drew Foster 159, 117; Ralph Paris 145b; Sherry Parry 49t. The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bill Hunt.

#### LUNCH

Following the wonderful barbecue and potluck meal, the afternoon session began with an hour of singing from "Southern Harmony". Leaders: Sherry Parry 51; Ralph Paris 1; Paul Fourshee 83; Dixie McGregor 308; Nancy Paris 3t; Michele Cull 275; Bill Hunt 66, 71; Nancy Paris 7t; Sherry Parry 77; Ralph Paris 78; Drew Foster 48t; Dixie McGregor 46; Nancy Paris 181t; Ann Taylor 94t; Ralph Paris 111.

#### RECESS

"The Sacred Harp" was used for the final session of singing. Leaders: Sherry Parry 178 (she said she had come to Marion last year for her first singing and had during this past year come to love this music and the people who gather to sing it); Michele Cull 147t, 268; Sherry Parry 87; Michele Cull 82t, 146; Ralph Paris 155, 72b.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. A dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. Bill Hunt for safe journeys home for the singers.

Chairman - Wm. Ralph Paris; Secretary - Nancy Paris.

## **BALDWIN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION**

### **(COOPER BOOK)**

### **Bay Minette, Alabama**

**January 24-25, 1998**

**Saturday, January 24**

The Baldwin County Singing Convention was held in Bay Minette, Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January, and was called to order by Chairman J. A. Mosley leading song on page 31b. Vice Chairman Bill Hogan led 330t and 411; Secretary Alice Mosley led 343. Leaders: Coy Ivey 47t, 63; Bob Bonnell 75, 335; Elizabeth Mahleisen 475, 270; Nancy Van Den Akker 414b, 152; Bob Meek 132, 148; Aubrey Barfield 497, 365; Hershell King 535t, 572; Henry Johnson 159, 77.

#### RECESS

Mike Jones brought the class together leading songs on pages 76b and 384.

Leaders: Norma Latham 84; Norma Latham and Bud Oliver 418t; Leola Smith 573, 358; S. T. Reed 522, 270t; Mattie Townsel 79; Clarke Lee 182, 99; Bud Oliver, Nate Green, and Bill Green 440b, 377; Velton Chafin 509, 86.

#### RECESS

J. A. Mosley brought the class to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: John Merritt 455t; Winston Jones 553b; Beulah Mae Purvis and Wanda Faye 563, 410; John Etheridge 292b; Julie Lee 538; Laura Bossinger 339; Regina Glass 541; Doug Wood 72; Edith Tate 404.

#### LUNCH

J. A. Mosley brought the class to order leading song on page 341. Leaders: Bill Hogan 368b, 369; J. C. Rutledge 478; Ann Jett 515; Jackie Tanner 298; Shane Wooten 171; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 186, 559; Barbara Sweetman 168; Joe Nall 183; Arvin Nall 558b; Kate Merritt 543; Al Probst 575; Joshiko

Pigford 387; Thurman Nall 98; Genny Whitworth and granddaughter 212; Hugh McGraw 416; Charles Franklin 319; Mike Morris 263; John and Kate Merritt 566; John Etheridge 398; Laura Bossinger 61; Barbara Sweetman 65; Bob Bonnell 146; Nancy Van Den Akker 554t; Bob Meek 49; Al Probst 300; Rod Ivey and Mattie Townsel 268t; Regina Glass 98; Clarke Lee 336t; Julie Lee 500. After announcements were made J. A. Mosley, Bill Hogan, Bill Green, and Alice Mosley led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was given by John Merritt.

### **Sunday, January 25**

Mr. Bill Green, Honorary Chairman, announced that due to health reasons, J. A. Mosley resigned as Chairman and Bill Hogan, Vice Chairman, was selected as Chairman.

Chairman Bill Hogan opened the Sunday morning session leading song on page 70. Bill Aplin offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Hogan 49; Alice Mosley 45; Bill Aplin 224, 372; Milton Oliver 54; Regina Glass 110, 81; Mike Morris 72, 63; Bob Meek 239, 274; Hershell King 80b, 395b; Bud Oliver 42, 73; Edith Tate 540; Jackie Tanner 172, 137; John Etheridge 434, 552; Mattie Townsel 127;

### **RECESS**

Bill Hogan brought the class to order leading song on page 288. Leaders: Norma Latham 508, 567; Ann Jett 229, 503; Velton Chafin 225; Nancy Van Den Akker 38t, 78; J. C. Rutledge 501, 560; Hugh McGraw 369; S. T. Reed 541, 569; Coy Ivey 449; Mike Jones 435b, 285t; Charles Franklin 176t, 99; Vickie Aplin 337, 268t; Bill Green 29b; Thurman Nall 276, 451t.

The memorial lesson was beautifully given by Brenda Merritt and Genny Whitworth. Genny Whitworth led song on page 450 for the deceased, and for the sick and shut-ins which were called from a list. Brenda Merritt led songs on pages 481 and 385t. Velton Chafin closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Leola Smith 406, 185; Cindy Franklin 355, 39; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 393; Dana Merritt 408; Willie Mosley 77, 82; Aubrey Barfield 200, 199.

### **LUNCH**

Bob Bonnell opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 384 and 133. Leaders: Beau Patrick 444, 174; Rodney Ivey 222; John Merritt 496t, 559; Brenda Merritt 524; Barbara Sweetman 192, 106; Henry Johnson 388, 283; Laura Boosinger 441, 361; Delores Wilkes 143; Christine Gandy 330, 145; Genny Whitworth 500.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan led the closing prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** For 1999, this singing will be held at the Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall located on Pine and First Street in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Alice Mosley.

## **SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Fort Worth, Texas January 31, 1998**

The fourteenth annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. This is the seventh year that "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 145 in attendance.

The morning session was called to order by Dr. David Music leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by William J. Reynolds. After a cordial welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David Music recognized Dr.

Timothy Studstill as Chairman of the Arranging Committee and Mrs. Mariah Humphries as Secretary.

The following leaders were called: Bruce Coates 34b; Barbara Moore 171; William J. Reynolds 128; H. P. O'Mary 335; Reed Coates 129; Cliff Hackler 40; Byron Talbot 159; Tim Reynolds 117; Leon Ballinger 490; Myra Palmer 436; Gaylon Powell 536; John Morris 163; Avon Miller 380; Sarah Coates 306; Myrl Jones 142; Father Ronald Baker 148; Mary Bachmann 99; Robert Vaughn 35; Beverly Coates 479.

#### RECESS

Dr. David Music opened the second assembly by leading song on page 63.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 178; William J. Reynolds 45; Baron Powers 85; Esther Huckaby 106; Gary Rogan 276; Ryan Ross 406; Michelle Rogan 236; Barbara Moore 160b; Josh Rogan 112; Gaylon Powell 365; Beverly Coates 480; Leon Ballinger 498; H. P. O'Mary 47; Bruce Coates 569b; Byron Talbot 312b; Tim Studstill 72b; Myra Palmer 208; Reed Coates 523. William Love concluded this session with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Dr. David Music leading song on page 36b.

Leaders: Tim Studstill 72b; Avon Miller 362; Mary Bachmann 163b; John Morris 30b; Sarah Coates 448; Father Ronald Baker 108; Myrl Jones 189; Robert Vaughn 535b; Tim Reynolds 200; Baron Powers 268; Esther Huckaby 64; Ryan Ross 217; William J. Reynolds 49b; Barbara Moore 58; Gaylon Powell 216; Beverly Coates 475; H. P. O'Mary 235b; Bruce Coates 566; Myra Palmer 318; Reed Coates 127; Leon Ballinger 384.

David Music presented announcements. The 1999 Sacred Harp Singing at Southwestern Seminary was announced for January 30, 1999.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 254; Barbara Moore 171; Tim Reynolds 53; Leon Ballinger 454; John Morris 460; Reed Coates 143; Myrl Jones 218; Byron Talbot 159.

Dr. David Music led 354b as the closing song and closed the session with prayer. Chairman - Dr. David Music; Secretary - Mrs. Mariah Humphries.

### **STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA SINGING Montgomery, Alabama January 31, 1998**

The first session of the State Capitol Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February in the rotunda of the State Capitol located in Montgomery, Alabama. It was announced that this would be an annual event on this date, and that four books would be used with 30 minute sessions from each book. The books to be used are: "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision"; "Christian Harmony"; "Colored Sacred Harp"; "Cooper Revision Book". Everyone should bring a sack lunch.

The first session was held from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision".

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 216; S. T. Reed 217; Tim Cook 474; Christie Allen 475; Bud Oliver 480; Liz Bryant 384; Lee Rogers 218; Don Bowen 145t; Milton Oliver 321; Chita Blakeley, Jonathan Blakeley, Kyle Blakeley, and Gavin Blakeley 189.

The second session was from the "Christian Harmony" with Art Deason giving a warm welcome to everyone. Leaders: Shannon Clark 109; Ann Kinezey 289; Tish Crocker 287; Elvin Morris 134; Stanley Smith 64; Art Deason 111; Bill Hogan 307.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with singing from the "Colored Sacred Harp". Leaders: H. J. Jackson 4; Ed Snell 9; Bernice Harvey 65; Barney Roberson 19; Stanley Smith 20; John Etheridge 87b; Ed Snell 24 and 25.

The next session was from the "Cooper Revision Book" with Stanley Smith in charge. Leaders: John Etheridge 447t; Emmie Lou Grayson 569; Agnes Farris 410; Ioabelle Green 559; Bill Farris 401; Kathy Lee 575; David Lee 500; Steve Grauberger 572; Bernice Harvey 442t; Regina Glass 497; Bill Hogan 220; Barney Roberson 171; Ed Snell 470; H. J. Jackson 400; J. C. Hardin 44.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with songs from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" being used. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 155; Celia Carnes 146; Amanda Deason 142; Bradley Allen and Chris Bell 546; Margaret Keeton and Travis Keeton 276; Buell Cobb 31b; Pam Nunn 361; Linda Thomas 299; Wayne Morgan 31t; Joe Sutton, Penny Weaver, and Jim Carnes 112; Don Smith 335; J. L. Hopper 310; Judy Caudle 489.

The next session used songs from the "Christian Harmony". Leaders: Art Deason 369; Don Clark 303; Margie Simmons 142; Regina Clark 184; Stanley Smith and Venus Scann 78b; Retha Deason 110; Tish Crocker 204t; David Lee 85b; Don Smith 87.

The session from the "Colored Sacred Harp" began with the following leaders: H. J. Jackson 74b; Janice Johnson 3; Ed Snell 59; Bernice Harvey 62; H. J. Jackson 65b, 92, and 95.

The final session was from the "Cooper Revision Book". Leaders: Judy Mincey 140; Jean Gray 563; Odie Horton 507t; Junie McNeil 319; Ercyl Vidrine 358; Durwood Scarbrough 240; Paula Cobbs and Buell Cobb 72; A. C. Carter 104; Chita Blakeley 170; Regina Clark 86; Jonathan Blakeley 229; Kathy Lee 264b. Announcements were made. Jim Carnes, Joey Brackner, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 87 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Don Smith.

Chairmen - Jim Carnes and Joey Brackner; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

## **BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING** **Jacksonville, Alabama** **February 1, 1998**

The thirty-first session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the first Sunday in February, and was called to order by Ruth Brown, daughter of Bob Burnham, leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Moena Denney. Ruth Brown led song on page 146; Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 128 and 313t; Shelbie Sheppard 336 in memory of Bob Burnham, and 269 in memory of Lessie Cates.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Honorary Secretary - Nell Temple; Arranging Committee - Linda Thomas and Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Nell Temple and Pearl Guier 358, 45t; Linda Thomas 34b; Leola Smith 340; Lee Rogers 351, 350; Felton Denney 503; Evelyn Harris 101t; B. M. Smith 475, 318; Lou Cotney 137, 218; Henry Johnson 138b; Mattie Townsel 159; Jimmy Cates 112; Jenny Wootten 66.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order by leading song on page 203. Leaders: Roy Nelson 283; Patsy Gentle 68b; Virgil Phillips 99; Allison Ivey 82; Pearl Guier 143; Bud Oliver 42; Celia Carnes and Cassie Franklin 388; Lora Cargo



460; Harvey Austin 108t; Jewel Wootten and Terry Wootten 277, 370; Ruth Daniels 278t; Liz Bryant 347; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin 47t; Cindy Franklin 327; Aaron Wootten 144; Carlene Griffin 37b; Sam Jones 40; Don Bowen 225t (for Margie Smith); Willie Mae Moon 500 (in memory of her father, Ed Thomas); Penny Bosarge 535 (in memory of her brother, Rodger Morrison), 224; Norma Latham 270; Richard Ivey 222; Jimmie Denney 335; Judy Mincey 540.

#### LUNCH

Coy Ivey called the class to order after lunch by leading songs on pages 48t and 384. Leaders: Buell Cobb 81b; Cassie Franklin 368; Karen Ivey 142; Louis Hughes, Sr. 179; Mary Florence Smith 192; Stuart Ivey 299; Milton Oliver 314; David Ivey 477; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Jim Carnes 48b; Charlene Wallace 341; Rodney Ivey 480; Lonnie Rogers 348b; B. J. Harris 303; Hilda Morrison 276; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Martha Ann Stegar 85; Teenie Moody 383; Pearl Guier, Moena Denney, and Myrtle Howard 49b; Bobby Jackson 28b; Lovella Campbell 410t; Sherrell Durand 127; Louise Nelson 87. A special session began for singers to remember those who had been an inspiration to them in their singing lives. Ruth Brown asked Shelbie Sheppard to lead song on page 106 for two daughters of the late Zera Tolleson, Eloise Edwards and Jo Hammett, who were present; Pam Nunn 200, 528; B. M. Smith 76b (in memory of Carl Hughes); Coy Ivey 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy); David Ivey 34t (in memory of all singers from Liberty Church, especially for his grandfather and grandmother, Eulas and Helen Ivey); Bud Oliver 73t (in memory of his dad, Clarence Oliver, and in honor of Edith Tate); Pam Nunn 365 (in memory of Jimmie Causey); Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 454 (in memory of Andrew Ivey); Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 111b (in honor of Hadyn Creel and Essie Calvert, and in memory of Vernice Calvert); Don Bowen 470 (in memory of E. G. Akins, Loyd Redding, and his dad, E. C. Bowen); B. J. Harris 445 (in memory of Henry Kerr, Lee Jones, Millard McWhorter, and Pearl McWhorter); Linda Thomas and Jewel Wootten 39t (in memory of the following families: Greens, Phillips, Alexanders, Battles, and singers from Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama); Lora Cargo 340 (in honor of her husband, F. P. Cargo).

Announcements were made. Ruth Brown and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Felton Denney. Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

### **MT. HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** **Northeast of Sipse, Alabama** **February 1, 1998**

The annual singing at Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Stacks.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35 (for Vernice Calvert), 34b (for Virgil Phillips), 37b; Keterina Sanders 290, 454; Mae Conwill 59, 141, 274; Willodean Barton 101, 176t, 145t; Odie Horton 145b, 144, 420b; Madison Jett 146, 87; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57, 64; John Hyde 297, 402, 73t; Travis Keeton 177, 482, 566; Cecil Sanders 225t.

## RECESS

Tim Gilmore called the class to order leading songs on pages 416 and 168. Leaders: Ann Jett 43, "Great Roll Call", 496; John Hocutt "Not Made With Hands", 72t, 72b; Flarce Creel 475, 480, 270.

Pastor Stacks welcomed everyone and led prayer for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Cecil Sanders called the class together leading song on page 436. Leaders: Edith Tate 87, 37, 67; Josie Hyde 66, 45t, 298; Margaret Keeton 171, 78, 91; Elmer Conwill 216, 217, 179, 222; Cecil Sanders 58; Mae Conwill 269; Flarce Creel 166; Willodean Barton 159; Odie Horton 47b; Gene Wakefield 100; Margaret Keeton 192; Josie Hyde 503; M. H. Creel 111b.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Stacks.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel.

## LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING

**University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois  
February 8, 1998**

The sixth annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing at the University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Samuel Sommers, outgoing Chairman, led song on page 176t. D.J. Hatfield, incoming Chairman, led song on page 128.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman - D.J. Hatfield; Vice Chairman - Kiri Miller; Secretaries - Kiri Miller and Mark Miller; Arranging Committee - Dean Slaton.

Leaders: Kris Richardson 187; Suzanne Flandreau 148; Daryl Mayberry 82t; Al Frank 146; Mark Miller 155; Kiri Miller 95; Janet Borman 34b; Jerry Enright 433; John Bailey 454; Dean Slaton 216; Melanie Hauff 203; Ted Johnson 142; Sue Kessell 117; Sam Farwell 31t; Connie Karduck 542; Lissa Blood 235; Joe Hickerson 300; Dave Barford 137; Jim Helke 236.

## RECESS

The class resumed singing with D.J. Hatfield leading song on page 87. Leaders: Debra Barford 86; Ted Mercer 217; Ted Johnson 56b; Stanley Chang 455; Nathan Barford 274t; Joe Hickerson 159; Samuel Sommers 548; Daryl Mayberry 390; Lissa Blood 385; Debra Barford 273; Kris Richardson 195; Melanie Hauff 215; Jerry Enright 29t; John Bailey 340; Janet Borman 515.

## RECESS

Kiri Miller and Susan Art (new singer) called the class to order leading song on page 378. Leaders: Mark Miller 183; Sam Farwell 191; Lisa Grayson 428; Jim Helke 178; Martin Pergler 202; Ted Mercer 299; Connie Karduck 391; Suzanne Flandreau 485; D.J. Hatfield 250; Dean Armstrong 434; Dave Barford 276; Sue Kessell 198; Al Frank 362b; Lisa Grayson 436; John Bailey 535; Janet Borman 547.

D.J. Hatfield led song on page 329 as the closing song, and addressed the class and many listeners who had drifted in from the Folk Festival. A special welcome was given to Joe Hickerson, a representative of the recording division of the Library of Congress. D.J. Hatfield noted the recent formation of the University of Chicago Shape Note Singing Association, which worked in partnership with the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers and the University of Chicago Folklore Society to sponsor this singing as well as the Midwest Convention. The class was dismissed with prayer by Samuel Sommers.

The specific date of the singing varies from year to year, but it is always held in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival.  
Chairman - D.J. Hatfield; Vice Chairman - Kiri Miller; Secretaries - Kiri Miller and Mark Miller.

**ROY AVERY BIRTHDAY SINGING**  
**Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama**  
**February 8, 1998**

Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 345. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Ben Keeble.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Elder Roy Avery; Vice Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Edna Phillips; Arranging Committee - Nell Estes and Annie Lee Price.

Eugene Forbes led song on page 100. Leaders: Elder Ben Keeble 490, 39t; Bobby Jackson 72b, 37t; Elder Vernon Estes 143, 489; Felton Denney 31t, 523b; Linda Fagon 147; Audress Gurley 108, 36b; Jordan Whitehead 354.

**RECESS**

Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 32. Leaders: Eloise Avery 426b, 35; Everette Denney 335, 426t; Sharon Whitehead 110 (in memory of Ila McGhee), "The Great Roll Call"; Floy Wilder 402, 383; Shelbie Sheppard 277, 28b (in honor of Myrtle Smith, and in memory of Jimmie Causey); Jeff Sheppard 75, 290 (for Roy Avery), 392; Carla Smith 408, 358.

The class was then turned over to Elder Roy Avery for the morning sermon.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Eugene Forbes leading songs on pages 189, 322, and 186. Leaders: Annie Lee Price 192, 318; Roy Nelson 432, 128; Maxine Marlett 449, 250; Myrline Faircloth 365.

A memorial lesson was led by Elder Roy Avery for all singers who have passed away, and song on page 111 was sung in their memory.

Leaders: Annie Lee Price 99; Edna Ruth Phillips 480, 164; Isabelle Green 270, 282; Charlotte Bishop 268, 143; Lonnie Price 560, 343; Louise Nelson 145; Leonard Price 100, 72; Waymond Price 177, 176; Lula Lowrey 434, 155; George Marlett 111t; Jeff Sheppard 543 (for Roy Avery), 512; Nell Estes 269.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led songs on pages 566 and 56t for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Vernon Estes.

We would like to thank the class for \$37.50 for minute money, and to wish Elder Roy Avery a very happy ninety-second birthday.

Chairman - Elder Roy Avery; Vice Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Edna Ruth Phillips.

**OHIO STATE CONVENTION**  
**Hamilton, Ohio**  
**February 14-15, 1998**  
**Saturday, February 14**

The sixth session of the Ohio State Convention was held at Pyramid Park in Hamilton, Ohio, organized by the Cincinnati singers. Paul Foster called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. John Bayer led the opening prayer.

A business session was opened, and the class approved the following slate of officers: Chairman - John Bealle; Vice Chair - Lorraine Sawyer; Secretary - Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee - Linda Coppock, Michael Darby, Fred Todt,

and Michelle Biery; Treasurer - Beth Todd; Memorial Committee - Becky Browne and Michael Darby. Leaders: John Bealle 84; John Bayer 39b; Lorraine Sawyer 171; Beth Todd 270; Debbie Hall 146; Linda Coppock 34b; Fred Todt 481; Claire Outten 335; Chris Sepic 350; Eloise Clark 276; Jim Coppock 184; Brad Oglesby 192; Leslie Scott 168; Charles Knecht 42; Phil Jensen 348b; Michelle Ray Biery 300; Joe Todd 39t; Karen Hojnaki 475; Bob Meek 441.

RECESS

Lorraine Sawyer called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Kathy Knecht, Maria Knecht, and Zander Knecht 84; Rich Overturf 535; Ted Johnson 283; Dorothy Glanzer 277; Milton Oliver 321; Marcia Johnson 216; Bud Oliver 480; Becky Browne 29t; Stephen McMaster 540; Jeanne Schaffer 198; David Rust 320; Connie Karduck 528; John Schaffer 515; Leyland DelRe 100; Regina Bayer 95; William Shetter 547; Judy Hauff 411; Jim Page "County K"; Melanie Hauff 542. Steve Tossey led the class with a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 332. Leaders: Henry Schuman 99; Denise Morris 442; Jerry Enright 448t; Lois Hurt 81t; Ted Mercer 299; Janet Fraembs 440; Michelle Cull 178; Marlen Rust 313b; Pauline Childers 318; Alexander Knecht 183; Mike Hieber 142; Eric Conrad 70b; Kathy Knecht 148; Cecilia Kruber and Jim Page 254; Steve Tossey 143; Shawn Fenton 344; Michael Darby 314.

RECESS

Lorraine Sawyer and Marissa Hieber called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Brad Oglesby 369; Karen Hojnacki, Dorothy Fraembs, and Dara Fraembs 504; Denise Morris 272; Kat Kinkade "Deluge"; Bob Meek 268; Janet Fraembs 532; Leslie Scott 224; Jan Lowry and Michelle Ray Biery 501; Phil Jensen 164; Eric Conrad 203; De-De Heeter 159; Claire Outten 65; John Schaffer 391.

RECESS

Paul Foster called the class to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Becky Browne 222; Laura Russell, Eric Conrad, Mike Darby, and Ruth Garza 107; Laura Weber 147; James Boyer and Linda Coppock 155; Rich Overturf 323b; Stephen McMaster 282; Brenda Waters 68b; Bud Oliver 73t; Jeanne Schaeffer 569b. John Bayer dismissed the class with a prayer.

### **Sunday, February 15**

Linda Coppock called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 38b. Leaders: Jim Coppock 273; John Bealle 89; Lorraine Sawyer 151; Paul Foster 377; Regina Bayer, Leyland DelRe, and Emmie Barford 410t; Leyland DelRe 328; Mike Hieber 37b; Billie Grey 143; David Rust 144; William Shetter 319; Katherine Knecht 94; John DelRe 326; Debbie Barford 120; Lorraine Bayer 31b; John DelRe 274t; Fred Todt 430; Emmie Barford 108b; Jim Page 268; Connie Karduck 57; David Barford 315.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order with song on page 388. Leaders: Debbie Hall 474; Milton Oliver 384; Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers 288; Melanie Hauff 218; Ted Johnson 286; Pauline Childers 475; Jerry Enright 77t; Gary Gronau 110.

Then the program was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Jerry Enright addressed the class and led song on page 300 in memory of Barrett Ashley. Michael Darby addressed the class and led 235b in memory of the following deceased: Mary Lou Jolly and Leon Wilson - California; Ruth Reid - North

Carolina; Opal Johnston - Florida; June Hiltner - Pennsylvania; Susan Wantland - Washington D.C.; James Rhea - Virginia; Gayle Bannister - Wisconsin; Mamie Creel, Selden Creel, Vernice Calbert, Elder Bernard Moon, Barrett Ashley, and Bonnie Ashley - Alabama; Harriet Parker - Maryland. Michelle Cull spoke and led 107 for Mickey Banter, who had recently suffered a stroke. Becky Browne urged the class to write cards to the sick and shut-in, and Gary Gronau led 503 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed. Charles Knecht led the class in a blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Paul Foster called the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Chris Sepic 515; John Bayer "Brandt"; Henry Schuman 40; Judy Hauff 196; Ted Mercer 240; Beth Todd 280; Lois Hurt 452b; Joe Todd 455; Shawn Fenton 163; Jo Schultz 49b; Sylvia Thomas 444; Robert Swope 377; Marlen Rust 66; Eloise Clark 313b; Charles Knecht 453; Linda Coppock 485; John Schaffer 236; Becky Browne 362; Stephen McMaster 446.

#### RECESS

Fred Todt called the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Cecilia Kruber and Lois Hurt 59; Kat Kinkade 372; Paul Fishman 337; Jeanne Schaffer 294; Paul Foster 212; David Rust 323t; Billie Grey 267; John DelRe 32t; Lorraine Sawyer 491; Debbie Barford 368; Zander Knecht 371; Jim Page 348t; Connie Karduck 222; Lorraine Bayer 201b; Marsha Johnson 359.

#### RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order leading song on page 122. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 68t; Gary Gronau 269; David Barford 479; Pauline Childers 234; Ted Johnson 536; Jerry Enright 74b; Judy Hauff 550.

The Secretary reported that 84 songs were led on Saturday and 80 on Sunday. There were singers present from ten states and one foreign country. After announcements, the convention officers led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Chris Sepic dismissed the convention with a prayer. The convention will be held next year in Columbus, Ohio, chaired by Lorraine Sawyer.

Chairman - John Bealle; Vice Chair - Lorraine Sawyer; Secretary - Debbie Hall

### **SANDERS MEMORIAL**

#### **Cordova Senior Citizen Center - Cordova, Alabama**

**February 15, 1998**

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 31b. The opening prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Velton Chafin led song on page 33b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

Velton Chafin led song on page 35, and the following leaders were called: Cecil Sanders 32t; Alice Mosley 63, 138b; Willodean Barton 391, 290; J. A. Mosley 37b, 68b; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Travis Keeton 183, 182; Odie V. Horton 282, 426t; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Cassie Franklin 300, 74b; Flarce Creel 475, 291; John Hyde 129, 73t, 297; Tim Gilmore 150, 432; Gladys Bonds 77t, 34b; Christie Allen 398, 172; Velton Chafin 34t (in memory of Mamie Creel who was 96 years of age and buried on February 10, 1998).

#### RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 225t, 231; Steve Grauberger 143; Thurman Nall 503, 523b; Josie Hyde 507; Larry Ballinger 139, 119.

The memorial lesson was given for the Sanders family members and for Vernice Calvert. Ann Jett led "The Great Roll Call" and song on page 322; Cecil Sanders 390; Cassie Franklin "Hocutt" (new song).

#### LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading songs on pages 335 and 111b. Leaders: Joshua Keeton 408, 111t; Clayton Ezell 393, 480; Earl Ballinger 500, 338; John Hocutt 272, 270; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 155; Edith Tate 212, 217; Margaret Keeton 365, 163t; Justin Keeton 546; Cindy Franklin 198, 497, 163b; Clayton Ezell 358 (in memory of his mother), 294 (for listeners in the class); Steve Grauberger 470; J. A. Mosley 40; Alice Mosley 388; Thurman Nall 490. Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION — WASHINGTON**

#### **Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington**

**February 21-22, 1998**

**Saturday, February 21**

The seventh annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention began on Saturday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. when the class was called to order by Chairman David Hough leading song on page 32t. The opening prayer was given by Joanne Hoover. A brief business session was held and affirmed current officers in their positions for another year.

Karen Willard introduced Johnny and Delores Lee, David and Kathy Lee, Clarke and Julie Lee to the singers, and an old-time Hoboken-style Singing School was begun. All of the songs on Saturday were from the Cooper Book edition.

The six members of the Lee family sang 101t for Uncle Silas Lee, in "meeting house" style. David Lee described a typical 2.5 hour evening "Sing" would always begin by singing the scale, and Clarke Lee led the class in doing so. Members of the class were then arranged for a "drone" sung to 275b. David Lee explained the steps in how to "walk time" for Common Time, Compound Time, and Triple Time; cautioned the class on the unequal beat lengths in Triple Time; demonstrated counting rests; and pointed out how we should "keep our time" between singing the notes and beginning the words. Clarke Lee led 145b, a 2/4 common time song; 218, a 4/4 common time fuge; 64, a 6/8 compound time song; 154b, a 6/4 compound time song; 138t, a 3/4 triple time song; 138b, a 3/4 triple time song; and 108, a 6/4 compound time song.

#### RECESS

Johnny Lee brought the class back to order by leading song on page 47t. David Lee invited the class to stand and move close to one another, sing any harmony part desired or invented, and to sing words only on the following: 68t; 47b; 49b; 48t; 32t; and 82. Students were assembled in the square to learn how to walk time while the class sang: 348, "an old time walking song we used to learn on" in 2/4 common time; 378t, a 6/8 compound time song; 59, a 4/4 common time song; and 45t, a 3/4 triple time song. Craig Brandis gave the blessing as the class dismissed for dinner.

#### LUNCH

Kathy Lee and Julie Lee brought the class back to order leading song on page 500. The Lee family sang 27 "meeting house" style. The rest of the afternoon was structured as the "Sings" in Hoboken, Georgia used to be, with singers calling out

songs for Clarke Lee as Song Leader, and with both Clarke and David Lee walking time: 155, 427, 559, 401, 159, 557, 335, 239, 43, 118, 128, 54t, 222, 132, 444t.

#### RECESS

The Hoboken-style "Sing" resumed with 282, 283t, 224, and 563. At 3:00 p.m. David Lee and Clarke Lee ended their School with 444b. After announcements, closing song 371 was led by Chairman David Hough and the closing prayer was offered by Craig Brandis.

#### **Saturday Afternoon, February 21**

At 4:30 p.m. a number of singers assembled informally to sing the following, as Clarke Lee or David Lee pitched and set the tempo: 393t, 392, 38t, 478, 571, 516, 518 (the long version), 572, 505, 229, 410, 336t, 411, 522, 120, 84, 135, 133. This concluded the singing for the first day of the convention.

#### **Sunday, February 22**

"The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" edition was the predominantly used book on Sunday although some songs were sung from the "Blue Book" (Cooper Book). Where songs were led from the Cooper edition, a (C) follows the page number. David Hough called the class together at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 59. Chaplain Jim Friedrich led the opening prayer. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 34b; Kathy Vlach 46; Ken Cofield 82t; Susan Helf 66; Anne Huckins 114; Gary Plouff 65; Jinx McGuire, Ann Lindeke and Frank Lindeke 178; Katharine Hough 373; Jim Brock 84; Marcia Stedman 497; John Carson 324; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; David Lee 454; Sandy Hill 369; Bruce Rowland 384; Anita Landess 503 (for Don Bowen); Johnny Lee and Delores Lee 573 (C); Marie Brandis 480; David Hough 371; members of the Lee family led 138t (C) "meeting house" style.

#### RECESS

Katharine Hough brought the class back leading song on page 569. Leaders: Jim Friedrich 163t; Gary Smith 31t; Sharon Kermiet 474; Rick Russell 448t; Sarah Smith 406; Jack Lofton 53; Seth Holloway 354b.

Memorial Lesson: Reed Schilbach, after speaking of her conviction that the spirit and emotion we put into our songs reaches those who are absent and we miss and that they can thus hear and share in our singing, led 122 for the following sick and shut-in: California - Sally Davis, Dario Landazuri, Marty Rinze, Susan Turpin; Oregon - Betty Chamberlain, Gerry Currens; New Mexico - Dodge Wiggins; Colorado - Merrill Wells; Wisconsin - Evern Miller; Washington - Jack Aldrich. Sharon Kermiet, explaining that many of the Sacred Harp songs give us the opportunity to contemplate death, noted that each day that passes is one less day left to us in which to sing. She concluded by pointing out that when we die we'll never turn back again, and led 378b for the following who have died: California - Isabelle Carrion, Marilou Jolly, Peter Rydell, and Leon Wilson; Washington - Ada Downs, Duane Cavanaugh, and Agnes Soderberg; Oregon - Michael Ditson and Milo Minato; Colorado - Barry Sullivan; Pennsylvania - Germaine Lacy; Arizona - Pat Farley; Alabama - Mamie Creel.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 326; Carla Smith 260; Jean Murphy 380; Laura Russell 140; Craig Brandis 58; Carolyn Deacy 290; Shannon McGuire 504; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Jerry Schreiber "Happy Birthday" for Carla Smith, 236. Craig Brandis gave the blessing as we adjourned for dinner.

#### LUNCH

Karen Willard called the class back with song on page 175. Leaders: Kathy Lee 171; Midge Harder and Julie Lee 393 (C); David Jensen 86; Anne Friend 277; Shelley Phillips 148; James Green 47; Jean Marcotte 146; Kelly Brest van

Kemper 30b; Karen Willard 137 (C); Johnny Lee 72b; Karen Stingle 254; Iona Singleton 159; Julie Lee 276; Marcia Cutler 28b; Suzanne Denker 180; Paul Robinson 280; Audrey Karabinus 198; members of the Lee family 47b (C) "meeting house" style; Marie Brandis 515; the Lee family led the class in "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; Roberta Hartley 535; Reed Schilbach 312b; David Landazuri 288; Tim Shepard 48t; Jan Evans 49b; Kris Long 46; Ellen Webber 203; Marianne Costello 37t; Alicia Ferong 301; Jack Lofton 455; Carla Smith 376; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Laura Russell 545; Carolyn Deacy 299; Jerry Schreiber 362.

A business session was held. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met; the PNWSHS Board reported that the next recipient of the Travel Scholarship is Bruce Rowland of Sandy (near Portland), Oregon; the headcounters reported convention attendance as follows: Washington 53; Oregon 19; California 12; Georgia 6; Colorado 3; Alabama 2; and 1 each from Illinois, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Alberta, Canada. Jerry Schreiber, Suzanne Denker, and Susan Helf of the Resolutions Committee "Resolved that all those assembled for the Pacific North West Convention - Washington extend sincere thanks to first, our Creator, for sharing His love and giving us this foretaste of Heaven and bringing us together in this loving community" and thanked by name all who had worked to make this weekend happen successfully, "in particular those who brought children, in the hope that they too will be imbued with a love of this music. Finally, thanks go to all those singers who have gone before and preserved this music and its traditions for us. With special thanks to the members of the Lee Family for coming so far, for the excellent singing school, and for sharing their very special tradition with us." Chairman David Hough led 62, inviting all who wished, to take the parting hand. Chaplain Jim Friedrich gave the closing prayer. Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Karen Willard.

**TEXAS STATE CONVENTION**  
**Conference Center, Texas A&M University, College Station,**  
**Texas**  
**February 21-22, 1998**  
**Saturday, February 21**

The sixth annual session of the Texas State Convention met at the Conference Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Chairman Bruce Coates called the convention to order leading song on page 31b. Don Barker led the opening prayer. Bruce Coates led song on page 34b. Leaders: Vice Chairman Gaylon Powell 500, 411; Secretary Al Rogers 63, 47t; B. E. Matthews 318, 426b; Liz Rogan 448t, 448b; Doris Hanks 384, 112; Don Barker 145b, 97; Ophelia Matthews 490, 569b; Anne Milner 220, 276; Mike Moseley 434, 454; Curtis Owen 400, 551; Amanda Owen 344, 178. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Amanda Owen.

**RECESS**

Bruce Coates brought the class back together leading 49t. Leaders: Sue Fairbanks 47b, 49b; Leland Owen 30t, 285t; Myrl Jones 189, 300; Edith Owen 84, 480; Myra Palmer 208, 273; Ron Baker 148, 284; Katie Moseley 142, 542; Beverly Coates 150, 472.

**LUNCH**



Bruce Coates brought the class back together by leading song on page 73. Leaders: Diane Ross 354, 350; Peter Nichols 117, 137; Leon Ballinger 136, 566; Reed Coates 75, 159; Josh Rogan 408, 129; Don Ross 225t, 475; Mary Bachmann 280, 368; Chris Blevins 163t, 40; Sarah Coates 492, 217; Vivian Rogan 235, 282; Tom Owen 543, 532; Gary Rogan 383, 299.

#### RECESS

Bruce Coates brought the class to order leading song on page 111. Leaders: Jeb Owen 373, 328; Jana Graves Hindman 45t; Kevin Powell 56b, 504; Michele Rogan 128, 236; Marcelene Hardy 172, 200; Esther Huckaby 358, 143. Bruce Coates led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Curtis Owen.

#### Sunday, February 22

Bruce Coates opened the Sunday morning session leading song on page 68b. Tom Owen led the opening prayer. Bruce Coates led song on page 108. Leaders: Mary Oruc 318, 178; David Moseley 186, 441; James Moseley 58, 137; Esther Huckaby 106; Marcelene Hardy 222; Myra Palmer 198; Myrl Jones 110; Michele Rogan 128; Kevin Powell 216; Jeb Owen 480; Joseph Stang 112, 276; Gary Rogan 215; Charles Whitmer 524, 147t; Tom Owen 442.

The Nominating Committee: Leon Ballinger, Beverly Coates, and Gary Rogan, gave its report. Jeb Owen was nominated for Vice Chairman; Vivian Rogan was nominated for Secretary. The class elected the nominees by acclamation. The class also approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations that the Vice Chairman automatically become the Chairman after serving as Vice Chairman one year, and that officers cannot be elected two years in a row to the same office. Bruce Coates announced that next year's State Convention will be held February 27-28, 1999.

#### RECESS

Bruce Coates brought the class back together leading song on page 201b. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 73b; Sarah Coates 455; Lisa Hardaway 61, 288; Ophelia Matthews 512; Monnie Ross 108b; Mary Bachmann 452b; Don Ross 497; Josh Rogan 217; Reed Coates 551; Leon Ballinger 269; Peter Nichols 84; Diane Ross 515; Beverly Coates 313b.

The Memorial Committee: B. E. Matthews, Liz Rogan, and Don Ross, gave the memorial lesson. The following were named as being deceased since the last singing: Ray Barnett, Barbara Cooper, Lynn Hanna, and Louis Spivey. Liz Rogan led song on page 285t for the deceased. B. E. Matthews led song on 45t for the sick and shut-ins.

#### LUNCH

Bruce Coates brought the class back together by leading song on page 565. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 536; Al Rogers 569b; Don Barker 82t; Curtis Owen 331; Troxel Ballou 299, 532; Liz Rogan 203; Katie Moseley 189; Edith Owen 535; Leland Owen 378b; Sue Fairbanks 335; Wendy Laubach 38t, 40; Amanda Owen 503; Mike Moseley 179; Anne Milner 280; Doris Hanks 176b; B. E. Matthews 387; Mary Oruc 344; David Moseley 72b; James Moseley 31t; Kevin Powell 240; Joseph Stang 300; Gary Rogan 324; Charles Whitmer 71; Tom Owen 163b; Vivian Rogan 354b; Sarah Coates 475; Lisa Hardaway 358; Mary Bachmann 523; Josh Rogan 34b; Reed Coates 337; Don Ross 546; Al Rogers 120. Bruce Coates led song on page 62 as the closing song. Don Ross led the closing prayer. Chairman - Bruce Coates; Vice Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Al Rogers.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**  
**State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia**  
**February 22, 1998**

The twenty-fifth session of the Social Harp and Sacred Harp singing was held at the Visitor Center of the State Botanical Gardens on the fourth Sunday in February. The Social Harp was used in the morning, and the Sacred Harp session was held in the afternoon.

John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading song on page 191, and then led the morning prayer. John Hollingsworth led song on page 190; John Garst 51, 50; Charlene Wallace 34, 83.

The business session was held. The following officers were re-elected: Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Lee Rogers; Memorial Committee - Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 209, 253; Richard DeLong 31, 60; Judy Mincey 182, 135; Billy Hollingsworth 79b, 17; John Plunkett 77, 185; Helen Bryson 55b, 175b; Henry Zittrouer 66, 30; Bruce King 173, 237; Don Bowen 86, 137.

**RECESS**

John Garst called the class together leading song on page 168. Leaders: Angelia Benton 114, 32; Al Stavely 205, 24b; Liz Bryant 98, 194; John Hollingsworth 250; Charlene Wallace 159; Richard DeLong 37, 152; Helen Bryson 118; John Plunkett 195; Judy Mincey 87; Don Bowen 154; Henry Zittrouer 204. Billy Hollingsworth offered the blessing, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was from the Sacred Harp. John Garst led song on page 421. Leaders: Bruce King 159, 457; Dan Bailey 117, 66; Kevin Kelley 52b; Mako Cook and Tim Cook 341, 347; Karen Whelchel 358, 323; Al Stavely 148, 112. Memorial Lesson. Dan Bailey led song on page 569b and Lee Rogers led song on page 146 in memory of: Mildred Wilde, Gertrude Bateman, Eva Reeves, Mae Holt, and Barrett Ashley. Liz Bryant led song on page 50 for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by John Hollingsworth. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 168 and 153.

**RECESS**

John Garst called the class together with song on page 294. Leaders: Helen Bryson 436, 178; Henry Zittrouer 480, 270; Margaret Agneir 155; Billy Hollingsworth 236, 551; John Plunkett 163, 542; Judy Mincey 110, 497; Don Bowen 494, 77b; Liz Bryant 31, 36b.

After announcements, John Garst led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Dan Bailey.

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

**NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING**  
**Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York**  
**February 28, 1998**

The first New York State Regional Singing of 1998 was held at the Vestal Public Library in Vestal, New York from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The singing was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading song on page 49t. Tim Brown led the opening prayer. Leaders: Guy Bankes 77b, 556; Jim Ulrich 569b, 73; George Seiler 480, 178; Tim Brown 38, 66; Allen Fannin 326, 110; Dan Brittain 201, 278b; Jean Seiler 68b, 142; Laura Densmore 163b, 99; Roland Hutchinson 36b, "Relly's Third".

## RECESS

Dennis Leipold called the class to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 472, 504; Gina Balestracci 28t, 277; David Martin 47b, 49b; Diane Mennella 318, 336; Ron Bornick 192, 454; Susan Bingham, 34b, 198; Barbara Swetman 481, 196; Ginny Huszagh 56b,189; Hal Kunkel 32t, 460; Bradford West 29b, 455; Cath Oss 212, 430.

## LUNCH

The singing resumed with Dennis Leipold leading song on page 217. Leaders: Tim Wheeler 77t, 85; Dennis Leipold and Douglas Osgood 530, 146; Guy Banks 287; Jim Ulrich 191; Roland Hutchinson "Ussher"; Margaret Bornick 236; Laura Densmore 163t; Gina Balestracci 38b; David Martin 268; Diane Mennella 542; Ron Bornick 186; Dan Brittain 513; Jean Seiler 442; George Seiler 168.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading song on page 155. Leaders: Tim Brown 40; Hal Kunkel "Ten Thousand Charms"; Susan Bingham 107; Barbara Swetman 48t; Cath Oss 203; Ginny Huszagh 180; Tim Wheeler 183; Bradford West 228; Dennis Leipold 35; Adrian Mariano 148; Barbara Swetman 159; Guy Banks 143; Jim Ulrich 299; Roland Hutchinson 112; Margaret Bornick 24; Gina Balestracci 114; Bill Stephens and Wendy Stephens 147. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Leaders: Diane Mennella 73b; Ron Bornick 84; Dan Brittain 505; Jean Seiler 254; George Seiler 347. Dennis Leipold led song on page 62 as the closing song. Tim Brown led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Dennis Leipold; Arranging - Laura Densmore; Secretary - Suzanne Sullivan.

## DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING

### **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Heard County, Georgia Saturday, February 28, 1998**

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County on Saturday, February 28, 1998. The class was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 34. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Everette Denney led song on page 405; Jimmie Denney 63, 61; Josephine Denney 59; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 112.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Everette Denney 503; Henry Johnson 388, 68b; Don Bowen 97, 145b; Bernard Denney 100, 141, 145t; Louise Gunnels 310, 189.

## RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jimmie Denney leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Pearl Guier 40, 127, 49t; Roy Nelson 87, 153, 176t; Judy Mincey 475, 501, 515; Lou Cotney 137, 300, 222; Louise Nelson 350, 282.

## LUNCH

Everette Denney brought the class together leading song on page 489. Leaders: Bobby Bailey 339, 335, 72b; Lloyd Toney 410t, 411; Bobby Jackson 523b, 341; Mary Florence Smith 400, 37b, 448b; Teenie Moody 138t, 126, 317b; John Plunkett 106, 543, 143; Felton Denney 155, 73t, 31t; Rebecca Darwin 288; Lou Cotney 358; Bobby Bailey 27; Henry Johnson 406.

Everette Denney led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

**NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina**  
**Glen Eden Community Center, Raleigh, North Carolina**  
**February 28-March 1, 1998**

**Saturday, February 28**

Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina

Outgoing President Peggy Loddengaard opened the singing by leading song on page 49t. The invocation was given by Henry Bizzell. Peggy Loddengaard lead song on page 81t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: President - Suzanne Newton; Vice President - Peggy Loddengaard; Secretary - Tim Gee; Chaplain - Henry Bizzell.

The singing continued with the following leaders called: Suzanne Newton 318; Blake Morris 129; John Feddersen 68b; Tim Gee 191; Matt Cartmill 313b; G. C. Waldrep 112; Sharon Kellam 180; Patricia Temple 85; Mary Wright 71; Gail Doss 504; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Ron Craig 117; Joy Craig 454; Lynda Hambourger 472; Sandra Polaski 361; Kat Kinkade 131t; Don Polaski 495; Gavin Campbell 360; Becky Hart 474; Leslie Alperin 497.

**RECESS**

Suzanne Newton reconvened the class with 34b. Leaders: Blake Morris 442; John Feddersen 528; Tim Gee 45t; Matt Cartmill 300; Jennifer Boger 163b; Peggy Loddengaard 82t; G. C. Waldrep 163t; Sharon Kellam 270; Patricia Temple 535b; Mary Wright 145b; Gail Doss 196; Frederick Beardsley 149; Claudia Egelhoff 210; Ron Craig 284; Joy Craig 63; Sandra Polaski 192; Kat Kinkade 428; Gavin Campbell 517; Don Polaski 200; Becky Hart 36b.

**LUNCH**

Suzanne Newton called the class to order with song on page 299.

As suggested during the business portion of the convention, the first songs after lunch were new works written by attendees. Each author lead his/her work. Blake Morris "Comforter"; Kat Kinkade "Never Turn Around"; Blake Morris "Submission".

Traditional singing resumed: Leaders: Erin Newton 546; Hugh McGraw 413; Charlene Wallace 347; John Feddersen 236; Leslie Alperin 268; Tim Gee 457; Matt Cartmill 228; Peggy Loddengaard 61; G. C. Waldrep 282; Sharon Kellam 77b; Patricia Temple 183; Blake Morris 234; Mary Wright 354b; Gail Doss 441.

**RECESS**

Suzanne Newton reconvened the class with song on page 38b. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 464; Lynda Hambourger 532; Carlene Griffin 171; Sandra Polaski 551b; Kat Kinkade 485; Don Polaski 480; Gavin Campbell 439; Becky Hart 269; Erin Newton 430; Frederick Beardsley 475; Blake Morris 501; John Feddersen 415; Leslie Alperin 178; Tim Gee 66; Matt Cartmill 189b; Peggy Loddengaard 65; G. C. Waldrep 419; Sharon Kellam 49; Patricia Temple 337; Gail Doss 137; Claudia Egelhoff 317; Lynda Hambourger 368; Sandra Polaski 142; Kat Kinkade 383; Don Polaski 47b; Gavin Campbell 94; Becky Hart 217; Erin Newton 56b. Suzanne Newton led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Henry Bizzell.

**Sunday, March 1**

Glen Eden Community Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

Suzanne Newton call the class to order by leading song on page 276. The invocation was given by Henry Bizzell.

Leaders: Peggy Loddengaard 196; Tim Gee 288; Blake Morris 35; John Feddersen 235b; Matt Cartmill 242; Sharon Kellam 278b; Patricia Temple 203; Hugh McGraw 553; Charlene Wallace 267; Carlene Griffin 117; Gail Doss 99; Claudia Egelhoff 304; Lynda Hambourger 122; Sandra Polaski 84; Kat Kinkade 375.

#### RECESS

Tim Gee reconvened the class with 38t. Leaders: Becky Hart 344; Frederick Beardsley 446; Don Polaski 198; Erin Newton 143.

Claudia Egelhoff and Henry Bizzell then conducted the memorial service during which Claudia Egelhoff led songs on pages 65 and 569b.

Leaders: Suzanne Newton 163b; Blake Morris 378t; Tim Gee 98; Matt Cartmill 148; Peggy Loddengaard 358; Sharon Kellam 29t.

#### LUNCH

Peggy Loddengaard called the class to order leading song on page 133.

As done the day before, the period after lunch was devoted to recent music led by the authors.

Blake Morris "Berryman" and "Elizabeth"; Matt Cartmill "Consonance" (by Billings); Kat Kinkade "Deluge"; John Feddersen "Dance in the Sky".

Traditional singing resumed. Leaders: Patricia Temple 324; Gail Doss 378b; Lynda Hambourger 348t; Sandra Polaski 107; Erin Newton 377; Kat Kinkade 539b; Becky Hart 222; Frederick Beardsley 452b; Don Polaski 209; Suzanne Newton 277; Blake Morris 220; Peggy Loddengaard 323b.

#### RECESS

Tim Gee reconvened the class with song on page 280. Leaders: Frederick Beardsley 174; Joy Craig 31t; Matt Cartmill 352; Sharon Kellam 414t; Patricia Temple 362; Gail Doss 400; Claudia Egelhoff 380; Lynda Hambourger 455; Sandra Polaski 147; Kat Kinkade 124; Frederick Beardsley 310; Don Polaski 318; Becky Hart 155.

The convention closed with 62 as the final lesson. Henry Bizzell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Suzanne Newton; Vice Chairman - Peggy Loddengaard; Secretary - Tim Gee.

## **GINNY LANDGRAF COMPREHENSIVE SINGING** **Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey** **March 1, 1998**

This special Sacred Harp singing was held to celebrate Ginny Landgraf's passing her doctoral comprehensive exams in theology.

The class was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ginny Landgraf leading song on page 81t, followed by a prayer.

Leaders: Diane Mennella 373; Ellie Soler 80t; Jean Seiler 497; Gina Balestracci 228; George Seiler 569t; Guy Bankes 276; Roland Hutchinson 287; Carmen Aiken 31b; Stacy Gray 275t; Curtis Stamps 40; Tom Gibney and Patti Gibney 105; Jane Nowakowski 481; Ginny Landgraf 102; Diane Mennella 267; Barbara Stamps 268; Ellie Soler 45; Jean Seiler 236.

#### RECESS

Gina Balestracci called the class together leading song on page 358. Leaders: George Seiler 492; Guy Bankes 178; Roland Hutchinson 250; Stacy Gray 457; Curtis Stamps 49b; Tom Gibney 501; Jane Nowakowski 155; Ginny Landgraf 378b; Diane Mennella 192; Barbara Stamps 87; Ellie Soler 67; Jean Seiler 106;

Gina Balestracci 156; George Seiler 475; Guy Bankes 474; Roland Hutchinson "Rellys' Third"; Stacy Gray 126; Curtis Stamps 455; Tom Gibney 127; Jane Nowakowski 313b; Diane Mennella 542; Barbara Stamps 478. Ginny Landgraf led song on page 344 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ginny Landgraf; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

**MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND LAVADA  
MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL  
New Flatwoods Church - Nauvoo, Alabama - Walker County  
March 1, 1998**

The eighty-third annual Sacred Harp Memorial singing was called to order by Elder Ronald Gilmore leading songs on pages 42 and 36b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Pam Keeton; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton and Joshua Keeton. Tim Gilmore made the motion to add his mother, Lavada McGough Gilmore, who passed away from this life on January 31, 1994, to the memorial singing. The class voted in favor of this motion.

Leaders: Tim Gilmore 74t, 278b; John Hocutt 30t, 35; Ashley Keeton 421, 159; A. C. McGough 390, 274t; Pam Keeton 142 (in memory of her aunt, Lavada Gilmore), 382 (in memory of her great-grandmother, Martha Harper Nix); Doyle Williams 61, 65; L. E. Hannah 498, 336; Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Ada Godsey 34t, 499; A. A. Malone 183, 203; Ila Ingle 434, 436.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 64 and 225t. Leaders: Alene Woodley 39b, 111b; Travis Keeton 387 (in memory of his grandfather, Lewis Keeton), 75 (for his sister who is in the hospital); Josie Hyde 66, 99; Huey Jones 306, 500; Ivalene Donaldson 275b; Larry Ballinger 101t; Margaret Keeton 475, 39t; John Hyde 129, 403; Lisa Geist 528, 532; L. H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 376, 73t; Gravis Ballinger 34b. The noon blessing was led by Elder Philip Gilmore.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Tim Gilmore leading songs on pages 300 and 384. Leaders: Latriva Bailey 340, 111t; Edith Tate 85 (for Hadyn Creel who is sick and in the hospital), 88t (for Marie Aldridge who is sick); Joshua Keeton 189, 108b; Mae Conwill 400, 206; Gladys Bonds 460, 77t; Warren Steel 57, 349; Mary Ellen Jones 196, 392; Willodean Barton 418, 482; Elmer Conwill 337, 411 (in memory of Tom Harper); Margaret Gowen 141, 127; Flora Otwell 318, 338; Elder Philip Gilmore 47b, 285t; Roma Rice 348, 389; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore "Not Made With Hands", 45t; Jimmie Gilmore 145b (in memory of her sister, Lavada Gilmore), 316 (in memory of her grandmother, Martha Harper Nix, and for her parents, Elder Garnsey and Ethel McGough who are sick); Velton Chafin 144; Janet Jones 283 (in memory of her aunt, Estelle Napier), 454 (for Keterina Sanders who is in the hospital); Betty Baccus and Julia Posten 396, 391; Tim Gilmore 216.

Glenn Keeton and Tim Gilmore led song on page 270 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by L. H. Gilmore.

Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Pam Keeton.

## MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL

Ephesus, Georgia

March 1, 1998

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers convened at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March at 9:55 a.m. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 127. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. S. T. Reed led songs on pages 129 and 123t.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Margie Smith and Mary Florence Smith.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 225t; B. M. Smith 34b, 101t; Karen Rollins 143, 489.

Denney Rogers, Mayor of Ephesus, welcomed everyone and gave a short report on the community and its school system.

Leaders: Virgil Phillips 475; Pearl Guier 448b, 303; Bobby Bailey 35, 486; Louise Nelson 350, 87; Bud Oliver 145t, 32t; Lucille Forman 46, 177; Johnny Wright 106, 455; Shelbie Sheppard 556, 47b; Sheri Taylor 542, 209.

### RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Felton Denney 299; Elder Marshall Avery 40, 278b; Harrison Creel 530; Cassie Franklin 349; Rodney Ivey 47t; John Redmon 358; Linda Thomas 31b; Barry Rollins and Brandon Sparks 34t; Katherine Benefield 146; Tom McGraw 268; Flarce Creel 389; Coy Ivey 59; Leola Smith 340; Jackie Tanner 56t; Norma Latham 495; Bobby Jackson 523; Milton Oliver 318; Homer Benefield 141. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to: Homer Benefield, Roy Nelson, Eloise Avery, B. M. Smith, and Shelbie Sheppard; Tokay Boggs 145b; Don Bowen 99. Elder Marshall Avery offered prayer for the food to be served at the noon meal.

### LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers called the class to order leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 288; Kayla McWhorter, Susan Rice, Luke Rice, Randa Rollins, and Laura Williams 345t; Louis Hughes 176t.

Mrs. Becky Carlyle, principal of Ephesus School, welcomed everyone to the school.

The memorial lesson was given by Ruth Brown and Paige Harrod. Ruth Brown spoke using the words from the song "Passing Away". Paige Harrod read the names of the following deceased: Roy Daniel, Mae Rogers, Bill Scott, Leon Rogers, John Forman, Mamie Creel, Jerry Huckleba, Josie McAlpin, Willie Mae McClendon, Vernice Calvert, Gertrude Bateman, Seldon Creel, and Janet Rogers. Leslie Spencer led song on page 137 in memory of her grandfather, John Forman. Felton Denney led song on page 48t for the rest of the deceased. Evelyn Harris led song on page 503 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Louis Hughes.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 460; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Louvorn, Denney Rogers, and Miranel Swafford 405, 343; Eloise Avery 512; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Cindy Franklin 368; Roy Nelson 456; Judy Mincey 497; B. J. Harris 452; Teenie Moody 436; Liz Bryant 270.

### RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Diane Avery 300; Gene Duke 119; Lloyd Toney 45t, Jeff Sheppard "Hocutt" (new song); Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186; Coy Ivey and Norma Latham 384;

Jackie Tanner and Cindy Franklin 222; Harrison Creel and Flarce Creel 111b, 342, 348b; Lucille Forman and Leslie Spencer 100.

Announcements were made. A collection of \$86.25 was given. Lonnie Rogers and B. M. Smith led song on page 73b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

## **GILLILAND AND BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Boaz, Alabama Saturday, March 7, 1998**

The Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing was held at Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in March, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. L. Hopper. Cecil Gilliland led songs on pages 74b and 67.

A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Helen Lambert.

It was decided to again hold this singing the same weekend in 1999. Leaders: Helen Lambert 426t, 441, 285t; Lamar Smith 76b; Jewel Wootten 77t, 145b; Carmon Brothers 133, 167, 499; Linda Thomas 82t, 47b, 47t; Milton Oliver 321, 176t; Glenda Hopper 30t, 80b.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 134.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 454, 34b, 144; Pam Sims and Austin Sims 103, 146; Freeman Wootten 37b; Elder J. L. Hopper 39b, 322, 220; Calvin Rogers 32t; Paul Gilliland 490, 569b, 268. The noon prayer was led by Elder J. L. Hopper.

### **LUNCH**

Cecil Gilliland called the class back to order by leading song on page 137. Leaders: Avie Blackwood and Carmon Brothers 206, 207, 222 (for all sick), 480; Velton Chafin 153; Paul Gilliland 30b; Jewel Wootten 101t; Elder J. L. Hopper 162; Lamar Smith 36b; Milton Oliver 217; Calvin Rogers 31b.

Announcements were made. Cecil Gilliland led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

## **MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri March 7-8, 1998**

**Saturday, March 7**

The thirteenth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 1998 at St. John's United Church of Christ near Pinckney, Missouri in southern Warren County by Chairman Rebecca Browne leading songs on pages 36b and 52t. Rebecca Browne offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dave Ressler 171; Charlie Derleth 137; Bill Ellason 59; Presley Barker 313b; Dan Gibbons 313t; JoDell Albi 428; Bob Borcharding 215; John Uhlemann 280; Karen Isbell 8 in the recently reset Missouri Harmony booklet (hereafter designated as MH); Gary Gronau 23 (MH); Ann Leckie 142; John Bailey 112;



Janet Fraembs 218; James Page 27 (MH); Don Bowen 34 (MH); Susan Green 474; Berkley Moore 148; Jeanette Lowry 276.

#### RECESS

Rebecca Browne called the class to order by leading song on page 155. Leaders: Jan Kettle 296; Karen Hojnacki 454; Pattie Doss-Butterfield 181; Kathryn Bowers 311; Shelbie Sheppard 216; J.C. Denney 434; Sandie Scott 128; Dean Slaton 145t; Sharyn Krupp 268; Judy Mincey 16 (MH); Ted Johnson 315; Floy Wilder 273; Melanie Hauff 444; Norma Latham 373; Henry Johnson 388; Wendy Hofmann 209.

#### RECESS

Barb Uhlemann brought the class to order leading song on page 200. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 169; Jon Giles 380; Marcia Johnson 340; Jeff Brotemarkle 377; Teenie Moody 34; Rodney Ivey 186 (for Cassie Franklin), 47t; Kathleen Thro 448; Coy Ivey 475.

#### LUNCH

The class was reconvened by Rebecca Browne with song on page 102. Leaders: Ted Mercer 302; Bud Oliver 159; Pearl Guier 45t; Connie Karduck 498; S.T. Reed 32b; Mary Smith 318; Lou Cotney 222; Janet Borman 547; Felton Denney 299; Patsy Gentle 48t; Martha Beverly 497; B.J. Harris 452; Daphene Causey 442; Jerry Enright 399t; Jeff Sheppard 361; Richard Green and Ann Green 485; Mattie Townsel 334; Lila Leland 569b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Barb Uhlemann leading song on page 192. Leaders: Judy Hauff 20 (MH); Marilyn Burchett 294; Everette Denney 335; Evelyn Harris 146; Ruth Brown 101t; Emily Gruber 440; Kathryn Bowers 66; Susan Green 217; Bob Borcharding 122; Jan Kettle 13 (MH); Dean Slaton 38 (MH); Coy Ivey 384; Wendy Hofmann 457.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Jeanette Lowry leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 269; Gary Gronau 385t; Henry Johnson 288; Jeff Brotemarkle 203; JoDell Albi 383; Janet Borman 178; Rebecca Browne 304. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rebecca Browne.

### **Sunday, March 8**

The Sunday session of the Missouri Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Rebecca Browne leading song on page 37b. Marcia Johnson led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dan Gibbons 39t; Dave Ressler 107; Barb Uhlemann 38b; JoDell Albi 39b; Presley Barker 46 (MH); Ann Leckie 419; Charlie Derleth 68b; Karen Isbell 7 (MH); John Uhlemann 40; Pattie Doss-Butterfield 384; Bob Meek 236; Gary Gronau 163t; John Bayer 433; Joe Douglas 441; Bill Beverly 86; Bud Oliver 73t; Janet Fraembs 481; Mattie Townsel 358; Jerry Enright 77t; Sandie Scott 154; James Page 56 (MH).

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Rebecca Browne leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 411; Judy Mincey 52 (MH); Ted Mercer 406; Norma Latham 480; Tim Reynolds 492; Rodney Ivey 270; Mary Smith 421; Karen Hojnacki 475; Felton Denney 503; Teenie Moody 430; Jon Giles 189; B.J. Harris 303; Lou Cotney 196.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Tim Reynolds and Karen Isbell. They spoke of the precious memories of the friends and singers we have lost during the past year. Karen Isbell read the names of the deceased: Mamie Creel, Hadyn Creel,

Vernice Calvert, Barrett Ashley, and Bonnie Ashley - Alabama; Opal Johnson - Florida; Helen Grove, Chub Gerard, Brian Walter, and Ruth Tipton - Illinois; Joseph Brooks, Shannon Gunn, Rev. Bill Froeschner, and John Seeley - Missouri; Ruth Reid - North Carolina. Karen Isbell led song on page 87 at the request of the Creel family.

Melanie Hauff spoke for the sick and shut-ins, and read these names: Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Warren Mason, Ms. Mimms, Elmer Cordell, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Ethel Klein - Florida; Myrtle Smith - Georgia; Fred Sprenger - Missouri; Beatrice Ezell - Tennessee; and Jim Kropp. Melanie Hauff led song on page 70t. Tim Reynolds closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Gary Gronau 378; Connie Karduck 362; S.T. Reed 64; Pearl Guier 448b; Jeff Sheppard 448t; Patsy Gentle 312b; Floy Wilder 293. John Bayer led the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Barb Uhlemann called the class to order leading song 29 (MH). Leaders: Dave Ressler 67; Berkley Moore 17 (MH); Daphene Causey 91; Ted Johnson 447; Don Bowen 347; Melanie Hauff 536; Martha Beverly 179; Marcia Johnson 47b; Bob Meek 313b; John Bayer 458; Joe Douglas 181; Rodney Ivey 138b; Norma Latham 126; Jan Ketelle 228; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Ted Mercer 327; Coy Ivey 222; Jerry Enright 300; Daphene Causey 198; Dean Slaton 348b; Jeff Sheppard 506; Connie Karduck 528; Lou Cotney 137.

#### RECESS

The class was reconvened with Rebecca Browne leading song on page 203. Leaders: John Uhlemann 436; J.C. Denney 375; Ruth Brown 73b; Judy Hauff 392; Everette Denney 426t; James Page 284; Evelyn Harris 63; Mary Smith 207; Bill Ellason 40; Don Bowen 548; Patsy Gentle 147t; Karen Hojnacki 208; Pearl Guier 49t; Ted Johnson 48b; Felton Denney 155; Josephine Denney 45t. Announcements were made. The convention closed with song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Rebecca Browne; Vice Chairman - Barb Uhlemann; Secretary - Jeanette Lowry.

## **SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas  
March 7-8, 1998**

**Saturday, March 7**

The eighteenth session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Myrl Jones leading song on page 101t. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Patrick Walston. President Myrl Jones appointed Tammie Powell and Sarah Coates to act as the Arranging Committee for this year's sessions. Officers called to lead one song each were: Vice President Tina Walston 573; Treasurer Marcelene Hard 200; Secretary Sharon Stephenson 571. Myrl Jones appointed the following committees: Memorial Committee - Lawson Smith, Gaylon Powell, and John Morris; Nominating Committee - Myra Palmer, John Beard, and Azalee Barnett; Registration - Nobie Smith; Housing - Melba Sue Utz.

The Arranging Committee called the following leaders to sing two songs each: Montie Ross 49t, 488b; Kevin Powell 489, 331b; John Morris 73t, 553b; Marian

Grant 264b, 370; Leon Ballinger 371, 217; Beverly Coates 106, 376; John Kanode 63, 229; Lawson Smith 129, 270.

#### RECESS

Myrl Jones brought the class to order leading song on page 110. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 131t, 142; Myra Palmer 497; Erin Damon 404, 405; Thomas Smith 235, 192; John Beard 155, 282; Amanda Bol 475, 129; Edith Owen 293b, 559; Pauline Willis 572, 171; Dale Redmon, Jr. 40, 274t. Dallas Smith, resident of New Harmony community, gave the welcoming address, and led in prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by President Myrl Jones leading song on page 85. Leaders: Donald Ross 101b, 123b; Margaret Rounswall 61, 222; Louie Smith 217, 215; Curtis Owen 283t, 470; Reed Coates 381t, 358; Mona Short 39, 571; David Rousseau 127, 119; Sarah Coates 392, 369; Sue Utz 45t, 393t.

The convention held its business meeting. No old business, so president asked for the report from the Nominating Committee. The committee reported to elect the present officers by acclamation. Vote taken and carried. President - Myrl Jones; Vice President - Tina Walston; Treasurer - Marcelene Hardy; Secretary - Sharon Stephenson. A motion was brought to the convention to have our minutes printed in the Sacred Harp Singing Book of Minutes and Directory published in Gadsden, Alabama. The motion was seconded, voted on, and carried. The business session was closed.

#### RECESS

Jayne McKnight called the class together leading song on page 540 by request. Leaders: Diane Ross 148, 168; Phyllis Costner 280, 112; Robert Vaughn 324, 50t; A. A. Smith, Jr. 383, 67; Azalee Barnett 447t, 516; Marcelene Hardy 172, 300; Sharon Stephenson 59, 418; Tina Walston 401, 285t; Beverly Coates 54t; John Beard 400. Myrl Jones closed the day of singing with song on page 183. The closing prayer was offered by Curtis Owen.

#### **Sunday, March 8**

The Sunday morning session began at 9:30 a.m. with Myrl Jones (alto), Lawson Smith (bass), Gaylon Powell (tenor), and Kevin Powell (treble) singing song on page 84 as an example of the traditional sound of Sacred Harp blend of voice music. The convention approved the example. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Patrick Walston.

Leaders: Lawson Smith 384, 108b; Leon Ballinger 211, 212; Joe Nelson 98, 137; Kevin Powell 132, 543b; Tina Walston 450, 573; John Kanode 507b, 515; Ralph Walston 107t, 45t; Azalee Barnett 522, 572; Burl Russell 497, 418; John Morris 319, 38t; Marcelene Hardy 189, 172.

#### RECESS

During recess President Myrl Jones, Myra Palmer, A. A. Smith, Jr., John Morris, Kevin Powell, Gaylon Powell, Lawson Smith, Joe Nelson, and Leon Ballinger led songs on pages 84 and 572 at New Harmony Baptist Church, New Harmony, Smith County, Texas by request of Pastor Robbie Caldwell and Deacon Dallas Smith. This was done to introduce the community to Sacred Harp music.

Vice President Tina Walston opened this session leading song on page 59.

Leaders: Thomas Smith 143, 304; Harold Hill 168, 203; Sharon Stephenson 571, 541; Gaylon Powell 53, 558b; Sue Utz 406, 335; A. A. Smith, Jr. 470, 290; Myra Palmer 414b, 542.

The memorial service was held. Gaylon Powell read the names of the deceased: Ray Barnett, Opel Boyd, Gertrude Moncrief, Barbara Cooper, Lynn Hanna,

Addie Hawkins, Gladys Hill, and Ann Barnett. Lawson Smith led song on page 155, and John Morris led song on page 337 for the deceased. Gaylon Powell led song on page 410 for the sick and shut-ins: Marie Smith, Buddy Kennedy, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Verna Powell, Louie Smith, Annie Mae Smith, Mildred Edmonds, Kelly Beard, and Ernestine Pipkin. Prayer for lunch was offered by Dallas Smith.

#### LUNCH

President Myrl Jones opened the afternoon service leading song on page 361. Leaders: Kevin Powell 277; John Morris 186; Burl Russell 491; Joe Nelson 49t; Harold Hill 300; John Kanode 395; Ralph Walston 500; Lawson Smith 142; Sue Utz 475; Thomas Smith 136; A.A. Smith, Jr. 137; Gaylon Powell 559; Marcelene Hardy 222; Myra Palmer 299; Sharon Stephenson 274; Tina Walston 135.

#### RECESS

Announcements for future singings were made before singing continued. Leaders: Jane McKnight 440b; Nobie Smith 358; Azalee Barnett 563; Kevin Powell 182; Harold Hill 74b; Burl Russell 75; John Kanode 503; Ralph Walston 505; Joe Nelson 58; Sue Utz 145b; John Morris 36b; Thomas Smith 235; Gaylon Powell 36, 313 (by request). President Myrl Jones closed the singing at 2:30 p.m. leading song on page 62. The closing prayer was given by Gaylon Powell.

We congratulate our Secretary Shanon Stephenson and husband Michael on the birth of their son, Owen Kash Stephenson, born February 24, 1998. Owen Kash Stephenson attended his first Sacred Harp singing at the ripe old age of 11 days. We teach them to sing young.

President - Myrl Jones; Vice President - Tina Walston; Treasurer - Marcelene Hardy; Secretary - Sharon Stephenson.

### **OXFORD CITY HALL** **Oxford, Mississippi** **March 8, 1998**

The eighteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 61 and 48t. Joe Jones led the morning prayer. Warren Steel led song on page 126. Mark Tew led songs on pages 31b and 30t.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - John Van Horn.

Leaders: Anne Steel 318, 306, 110; Bob Cook 46, 314; Mark Davis 30b, 182; Joshua Keeton 189, 268; Lisa Davis 63, 217; Regina Glass 430, 163t; Ruby Easley 145b.

#### RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class together leading songs on pages 231 and 475.

Leaders: Linda Gilmore 164, 144; Willadean Brunette 108t, 341; Henry McGuire 327,442; Virginia Carter 147b, 64; Lee Wise 47b, Hugh Bill McGuire 556, 240; Kurt Davis 274t, 354; Sarah Tidwell 42, 72b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Warren Steel leading songs on pages 349 and 317. Leaders: Pamela Keeton 171, 220; Ashley Keeton 159, 421; Sarah Smith 337, 290; Gary Smith 31t, 569b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 138t; Frances Jones 143, 40; Hope Tidwell 45t, 129; Steve DePriest 85, 288.

Warren Steel led song on page 376 in memory of Estelle Napier, Mamie Creel, and Hadyn Creel.

Leaders: Jack Barbera 313t; John Van Horn 344, 300; Carol Rushing 59, 373; John Van Horn 236; Billy Stevens 457, 460; Glenn Keeton 34b; Joshua Keeton 408; Ashley Keeton 146; Pamela Keeton 382; Gene Wakefield 168; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 384; Frances Jones 358; Wes McComas 447.

Following announcements, Hugh Bill McGuire led the closing song "We're Traveling To The Grave", also known as "The Drone", and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel.

**STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL**  
**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Boldo, Alabama**  
**March 14, 1998**

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, and Velton Chafin began the singing by leading songs on pages 37t and 36b.

The class organized and elected to retain the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Ann Jett, in the absence of Cecil Sanders.

Velton Chafin led song on page 35. Leaders: Willodean Barton 480, 498; Gene Wakefield 418, 498; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Josh Keeton 268, 189; Betty Kitchens 379, 89; Tim Gilmore 222, 220; Margaret Keeton 129, 144; Glenn Keeton 143, 358; Jimmie Gilmore and Nathan Gilmore 378, 43; Travis Keeton 159; Ashley Keeton 146, 421; Thurman Nall 348, 285; Flarce Creel 42, 73b; Odie Horton 374; Pam Keeton 382, 215; Derrick Kitchens 59, 45t; Jetty Lawson 317; A. C. McGough 482, 48t; Elsie Moon 397, 395; Henry Guthery 39b, 456; Pernie Pelfrey 399b; John Hocutt 66, 76; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 108b, 442; Roland Gilmore 471b, 30b; Edith Tate 85, 73t; Harrison Creel 512; Ann Jett 342, 340. The class was dismissed with prayer by A. C. McGough. Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

**GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham Rd.,**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
**March 15, 1998**

No minutes were recorded for this singing.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Ray Richards; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

**WALL MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**GLENCOE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER**  
**Glencoe, Alabama (near Gadsden)**  
**March 15, 1998**

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Glencoe Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 82t and 32t. The morning prayer was led by Billy J. Harris.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 59; Lonnie Rogers 75, 222; Pearl Guier 348b, 127; Felton Denney 31t, 155; Ruth Brown 36b, 146; Harvey Austin 101t, 335; Teenie Moody 89, 384; Don Bowen 283, 503; Norma Latham 56b, 317; Velton Chafin 494.

## RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 145b.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Shane Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Shane Wootten 73t; Henry Johnson 288; Leola Smith 408; Lamar Smith 76b; Mary Florence Smith 300; B. M. Smith 475; Rex Wilks 30t; Evelyn Harris 87; Coy Ivey 137; Flarce Creel and Cindy Franklin 344; Jenny Wootten 128; Patsy Gentle 147t; Everette Denney 34b; Ann Jett 141.

## RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 345b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 61; Shelbie Sheppard 440; Linda Sides 72b; Edith Tate 389; Thurman Nall 287; George Garner 318; Jenny Gurley 340; Kyle Blakeley 313t; Daphene Causey 203; Jackie Tanner 208; B. J. Harris 452; Judy Mincey 481; Mattie Townsel 143. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Lonnie Rogers.

## LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 45t; Milton Oliver 314; Cassie Franklin 215; Chita Blakeley 142; Rodney Ivey 29t; Wanda Capps 546; Edna Phillips 236; Roy Nelson 179; Jewel Wootten 319; Jimmie Denney 153; Terry Wootten 224; Harrison Creel 498; Pam Nunn 216; Myrline Redmon 569; S. T. Reed 271t; Waylon Blakeley 460; Freeman Wootten 441; Rene Greene 217; Louise Nelson 145t; Audress Gurley 108t; Martha Woodard 448t; Cindy Franklin 411, 84; Bud Oliver 171, 358, 454. Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Shane Wootten led song on page 270 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Shane Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

## **LOG CABIN SACRED HARP SINGING** **North of Double Springs, Alabama** **March 15, 1998**

The eleventh session of the Log Cabin Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 35. The morning prayer was led by Margaret Keeton. Parnell Berry led song on page 278b.

The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairperson - Margaret Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield.

Leaders: Lorene Gray 34t, 73t; Gladys Bonds 358, 112; Roma Rice 34b, 338; Willodean Barton 432, 314; Mae Conwill 319, 109; Ila Ingle 546, 498; John Hyde 146, 297.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Margaret Keeton leading songs on pages 39b and 37b. Leaders: Ada Godsey 301; Pernie Pelfrey 312, 74b; Earl Ballinger 176t, 177; Travis Keeton 82t, 61; Odie Horton 48t, 403; Lisa Geist 151, 273; Larry Ballinger 56t, 89; John Hocutt 144, 321b.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order by Margaret Keeton leading song on page 349. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 108b, 168; Tim Gilmore 511, 276; Dawson Adams 77, 68b; Kermit Adams 426, 430; Ivalene Donaldson 175b, 275b; Dorothea McCowan 117, 120; Lisa Geist 560; Parnell Berry 306, 285t; Willodean Barton

391; John Hocutt 475; Larry Ballinger 123t; Margaret Keeton "Hocutt"; Tim Gilmore 186, 431; Earl Ballinger 324; John Hyde 75; Elmer Conwill 500. It was agreed to move this singing to Shady Grove on this same date, third Sunday in March, and combine it with The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing that is usually held the night of the third Sunday in March. The singing will now be: The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Mina Adams, and Delia Watts). The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger. Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairperson - Margaret Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice.

**THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING (LEONA HORTON, MAUDE ADAMS, MINA ADAMS, DELIA WATTS)  
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Double Springs, Alabama  
Sunday Night, March 15, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing in honor of the Godsey sisters: Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams, was called to order by Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 85 and 329. The evening prayer was led by Milford Watts.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Odie Horton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield. Leaders: Odie Horton 153; Gene Wakefield 27, 56t; Gladys Bonds 57, 147t; Mae Conwill 97, 426t; L. E. Hannah 147b, 511; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 129; Milford Watts 343 (in memory of his mother, Delia Watts); Pernie Pelfrey 371 (in memory of her mother, Maude Adams), 83t (for her sister, Ora Lee Fannin), 569b, 159; Margaret Keeton 482, 402; Josie Hyde 400, 442; Dorothea McCowan 109, 120; Joyce Hubbert 155 (in memory of her mother), 137; Dawson Adams 39b, 44; John Hyde 313t, 63; Elmer Conwill 30t, 31t. Odie Horton and Milford Watts led song on page 37b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

NOTE: The class discussed and agreed to combine the "Log Cabin Singing" and this singing and call it The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing. The singing will be held the third Sunday in March each year as a day singing only at Shady Grove Church.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

**GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION  
Old Dekalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia  
March 21-22, 1998  
Saturday, March 21**

The thirty-seventh session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at the Old DeKalb Courthouse. The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong leading songs on pages 303 and 317. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Charlene Wallace led song on page 159, and the members of various committees were called: Richard DeLong 57 (for Jeannette DePoy, Chairman, who was absent due to the death of her mother); Faye Pettis 380; Frances Mary D'Andrea 318; Cathy White 503; Helen Bryson 462; Don Bowen 179 (for Jeannette DePoy and Laurie Allison); Felton Denney 155; Judy Mincey 474; Kelly Morris 49b; Elder Jesse Roberts 263; Lee Rogers 218.

RECESS

The class was called together by Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 217. Leaders: D. J. Hatfield 296; Bobby Bailey 145; Liz Bryant and Don Head 142; Billy Hollingsworth 551; Frances Carnell 542; Mary Brownlee 151; Everette Denney 335; Bryan Black 228; Andy Morse and Ken Wheeler 183; Debra Jones 217.

#### RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class together with song on page 572.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected were: Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Secretary and Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Helen Bryson 498; Janice Paulk 498; Norma Latham 418; Junie Wooten 203; John Hollingsworth 236; LeAnn Carnell 535. Committees appointed were: Arranging Committee: Richard DeLong, Faye Pettis, and Doug Allison; Memorial Committee - Cathy White, Lee Rogers, and Judy Mincey; Resolutions Committee - John Plunkett, Frances Mary D'Andrea, and Tim Cook; Finance Committee - Kelly Morris and Don Bowen; Locating Committee - Felton Denney, Kenneth DeLong, and John Hollingsworth. End of business session. Leaders: B. M. Smith 64; Henry Zittrouer 270; Louise Holland 273; Cassie Franklin 528; Jeff Sheppard 176; G. C. Waldrep 260; Sharon Kellam and Willie Pickard 198; Noel Rush 192; Jack Smith 480.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 35. Leaders: Martha Ann Stegar 63; John Redmon 358; Cindy Franklin 189; Carla Smith 202; Reba Windom 384; Kathy Williams 385b; Sandy Hill 369; Joanne Hoover 72b; Eric Carnell 178; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Steve Warner 268; Karen Snowbird 532; Lynne deBenedette 129; Matt Wells 99; Anne Heider 344; Anita Landess 68b; Jerry Schreiber 383; Ed Stevens 107; Jack Corley 328; Dollie Hudgins and Richard DeLong 82.

#### RECESS

Helen Bryson called the class together with song on page 66. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 475; Harlan Van Camp 214; John Jiles 304; Jim Brock 31; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Lynn Dobson 282; David Lee 299; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 373; Rev. Mike Hawkins 29; Sharona Nelson, Mary Lynn, and Gordon 146; Kathy Lee 39; Dorothea McCowan 196; Jenny Prater 460; Johnny Lee 73; Laura Akerman 240; John Plunkett 302; Tim Cook 479; Margie Deitz 82b; Karen Morris 65.

Announcements were made. Helen Bryson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

#### Sunday, March 22

The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by G. C. Waldrep. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 569b. Leaders: Doug Allison 77 (for Laurie Allison); Cathy White 168; Frances Mary D'Andrea 106; Tim Cook 347; Martha Ann Stegar 84; Faye Pettis 67; Kelly Morris 47b; Joan Durdin, Myra Tucker, and daughter 128; John Plunkett 280; Jack Smith 40; Liz Bryant 492; Diane Walls 452; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 542; Reuben Ball 318; Elder Jesse Roberts 175.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Helen Bryson leading song on page 383. Leaders: Ted Mercer 302; Teenie Moody 222; Bud Oliver 39b; Vaudie Sherer 480; Richard Smith 235; Charles Woods 283; Wayne Morgan 30b; Milton Oliver



206; Mary F. Smith 192; Hugh McGraw 254; Charles Wells 143; Reba Windom 224; Carla Smith 148; Joanne Hoover 56b; Raymond Hamrick 234.  
RECESS

Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class together leading song on page 138b. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 80b; Clark Lee 81; D. J. Hatfield 543.

The memorial lesson was held. David Lee led song on page 285 and Jerry Schrieber led song on page 163b in memory of the following deceased: Josie McAlpin, Sara Duke, Gertrude Bateman, Elder Jason Davis, Elder H. L. Weaver, Jeral Dean Haney, Harmon Wilson, Eva Reeves, Horace Lambert, Sally Carroll, J. E. Allen, Ollie Brady, Betty Womack, Silas Lee, Shirley W. Bowen, Rosie Blackwell, Sarah Peacock, Harmon Wilson, Edna Wilson, Willa Mae Holt, Hadyn Creel, Willie Mae McClendon, Bob Fannin, Unie B. Howard, Alvin Parker, Nora Collett, Mel Bailey, Estelle Napier, Tomera B. Holmes, Vernice Calvert, Mamie Creel, Elsie Key, Emma Nell Nelson, Buck Aaron, Carrie Graves, Ernest Phillips, Barrett Ashley, Howard Bynum, Shelby K. Miller, Anne Block, Paul Kent, Michael Ditson, Kenneth Brandon, Marilou Jolly, Leon Wilson, Gerry Burakoff, Madolin McGray, and Keterina Sanders. Helen Bryson led song on page 229 for the following sick and shut-in: Laurie Allison, Richard Allison, Mary Frances Dannals, George Redman, Horace DeLong, Grace Vandenburg, Woodie Walker, Jo Weber, Bob Scorgie, Othor Hall, Tom Edwards, Viola Smith, and Betty Cox. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Charlene Wallace leading song on page 421. Leaders: Noel Rush 426b; Sharona Nelson 426; John Jiles 232; Buell Cobb 103; Sharon Kellam and Willie Pickard 567; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; Judy Mincey 497; Kathy Williams 276; Cassie Franklin 504; Sheri Taylor 178; Matt Wells 34b; Cindy Franklin 198; Karen Snowbird 147; Jack Corley 300; Shelbie Sheppard 269; G. C. Waldrep 532; Anne Heider 362; Dollie Hudgins and Richard DeLong 278b; Dorothea McCowan and John Gregg 304; Ed Stevens 209; Ann Waldrep (granddaughter of S. W. Everette) and Hugh McGraw 312; Steve Warner 547.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 45. Leaders: Don Bowen 157; Hannah Lee and Rachael Lee 155; Jeff Sheppard 197; Lynne deBenedette 448; John Redman 299; Jim Brock 344; Harlan Van Camp 86; John Hollingsworth 186; Estelle Flowers 270; Bobby Bailey 549b; Laura Akerman 290; Kathy Lee 171; Dan Bailey 66; Andy Morse 417; Karen Morris 455. Doug Allison introduced Lynn Rosser, Director of the DeKalb Historical Society. Helen Bryson led 454 by request.

Business session. The financial report was given.

The Locating Committee reported that the 1999 session of the Georgia State Convention would be held at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia.

Resolution Committee report: Mere words fail to convey the sheer joy and pleasure our God has afforded us in the sacred sound and fellowship of blending voices to His glory. We thank:

- 1) the many saints, both past and present, who have so lovingly tended to this music that it might live on;
- 2) the young people, whose voices are our future;
- 3) the officers, committee members, and the volunteers who cheerfully go about securing our location, publicizing it, arranging furniture, paying bills, feeding us,

opening their homes to us, and otherwise making sure our convention runs smoothly;

4) our friends from faraway places for the efforts and sacrifices they made to join their voices with ours;

5) the DeKalb Historical Society for granting us the privilege to sing in this beautiful courthouse chamber.

We hereby resolve to continue this tradition, while we live joyfully in the present, thankful for the past, and hopeful for the future. Respectfully submitted: Frances Mary D'Andrea, Tim Cook, and John Plunkett.

Doug Allison reported that 21 states and Ontario, Canada were represented during the convention. The business session closed.

After announcements, Helen Bryson, Louis Hughes, Sr., and Charlene Wallace led song on page 62, "Parting Hand", for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION**

**Washington, D.C.**

**March 27-29, 1998**

**Friday, March 27**

A singing school was held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. It was taught by Clarke Lee and David I. Lee, and drew an unprecedented crowd for a Potomac River Singing School.

**Saturday, March 28**

The ninth annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Kay Friday leading song on page 77b. Donna Abrahams led the opening prayer. Officers from 1997 were called on to lead: Vice Chair Cathy Tucker welcomed the class and led 34b; Secretary Steven Sabol 81t; Chair Mary Kay Friday 120.

The business meeting was held with the election or appointment of the following officers and committees: Chair - Cathy Tucker; Vice Chair - Janine Smith; Secretary - Miriam A. Kilmer (assisted by Mary Kay Friday, Tim Slattery, and Cathy Tucker); Chaplain - Donna Abrahams; Arranging Committee - George Seiler, Tim Slattery, Clare Chapin, Bob Parr, Anne Kazlauskas, and Peter Pate; Finance - Gillie Campbell; Memorial Committee - Blake Morris, Kathy Lee, and Julie Lee (assisted by Beth Todd, Kathy Manning, and Marty De Nys); Resolutions Committee - Bob Hall and Ella Wilcox; Registration - Kacy Pate, Peter Pate, Marlene Levine, and Janine Smith; Food - Jeff Lund, John Taylor, Kathy Manning, Elly Escobar, and Christopher Steven; Social Host - Mimi Stevens, Leanne Wiberg, Marlene Levine, Dick Levine, Matt Levine, and Janine Smith; Child Care - Caroline Arlington, Tara Test, and Ella Wilcox (assisted by Leland delRe, John Daniel delRe, and Don Pauley); Housing and Transportation - Tom Tucker; Publicity - Steven Sabol and Miriam Kilmer. Leaders: Tim Slattery 168; Beth Hoffman Reed 300; Janine Smith 124; Ella Wilcox 66; Kelly Macklin 32t; Tom Tucker 504; Kathy Lee 148; Kacy Pate, Peter Pate, and Zachary Pate 440; Lee Rogers 270; Laura Densmore, Colleen Hommel, and Mary Lynn Moody 163b; Pauline Childers 36b; Beth Todd 335; Sarah Smith 290; Barbara Swetman 390; Kathy Manning 99.

**RECESS**

John delRe called the class together leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 179; Mary De Nys 547; Jim Wantland and Carly Gewirtz 200; Judy

Mincey 556; June Matthews 198; David Lee 196; Jean Seiler 209; Leland delRe 212; Blake Morris 67; Hal Kunkel 380; Bill Holt 419; P. Dan Brittain 513; Gary Smith 31t; Paul Gauthier 542; Max Berueffy 384; Paula McGray 129; Clarke Lee 503.

Cathy Tucker called for a show of hands for the United States and Canada. There were representatives from: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, D.C., Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Nova Scotia.

Donna Abrahams offered grace. Ginnie Ely led song on page 454.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with Dick Levine leading song on page 155. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 250; Doron Henkin 245; Sharon Kellam and John Kellam 567; Johnny Lee 33b; Lynne deBenedette 216; Ted Stokes 125; Guy Bankes 287; Esther Huckaby 358; Sandra Hack Polaski 217; Bradford West 189; Kyle Greenlee 183; Karen Snowberg 362; Craig Baum 178; Cath Oss 367; Allen Fannin 445; Ginny Landgraf 383; Don Polaski 532; Elise Meyer Bothling and Julie Lee 63; Henry Schuman 344; Mary Swope 273.

#### RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class together leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Richard L. Schmeidler 474; John Daniel delRe and Tommy Hall 49b; Donna Abrahams 378b; Clare Chapin 484; Gina Balestracci 48b; Dottie Hurley 271t; Bob Parr 208; Walter S. Hartley 65; Kat Kinkade 163t; Anita Landess and Diane Sherwin 480; Gail Doss 117; Joe Todd 71; Patricia Temple 566; Lois Hirt 49t; Don Bowen 475 (for Jeannette DePoy); John delRe 144; Diane Mennella 313b; Mary Ann Daly 114; Ellie Soler 277; Cathy Tucker 146. Dan Brittain and Mary Kay Friday closed with P. Dan Brittain's "Pohick".

#### RECESS

New Traditions Singing - Mary Ann Daly greeted the class, and led 72b from The Sacred Harp. The songs below were led by their own composers unless otherwise noted. Leaders: Tom Tucker "Wantland"; Mimi Stevens "Ogontz"; Doron Henkin "Norristown"; Gina Balestracci "Relly's Third" (by Roland Hutchinson); Ginny Landgraf "Palfrey"; Cathy Tucker "Windgate" (by Tom Tucker); Gina Balestracci "Hallelujah New" (by Roland Hutchinson); Barbara Swetman "Ohio" (by P. Dan Brittain); P. Dan Brittain "Self Examination" (by John Bayer, Jr. and P. Dan Brittain); Hal Kunkel "Shepherds Joy"; Don Bowen and David I. Lee "Symyadda 11's" (Old Sand Mountain Melody); Nicholas P. Schliapin "New Vision"; Mary Ann Daly "Fear Not"; Kat Kinkade "Deluge"; Blake Morris "Comforter"; Mary Ann Daly "Alexander" (by Miriam A. Kilmer); Bradford West "Number Six"; Dianne Mannella, "Merritt" (by Bradford West); Doron Henkin "Memorial Bridge"; P. Dan Brittain "Ruth"; Kat Kinkade "Bowen" (by John Bayer); Nicholas P. Schliapin "Nantahala"; Hal Kunkel "Ten Thousand Charms"; Roland Hutchinson "Usher".

A Saturday night social was hosted by Mimi Stevens at Kilmer Hall. The atmosphere was informal and spontaneous. The Lee family led singing from "Primitive Hymns" and demonstrated "the drone", a practice whose origin is lost in the mists of time.

### Sunday, March 29

The opening session was called to order by Cathy Tucker leading song on page 122. Donna Abrahams led the morning prayer. Leaders: Miriam Kilmer 178; Phyllis Gonegam 344; Eric Hildebrant 228; Mimi Stevens 183; Joyce Wade 236; Dick Levine 68b; George Seiler 84; Fred Beardsley 149; Rosemary Greenaway

and Susanne Garmesen 312b; Sarah J. Davie 145b; Claudia Egelhoff 210; Marcus Merrin 117; Steven Sabol 42; Ginnie Ely 349; Tim Brown 38t; Kim Davison 214; Ester Huckaby 143; Don Bowen 64; Frank Evans 268; Johnny Lee 111b; Roland Hutchinson 112; Judy Mincey 540.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Jim Wantland leading song on page 49. Leaders: Guy Banks 350; Lynne deBenedette 385b; Lee Rogers 176b; Sarah Smith 354b; Joanne De Voe 91; Paula McGray 156; Kathy Lee 385t; Max Berueffy 171; Pauline Childers 234; Clarke Lee 426t; Jean Seiler and Gillie Campbell 106; Bill Holt 269; David Lee 82t.

Blake Morris opened the memorial lesson. Kathy Lee reminded us that “there will be somebody of our number that will not be back...and the only thing that matters is the love that we have for one another.” Kathy Lee and Julie Lee led song on page 285 for the deceased from the South.

Kathy Manning reminded us that, “We are really a family”, as she spoke about Susan Wantland, one of our local singers who died during the past year. She called up all those singers present who had sung for Susan’s funeral to lead 176. Julie Lee read the names of the deceased from the East.

Marty De Nys spoke about his parents who had enjoyed the recording of the Garden State Convention during their last illness. “You touch more lives than you know.” He led 147.

Kathy Lee read the names of the deceased from the West.

Beth Todd spoke about her grandmother, Nelly Shuttlesworth (deceased about twenty years ago), whose accepting attitude toward death was epitomized in her saying, “that was a good funeral!” Beth Todd led song on page 501.

Names of the deceased by state: Alabama - Mamie Creel, Seldon Creel, Hadyn Creel, Keterina Sanders, John Forman, Vernice Calvert, Ila McGhee, and Kim Cagle; Colorado - Katherine Sayvetz, Susannah Chase, and Marian May; Florida - Janet Rogers; Georgia - Anne Block, Silas Lee, Sarah Peacock, Jean Phillips, and Jerry Huckeba; Illinois - Catherine De Nys, John De Nys, and Mary Norris; Massachusetts - Madolin McGray and Martin Diskin; Maryland - Susan Wantland and Tom Harding; North Carolina - Nellie White Newberry Segars; New York - Gene Aguilera; Pennsylvania - Anthony De Fusco; Virginia - Frances F. Kilmer; Nova Scotia - Faye Armsworthy; Eugene Schaumacher.

Blake Morris spoke of his own recent serious illness, and of how such an experience reminds us of the frailty and shortness of our lives. Julie Lee read Psalm 126 “The Lord has done great things for us.” Donna Abrahams read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Alabama - Jeff Pritchard, Marie Aldridge, Lucile Tolbert, David Shirey (husband of Amanda Denson), Jap Walton, Rosa Hughes; Florida - Lynn Googe; Georgia - Laurie Allison and I. V. McWhorter; Indiana - Richard Allison; Maryland - Allen Henkin, Tom Padwa, and Clay Welch; Massachusetts - Elsie Lawless and William McFarlane; Minnesota - Arthur John Spring; New York - Samuel Lynch; Oregon - Blanch Payne; Pennsylvania - Edna Lundgren; Texas - Kelly Beard; Virginia - Ralph Halliburton, Mary Hulburt, Mary Wright, Joey Potter, Sheila Sweeney, and Bart Dickason; Wisconsin - Bob Scorgie and Joe Weber; Nova Scotia - Jolene Jarvis and Elsie Bailly. Blake Morris led 103 in their honor. Donna Abrahams spoke about her sister Lynn Googe, who has cancer. “There is so much safety and there is so much love here.” She read from “The Mourners’ Kaddish”: “Let the name of the Holy One be Exalted....”

Leaders: Bradford West 448t; Karen Snowberg 551; Paul Gauthier 371. Clarke Lee offered grace.

## LUNCH

The class reconvened with Beth Hoffman Reed and Jeff Reed leading song on page 155. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 102; Gary Smith 569b; Gerry Hoffman 216; Anna Taylor and Kelsey Taylor 77t; Laura Densmore and group 99; Kacy Pate, Peter Pate, and Zachary Pate 396; Rhonda Hendershot 198; Mary Brims 146; Cath Oss 59; Alice Sharpe 191; Evan Duncan 479; Elizabeth Cusick 277; Gina Balestracci 56b; Richard Schmeidler 254; Charles Butler, III 114 (signing for the deaf); Jason Law 481; Henry Schuman 318; Bob Parr 215; Anita Landess 515b; Anne Kazlauskas 95; Lois Hirt 358; Joe Todd 455; Barbara Swetman 475; Beth Todd 101t; Hal Kunkel 470; Walter S. Hartley 299; P. Dan Brittain 436; Doron Henkin 224; Donna Abrahams 377.

The Resolutions Committee thanked the officers, committees, and all participants. To God our Father, who gives us life, music, food, and beautiful weather, as well as the joy of friendship, thanks and praise. Thanks to the Lee family, including David and Kathy, Clarke and Julie, whose singing school gave us new insights into the tradition and the importance of the bonds that connect us.

A report from the finance committee stated that all expenses had been met for the convention.

During Saturday and Sunday, 135 different songs from The Sacred Harp were led by 100 leaders (and a few co-leaders).

The convention was recorded by Don Nichols and Dolores Nichols of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (our sponsor), in memory of Susan Wantland.

Cathy Tucker announced next year's convention dates to be: April 23-25, 1999. Cathy Tucker, Janine Smith, Miriam Kilmer, Gillie Campbell, and Mary Kay Friday led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the convention was dismissed with prayer by Donna Abrahams.

Chair - Cathy Tucker; Vice Chair - Janine Smith; Secretary - Miriam A. Kilmer.

## **FASOLA OMAHA** **St. Vincent of Lehrs Church, Omaha, Nebraska** **March 28, 1998**

Fasola Omaha, the first all day Sacred Harp singing in Nebraska, was called to order by Co-Chair George Krause leading song on page 49b. Co-Chair Frances Mendenhall gave welcoming remarks and led song on page 178. The morning prayer was offered by Chaplain Sandra Squires. Leaders: Keith Willard 29t; Francis Gurtz 448t; Walter Graff 39b; Shelley Robbins 192; Martha Henderson 64; Jenny Willard 99; Matt Wells 155; Jerry Enright 77; Paul Wyatt 171; Connie Karduck 498; Wendy Popp 148; Arlie Prokop 350; Richard Green 38b; Collette Miller 368; Scott Schroeder 28b; Denise Kania 228; Ted Mercer 299; Kit Pfau 312b; Susan Green 474.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Frances Mendenhall leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Berkley Moore 209; Stephen Parker 454; Cynthia Kissee 361; Richard Popp 300; Dean Slaton 536; Charlie Obert 236; Alice Love 551b; Charles Scudder 107; Zena Tucker 40; Larry Hall 63; Jenni Wallace-Grate 36b; Collette Miller 341; Ted Mercer 460; Cynthia Kissee 479; Richard Green 485; Kit Pfau 82t; Wendy Popp 175b; Stephen Parker 515b; Connie Karduck 456.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Frances Mendenhall leading song on page 49t.

Chaplain Sandra Squires gave the Memorial Lesson, and Keith Willard led song on page 201 for the deceased. Susan Green lead song on page 566 for the sick and shut-in.

Leaders: Walter Graff 497; Scott Schroeder 34b; Shelley Robbins 218; Gene Hauptman 163b; Keith Willard 74b; Kathy Wood and Jim Wood 373; Berkley Moore 335; Martha Henderson 504; Frances Mendenhall 532; Susan Green 523; Charlie Obert 203; Zena Tucker and George Krause 535; Richard Popp "Discipline"; Matt Wells 146; Jenni Wallace-Grate 318; Jerry Enright "Ryan Woods"; Dean Slaton 434.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Denise Kania leading song on page 171.

Leaders: Charles Scudder 147; Francis Gurtz 500; Jenny Willard 163t; Paul Wyatt 182; Alice Love 65; Arlie Prokop 452b; Larry Hall 59; Stephen Parker (for Val Eng) 362; Charlie Obert 503; Kathy Wood (for Jean Carhart) 84; Francis Gurtz 142; Connie Karduck 565; Berkley Moore 48; Jenni Wallace-Grate 354; Jenny Willard 349; Wendy Popp 102; Keith Willard 144; Jerry Enright (for Lawrence and Lula Underwood) 383.

George Krause and Frances Mendenhall led 62 as the closing song. Berkley Moore gave the ending prayer and Keith Willard proposed that this be the first annual singing in Omaha.

Co-Chairs - George Krause and Frances Mendenhall; Secretary - Kathy Wood.

### **VERMONT SACRED HARP CONVENTION** **Plainfield Town Hall, Plainfield, Vermont** **March 28, 1998**

The eighteenth annual Sacred Harp singing convention was held at Plainfield Town Hall, Plainfield, Vermont on Saturday, March 28, 1998. The class was called to order by Dan Hertzler leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Seth Houston.

"The Sacred Harp" and "Northern Harmony" books were used. The selections from the "Northern Harmony" are denoted by (NH).

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 278; Suzy Shedd 178; Susan Waters, Ron Bornick, and Becah Morrison 410t; Patty Cuyler 183; Pam Gelineau 217; Jackie Hall 163b; Katie Shimizu 474; Buz Olsen 479; Matt Wojcik 306; Nathan Morrison 272; Linda Delfs 191; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Duncan Vinson 148; Greta Eckhardt 159; Seth Houston 85.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Dan Hertzler leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Larry Gordon 168; Jane Zanichowsky 442; Margaret Barnick 504; Bruce Randall 527; Ed White 569; L.H. Spencer 216; Anais Wright 24b; Cheryl Stroud 198; Fred Emigh 212 (NH); Dan Keebler 130 (NH); Walt Colteryahn 155; Glen Wright 218; Anna Patton 77; Susan Mampre 86; Jenny Wright 48 (NH); Dan Hartzler 180.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Dan Hertzler leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Suzy Shedd 40; Chris Wieslowski 107; Liz Thompson 102 (NH); Ron Bornick 454; Becah Morrison 273; Patty Cuyler 154; Jackie Hall 497; Katie Shimizu 344; Buz Olsen 268; Matt Wojcik 134 (NH); Nathan Morrison 182 (NH); Linda Delfs 318; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Duncan Vinson 196.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Dan Hertzler ending with songs 285 and "Ten Thousand Charms".

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dan Hertzler leading song on page 143. Leaders: Greta Eckhardt 122; Susan Jaster 118 (NH); Seth Houston 160 (NH); Larry Gordon 144 (NH); Jane Zanichowsky 300; Bruce Randall "Collidge"; Ed White 288; L.H. Spencer 70b; Cheryl Stroud 350; Pam Gelineau and Dan Keebler 84; Anna Patton 28 (NH); Susan Mampre and Glen Wright 475; Leigh Tintle 204; Katie Servos 65; Liz Thompson 142.

Announcements were made. Dan Hertzler led song on page 114 for the closing song. The 1999 convention will be held in Wethersfield, Vermont.

Chairman - Dan Hertzler; Arranging Committee - Matt Wojcik; Secretary - Larry Gordon.

## **SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Bethel Primitive Baptist Church**

**McMahan, Texas**

**March 28-29, 1998**

**Saturday, March 28**

The ninety-eighth annual session of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas. Chairman Jeb Owen opened the convention at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 376. Gary Rogan offered the morning prayer.

Officers led as follows: Chairman Jeb Owen 270; Vice Chairman Kevin Powell 383; Secretary John Baker 239. Leaders: Curtis Owen 198; Leon Ballinger 212; Vivian Rogan 171; Myra Palmer 497; Joe Owen 515; Myrl Jones 142; Gary Rogan 155; Emmie Morris 381t; B.E. Matthews 434; Don Ross 92; George Jones 336b; Martha Aiken 148; Doris Hanks 63; Joe Nelson 58; Ophelia Matthews 563; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Carol Selleck 283; Carla Smith 559.

RECESS

The class was called back with Jeb Owen leading song on page 179. Leaders: Tom Owen 411; Jerry Schreiber 133; Sherrye Smith and Shannon Smith 274t; Josh Rogan 280; Elissa Smith 85; Sarah Coates 224; Michele Rogan 235; Katie Moseley 189; Reed Coates 358; Liz Rogan 216; Amanda Owen 508; Lori Rodgers 282.

A business meeting was held. According to the convention rules, Vice Chairman Kevin Powell moved up to Chairman. Officers elected were: John Baker - Vice Chairman; Gaylon Powell - Secretary. B. E. Matthews and Mike Moseley were appointed as the Memorial Committee.

Elder Tony Benitez asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Kevin Powell called the class back together leading song on page 277. Leaders: Beverly Coates 389t; Nobie Smith 313; Mike Moseley 522; Al Rogers 575; Pat Blundell 159; Lisa Hardaway 572; Edith Owen 489; Cissy Moseley 507b; Marilyn Burkland 348t; Paul Smith 488b; Diane Ross 230; Mary Bachmann 55; David Moseley 450; Mary Ann Owen 293b; John Morris 186; Mary Oruc 77t; Bruce Coates 336t; Joseph Stang 112; Edwin Reed 75.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

RECESS

Chairman Kevin Powell called the class back leading song on page 331b. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 296; Jerry Schreiber 392; Carol Selleck 68t; Joe Owen 199; Carla Smith 89; Lori Rodgers 319; Myrl Jones 183; Joe Nelson 384; Don Ross 496t; Dale Redmon, Jr. 500; Emmie Morris 215; Diane Ross 394; John Morris 163t;

Cissy Moseley 264b; Myra Palmer 414; Beverly Coates 294; Gary Rogan 511b. Leon Ballinger led song on page 69 as the closing song, and dismissed the convention with prayer.

### **Sunday, March 29**

The Convention met again Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Chairman Kevin Powell leading song on page 67. Curtis Owen offered the morning prayer. The officers led as follows: Chairman Kevin Powell 77t; Vice Chairman John Baker 40, 168; Secretary Gaylon Powell 558, 559. Leaders: Mike Moseley 434, 442t; B.E. Matthews 204, 137; Leon Ballinger 136, 299; Edith Owen 276, 410; Charles Whitmer 218, 575; Landis Powell 47t, 47b; Burl Russell 75, 418; Diane Ross 200, 394; Michele Rogan 522, 128; Carla Smith 28b, 38t; Nobie Smith 516, 571.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back with the Kevin Powell leading song on page 201. Leaders: Emmie Morris 300, 110; Don Ross 27, 36t; Carol Selleck 290, 393t; Josh Rogan 196, 293t; Myrl Jones 567, 332; Joseph Stang 192, 171; Sherrye Smith and Shannon Smith 148; Jerry Schreiber 120, 478; Katie Moseley 406, 217; Myra Palmer 491, 500; Reed Coates 129, 387; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514, 507b. The Memorial Lesson was held in memory of those singers and supporters of Sacred Harp who passed away in the past year. Those remembered were: Gladys Hill, Addie Hawkins, Ray Barnett, Barbara Cooper, Elmer White, and Marilou Jolly who was from California. B.E. Matthews read 1 Chronicles 16:23-34: "Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation. Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvellous works among all nations. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Glory and honour are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place. Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because He cometh to judge the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever". B.E. Matthews made a few comments and then led song on page 395b. Mike Moseley led song on page 285t. Kevin Powell led song on page 59 for the sick and shut-ins.

The singing dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bruce Coates.

### **LUNCH**

Kevin Powell called the singers back together leading song on page 132. Leaders: Sarah Coates 123b; Gary Rogan 369; John Morris 390; Liz Rogan 220; Elissa Smith 488b; David Moseley 186; Vivian Rogan 36b; Paul Smith 39; Lisa Hardaway 61; Beverly Coates 38b; Mary Bachmann 198; Amanda Owen 343b; Martha Aiken 470; Bruce Coates 312; Jeb Owen 404; George Jones 35; Edwin Reed 573; Doris Hanks 422b; Al Rogers 54t; Carla Spencer 358; Tom Owen 225b; Ophelia Matthews 365; Curtis Owen 278b; Cissy Moseley 447t; Leland Owen 45t; Carol Selleck 546; Carla Smith 131b; Jerry Schreiber 288; Sarah Coates 400; Liz Rogan 31t; Elissa Smith 159; Amanda Owen 543b; Carla Spencer 164; David Moseley 440b; Jeb Owen 559; Charles Whitmer "Love at Home."



The convention closed with Kevin Powell leading song on page 62 as the closing song. Tom Owen led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Kevin Powell; Vice Chairman - John Baker; Secretary - Gaylon Powell.

## **LIBERTY CHURCH** **Henagar, Alabama** **March 29, 1998**

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 32t and 388. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t, 47t; Norma Latham 34b, 535b; Loyd Ivey 34t; Marlon Wootten 31b; Rex Wilks 47b; Jackie Tanner 30t; Tony Ivey 29b; Bud Oliver 159.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Shane Wootten leading song on page 312b.

Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b; Billy Thompson 335; Virgil Phillips 137; Eloise Wootten 424; Martha Woodard 303; Henry Johnson 462; Levon Wootten 350; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Mike Dunn 186; S. T. Reed 422; Don Clark 171; Stuart Ivey 222; Karen Travis 39t; Patsy Gentle 68b; Milton Oliver 224.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back together with Coy Ivey leading song on page 56t.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 99; Alexandra Makris 425; Linda Thomas 217; B. M. Smith 497; Susan Harcrow 436; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; Roy Nelson 392; Dewayne Wootten 283; Linda Sides 326; Regina Clark 300; Phillip Gilmore 272; John Etheridge 348b; Ester Brown 349; Dennis George, Jarred George, and Tom George 354b; Pam Nunn 189; Verlon Stiefel and Terry Wootten 45t; Mark Brown "Beulah Land".

### **LUNCH**

Wayne Wootten brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 129. Leaders: Marty Wootten 441; Richard Ivey 192; Teresa Bethune, Lindsay Bethune, Candace Bethune, Marian Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Martha Ivey, and Jessica Ivey 551, "That Beautiful Land"; Martha Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, and Marian Biddle 454; Sarah Harcrow 127; Lomax Ballinger 63; Margie Smith 499; Jeff Sheppard 460; Cindy Franklin 146; Linton Ballinger 299; Karen Ivey 475; Jeffrey Wootten 515; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper Book); Lou Cotney 218; Betty Wright and Mary Ruth Stiefel 145b, 144; Phil Summerlin 489; Brenda Carroll 163; Marilyn Burchett 81t; Joyce Walton 67; Mattie Townsel 106; Bud Laney 108; Pauline Spears "Cleansing Fountain"; Robert Harper 75; Coy Ivey "Trusting"; Levon Wootten "Love At Home".

Announcements were made. A special thanks was given to the Arranging Committee: Rex Wilks and Tony Ivey. Loyd Ivey, Tony Ivey, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey led song on page 420 for Jap Walton. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

**PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL**  
**Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**March 29, 1998**

The class was called together at 9:45 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Velton Chafin led song on page 82, and the following leaders were called: Gene Wakefield 418, 27; Odie V. Horton 83, 30t; Gravis Ballinger 99, 475; Flarce Creel 270, 269, 318; Azilee Adams 317, 337; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 441; J. A. Mosley 282, 480; Lorene Gray 47t, 32t; John Hocutt 66, 516; Freeman Wootten 63, 37b, 74b; Velton Chafin 437.

**RECESS**

The class reassembled with Harrison Creel leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Willodean Barton 44, 59, 290; James Cain 218, 348b, 137 (for Virgil Phillips); Jewel Wootten 40, 56b; Ann Jett 42, 43; Thurman Nall 47b, 48t, 503; Emily Jones 73t, 74t; Tim Gilmore 422, 297. The blessing for the noon meal was given by Glenn Keeton.

**LUNCH**

John Hocutt called the class together leading songs on pages 348t and 178.

Leaders: Alice Mosley 127, 457; Larry Ballinger 139, 284; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 129; Lora Cargo 84, 222, 460; Ila Ingle 340, 112; Ashley Keeton 159, 421, 274t; Margaret Keeton 456, 454; Joshua Keeton 268, 189, 108t; Josie Hyde 507, 77, 224; Glenn Keeton 166b; Pam Keeton 361, 215; Edith Tate 85, 333, 53; Harrison Creel 111b; Travis Keeton 388, 273; James Cain 455.

After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

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

**BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Star of the Republic Museum,**  
**Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas**  
**April 4, 1998**

The seventh annual Brazos River Singing was held at the Star of the Republic Museum, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Washington, Texas.

The class was called to order by Gaylon Powell leading songs on pages 449 and 293b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Bill Moseley.

The following officers were elected: Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Al Rogers.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 172; Al Rogers 63, 563; Leland Owen 274, 283t; Doris Hanks 384, 450; Katie Moseley 434, 189; Don Barker 500, 145b; Liz Rogan 276, 148; Curtis Owen 101t, 108t; Cissy Moseley 507b, 573; Jeb Owen 381t, 522; Ophelia Matthews 572, 511b.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Gaylon Powell leading song on page 290. Leaders: Kevin Powell 240, 521; Sue Hanson 49t, 293b; Edith Owen 489, 505; Barbara Moore 112, 268t; David Moseley 186, 137; Mike Moseley 406, 405; Marilyn Burkland 348t, 39; Chris Blevins 40, 543b; Amanda Owen 411, 142; James Moseley 378t, 300. Chris Blevins offered grace for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading song on page 559. Leaders: B. E. Matthews 222, 192; Mary Bachmann 225t, 568; Leon Ballinger 217, 239; Mary Ann Owen 47b, 49b; Tom Owen 111t, 200; Wendy Laubach 488b, 50b; Glenn Davis 400, 274t; Lisa Hardaway 196, 61; Elder Bill Moseley 336t, 47t; Leland Owen 343; Doris Hanks 442t; Katie Moseley 216; Don Barker 484b; Liz Rogan 132.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Gaylon Powell leading song on page 329. Leaders: Curtis Owen 146; Cissy Moseley 168; Jeb Owen 99; Kevin Powell 383; Sue Hanson 110; Edith Owen 299; Barbara Moore 427; David Moseley 424; Mike Moseley 220; Marilyn Burkland 508; Chris Blevins 31t; Amanda Owen 36b; James Moseley 127; B. E. Matthews 470; Mary Bachmann 38t; Leon Ballinger 164; Mary Ann Owen 45t; Tom Owen 149; Wendy Laubach "Love At Home"; Glenn Davis 393t; Elder Bill Moseley 159; Al Rogers 575; Jeb Owen 422t (by request); Tom Owen 268b (by request). Gaylon Powell led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Curtis Owen. Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Al Rogers.

## **EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama** **April 5, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Harvey Austin leading songs on pages 59 and 68b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Billy J. Harris led songs on pages 503 and 77b; Evelyn Harris 47t and 30t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Sammie Oliver; Memorial Committee - Molene Thompson and Evelyn Harris.

Harvey Austin led song on page 101t. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186, 137; Pearl Guier 358 (for her sister, Nell Temple), 303; Roy Nelson 82t, 176t; Lou Cotney 172, 300; Felton Denney 299, 73t; Jan House 143, 148; Jimmie Denney 61, 63.

## RECESS

The class resumed singing with Roy Nelson leading song on page 97. Leaders: Alice Edwards 104, 73b, 45t (for Ollie Walker); C. W. Garner 72b, 65; Shelbie Sheppard 333, 105; B. J. Harris 452, 225t; Carlene Griffin 81, 170.

A memorial was held in memory of singers and friends who have passed away since last year. Harvey Austin led song on 285t for the deceased. Mary Florence Smith led 235 and 400 for the many sick and shut-ins.

Rev. Horace Merrill welcomed everyone to the church, and offered prayer to close the memorial and give grace for the noon meal. Harvey Austin led song on 341; Bobby Jackson 535.

## LUNCH

Harvey Austin called the class together leading song on page 335. Leaders: Everette Denney 405, 127, 119; Michael Turner 59; Charlene Wallace 155, 276; Bud Oliver 145b, 426t; Mary Florence Smith 318, 302; Jeff Sheppard 297, 293; Teenie Moody 117, 126; George Garner 141, 454; Louise Nelson 350; Hubert Nall 217, 569b; Reba Norton 334, 282; Karen Reeves 274t, 410t; Bobby Jackson 388.

Announcements were made. Harvey Austin and Roy Nelson led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Felton Denney.

Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

## **OLD ENON CHURCH**

**Lynn, Alabama**

**April 5, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Enon Church was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 30t and 31t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

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

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Gene Wakefield led songs on pages 56t and 426t. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 74b, 57; A. C. McGough 274t, 290 (in memory of Fletcher Simms); Mae Conwill 179, 89; Flarce Creel 275b, 475; John Hyde 129, 75; Willodean Barton 454 (in memory of Keterina Sanders), 391; Larry Ballinger 101, 98; Ivalene Donaldson 81t, 145b.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 297 and 73.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 512 (requested by Gary Harper); Josie Hyde 143, 408, 225t (by request); John Hocutt 58, 144, 321; Tim Gilmore 298, 300, 343 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); Edith Tate 37b, 48t; Christie Allen 61, 47t, 47b (in memory of Benny Keeton); Margaret Keeton 78, 91, 276.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 418. Leaders: Joyce Hubbet 155, 273, 327; Betty Baccus 134, 392, 396; Cecil Sanders 123; Juanita Whitman 480, 40; Travis Keeton 421, 410, 460; Elmer Conwill 560, 296; Harrison Creel 111b; Edith Tate 294 (requested by Jimmy Cagle); Mae Conwill 154; Gladys Bonds 499; Willodean Barton 82; John Hocutt 448b; Tim Gilmore 503; Christie Allen 138b; A. C. McGough 340 (in memory of Keterina Sanders).

Gene Wakefield led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING**

**South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway**

**Friday Night, April 10, 1998**

The sixth session of the Birthday Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Hugh McGraw called the class together at 6:30 p.m. with song on page 146. The evening prayer was led by Elder Wendell Robinson. Leaders: Pearl Guier 49; Evelyn Harris 47; Elder Lewis Norton 39b; Midge Olsen 299; Mildred Johnson (birthday honoree) 208; Elder Homer Benefield (birthday honoree) 56; Jeff Bell 106; Karleen Williams 100; Bill Waddington 66; Laura Densmore 228; Roy Nelson 434; Reba Norton 136; Max Berueffy 32; Jill Thompson 31; Lonnie Rogers 225; Lou Cotney 218; Anna Pfau 415; Felton Denney 523; Matt Wells 49b; Gordon Olsen 503; Tony Singleton 40; Karen Rollins 34b; Elder Neal Prichard 566; Christine Stevens 171; Kit Pfau 547. Rev. Tommy McGuire, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone. Prayer for refreshments was given by Rev. Tommy McGuire.

## RECESS

The class was called together singing "Happy Birthday" to Christine Stevens. Johnny Wright led song on page 84. Business Session. Officers elected were: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 276; Elsie Brock 460; Jim Pfau 82; Kathy Wallace 189; Everette Denney 335; Gretchen Pfau 312b; Tim Cook 73b; Katherine Benefield 358; Jim Ulrick 268; Teenie Moody 302; Joyce Clackum and Leonard Benefield 127; Everette Ellis 354b; Daphne Ray, Diane Clayton, and Elsie Brock 143; Mildred Patterson 294; Midge Olsen 198; Gordon Olsen 497; Matt Wells 99; Jeff Bell 352; Max Bereuffy 203; Jill Thompson 155; Tony Singleton 178. After announcements were made, Johnny Wright led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Tommy McGuire.

Thanks to all the singers who came from Alabama, Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, and London, England to help us sing, and to all the listeners as well. We appreciate your being with us.

Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## STATE LINE CHURCH Cleburne County, Alabama April 11, 1998

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church in Cleburne County, Alabama (just off highway 78 at the Georgia-Alabama state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April.

B. M. Smith called the class together leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Mike Hawkins. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 97; Margie Smith 501; Mary Florence Smith 91; Shelbie Sheppard 183. Shelbie Sheppard welcomed everyone and introduced her aunt, Mary Noles, who is one of three children living from a family of 13 children of George and Ola Cates. Shelbie's father, Walker, was one of the children.

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

Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Matt Wells 481; Carla Smith 35; Bob Meek 515b; Tony Singleton 99; Kit Pfau 29t; John Bayer 29b; Kathy Williams 38t; Keith Willard 278b; Midge Olsen 235; Pauline Childers 475; Jeff Bell 38b; Reba Windom 171; Jerry Enright 101t; Laura Densmore 163b; Jimmie Denney 40.

## RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Liz Bryant 542; Helen Bryson 522; Charles Franklin 68b; Jenny Willard 299; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Max Berueffy 542; Carolyn Deacy 270; Gordon Olsen 344; Lorena Moore 148; John Redman 358; Lou Cotney 172; Martha Henderson 454; Jimmy Cates 137; Milton Oliver and Coy Ivey 384; Kathy Wallace 47t; Jim Pfau 129; Bill Waddington 209; Jill Thompson 198; Bruce Rowland 551; Sherrell Durand 127.

## LUNCH

The singing resumed with B. M. Smith leading song on page 64 for David Lee and Clarke Lee who were not able to be with us because of a death in the family.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 201b; Michele Cull 300; Bobby Bailey 44t; Cassie Franklin and Regina Bayer 528 (for Judy Hauff, Melanie Hauff, and the singers from Chicago who are not able to be with us this year).

The memorial was given by Helen Bryson for the deceased and shut-ins. Helen spoke of how we live our memorial every day, and that Sacred Harp singers are special people and extended family. She said that many people do not understand why we travel far and near to attend a singing, but we love the fellowship of being together and sharing all the joys and sorrows of each family. Keith Willard led song on page 32t for the deceased, and Judy Mincey led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by John Bayer. The singing continued with the following leaders called: Kathy Lee 128; Pearl Guier 45t; Henry Schuman 318; Felton Denney 503; Mitzie Collins 277; Ted Mercer 202; Christine Stevens 36b; Ginnie Prater 269; Henry Johnson 288; Teenie Moody 365 (for Mozelle Sheppard and Jerry Sheppard); Louis Hughes 480; Cindy Franklin 368; Evelyn Harris 155; Roy Nelson 456; Louise Holland 144; Pam Nunn 200; Harvey Austin 335; Linda Thomas 391; Charlene Wallace 455; Everette Denney 161; Richard DeLong 399; Rene Greene 220; Laura Akerman 216; Don Bowen 282; B. M. Smith 376; Jeff Sheppard 218 (for Melanie Hauff, Judy Hauff, and the Chicago singers). Announcements were made. Twelve states and England were represented with 70 leaders called. B. M. Smith and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes. Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **COUNTY LINE CHURCH** **Corner, Alabama** **April 12, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 31t, 225t; Lucy Heidorn 47b; Odie Horton 378t, 147t; Charlene Wallace 186, 217; Gordon Wilkinson 475, 498; Eron White 408; Linton Ballinger 460; Lora Cargo 406; Milton Oliver 403; Travis Keeton 343, 300; Regina Glass 212, 394.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 348b.

Leaders: Christie Allen 276, 432; Danny Creel 405, 327; Hugh McGraw 404; Brenda Merritt 436, 542; Lorena Moore 345b, 313b; Paula Springfield 389, 380; Henry Schuman 344, 270; Ila Ingle 434, 112.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b.

Leaders: John Hyde 129, 75; Cassie Franklin 36b, 337; Jeff Bell 491, 340; Julianna Jett 59, 146; Justin Keeton 385, 168; Carla Smith 57, 208; Flarce Creel 56t; Wanda Capps 142, 216; Carolyn Deacy 456, 114; Amber Springfield 391.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 415.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 91; Charlotte McCarn 143; Josie Hyde 507, 361; Gene Wakefield 108, 109; Bob Meek and Dan Moore 148, 515; Clayton Ezell 480, 358; Ted Mercer 151, 76b; Pauline Childers 234; Pauline Childers and Harrison Creel 342 (for Ernie Jett); Willodean Barton 82t; Margaret Keeton 84; Leola Smith 349, 196; Clarissa Springfield 166, 45t; Elmer Conwill 44, 411; Corene White 314; Tim Gilmore 316; Marie Aldridge 192; Gladys Bonds 73t, 77t; Edith Tate 167; Elsie Moon 39b; Cindy Franklin 269, 546.

Harrison Creel led song on page 512 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Gordon Wilkinson.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin and Edith Tate; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.

## **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Ider, Alabama**

**April 12, 1998**

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church near Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The chairmen of the singing were Jeffrey Wootten and Shawn Carroll.

Jeffrey Wootten and Shawn Carroll called the class to order leading songs on pages 82t and 28b. The morning prayer was offered by Dewayne Wootten.

Jeffrey Wootten and Shawn Carroll led songs on pages 48t and 155.

Leaders: Lamar Smith 36b; Marty Wootten 503; Matt Wells 34b; John Bayer 39b; Bill Waddington and Don Bowen 99, 283; Max Berueffy "Where The Soul Never Dies"; Midge Olsen and Gordon Olsen 198, 344; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; Jim Pfau 68b; Anna Pfau 415; Laura Densmore 29t; Aaron Wootten 84; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson "Cleansing Fountain", 142.

### **RECESS**

Leaders: Jim Carnes 32t; Dakota Garner, Jamie Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Levon Wootten 128; Jim Kane 218; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 441, 74b; Louis Hughes 176t; Judy Mincey 540; Thomas J. Willard, Hans Bayer, and Joel Brandis 145b; Lee Rogers 228; Gretchen Pfau 312b; Mitzie Collins 159; Jeff Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Shelbie Sheppard 440; Kathy Wallace 47b; Christine Stevens 107; S. T. Reed 345; Shane Wootten 56b; Susan Davis, Jennifer Wootten, Christopher Davis and Phillip Wootten 163, 196, 106; David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Coy Ivey 499, "Trusting"; Freeman Wootten, Beulah Ann York, Larry Wootten, and Jewel Wootten "Jesus Died For Me", 323b, 317; Rayford Brown and Deborah Kane 37b, 147t.

Terry Wootten gave the memorial and led song on page 426t for the deceased.

Mel Kersey led song on page 101t for the sick and shut-ins.

### **LUNCH**

Jeffrey Wootten and Shawn Carroll brought the class to order leading song on page 201. Leaders: Martha Henderson 146; Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton 268, 66; Charles Meidinger 352; Phil Townsend, Keith Townsend, Dustin Townsend, David Townsend, James Townsend, Claudine Townsend, Danette Townsend, Sheri Townsend, Raven Townsend, Hunter Townsend, and Dani Townsend 35, 288; Michele Cull 408; John Kellerman 178; Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford 122; Bruce Rowland 59; Celia Carnes and KeriAnn Wilkerson 388; Charles Franklin 358; Bryant Lee 49b; Linda Sides 148; Floyd Peters 129; Rachel Lee, Hannah Lee, Kathy Lee and Regina Bayer "Sweet By And By"; Marlon Wootten and Gerald Wootten 97; Brenda Carroll, Vickie Mitchell, Regina Clark, and Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper Book), 128; Don Clark 186; Levon Wootten and Phil Summerlin 348b; Tony Ivey 329; Bud Oliver, Jerry Enright, and Rex Wilks 77t; Randall Smith and Charles Stiefel 285t; Norma Latham, Pearl Guier, and Eloise Wootten 313t; B. M. Smith and Roy Nelson 432, 475; Reba Windom, Patsy Gentle, Ruth Brown, and Linda Thomas 282; Loyd Ivey 480; Julie Lee 277; Marie Brandis, Kit Pfau, and Ima Rowland 542. Announcements were made. Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten led "Trusting" and "Holy Manna" for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

Chairmen - Jeffrey Wootten and Shawn Carroll; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

**NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - FAIRPORT**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York**  
**April 18, 1998**

The second New York Regional singing of 1998 was held in Fairport, New York. The singing was called to order by Laura Densmore leading song on page 107. Chris Haller offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Haller 38t, 56b; Adrian Mariano 299, 300; Barbara Swetman 200, 148; Shirley Basch 59, 147t; Eric Bean 277, 218; Tim Brown 84, 479; Harriet Carter 178, 155; Margaret Bornick 504, 497; Dennis Leipold 415, 421; Guy Bankes 143, 535.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Mitzie Collins leading song on page 276. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 228, "Suffield"; Walter Hartley 236, 24b; Allen Fannin 30t, 445; Diane Mennella 550, 569t; Ron Bornick 454, 117; Laura Densmore 163t, 99; Chris Haller 267, 351; Adrian Mariano 217, 183; Barbara Swetman 318, 146; Mitzie Collins 128, 159; Shirley Basch 191, 63; Tim Brown 66, 40.

**LUNCH**

The singing resumed with Chris Haller leading song on page 376. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 312b, 86; Dennis Leipold 272, 455; Guy Bankes 168, 287; Scott Luscombe 269, 195; Walter Harley 480, 198; Diane Mennella 28t, 336; Ron Bornick 313b, 189; Nancy Crawford 49t, 46; Allen Fannin 373, 39t; Laura Densmore 29t, 528; Adrian Mariano 302, 383.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Laura Densmore leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Eric Bean 47b, 47t; Chris Haller 344; Barbara Swetman 335; Mitzie Collins 186; Shirley Basch 268.

Announcements were made. The singing continued with Tim Brown leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 212; Guy Bankes 120; Scott Luscombe 324; Walter Hartley 48b; Diane Mennella 486, Ron Bornick 82t; Allen Fannin 515b; Laura Densmore 196; Adrian Mariano 142; Eric Bean 260; Chris Haller 523; Barbara Swetman 106. The class was dismissed with prayer by Chris Haller followed by Laura Densmore leading song on page 347 as the closing song.

Chairman - Laura Densmore; Chaplain - Chris Haller; Arranging - Harriet Carter; Secretary - Barbara Swetman.

**SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia**  
**April 18, 1998**

The twenty-second annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Chair Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 101t. The morning prayer was led by Louis Hughes. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 31t; Cathy White 213t; Laura Akerman 146; Andy Morse 29t, 454; Liz Bryant 270, 384; Jack Smith 535, 192.

The business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chair - Cathy White; Vice Chair - Bryan Black; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Arranging Committee - Kelly Morris and Jeannette DePoy; Finance - Don Bowen and Laurie Allison. Kelly Morris made a motion to change the date of the singing to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, in the fall when there



are fewer singings and less conflict with other events. Also moved, to have a singing this year on the new date of October 24, at Embury Hills Methodist Church. Motions were approved.

Leaders: Cathy White 155; Helen Bryson 201, 299; Louis Hughes 128, 569; Malinda Snow 312b, 68b; George Hibbert 338; Judy Mincey 556, 540.

#### RECESS

Jeanette DePoy brought the class back together leading song on page 335.

Leaders: George Snyder 473, 149; Karen Morris 503, 495; Mike Hawkins 560, 441; Richard Carroll 198, 143; Mary Smith 289, 334; John Plunkett 408, 53; John Redmon 358, 362; Laurie Allison and Emma Allison 100 (this being Emma's first singing since her appearance in this world on March 30); Doug Allison 77. Jack Smith gave thanks for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Cathy White leading "Happy Birthday" for Charlene Wallace and song on page 265. Leaders: Scott DePoy 179; Martha Ann Stegar 327, 228; Jack Corley 168t, 123; Don Bowen 288, 388; Larry Woodring 183, 49b; Charlene Wallace 64, 220; Richard DeLong 125, 296; Teenie Moody 203, 391; John Shippee 159, 63; Kenneth DeLong 548, 572; Kelly Morris 383, 47b; Laura Akerman 430; Laurie Allison 117; George Snyder 84; Cathy White 45. Announcements were made. Cathy White led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jack Smith. Chair - Cathy White; Vice Chair - Bryan Black; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

## **HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
April 18, 1998**

The thirty-seventh annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday after Easter by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 73b. The morning prayer was given by Gordon Wilkinson. Tim Reynolds led song on page 159. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 300, 480; David Carlton 133, 81t; Sandie Scott 128, 40; Gordon Wilkinson 436, 112; Darrell Holley 354b, 59; John Giles 236, 380; Norma Latham 56t, 565; Hugh McGraw 572, 573.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Tim Reynolds and Angela Lepkofker leading songs on pages 84 and 85.

Tim Reynolds held a memorial lesson for Mrs. Beatrice Ezell who passed away the previous December (1997). She had been an active singer in Lawrence County, and later in Nashville, her whole life, and had passed the tradition on to her children. Two of her children (Clayton Ezell and Kerene Ezell Box), one of her grandchildren (Melanie Box Hardy), and three of her great-grandchildren (Tiffany Hardy, Rebecca Box, and Nakayah Box) participated in this singing. The class then went into a business session with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee - Sandie Scott and Henry Cobb; Chaplain - Hibbard Thatcher.

Leaders: Henry Cobb and David Carlton 418; Michele Cull 66, 209; Steve Shearon 213t, 64; Glen Wegge 34b, 68b; Marilyn Burchett 68t, 294; Jon Gregg 155, 208; Angela Crain and David Carlton 89; Hibbard Thatcher 147t, 178.

#### LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class to order by leading song on page 63. Leaders: Melanie Hardy 143, 491; Tiffany Hardy, Nakayah Box, and Rebecca Box 146, 106; Sandie Scott and Dewey Cooksey 75, 405; Kerene Box 335, 28b; Tim Reynolds 107; Clayton Ezell 278t; Darrell Holley 127; Sandie Scott 117; Jon Giles 192; Gordon Wilkinson 100; Henry Cobb 49t; Glen Wegge 72b; Michele Cull 551; Norma Latham 61; Steve Shearon 114; Hibbard Thatcher 49b; Jon Gregg 189. Announcements were made. David Carlton led song on page 36b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hibbard Thatcher. Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

### **SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING** **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 18, 1998**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial singing was held in the Fellowship Room of Rocky Mount Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The class was called to order by Arvid Holmes leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Lamar Smith. Arvid Holmes led song on page 63. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Elder Matt Jordan; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Eunice Kimbrell; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 569b, 354t; S. T. Reed 388, 345t; Marie Guthrie 189, 389; Irene Jordan 64, 490; Dan Hopper 489, 133; Linda Thomas 134, 49b; David Ivey 160b, 399b; Rhoda Norris 318, 384; Milton Oliver 270, 314.

#### **RECESS**

Matt Jordan brought the class to order leading song on page 30b. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 105, 544b; Eldagene Roberson 175b, 313t; Buckley Hopper 300, 186; Eunice Kimbrell 65, 110; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Judy Caudle 454, 311; Jack Jordan 348b, 323b; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; David Light 112, 340. Elder Dan Hopper offered grace for the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Matt Jordan leading song on page 146. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 207 (for his sister, Alice Washburn, who is now in a nursing home), 222, 499; Hershell King 176b, 410b; Willard Hopper and Wilda Holmes 426t, 448; S. T. Reed 69t; Buckley Hopper 40, 268; Arvid Holmes 460; Dan Hopper 413, 432; Gene Wakefield 168; David Ivey 200; Milton Oliver 321; Matt Jordan 373, 452. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King. Chairman - Elder Matt Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

### **YELLOW SPRINGS** **Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **Saturday, April 18, 1998**

The sixteenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order by Eloise Clark leading song on page 84.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chair - Eloise Clark; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Fred Todt.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 87; Fred Todt 49t, 49b; Jo Schultz 178, 501; Paul Foster 500, 415; Christine Cox 365, 515; Henry Schuman 40, 101t; Bill Shetter 206, 350; Michael Darby 569b, 288; Laura Russell 535b, 107; Michael Hieber 445b, 448.

## RECESS

Fred Todt brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Regina Bayer 201, 168; Phil Jensen 169, 105; Laura Weber 143; John Bealle 278t, "Bealle" (a new composition by John Bayer); Loraine Bayer 278b, 102; Lorraine Sawyer 473, 46; Charles Knecht 30b, 397; Barbara Bowers 480, 497; Katherine Knecht 496, 344; Debbie Hall 66, 84. Paul Foster led a blessing for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Michael Hieber called the class to order leading songs on pages 49t and 48t. Leaders: John Bayer 326, 458; Paul Foster 29t; Jo Schultz 532; Chris Cox 68b, 31; Xander Knecht 54; Henry Schuman 318 (for Pauline Childers); Dee Dee Heeter 312; Laura Russell 31; Eloise Clark 524; Marie Knecht 100; Marissa Heeter 59; Eloise Clark 34b; Michael Hieber 324; Regina Bayer 274t; Laura Weber 147t; John Bealle 269; Loraine Bayer 175; Charles Knecht 58; Barbara Bowers 128; Katherine Knecht 80t; John Bayer 399b; Jo Schultz 551; Henry Schuman 462; Bill Shetter 512. Announcements were made. Singers from 3 states: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Ontario, Canada were present.

## RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Christine Cox 163b; Paul Foster 106; Michael Darby 504; Laura Russell 268; Michael Hieber 276; Regina Bayer 45t; Laura Weber 28b; John Bealle 53; Loraine Bayer 28t; Charles Knecht 500; Dee Dee Heeter 523; Katherine Knecht 530; John Bayer 71; Eloise Clark 347. John Bayer dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Fred Todt.

## **OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 19, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Neal Prichard. B.J. Harris led song on page 303; Elder Neal Prichard 139, 204, 566; Evelyn Harris 30t and 87.

The class was organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 317b, 37b; Johnny Wright 155, 124; Charlene Wallace 171, 186; Jimmie Denney 143, 68b, 313b; Bobby Jackson 535b, 388; Teenie Moody 523, 100; Don Clark 288, 513; Carlene Griffin 117, 146; Roy Nelson 283, 82t.

## RECESS

Elder Neal Prichard called the class to order leading songs on pages 34t and 104. Leaders: Ruth Daniel 378t, 40; Jeff Sheppard 57, 318, 342; Sherrell Durand 335, 127; Shelbie Sheppard 338, 27; Lovella Campbell 48, 339; Lou Cotney 196, 218. A memorial was given by Mary Florence Smith for those friends and loved ones who have passed away during the last year. Those remembered were: Kimsey Cagle, Arnold Edwards, Ila McGhee, Clyde Watkins, Hazel Howle, Willie Mae McClendon, and Henry Smith. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 294 and 460

for the deceased. Stanley Edwards led song on page 340 in memory of his grandfather, Arnold Edwards.

Johnny Wright led songs on pages 312t and 285t for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Moena Denney.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with B.J. Harris leading song on page 490.

Leaders: Everette Denney 489b, 503; Karen Reeves 457, 106; Lewis Norton 208, 569b; Katherine Benefield 108t, 109; Lonnie Rogers 282, 97; Mildred Patterson 89, 159; Nellie Mae White 312t, 119; Don Clark 448, 480; A.D. Chandler 176b, 137; Ann Scarbrough 45t, 50t; Winford Kerr 358, 112; Lenna Davidson 37, 36b; Teenie Moody 126; Hester Edwards and Gladys McGraw 67, 73b; Lou Cotney 200. Announcements were made. B. J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led songs on pages 341 and 69 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

### **PINE GROVE SINGING** **Near Collinsville, Alabama** **April 19, 1998**

The annual third Sunday singing in April was called to order by S.T. Reed leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: S.T. Reed 30t; Milton Oliver 32t, 61; Randall Smith 36b; Lamar Smith 76b; Bud Oliver 77t, 39b; Boyd Scott 127, 358; Henry Johnson 138b, 288; Dennis George 64; Norma Latham 66.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with S.T. Reed leading song on page 42. Leaders: Don Bowen 59, 97; Sue Wills 318; Leola Smith 192, 186; Kyle Blakeley 313t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 134, 135; Sandra Jordan 31b; Carmon Brothers 283, 31t; Alanna Blanks, Scot Oliver, Milton Oliver, Paula Oliver, and Bryant Beard 354b; Jim Brown, Matt McKee, Kevin Keith, Christopher Sweet, Susan Campbell, Ty Cofield, and Beth Godsey (of Samford University) 159, 268; Judy Mincey 538; Tonia, George, Tommy George, and Dennis George 117.

#### RECESS

Milton Oliver called the class back together leading song on page 403. Leaders: Velton Chafin 573; Patsy Gentle 63; Rex Wilks, John Travis, and Rachel Travis 145b, 87; Lisa Geist 532, 528; Danny Smith, Randall Smith, and Lamar Smith 343b, "That Beautiful Land"; Linda Thomas "Sweet By And By"; Eric Blanks and Sheryl Beard 496; Lavaughn Ballinger, Matt McKee, Kevin Keith, and Christopher Sweet 405, 322; Verlon Stiefel 457; Edith Tate 73t; Betty Wright 145b; Jackie Tanner 47t, 222; Karen Travis 29t, 147t; Mattie Townsel 155.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 270. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 182, 475; Terry Wootten 224, 480; Shellie Capps 512; Marlon Wootten 201; Glenn Cohn 45t; Levon Wootten 49b; Syble Adams 350; Ashley Spaulding and Myra Dalton 39t, 385t; Larry Ballinger 101t; Cassie Franklin and Rachel Travis 202, 436; Dewayne Wootten 136; Wanda Capps 142, 200; David Ivey 500; Cindy Franklin 213, 198; Charles Stiefel, Dennis George, and Randall Smith 290, 285; Eloise Wootten 384; Glenn Meadows and Myra Dalton 138b; Bud Oliver 317b (for Nelda Tolbert).

S. T. Reed led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Meadows.

Chairman - S. T. Reed; Vice Chairman - Milton Oliver; Secretary - Randall Smith.

**OAK GROVE CHURCH**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 25, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Loy Garrison called the class to order leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Ray Richards.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Ray Richards; Vice Chairman - Brother Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Ray Richards led song on page 73. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 34b, 523b; Elder Charles Cagle 145; Don Bowen 32t, 82t, 173; John Shippee 159, 155; John Plunkett 323b, 503; Liz Bryant 270, 47t; Richard DeLong 418, 439.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Ray Richards leading song on page 30b. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 282, 457; Judy Mincey 475, 34t; Jack Corley 108b, 109; Helen Bryson 37, 176b; Dollie Hudgins 82, 119; Vaudie Sherer 146, 45t; Winona Cagle 544b, 74b.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session resumed with Brother Bobby Cagle leading songs on pages 46 and 420b. Leaders: Andy Morse 388, 142; Don Bowen 510, 50b; Don Bowen and Jeannette DePoy 316; John Shippee 107, 84; Richard DeLong 370, 513; John Plunkett 312t, 126; Liz Bryant 128, 40; Andy Morse 334, 151; Jeannette DePoy 306b, 89; Judy Mincey 347, 350; Jack Corley 136, 300.

**RECESS**

Ray Richards called the class together leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 196, 287; Eric Tweedy 367, 68; Vaudie Sherer 335, 358; Loy Garrison 512.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle.

Chairman - Ray Richards; Vice Chairman - Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

**SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky**  
**April 25, 1998**

The eighth annual Shape Note Singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church at Brownsboro, Kentucky on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, and was held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There were two books used: "The Sacred Harp" and "Southern Harmony." Songs used from the "Southern Harmony" will be noted with (SH) after the song.

The singing was called to order by Bob Meek leading song on page 103 (SH). The morning was led by Jack Oliver, pastor of Vine Street Baptist Church.

Leaders: Dick Dunagan 77 (SH); Daryl Mayberry 171; William Shetter 479; David Rust 89 (SH); Sandy Schultheis 270; John Bayer 143 (SH); Val Dunagan 63 (SH); Tim Reynolds 38 (SH); Sandie Scott 128; Marilyn Burchett 81t; Janet Borman 84; Marlen Rust 50 (SH); Pattie Doss-Butterfield 222; Joe Dell Albi 72 (SH); Lorena Moore 17 (SH).

**RECESS**

Dave Ressler brought the class to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: Henry Schuman 344; Pauline Childers 269; Esther Rothenbusch 143; Michael Leitz 264 (SH); James Page 173 (SH); Merle Mateika 492; Hugh McElrath 94 (SH); John Bealle 295 (SH); Eloise Clark 313; Jeff Sheppard 203; Mike Hieber 13 (SH); Gary Gronau 192; Connie Karduck 391; Ted Mercer 168t (SH).

The memorial lesson was led by Lorena Moore for the deceased and remembering the sick and shut-ins with song on page 324 (SH).

Leaders: Ron Penn 236; Bob Meek and Odell Compton 441; Michele Cull 56 (SH).

#### LUNCH

Alix Baillie brought the class to order leading song on page 33. Leaders: Denise Morris 189; Brenda Waters and Michele Cull 68b; Nathan Kast 66; Laura Chipe 133 (SH); Dick Dunagan 78 (SH); Daryl Mayberry 454; William Shetter 220; Faith Shine 322 (SH); David Rust 56b; Sandy Schultheis 101t; John Bayer 88 (SH); Val Dunagan 16 (SH); Tim Reynolds 117; Sandy Scott 213 (SH); Marilyn Burchett 154; Janet Borman 547; Michele Cull and Bob Cull 178.

#### RECESS

Marlen Rust called the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Laura Chipe 46 (SH); Pattie Doss-Butterfield 142; Jo Dell Albi 91; Dave Ressler 41 (SH); Henry Schuman 480; Bob Meek and Ruth Garza 107; Pauline Childers 318, 475; Ester Rothenbusch 40 (SH); Michael Leitz 159; James Page 67 (SH); Merle Mateika 331; Hugh McElrath 58; John Bealle 13 (SH); Eloise Clark 274 (SH); Shelbie Sheppard 195; Jeff Sheppard 155. Dr. Hugh McElrath led song on page 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Bayer. Chairman - Bob Meek; Secretary - Brenda Waters.

### **FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Haleyville, Alabama** **April 26, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 37t. The morning prayer was led by Lewis Gilmore.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Parnell Berry 99, 283; Hubert Hood 454, 569; Lewis Gilmore 34t, 73t; Mae Conwill and Verna Hood 44, 45t; Jim Frederick 344, 163b; Lena Wakefield 222, 546; Warren Steel 411, 392; David Godsey 455, 220; Mary Louise McCulloch 63; Travis Keeton 56t, 57; Gladys Bonds 48t, 77t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 298 and 300. Leaders: Julietta Haynes 209, 200; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 399b; Corene White 146, 403; Larry Ballinger 151, 327; Flarce Creel 475, 503; Latrina Bailey 384, 143; Anne Steel 268, 318; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 110; Ivalene Donaldson 81t.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 454. Leaders: Christie Allen 270, 460; Harrison Creel 530, 342; Elene Stovall 436, 441; Earl Ballinger 217, 224; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Lisa Ballinger 527, 528; Edith Tate 35; Marie Aldridge 192, 88t; Roma Rice 161, 104; Margaret Keeton 213b, 422; L. E. Hannah 83, 500; John Hyde 75, 61; Josie Hyde 408, 465; Betty Hood 129; Dalton Adams 328, 39b; Kermit Adams 212, 28b; Ivalene Donaldson 143; Jim

Frederick 410, 142; Warren Steel 401 (by request), 124; Josie Hyde 294 (by request), 99; Mary Louise McCulloch 128.

Parnell Berry led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

## **MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama** **April 26, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 31b, 59, and 85. The morning prayer was led by Phil McGlawn. Martha Woodard led songs on pages 111t and 65; Ester Brown 30, 192.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: Carmon Brothers 207; Bud Oliver 32t, 39b; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Virgil Phillips 137; Kyle Blakeley 75, 314; Freeman Wootten 47b, 426t; Milton Oliver 340; Jewel Wootten 166 (for Marie Hyatt), 332; Boyd Scott 68b, 129; Carmon Brothers 312b.

### **RECESS**

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together leading song on page 328.

Leaders: Waylon Blakeley 81, 335; Rhoda Norris 187, 460; Beecher Yancey 145b, 452; Eunice Kimbrell 78, 42; Don Robertson 100, 101t; Calvin Rogers 49b; Philip Gilmore 31t, 30b; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 168, 147t; Mary Tidmore 294, 121; Ella Lee Roberson 146, 48t.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 358 and 74b. Leaders: Hershell King 67, 97; Onett Watkins and Ella Lee Roberson 143, 58; Linda Thomas and Freeman Wootten 122, 441 (for Mel Kersey); Debra Rich 200, 183, 89; Judy Holmes 61, 75; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 45t; Carmon Brothers 274, 331 (for Ruby Phillips); Milton Oliver 321, "That Beautiful Land". The class was dismissed with prayer by Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

## **ALEWINE MEMORIAL - ST. MICHAEL CHURCH** **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 26, 1998**

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp singing at St. Michael Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Corene Laminack leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Ollie Aiken. Corene Laminack led song on page 49. Leaders: Lucille McElroy 72, 159; Pauline Kilgore 127, 335; Lucille McElroy and Gay Vaughn 45t; Gladys McGraw 37b (directed by C. W. Garner); C. W. Garner 119; George Garner 47t; Carlene Griffin and Alice Edwards 40, 104, 28b, 87; Lucille McElroy 285t; Corene Laminack 334; Everette Denney 335, 68, 323b;

Ken McElroy 294; Ken McElroy and Lucille McElroy 358; Hester Edwards 340, 274; Alice Edwards 146.

#### LUNCH

The singing resumed with Corene Laminack leading songs on pages 63 and 75. Leaders: Janet Laminack 452; George Garner 569b, 503; Carlene Griffin 106; Pauline Kilgore 112, 354; Alice Edwards and Betty Padgett 323b; Hester Edwards 155; Corene Laminack and Janet Laminack 64, 147; Pauline Kilgore 143. The song on page 46 was sung for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Ollie Aiken.

Chairman - Corene Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

### **HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama**

**May 2, 1998**

The fourteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 2nd in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. Mark Carroll, Chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Buddy Ballinger led the morning prayer. Mark Carroll led song on page 83t.

The class organized by selecting the following officers: Vice Chairman - Joe Jones; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 565b; Norm Howe 63; Paul Frederick 182; Teresa Ballinger 300; Sam Jones 301; Gary Leopold 159; Rodney Ivey 186; Buddy Ballinger 399b; John Greg 155; Hershell King 72b; Amanda Ballinger 82t; Sarah Harcrow 127; Buckley Hopper 268; Frances Jones 236; Jackie Tanner 270; Cassie Franklin 269; Gravis Ballinger 99; Judy Caudle 174; Gene Wakefield 168; Shelbie Sheppard 528; Bill Shrader 143.

#### RECESS

Linton Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 89. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 475; Milton Oliver 314; Charlene Wallace 385b; Donald Jones 100; Jon Giles 250; David Ballinger 111b; Allison Ivey 171; Allen Fannin 373; Teenie Moody 365; Clayton Ezell 480; B.J. Harris 452; Lisa Geist 377; Keith Willard 32t; Linda Sides 35.

Frances Jones gave the memorial. Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger led song on page 283, and David Ivey led song on page 317. Leaders: Steve Shearon 213; Cindy Franklin 123t; B.M. Smith 384; Arvid Holmes 460; Elbert Peters 162; Leola Smith 185; Thomas Willard 274t.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Chairman Mark Carroll leading song on page 77t. Leaders: Phillip Ballinger 340; Linda Thomas 47t; Jeff Sheppard 142; Susan Harcrow 218; Tim Reynolds 313b; Jenny Willard 564; David Carlton 114; Flora Skinner 358; Stuart Ivey 299; Terry Wootten 240; Karen Ivey 532; Larry Ballinger 78; Norma Latham 34b; Glenda Hopper 343; Verlon Stiefel 348b; Evelyn Harris 87; S.T. Reed 32b; Ruth Brown and Dixie McClurger 84; Jimmy Ballinger 295; Sandra Jordan "We Will Sing With The Angels"; Bud Oliver 73t; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 448b (for Mel Kersey); J. L. Hopper 188; Mary Florence Smith 91; Earl Ballinger 203; Eloise Avery 39b; Buell Cobb 131b; J.C. Rutledge 401; Glen Harper 40; Marshall Avery 278b;



Mattie Townsel and Rodney Ivey 137 (for Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips); Syble Adams 147t.

Following the announcements, Chairman Mark Carroll led song on page 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer by J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Mark Carroll; Vice Chairman - Joe Jones; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger.

## **SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)**

**Walker County, Alabama**

**May 3, 1998**

The twenty-eighth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was held the first Sunday in May, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 111b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Arranging Committee - Larry Ballinger and Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

Travis Keeton led song on page 129. Leaders: Josie Hyde 189, 225t; Johnny Humber 200, 389; Junita Whitman 480, 137; Tim Gilmore 172, 402; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Josh Keeton 108t, 108b; Pernie Pelfrey 73t, 74b; John Hocutt 312b, 312t; Ashley Keeton 77t, 146; Gene Wakefield 56t, 27; Gladys Bonds 28b, 32t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with A. C. McGough leading songs on pages 475 and 454. Leaders: Ashley Owens 410t, 452b; Cecil Sanders 101t, 30t; Mae Conwill 99, 498; John Hyde 75, 297; Faye Donaldson 40, 270; Pam Keeton 171, 215; Elmer Conwill 216, 416; Ann Ballard 208, 390.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 209. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 123, 90; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 175; Allen Owens 426t; Lisa Geist 273, 546; Kermit Adams 489, 455; Gwen Cornelius 143, 59; Gary Smith 34b, 31t; Elene Stovall 222, 142; Harrison Creel 512, 342; Ada Godsey 460, 499; Ricky Beasley 317b, 47b; Sara Smith 204, 406; Roma Rice 81t, 182.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back together with song on page 399. Leaders: Flarce Creel 475, 269; David Beasley 566, 348b; Lena Wakefield 299, 298; Ottis Sides "Not Made With Hands", 61; Beatrice Brewer 384, 373; John Beasley 335, 87; Joyce Hubbit 378, 371; Dwight Ingle 294, 500; Glenn Keeton 285, 503.

Travis Keeton and A. C. McGough led song on page 235 as the closing song. Al Lofton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Carrollton, Georgia**

**May 3, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Felton Denney leading songs on pages 47t and 72b. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Everette Denney led songs on pages 335 and 405; Sheri Taylor led songs on pages 128 and 430.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney and Josephine Denney; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Shelbie Sheppard. Leaders: Felton Denney 143; Myron House 131t, 74b; Jimmie Denney 100, 101t; Roy Nelson 82, 97; Margie Smith 303, 225t; Johnny Wright 142, 294; Jan House 361, 276; Karleen Williams 146, 298; Oscar McGuire 155, 441.

RECESS

Felton Denney and Casey Akins brought the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 535, 388; Pearl Guier 49t, 59; Liz Bryant 32b, 377; Chris Thorman 569b, 384; Dan Bailey 66, 183; Lori Goode 176b, 358; Wilford Denney 159, 144.

LUNCH

Everette Denny called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 145b. Bernard Denney led songs on pages 164 and 222.

The memorial was given by Ruth Brown talking on "Traditions" of Sacred Harp. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 47b for the following deceased: Anne Block, Louise Shaddinger, Josie McAlpin, Gertrude Bateman, Willie Mae McClendon, Jerry Huckleba, Kim Cagle, Clifford Wakefield, and Ozetta Gilliland.

Richard DeLong led song on page 390 for the sick and shut-ins.

The memorial was closed with prayer by Moena Denney.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 204, 318; Preston McClendon 127, 45t; Jeannette DePoy 457, 436; Louis Hughes 565, 515; Teenie Moody 171, 203.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Nancy Allen 31b; Louise Holland 37b, 323b; B.M. Smith 273, 475; Shelbie Sheppard 105; Gene Duke 129, 56t; Mary Florence Smith 53, 43; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 282, 283; Loyd Toney 68b; Jeff Sheppard 140, 168; Richard DeLong 202, 418.

Felton Denney led song on page 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Everette Denney.

Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

## **OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Nauvoo, Alabama** **May 10, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in May.

The class was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 45t and 49b. The morning prayer was led by Arthur Gilmore.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Ashley Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton; Arranging Committee - Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Joshua Keeton 59; Arthur Gilmore 30b, "Jesus Died For Me"; Joe Gilmore 300, 383; Eric Fowler 58, 76b; Myrtle Ann Ballard 144, 319; Justin Keeton 168, 546; Cecil Sanders 123t; Ila Ingle 441, 440; Jimmie Gilmore 348 (in memory of her cousin, Carlos Darryl McGough), 145b (in memory of her sister Lavada Gilmore), 153 (for her parents Elder Garnsey and Ethel McGough); A. C. McGough 475, 454.

RECESS

Ashley Keeton brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 129 and 159. Leaders: Mae Conwill 167, 274t; Latreve Bailey 340, "Not Made With Hands"; Pam Keeton 186, 187; John Merritt 358, 499, 354, 294; Leslie Gilmore 371, 36b.

A memorial lesson was held with Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 343, 231, and 64 for the sick and shut-ins and deceased.

#### LUNCH

Joshua Keeton brought the class back to order leading song on page 108. Leaders: John Hocutt 225t, 270; Margaret Keeton 227, 52b; Gene Wakefield 418, 495; Elmer Conwill 460, 411; Christie Allen 426t, 566; Lena Wakefield 498, 122; Travis Keeton 313, 63; Josie Hyde and John Hyde 297, 75, 73; Dovey Jackson 457, 421; Gladys Bonds 74b, 77t; Dwight Ingle 82, 445b; Billy Williams 47t, 147b; Gwen Cornelius and Ashley Keeton 146, 43, 143; Dorothea McCowan 120, 196; John Beasley 480, 72b; Velton Chafin 130, 503; Chuck Beasley 33b, 235.

Joshua Keeton and Ashley Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. A.C. McGough dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Ashley Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton.

## GARDEN STATE CONVENTION

### Upper Montclair, New Jersey

May 15-16, 1998

Friday, May 15

The sixth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Montclair Friends' Meeting House.

The class was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Gina Balestracci, who welcomed everyone and led song on page 66. Frank Ostertag led the class in prayer. Jean Seiler, last year's Vice Chairman, led song on 40.

The Convention then went into a business session. The following officers and committees were elected and appointed: Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Susan Bingham; Treasurer - George Seiler; Secretary - Barbara Stamps; Chaplains - Frank Ostertag and George Seiler; Memorial Committee - Jean Seiler, Katharine Hough, and Bill Holt; Arranging Committee - Karen House, Kelly House, Cath Oss, and Bradford West; Pitching - Ginny Landgraf, Paula McGray, and Bob Parr; Resolutions - Gary Smith; Food - Diane Mennella, Virginia Douglas, and Ellie Soler; Housing - Susan Bingham. The business session was closed.

The class resumed singing with Frank Evans leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Adrian Mariano 148; Paula McGray 36b; Blake Morris 415; Tom Tucker 300; Dan Hertzler 324; Evan Duncan 84; Allen Fannin 270; Barbara Swetman 203; Bob Parr 442; Cathy Tucker 547; Jeff Colby 101t; Dan Brittain 405; Cath Oss 318; George Seiler 31t.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Susan Bingham leading song on 178. Chairman Gina Balestracci introduced Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard of Glencoe, Alabama, teachers of the singing school. The singing school concerned itself with matters of traditional Southern practice in shape note singing. Jeff Sheppard began by talking about the history of Sacred Harp and singing schools, the ones that lasted several weeks, that were still being taught when he was a child. Jeff Sheppard led song on 49b after explaining that notes with lots of white are slow; notes with mostly black, you go; and notes with wings, you fly! Shelbie Sheppard

then explained how accenting notes makes a big difference, and how rests are just as important as notes and should be observed. Jeff Sheppard led song on 168, inviting newcomers to the center of the square; then 155, explaining that the tempo should be somewhere between dragging and running. Jeff led 148, then Shelbie led it because it hadn't been accented the first time. Jeff led song on 273, then Shelbie led song on 358 to make everyone aware of dots. The singing school was open to the floor, to anyone who wanted help with leading a specific song. Gina Balestracci asked about leading 376, which was sung several times in several different styles. A quartet (Ginnie Ely, Dan Brittain, Paula McGray, Shelbie Sheppard) sang it as done in parts of the South, then everyone sang it, then Dan Brittain led it as it is written on the page. The singing school ended with song on 182, led by the Sheppards.

The evening session ended with Neely Bruce leading song on 414b. Frank Ostertag led the closing prayer.

### **Saturday, May 16**

On Saturday morning the class reassembled, and the session was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on 77b. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Holt 59; Dennis Leipold 56t; Gary Smith 569b; David Hough 384; George Seiler 347; Sarah Smith 129; Curtis Stamps 155; Jean Seiler 299; Gabriel Kastelle 240; Seth Holloway 354b; Kelly House 85; Karen Snowberg 362b; Gerry Hoffman 328; Roland Hutchinson 553; Dennis O'Brien 474; Jim Wantland 34b; Howard Katz 30b; Dottie Hurley 178; Susan Bingham 39t.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 168. Leaders: Laura Clawson 217; Laura Densmore 312b; Katharine Hough 378b; Peter Irvine 72b; Dick Levine 383; Bradford West 236; Claire Chapin 344; Richard Schmeidler 254; Kat Kinkade 208; Ginny Landgraf 447; Lyra O'Brien 179; Guy Bankes 287; Elise Meyer-Bothling 37b; Ginny Ely 196; Jeff Sheppard 436; Susan Bingham 455; Lynne deBenedette 171; John Redman 358; David Martin 276; Jim Ulrich 117; Tim Brown 198.

At this time the session was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Jean Seiler led song on page 122 for the following deceased: Wilma Vernon; Alabama - Q.E. Taylor; California - Mary Lou Jolly; Colorado - Barry Sullivan; Georgia - Terry Sahler; Maryland - Susan Wantland; New Jersey - John McNeilly; New York - Harriet Kresch and Bill Wakefield; North Wales, United Kingdom - Sian, Iaan, and Jos Nefyn-Pwllheli; Ohio - Mary Wise; Pennsylvania - Catherine Cessna and Ruby Lahr; Texas - Mark Timpani.

Katharine Hough led song on 430 for the sick and shut-in: Alabama - Jap Walton; Arizona - Todd Morgan; Connecticut - Polly Calhoun; Maryland - Tom Padwa; Massachusetts - William L. Kriedler; New Jersey - Norman Wersan; New Mexico - Ben Hertzler and Dodge Wiggins; New York - Denise Montforte; Pennsylvania - Edna Lundgren; Tennessee - Laura Budai; Washington - Johnny Jeans and Jason Sweetland; Wisconsin - Evadne McNeil and Jo Weber.

Bill Holt summed up the Memorial Lesson by reciting the text to song on page 340, stressing how we should appreciate each other while we can. The class then sang the song. George Seiler closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 269; Tim Eriksen 33b; Gina Balestracci 180. George Seiler led the class in a blessing for the food.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 218. Leaders: Brenda Pena 229; Cath Oss 367; Michael Kaye 163b; Dan Brittain

399b; Jeff Colby 67; Doron Henkin 95; Cathy Tucker 146; Bob Parr 304; Barbara Swetman 200; Allen Fannin 495; Tom Tucker 282; Dan Hertzler 480; Evan Duncan 191; Blake Morris 501; Adrian Mariano 504; Frank Evans 315; Bill Holt 352; Dennis Leipold 351; Gary Smith 31t; David Hough 137.

## RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on page 28t.

Leaders: Ellie Soler 277; Judith Leninrad 186; Sarah Smith 30t; Jean Seiler 127; Gabriel Kastle 522; George Seiler 183; Seth Holloway 294; Kelly House 532; Karen Snowberg 49; Gerry Hoffman 82t; Roland Hutchinson 250; Jim Wantland 327; Howard Katz 481; Dottie Hurley 271; Laura Clawson 335; Laura Densmore 29t; Katharine Hough 145t.

The Convention entered a business session to hear committee reports.

The Treasurer reported that the contributions received would cover the cost of the convention.

The Arranging Committee reported that 145 people from 13 states registered during the two days of the Convention, and that 61 leaders led 120 songs. State distribution of registrants is as follows: Alabama 4; Connecticut 8; Maryland 3; Massachusetts 16; New Hampshire 1; New Jersey 37; New York 47; Pennsylvania 13; Rhode Island 3; Tennessee 2; Vermont 1; Virginia 8; Washington 2.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, after thanking the organizers of the Convention, made the following resolution: "A month or so ago, the movie channel on cable played "The King and I". There is a scene in the movie where the King is presenting his wives to Anna. One of the wives, eager to show off her missionary English, stands, clasps her hands, and sings 'There is a Happy Land...' In almost every Ken Burns documentary we hear 'Beach Spring' as incidental music. Sacred Harp is a large part of the American musical tradition. Sacred Harp is alive. Let me consolidate that into one sentence: Sacred Harp is a living tradition. The definitions of living include growing and changing. As we look around, we see signs of growth. There are singers here from the West Coast, the East Coast, the South Coast, and all the coasts in between. I have been privileged to sing with, and call friend, singers from Canada and England. Sacred Harp has indeed grown, from a mostly Southern, rural, closely held activity, to a joyously vibrant movement, which, if we are careful to nurture it, will soon be worldwide in its scope. The other definition I mentioned is change. And Sacred Harp is changing. One of the signs of that change, and the direction of that change, is the presence here of so many living composers who write in the idiom. The music they write is rooted in the tradition, of course, but it is also firmly in the present. And the beauty of it is, as we sing their songs, they become traditional, and that process points to growth. And that growth is what we must resolve to be committed to. It is one thing to sing and be satisfied. It is quite another thing to want to see the singing grow, and that is the resolution I offer—to very loosely paraphrase Napoleon: We must sing and grow, sing and grow, always sing and grow!"

Committee reports were all accepted as presented to the Convention.

The Garden State Sacred Harp Singers then presented George and Jean Seiler, who have moved to New York State, with a plaque, signed by all the singers, thanking them for founding the Convention and local singings. The business session was then closed.

Singing resumed with Peter Irvine leading song on page 86. Leaders: Dick Levine 99; Bradford West 189; Gina Balestracci 268; Claire Chapin 213b; Richard Schmeidler 84; Jeff Sheppard 448; Shelbie Sheppard 211. Gina Balestracci led

song on page 62 as the singers took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by George Seiler.

Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice-Chairman - Susan Bingham; Treasurer - George Seiler; Secretary - Barbara Stamps.

## **ARROW ROCK SINGING** **Federated Church, Arrow Rock, Missouri** **May 16, 1998**

The fourth annual Arrow Rock Singing met at the Federated Church in Arrow Rock, Missouri on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Wendy Hofmann leading song on page 29t. Susan Green offered the morning prayer. Susan Green led song on page 523b; Richard Green 34b.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Jenni Wallace-Grate; Vice Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Secretary - Richard Green; Memorial Committee - Donna Walter and Gary Gronau; Finance - Jim Wood; Arranging Committee - Cindy Kissee and Susan Green; Locating - Wendy Hofmann and Susan Green.

Leaders: Keith Willard 39t; Jenny Willard 99; Jenni Wallace-Grate 31t; Wendy Hofmann 209; Becky Browne 313t; Charlie Obert 159; Gary Gronau 32t; Frances Mendenhall 236; Peter Nichols 454; Cindy Kissee 112; Anna Sylvester 386; Kathy Wood 68b.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Jenni Wallace-Grate leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Karen Isbell 485; Richard Green 47b; Donna Walter 178; Keith Willard 299; Jenny Willard 298; Becky Browne 222; Charlie Obert 192; Gary Gronau 385t; Frances Mendenhall 155; Peter Nichols 137; Cindy Kissee 27; Anna Sylvester 49t; Kathy Wood 373; Susan Green 474. Keith Willard offered Grace for lunch.

### **LUNCH**

Jenni Wallace-Grate brought the class to order by leading song on page 566. Leaders: Lonnie Hofmann and Thomas Willard 145b; Rebecca Green and Alison Grate 49t; George Krause 535; Karen Isbell 547; Richard Green 198; Aura Lee Furgason 231; Donna Walter 45t; Leila Leland 512; Keith Willard 106; R. Paul Drummond 85; Jenny Willard 349; Becky Browne 430.

Donna Walter presented the Memorial and led song on page 163b for the following deceased: Diana Nomad Cloud and John Wild. Gary Gronau gave an inspirational talk and led song on page 86 for the sick and shut-ins, which included: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jim Kropp, and Cheryl McClellan. The Memorial Lesson was concluded with prayer, and song on page 532 was led by Charlie Obert.

### **RECESS**

The singing resumed with Jenni Wallace-Grate leading song on page 147. Leaders: Tempe McLaughlin 45b; Frances Mendenhall 273; Cindy Kissee 63; Gary Gronau 436; Peter Nichols 117; R. Paul Drummond 142; Kathy Wood 515; Karen Isbell 215; Keith Willard 100; George Krause 213b; Jenny Willard 276.

Announcements were made. Thanks were given to the officers, all committee members, and to the singers. Jenni Wallace-Grate and Wendy Hofmann led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Wendy Hofmann.

Chairman - Jenni Wallace-Grate; Vice Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Secretary - Richard Green.

**MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee**  
**Saturday, May 16, 1998**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 63. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. Tim Reynolds welcomed everyone and led song on page 72b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Secretary and Arranging Committee: Cindy Franklin and David Carlton.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 34b, 373, 480 (by special request in memory of Beatrice Ezell, his mother, and Noal Mattox, brother of Clay Mattox); Gordon Wilkinson 475, 498; Josie Hyde 225t, 389; John Hocutt "Jesus Died For Me"; Wanda Capps 222, 269; Henry Guthery 240, 362; Cassie Franklin 350, 510; Sandy Scott 40, 128; John Hyde 129, 297.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Clayton Ezell leading song on page 123t.

Leaders: Judge Otis Knippers 45t; Edith Tate 73t, 75; Billy Williams 294, 28b; Sherry Guthery 340, 64; Travis Keeton 400, 392; Shelley Capps 143, 84; Cecil Sanders 145t; Lora Cargo 100 (for her brother in Texas, Floyd Screws), 454; Velton Chafin 144, 355; Cindy Franklin 358, 45t (in memory of Beatrice Ezell).

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 148 and 312b. Leaders: David Carlton 89, 270; Flarce Creel 460, 503. Clay Mattox led song on page 489b, and spoke of his deep appreciation to all the singers who attended this memorial singing. A motion was made to meet again every year with invitations given to everyone to attend.

Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 29t, 81t; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Harrison Creel 335; Harrison Creel, Shelley Capps, and Cassie Franklin 342; Margie Norwood 147t, 452b; Linton Ballinger 35, 36b; Jeanette Dewberry 217, 189, 380; Kerene Box 405, 408; Tim Reynolds 294 (by request). Tim Reynolds led song on page 32t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Gordon Wilkinson.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

**KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles (near Lexington),**  
**Kentucky**  
**May 16, 1998**

The seventeenth annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May 1998. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Raphael Finkel, Convener for the morning. Charles Coulston gave an invocation.

Raphael Finkel led song on page 73b. Leaders: Keith MacAdam 49b; Martha Wilson 38b, 78; Norma Yost 81, 59; Charles Coulston 155, 99; Bob Sears 47; Alix Baillie 344, 85; Ron Pen 524, 128; Raphael Finkel 66, 523b; Bob French 180, 245; Mary Brinkman 551, 147b.

## RECESS

Keith MacAdam brought the class to order leading song on page 569. Leaders: Cammi Adams 268; Norma Yost 117, 269; Martha Wilson 479, 159; Charles Coulston 209, 189; Bob Sears 147t, 63; Alix Baillie 504, 455.

The memorial lesson was given as follows: Mary Brinkman spoke of her mother, Margaret Smith Brinkman of Missouri who died January 18, 1998, then led song on page 49t in her memory; Keith MacAdam remembered his father, David L. MacAdam of New York who died March 9, 1998, then led song on page 31t in his memory; Ron Pen eulogized Edna Ritchie Baker, Kentucky, well-known Appalachian musician/folk singer, who died this past year, and then led song on page 159 in her memory. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Robert Adam 106; Raphael Finkel "Lansdowne" (his original composition); Bob French 49.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Charles Coulston leading song on page 313b. Leaders: Denise Morris 361, 362; Keith MacAdam 293, 196; Cammi Adams 291, 289; Norma Yost 146, 133; Charles Coulston 497; Alix Baillie 181, 148; Philip Todd 320, 368; Ron Pen 183, 35; Robert Adams 409; Raphael Finkel 528, 489; Bob Meek 515, 68b; Bob French 506, 30b; Denise Morris 402, 200; Keith MacAdam 40, 481; Norma Yost 107; Charles Coulston 300; Alix Baillie 191. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with song on page 267.

Organizing Committee Members: Mary Brinkman, Raphael Finkel, Keith MacAdam, Lorena Moore, Ron Pen; Secretary - Charles Coulston.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING Los Angeles, California May 16, 1998

The sixth annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California. The class was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 52t. Carri Patterson Grindon led the opening prayer. Gerry Hoffman, the chairman of last year's singing, now resides on the East Coast and was unable to attend. Leaders: Laura Russell 30t, 181; Ron Huss 125, 470; Natalie Hall 203, 200.

Jerry Schreiber called a business meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Vice Chairman - Rick Russell; Secretary - Susan Turpin; Treasurer - Mike Laube; Chaplain - Steven O'Leary; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith and Carolyn Deacy; Resolutions Committee - Al Grindon and Midge Harder; Memorial Lesson - Steven O'Leary. Leaders: Tom Ostwald 504, 269; Jon Rand 111b, 124; Susan Turpin 383, 99; Janice Hecksel 106, 485.

## RECESS

Carla Smith called the class back together leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Rick Russell 47b, 297; Lucy Jones 35, 365; Midge Harder 87, 535b; Karen Huss 236, 47t; Chris Thorman 46, 112; Carri Patterson Grindon 86, 213t; Johnny Wright 455, 145t. Johnny Wright (from Waco, Georgia) explained that Delta Airlines had given him a free ticket anywhere in the USA in apology for a guitar that had gotten broken on a flight to Germany with his band. Johnny decided to use his free ticket and come to Los Angeles.

Steven O'Leary gave the memorial lesson. He noted that the memorial lesson is less remote to him as he gets older and is pricked by loss. It didn't mean so much



when he was younger and couldn't imagine dying. In Los Angeles, singers have sung with us and passed on. Also, those dear to singers have passed on. In a graveyard, gravestones try to make a permanent marking. Singing seems to be the antithesis of permanence; what's more impermanent than a sound on the air? But, coming into the hollow square, we make a memorial more permanent and lasting than anything we carve in stone. Everything passes away. Nothing's permanent. The praise we sing is as permanent as anything in this world. As he read the names, he asked the class to remember that each person was precious to someone here. Those deceased: California - Leon Wilson, Mary Lou Jolley, and Peter Rydell. We sang 512 for the deceased.

In remembering the sick and shut-in, we find God in each other. Steven noted that he feels sustained by this singing community, that he experiences a powerful wave of Spirit washing through each voice that quenches our every thirst. We sang 510 for the sick and shut-in.

Al Grindon led songs on pages 40 and 28b. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Steven O'Leary.

#### LUNCH

Jerry Schreiber called the class back to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Fred Dexter 45t, 528; Mary Rose O'Leary 217, 318; Carla Smith 189, 222; Steven O'Leary 144, 260; Laura Russell 270, 271t; Jerry Schreiber 66, 362; Carolyn Deacy 456, 290; Colin Henein (from Ottawa, Canada) 228, 547.

#### RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class back to order with song on page 82. Leaders: Betty Herman 29t, 421; Dan Voznick 316, 141; Anne Friend 198, 277; Elizabeth Webb 159, 148; Johnny Wright 300; John Ostwald 117, 268; Midge Harder 500; Colin Henein 312b; Tom Ostwald 126; Chris Thorman 299.

Jerry Schreiber asked for reports from various committees to be given. The Treasurer, Mike Laube, reported that the donations exceeded our expenses for this singing, and that the excess funds will be used to purchase books to loan to visitors.

The Resolutions Committee Chairman, Al Grindon, thanked the members of the Arranging Committee, Carolyn Deacy and Carla Smith, for their able service, all who brought food, Susan Turpin and Don Jones for arranging for the location, Rick and Laura Russell for many, many things, and Jerry Schreiber for making it all happen. Finally we thank God for this day, safe travel, for the church to sing in, and for all who organized the singing.

There were announcements of upcoming singings. Jerry Schreiber and Rick Russell led song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. Steven O'Leary led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Vice Chairman - Rick Russell; Secretary - Susan Turpin.

## **CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Cleburne County, Alabama**

**May 17, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by B. M. Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Neal Prichard. B. M. Smith led song on page 284; Cecil Edwards led songs on pages 87 and 168.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:  
Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Arranging

Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: B. M. Smith 101t; Pearl Guier 40, 448b; Ruth Brown 49b, 82; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Alan Jones 143, 548; Barbara Swetman 354, 127; Michael Turner 59; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Roy Nelson 128, 283; Judy Jones 147t, 334; Henry Johnson 388, 288; Ester Brown 30t, 426; Donald Jones 274, 358.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by B. M. Smith leading song on page 503. Leaders: Pam Nunn 186, 269; Bobby Jackson 535b, 72b; Frances Jones 569, 45t; Mary L. Smith 43, 225t.

The memorial was given by Ruth Brown reading passages from songs that expressed our sentiments of those who have gone on to their reward. Sylvia Holland led 348b in memory of Albert Tolleson. Louise Holland led song on page 159 for the Brown family that included six members of one family: Roy Brown, Grady Brown and wife, Ruth Brown, Nellie Brown Lee, Minnie Brown Whitehurst, and her daughter Virginia Whitehurst. Cecil Edwards and Michael Turner led song on 68b for: Kimsey Cagle, Arnold Edwards, members of the Austin family (Shane Austin, Lois Lambert Austin, and Nettie Austin Davis), Ada Kerr, Willie Mae McClendon, Eva Edwards O'Kelly, Richard Green, Lee Martin (husband of Ora Wade Martin), and Arvid Brown.

B.M. Smith led song on page 28b for the sick and shut-ins. B. J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

A report from the cemetery committee was given by Charles Norton.

#### LUNCH

The singing resumed with B. M. Smith leading song on page 335. Leaders: Judy Mincey 347, 34t; Martha Woodard 345b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 119, 144; Harvey Austin 108t (in memory of his sister, Nettie Davis), 109; Carlene Griffin 122, 81t; Karen Reeves 139, 294; Nellie Mae White 129; Neal Prichard 566, 204; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Ginnie Prater 460, 146; George Garner 480, 454; Verlon Stiefel 420; Louise Holland 273, 222; B.J. Harris 452b, 303; Sylvia Holland 212, 111b; Don Bowen 475, 474; Sam Jones 421, 137; Florence Williams 490; Barbara Swetman 114, 318; Ruth Daniel 378t; Louise Owen and Cleo Clay 126. Announcements were made. B. M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by B.J. Harris.

Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

## NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH Empire (Walker County), Alabama May 17, 1998

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Canaan Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Wood; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield.

Leaders: Tim Gilmore 99, 101t; Gene Wakefield 100, 57, 56; Naomi Hagood 379, 378; Gertrude Wood 137, 186; Cassie Franklin 278, 74, 27; Cindy Franklin 123, 275, 343; Edith Tate 35, 37; Tim Gilmore 37.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 341, 566, and 78. Leaders: Ann Jett 269, 327, 546; Ann Jett and Cindy Franklin 198; Flarce Creel 475, 229, 39; Shelley Capps 146, 155; Shelley Capps and Cassie Franklin 405; Wanda Capps 36, 212, 112; Dorothea McCowan 120, 109, 497; John Hocutt 58, 144, 321; Harrison Creel 111, 512.

Announcements were made. Cindy Franklin led song on page 358 and Tim Gilmore led song on page 247 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Winfred Owens.

#### LUNCH

There was no singing in the afternoon.

Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Wood.

### **MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)**

#### **Chambers County, Alabama**

**May 23, 1998**

The annual all day singing of the Society was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Chairman Don Clark leading song on page 496t. Elder Ben S. Keeble, pastor of Mount Pisgah Church, offered the morning prayer.

After a short welcome address, Don Clark announced that by a previous appointment on the last first Sunday afternoon, officers for the society were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Chairman - Don Clark; Vice Chairman - John Etheridge; Secretary - Regina Clark. Don Clark led song on page 293b. Leaders: John Etheridge 145t, 345t; Regina Clark 100, 74b (for Mr. and Mrs. Theo Grayson and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark who were unable to attend); Velton Chafin 152, 86; Mike Jones 47b, 435; Elder Ben Keeble 440b, 47t; Henry Johnson 388, 288; Eugene Hickox 83b, 336t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 358, 361; Clarke Lee 563 (requested by Leonard Price); Leonard price 290 (by request and to remember Ralph and Lurlean Heath); Jackie Tanner 182, 298.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 88t. Leaders: G.C. Waldrep 497, 137 (for Virgil Phillips); Norma Latham 540; Carla Smith 150, 157; Bill Hogan 499, 45b; Jerry Schreiber 369, 489; Coy Ivey 449; Tommie Spurlock 183; Earl Johnson 164; Mia Makris 348t; S.T. Reed 567; Annie Lee Price 300; Margie Smith 507b; James Slaughter 229.

#### RECESS

The third session was called to order by Vice Chairman John Etheridge leading song on page 61. Leaders: B.M. Smith 559; Johnny Lee 511b; Bobby Jackson 571 (in memory of his mother, Annie Mae Jackson of Lafayette, Alabama, and in honor of all his brothers and sisters in attendance: Virginia Belcher, George (Pete) Jackson, Nick A. Jackson, Beth Golden, and Carol Moore); Rodney Ivey 270; Julie Lee 511t (in memory of her grandmother, Sarah Peacock); Tor Bejnar 38t; Helen Bryson 36b (in memory of Kim Cagle and Vennie Faith); Wayne Morgan 77t; Bud Oliver 573; J.A. Mosley 572; Phil Slay 159; DeWayne Hawthorne 398b; Alice Mosley 45t; Curtis Rogers 447t; Floy Wilder 142.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Clark leading "Trusting". Leaders: Isabelle Green 282; Eloise Avery 478; Freeman Wootten 384; Brenda Merritt 522; Syble Adams 505; Cassie Franklin 414; Marlon Wootten 543; Mattie Townsel 313; Louis Hughes 31t; Eloise Wootten 186; Cindy Franklin 486; Lois Stanson 99; Alice Bejnar 337; Jewell Wootten 515; Riley Lee 485; Chita Blakeley 309; Jenny Gurley 112; John Merritt 395b, followed by the

reading of "Talitha Cumi", an original poem written by John Merritt; Everette Denney 335.

#### RECESS

John Etheridge called the second session of the afternoon to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 101t; Kate Merritt 171; Lonnie Rogers 141; M.D. Avery 278b; Dana Merritt 276; Jonathan Blakeley 30b; Richard DeLong 98; Jeannette DePoy 89; Denise Burlson 216 (in memory of Erma Jones and Ila McGhee); Cathy White 239; John Plunkett 314; Stanley Smith 140; Aubrey Barfield 220; Bill Farris 401; Mary Elizabeth Lee and Jimmie Lou Youngblood 144 (by special request); Clarke Lee 527 (for David and Kathy Lee and Don Clark); Tommie Spurlock 264b (remembering Ralph and Lurleen Heath who are now in a nursing home).

Announcements were made. Don Clark thanked the class for \$200.25 for the minute fund and for expenses. We invite everyone to meet us here again on Saturday, May 22, 1999. The song on page 62 was used for the closing song with the class taking a parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Don L. Clark; Vice Chairman - John Etheridge; Secretary - Regina Clark.

### **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, New York May 23, 1998**

A bonus New York State Regional Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 23, 1998 at Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, New York. Dan Brittain, organizer, called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. with songs on pages 31b and 30t. Dan Brittain asked Margaret Bornick to act as secretary.

Leaders: Roland Hutchison 28t, 66; Joni Seidenstein 178, 148; Ginny Huszagh 228, 313b; Kathy Schillemi 146, 47t; Barbara Swetman 46, 313t; Marie Hvezda 147t, 268; Deanna Anderson 107, 86; Gina Balestracci 114, 430; Margaret Bornick 117, 38b; George Seiler 503, 480.

#### RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class to order leading songs on pages 31t and 302.

Leaders: Hugh Anderson 40; Tim Brown 143, 84; Adrian Mariana 299, 504; Allen Fannin 99, 70b; Ronald Bornick 159, 454; Roland Hutchison 452, 112; Scott Luscombe 324, 479; Kathleen Forrest 155, 48t; Ginnie Huszagh 344, 195; Joni Seidenstein 312b, 87; Kathy Schillemi 276, 186.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Dan Brittain leading song on page 72t. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 456, 536; Margaret Bornick 236; Deanna Anderson 277; Harriet Carter 122; Nancy Crawford 408; Gina Balestracci 210, 71; Marie Hvezda 294, 335; George Seiler 68, 168; Adrian Mariana 300, 183; Dan Brittain 207, 269; Tim Brown 38t, 198; Allen Fannin 297, 515b; Hugh Anderson 481.

#### RECESS

Roland Hutchison brought the class to order leading songs on pages 351 and 518. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 260, 203; Kathleen Forrest 288, 455; Ronald Bornick 497, 189b; Ginnie Huszagh 45, 191; Joni Seidenstein 551; Kathy Schillemi 49b; Margaret Bornick 347, 472; Harriet Carter 569b; Nancy Crawford 353; Gina Balestracci 245.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain closed the singing at 4:00 p.m. with song on page 521. The class was dismissed with prayer led by George Seiler.

Chairman - Dan Brittain; Secretary - Margaret Bornick.

**HIGHER GROUND SINGING**  
**United Ministries Center, Terre Haute, Indiana**  
**May 23, 1998**

The third annual session of the Higher Ground Singing was called to order by David Rust leading song on page 38t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Marlene Rust; Secretary - Don Bardsley; Treasurer - Bill Shetter; Arranging Committee - Carolyn Craig.

Leaders: Marlene Rust 84; Bill Shetter 183; Don Bardsley 277; Carolyn Craig 182; Lee Steinmetz 154; Daryl Mayberry 27; Karen Hojnacki 189; Eloise Clark 276; Pete Ellertsen 312; Janet Fraembs 91; Janet Borman 441; Laurel Cornell 143; Berkley Moore 114; Bill Shetter 350; Molly Evans 515; Don Bardsley 497.

**RECESS**

Donna Purdom brought the class back into session leading song on page 40.

Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 491; John Bealle 218; Peggy Brayfield 235; David Rust 386; Mike Veech 481; Carolyn Craig 65; Daryl Mayberry 373; Karen Hojnacki 145b; Eloise Clark 532; Pete Ellertsen 59; Janet Fraembs 335; Lee Steinmetz 565. Lee Steinmetz led the class in prayer.

**LUNCH**

David Rust called the class together leading song on page 299. Leaders: Janet Borman 547; Laurel Cornell 254; Berkley Moore 99; Bill Shetter 556; Molly Evans 203; Don Bardsley 480; Donna Purdom 454; John Bealle 200; Peggy Brayfield 147t; David Rust 144; Mike Veech 68b; Carolyn Craig 178; Daryl Mayberry 475; Karen Hojnacki 215; Eloise Clark 34b; Pete Ellersten 87; Janet Fraembs 385t.

**RECESS**

Janet Borman called the class to order leading song on page 384. Leaders: Marlene Rust 66; Berkley Moore 338; Bill Shetter 149; Molly Evans 168; Don Bardsley 120; Donna Purdom 86; John Bealle 543; Peggy Brayfield 504; David Rust 74b; Mike Veech 107; Carolyn Craig 268; Daryl Mayberry 198; Karen Hojnacki 192; Eloise Clark 56b; Pete Ellertsen 72b; Peggy Brayfield 385; Janet Borman 344; Berkley Moore 290; Bill Shetter 133.

Announcements were made. The states of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio were represented with 18 leaders and 26 singers. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

Songs on pages 347 and 62 were used for the closing songs, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Janet Fraembs.

Chairmen - Marlene Rust; Secretary - Don Bardsley; Treasurer - Bill Shetter.

**GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Morgan County, Alabama**  
**May 24, 1998**

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 46, 75, and 381. The morning prayer was offered by David Ivey.

Leaders: Arvid Holmes 295; Linton Ballinger 343, 354; Teresa Ballinger 47t, 108t; Stuart Ivey 299, 475; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 175; Allison Ivey 142, 460; Richard Ivey 134, 145b; Christine Leeth 127, 340; Jimmy Ballinger 111b, 565; Nancy Thompson and Alta Self 40, 212, 405.

## RECESS

Singing resumed with Milford Cobbs and Jane Long leading song number 323b. Leaders: David Ivey 332, 166; Jonathon Thompson 384, 84; Marie Guthrie 222, 192; Brandon Thompson 274, 335; Karen Ivey 83t, 176t, 176b; Gerald Holmes 203, 68b, 268; Delone Cobbs 341, 100; Milford Cobbs 80b. Prayer was offered by Hershell King and the class was dismissed for lunch.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order after enjoying a bountiful lunch by Milford Cobbs leading 358 (by request of his grandson, Chris).

Milford Cobbs led song on page 147t as a memorial lesson for Mrs. Gertie Graham, Mrs. Ruby Graham, and Hascal Cobbs. These members of our community passed away since our last May singing and will be missed by all. Leaders: David Roberson 146, 220; Eunice Kimbrell 535, 448t; Judy Caudle 448b, 450; Dexter Cobbs 333, 345; Hershell King 285, 348; Lessie Grant 108b, 61; Wilda Holmes 441, 39b; Craig Holmes 111t; Susan Holmes 373, 45t; Odom Hawkins 32t, 137; Buckley Hopper 300, 186; Glenda Hopper 44, 139; Rhoda Norris 498; Dan Hopper 451, 428, 282; J.L. Hopper 296, 122. Milford Cobbs led "That Beautiful Land" as the closing song and prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

No new officers were elected on this date so they remain as:

Chairman - Milford Cobbs, Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes, and Secretary - Judy Caudle.

## **POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 24, 1998**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called together by Mironel Swafford leading song on page 569. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Mironel Swafford then led song on page 155; Florence Williams 290; Charlene Wallace 186, 276; Margie Smith 405, 225t.

The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Mironel Swafford 40; Jerry Schreiber 84, 556; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 142; George Garner 212, 222; Jimmie Denney 143, 313t; Nancy Allen 146; G.C. Waldrep 512, 475; Mia Makris 354b, 388; Felton Denney 299, 503.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Florence Williams leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 197, 439; B.M. Smith 497, 284; Reba Stanford 318, 335; Carla Smith 94, 498.

The memorial lesson was held by Shelbie Sheppard. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 499 and 45t for the following deceased: Johnny Williams, Hoyt Pope, Myrtice Hughes, Roland Brown, Josie McAlpin, Willie Mae McClendon, Kim Cagle, and Vennie Faith.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered with Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 127. The memorial session was closed with prayer by Louis Hughes. The pastor of the church, Rev. Mike Benefield, welcomed everyone, and blessed the food.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Mironel Swafford leading song on page 345. Leaders: Richard DeLong 379, 132; Carlene Griffin 139, 448b; Louis Hughes

426, 153; Allison Dodson 145b; Norma Latham 452, 78; Bobby Jackson 535, 72b; C.W. Garner 73, 87; Avis Robinson 59, 457; Mildred Patterson 89, 339; Katherine Benefield 108, 445; Jerry Schreiber 120, 35; Carla Smith 191, 213; G.C. Waldrep 306, 347; Lonnie Rogers 348.

After announcements, Mironel Swafford and Florence Williams led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE**

**Hamilton, Alabama**

**May 24, 1998**

The sixty-third session of the the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on on page 68b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Frank Woods. Estes Jackson led song on page 48t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 225t, 155; Margaret Keeton 171, 276; Faye Donaldson 432, 299; Pernie Pelfrey 413, 74b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 103; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 275; Willodean Barton 418, 290; Mae Conwill 75, 142; Elgie Mae Woods 176t, 216, 317; Erselle Jackson 73t, 426t.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 32t and 129. Leaders: Beatrice Brewer 112, 460; Gladys Bonds 34b, 146 (for L.E.

Hannah who was unable to attend); Travis Keeton 42, 35 (for Arnold Moore), 182 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson); Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Gravis Ballinger 99, 101t; Estes Jackson 45t.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 300, 482; Elder Frank Woods 222, 179, 269; Warren Steel 57, 150, 396; Marie Aldridge 217, 192; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405, 294; Edith Tate 157, 167; Lisa Geist 120, 178, 327; Julietta Haynes 430, 440; John Hyde 61, 63; Josie Hyde 183; Faye Donaldson and Gene Wakefield 480; Travis Keeton 273, 475; Larry Ballinger 270; Warren Steel 285t.

Estes Jackson led song on page 69b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama**

**May 24, 1998**

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Lora Cargo leading song on page 52. The morning prayer was led by John Jenkins.

Lora Cargo led song on page 59. Leaders: Dolores Wilks 143, 294; Dick Nail 312, 300; Florence Garner 208, 306; Cecil Sanders 123; Regina Glass 229, 215; Flarce Creel 63, 74; John Jenkins 64, 354b; Ann Jett 448b, 141; Cindy Franklin 399, 503.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by R.G. Nail leading songs on pages 155 and 47b. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 217 (for Floyd Screws, past Chairman, who was unable to attend); Tim Whitaker led the class in prayer and song on page 100; Lora Cargo "Not Made With Hands" (by request); Aubrey Branham and Whitney Branham 551b, 45t; Harrison Creel 111; Mamie Jenkins and John Jenkins 85, 328, 348.

Lora Cargo led song on page 146 in memory of all the loved ones that have passed away. Margaret Aderholt led song on page 213 for the sick and shut-ins. Pastor Ables welcomed everyone and led the noon prayer.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order by Lora Cargo leading song on page 222. Leaders: Alicia Whitaker 119, 480; Ann Ballard 274, 204; Cindy Franklin 270, 457; Dorothea McCowan 512, 120; Buell Cobb 75, 138, 358; Nell Thorsby 30, 129; Lena Wakefield 475, 546; Margaret Aderholt 186, 203, 277; Velton Chafin 225t, 134; Dustin McCowan 354; John Hocutt 316, 317; Kathleen Traywick 448. Announcements were made. Lora Cargo led song on page 460 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ables, pastor of Sardis Baptist Church.

Chairman - Lora Cargo; Vice Chairman and Arranging Committee - Dick Nail; Secretary - Dolores Wilks.

## MIDWEST CONVENTION

**Chicago, Illinois**

**May 30-31, 1998**

**Saturday, May 30**

The thirteenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 1998 at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago, Illinois with Chairman David Barford leading song on page 207. David Barford welcomed singers from near and far. David Lee led the class in prayer. Leaders: Kathy Krug 107; Connie Karduck 475; Jerry Enright 29t; Francis Gurtz 128; Jerilyn Schumacher 79; Julie Vea 101t; Suzanne Flandreau 163t; Jim Page 160t; Debbie Barford 39t; Ann Heider 362; Constance Leininger 384; Gary Gronau 137; Lois Hurt 551; Kelly Brest Van Kempen 145b; Patricia Butterfield 474; Al Frank 361.

## RECESS

The morning session resumed with David Barford leading song on page 27.

Leaders: Joanne Hoover 66; Henry Schuman 432.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman - D. J. Hatfield; Vice Chairmen - Ann Heider and Steve Warner; Secretary - Debbie Barford; Assistant Secretary - Lorena Moore; Arranging Committee - Connie Karduck, Lisa Grayson, Julie Vea, Richard DeLong, and Jan Ketelle; Memorial Committee - Judy Hauff, David Ivey, Jeannette DePoy, and Denise Kania; Finance Committee - Kelly Brest Van Kempen, John Bailey, and Steven Levine; Resolutions Committee - Judy Mincey, Dean Slaton, Beth Hoffman Reed, and David Lee; Chaplain - Shelley Robbins.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 538; Berkley Moore 29; Kit Pfau 58; Dave Ressler 419; Denise Kania 217; Brad Oglesby 460; Jerome Colburn 229; Kathy Lee 34b; Bob Meek 441; Shelbie Sheppard 195.

## RECESS

D. J. Hatfield brought the class back with song on page 145t. Leaders: Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Rodney Ivey 186; Martha Beverly 497; Jonathan Frank and



Nathan Barford 260; Kathleen Thro 36b; Louis Hughes 480; Daryl Mayberry 454; Dan Havens 86; Sandy Schultheis 99; Steven Levine 350; Elene Stovall 528; Paul Foster 442; Janet Borman 440; Coy Ivey 222.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ann Heider and Steve Warner leading song on page 84. Leaders: Don Bowen 77t; Carolyn Deacey 290; Mark Davis 354; Kay Bieszczad 45t; Lisa Grayson 428; Don Howard 142; Marcia Johnson 179; Richard DeLong 224; Jessica Roberts 532; Jeff Sheppard 316; Petrina Patti 324; Brad Honycut 294; Reba Dell Windom 192; David Lee 117; Kathryn Bowers 178; Ted Mercer 216.

#### RECESS

D. J. Hatfield and Steve Warner brought the class back leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Emmie Barford 113; Jeb Owen 328; Pauline Childers 498; Stephen O'Leary 160b; Aura Lee Furguson 535; Jessie Roberts 486; Kathy Williams 383; David Ivey 112; Shelley Robbins 299; Jeannette DePoy 436; Jim Pfau 201; Lorena Moore 148; Chandler York 56t; Cassie Franklin 269; Mark Davis 240; Beth Todd 335.

The arranging committee announced the total number of songs sung, and chaplain Shelley Robbins dismissed the class with a prayer.

#### Sunday, May 31

The Sunday morning session of the Convention began at 9:30 a.m in Ida Noyes Hall of the University of Chicago with Chairman D. J. Hatfield leading song on page 61.

Leaders: Anne Heider and Steve Warner 52t; Beverly Enright 543; Colette Miller 348b; Tom Owen 163b; Pam Nunn 236; Gordon Olsen 344; Kris Richardson 335; Joe Todd 270; Amy Lee 323b; Warren Steel 377; Sue Kessel 304; Mike Hinton 365; Beth Hoffman Reed 299; Melanie Hauff 277.

#### RECESS

D. J. Hatfield called the class back to order leading song on page 171. Leaders: Kathy Kaiser 203; Rich Overturf 448b; Ashley Roberts 504; Ted Johnson 89; Martha Durand 127; David Wright 302; Lorraine Sawyer 567; Paul Wyatt 47t; Deborah Johnson 133; Dean Slaton 498; Hannah Roberts 143; Jim Solheim 444.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Warner and Anne Heider leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Midge Olsen 198; Sarah Davie 503; Steve Schmidgall 319. Judy Hauff began the memorial lesson. "In 1988 David Ivey attended his second Midwest Convention; he's been here many times since. He was asked to serve on the Memorial Committee at that time, and he did so, with distinction. He chose to single out during that Memorial, a man named D. T. White, whom many of you knew, although, many in this room did not. When Ted Mercer and I made our first wild rush down South in 1985, he was one of the first people we met, and David mentioned exactly that fact in his Memorial. He said, 'He didn't wait for people to come to him, he came to them,' and that was exactly the experience we had. We jumped off the plane in Atlanta, raced over to Holly Springs, stood around blinking at the sights that greeted us, and here through the crowd comes D. T. White, who promptly took charge of us, steered us straight over to his car, popped the trunk, and began loading us up with cookies, 'Bama fans, whistle-shaped lollipops, and I don't know what else, keeping up that characteristic line of patter of his that had everyone giggling all day. So of course we were delighted with D. T. White, and thought the world of him, but within just a couple of years he was snatched away. We'd been having such a good time, we didn't even

think in those terms. But suddenly he was gone, and it was a bad jolt for us. He was the first of the jolts, but not the last.”

Judy continued, “The longer we sing this music, the more likely we are to know the names on the list. Richard DeLong has said he can look around the square, and see faces that he no longer sees, and hear voices he no longer hears. I can look around myself, at Jeff Sheppard, and think of Ruby Gibson, or look at Pauline Childers, and think of many people, maybe Mamie Creel, now; or at Shelbie Sheppard and Pam Nunn, and think of Lessie Cates; at Reba Dell Windom, and think of Willa Mae Holt, Margie Lacy, Noah Lacy, and Leonard Lacy; at Ted Johnson, and think of his brother, Don Johnson, at Connie Karduck, and think of her mother—people I knew, and miss.”

“Up here we are 20, 30, 40, 50-somethings, but down South it’s more like 60, 70, or 80-somethings, and this is why the Memorial Lesson was actually made a part of the singing, because everyone would lead their tune as a memorial for someone they loved.”

“I’ve had this persistent idea for really a long time that I am a visitor, a learner, a student; I’m a beginner, I’m a borrower in this tradition, an idea that I’ve held onto, but it doesn’t work in the face of the way other people let me know what they think my role is. When I’m made to feel like family, can I just step in, and step back out of this? I guess not; as far as Sacred Harp is concerned, you are what you are—or maybe you are what you sing, not to mention what you eat.” Asking David Ivey to lead for those from the South, Judy then read the list of the deceased as follows: Roberta Friend, Ingeborg Hoover, Natale Ambrogi, Frieda Storment, Lisa Schlaggar, and George Barford - Illinois; Leland Beckus and Kevin Blood - New Mexico; Willa Mae Holt, Venie Faith, and Anne Black - Georgia; Kim Cagle, Estelle Napier, Hollis Sizemore, Hady Creel, Mamie Creel, and Seldon Creel - Alabama; Ray Davis - Mississippi; Opan Johnson, Ruth Reid, and Audre Johnston Floyd - Florida; Rita Gorman - Pennsylvania; Joan Hamre - Iowa; Jean Ritter and Usha Helweg - Michigan; Dottie Horn, Leon Wilson, and Pete Rydell - California; William Whitelaw, Karen Wlard, and Carol Kirchner - Minnesota; Grace Vandenburg and Roberta Opedahl - Wisconsin; Louie Smith - Texas; Jane Thomas - England.

David Ivey prefaced his lesson with the following: “We lead for singers, we lead for listeners, we lead to remember our relatives and friends. Mr. Hollis Sizemore was a listener who was just at our singing at Huntsville early in May; some of these, Kim and Hazel Cagle have made the trip up here several times. What Judy said about feeling like coming into the tradition struck me, because one thing I’ve been most thankful for in the singing as it has spread North, and as you folks have become Sacred Harp singers yourselves, you have embraced the tradition of Sacred Harp as it has been maintained through the many years. You could have had your own singings, done things different ways, chosen not to have Memorial Lessons, chosen not to do things in the way the tradition has been, but you didn’t.”

“And I think because of that over the years, that you are traditional singers, and we really appreciate your support when you come to sing with us. We appreciate your remembering people in the Memorial Lesson.” He then led 87 for the Southern deceased. Denise Kania, cradling her sleeping daughter, led 122 for all the others.

The list of sick and shut-ins was then read: Essie Calvert, Ernie Jett, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Woodie Walker - Alabama; Verl Gurtz and Ethel Klein - Florida; Mary Frances Dannals, Horace DeLong, Gladys Harper, Lil Huener, Beth Huener, C. Huener, and

Emma Kelly - Georgia; Danny Albrecht and Marie Davie - Minnesota; Richard Allison and Liz Jacobs - Indiana; Isabel Arnold - Massachusetts; Kelly Beard - Texas; Dorothy Conniff - Wisconsin; Delores Doss, Nurse Knighton, and Frances Giunchedi - Illinois; Bernice Embry, Cleo Hawkins, and Hugh Bill McGuire - Mississippi; Mel Kersey - Tennessee; Viola Smith - Michigan; Ursula Woodfield - New York.

Jeannette DePoy led 427t after these moving comments: "Some of you may know that my mother passed away about two months ago, and I was given the most beautiful gift before she died. I had the opportunity to say everything I ever wanted to say to her before she died. Nothing was left unsaid between us. I say this to remind you of the people whose names are on this list. You can have a wonderful gift too; you have the opportunity to say to all of those people on that list how much you love them. Don't wait. Don't wait, thinking that they'll be at the next singing and you'll get a chance to talk to them then. Say it now. Let them know, and their families and their friends know, how much you love them."

After her lesson, Judy Hauff added, "I left one name off the sick and shut-in list deliberately, because I got a call the other night that was another bad jolt. It was Joyce Walton. Many of you know Joyce and Jap Walton; they are as devoted to Sacred Harp as anybody could be, and have taught singing schools and travelled together for years; Jap himself was an Arranging Committeeman at this Convention at least twice. He suffered a stroke almost two years ago, and they have been unable to go almost anywhere. I would like to lead a song that Jap so often leads. I understand the hymn to this tune was written by his aunt. Please skip the notes and sing the first and third verses; repeat the third verse." The class then sang 420, which concluded the Memorial Lesson.

Martha Henderson led the class in song on page 445. Chaplain Shelley Robbins led the class in prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

D. J. Hatfield brought the class back together leading song on page 97. Leaders: Lisa Davis 200; Jacob Griffith 542; Anna Pfau 99; Kathy Wallace 506; Buell Cobb 398; Gretchen Pfau 312b; Charles Wells and Matt Wells 49b, 300; Kiri Miller 455; Allison Stovall, Elene Stovall, and Linda Thomas 192; Chandler York, Jeremy York, and Maurice York "Gilbert" (by Jeremy York), 276; Paula McGray 391; Keith Willard 32t; Judy Hauff 536; Johanna Fabke "Boulder" (by Ted Johnson).

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jan Ketelle leading song on 212. Leaders: Larry Nothwehr 28b; James Gingerich 29t; Jenny Willard 274t; Samuel Sommers 422; Alice Bejnar 490; Carol Buche 297; Carol Crawford 34t; Wendy Wahn 480; John Seaton 47t; Rachel Airmet 457; Bill Hamblin 155; Gladys Epting 146; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 424.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Judy Mincey spoke for the Resolution Committee: "The Resolution Committee would like to offer thanks for this marvelous singing. A special thanks to the Irish American Heritage Center, the University of Chicago Folklore Society, and especially to the U of C Sacred Harp singers, Kiri Miller and her crew, for helping to secure this marvelous space; to the Locating Committee and to all of the other committees. You don't know what it's like to put on a show this big, but just get yourself on one of these committees and find out how much work it really is. It's a joy, but it's also great labor, and everybody needs to serve".

“Many thanks to all of the cooks who brought the amazing food, with a special heartfelt thank you to Kate Thomas and Nora Storment, who did all the food set-out, drinks, and clean-up; to Sue Kessell for arranging the splendid social on Saturday night; to all the other committee members and officers, you all have turned this into a must-not-miss event for any Sacred Harp singer in the country. To everyone else who helped with set-up and clean-up, all this chair-moving, you guys are terrific. Many thanks to the Chairman, D.J. Hatfield, and especially to all you singers, those of you who came from everywhere, from all over the country, and to all of you locals who housed us, fed us, carried us back and forth, our hearts are full; and especially to God our Father, who gave us voices to lift in His praise”.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings across the country. After taking “The Parting Hand”, the class was dismissed with prayer by Chaplain Shelley Robbins.

Chairman - D.J. Hatfield; Vice Chairmen - Anne Heider and Steve Warner; Secretary - Debbie Barford; Assistant Secretary - Lorena Moore.

## **NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING** **Berryville, Virginia** **June 6, 1998**

The fifth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kelly Macklin leading song on page 61. The morning prayer was led by Marilyn Estep.

Leaders: John delRe 370; Gail Doss 137; Mary Wright 290; Mary Ann Daly 102; Evan Duncan 224; Leyland delRe 212; Craig Baughan 229; Clare Chapin 344; Beth Hoffman-Reed 299; Kat Kinkade 419; Hal Kunkel 304; Cathy Tucker 146.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Cathy Tucker; Treasurer - Kat Kinkade; Arranging Committee - Stephen McMaster and John delRe; Memorial Committee - Frank Evans.

Leaders: Debbie Barford 218; Stephen McMaster 540; Jim Wantland 39; Blake Morris 505; Guy Bankes 287.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Paula McGray leading song on page 47t.

Leaders: Fred Beardsley 149; Bonnie Toper 200; Marilyn Estep 504; Diane Minnella 286; Paula McGray 327; Pat Temple 497; Frank Evans 217; Iris Knell 29t; Bob Hall 228; Kacy Pate, Peter Pate, and Zachary Pate 442; Gerry Hoffman 510; Marty DeNys 547; Ellie Soler 82t; John Daniel delRe 49b; Peter Pate 523; Joyce Saxon 35; Lewis Naylor 347; Kelly Macklin 142.

At this time the memorial lesson was held. Frank Evans led song on page 135, read the names of the deceased, and asked that each be remembered to the class by the person who placed their name on the list. Those remembered were: George Barford, Susan Wantland, Edna Lundgren, Graham Campbell, William Mackintosh, Tom Koetting, Fred Lloyd, Bill Rhoden, Elizabeth Lord Hall, Earl Moore, and Ricki Charlotte.

Frank Evans led song on 48t for the sick and shut-ins: Tom Padwa, Joan Rubin, Helen Marcus, Evelyn Wade, Caroline Walls, and Mary Hulbert.

Leaders: Gail Doss 34b; Mary Wright 274t; Mary Ann Daly 77t; Evan Duncan 487. Marilyn Estep led the class in prayer before lunch.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Paula McGray leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Beth Hoffman-Reed 148; Kat Kinkaid 163t; Clare Chapin 163b; Hal Kunkel 302; Lewis Naylor 452b; Craig Baughan 390; Cathy Tucker 480; Debbie Barford 269; Bev Oneida 291; Stephen McMaster 446; Jim Wantland 191; Leyland delRe 144; Blake Morris 313; Guy Banks 515; Fred Beardsley 513; Bonnie Tober 186; Marilyn Estep 268; Paula McGray 542; Gerry Hoffman 383; Ellie Soler 46; Diane Minnella 340; Pat Temple 312; Frank Evans 284; Iris Knell 178; Peter Pate 37b; Joyce Saxon 84; Gerry Hoffman 254; Bob Hall 189; Kacy Pate 354; Marty DeNys 454; Debbie Barford 384; John delRe 110; Ellie Soler 47b; Guy Banks 198; Diane Minnella 448; Paula McGray 320; Kat Kinkade 222; Bev Oneida 203; Hal Kunkel 430.

Kelly Macklin thanked the class for coming, and for all the help from officers and committee members. Kelly Macklin led songs on pages 377 and 57t as the closing songs. Marilyn Estep dismissed the class with prayer.

After a brief break, many singers stayed to attend a one hour singing on new compositions and songs from other shape note books, led by Kat Kinkade and Blake Morris.

Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretaries - Cathy Tucker and John delRe.

**HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH**  
**Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 & U.S. 27 South**  
**June 6-7, 1998**  
**Saturday, June 6**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in June and Saturday before at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church. The singing was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 453. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 85; Mary Florence Smith 421; Geneva Prichard 146; Teenie Moody 144; Danny Griffin 318; S. T. Reed 176b; Henry Zittrouer 270; Tokay Shumake 35; Curtis Owen 30; Lucile Gunnels 218; Don Bowen 283; Helen Bryson 522; Bud Oliver 145; Leola Smith 234; John Plunkett 284; Henry Johnson 56; Jeannette DePoy 448; Frances Mary D'Andrea 203; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565.

**RECESS**

The class was called together with Phillip Langley leading song on page 142. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 299; Cathy White 84; Bryan Black 442; Dollie Hudgins and Richard DeLong 278b (Mrs. Dollie Hudgins, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, and Judy Mincey celebrated their birthdays); Amanda Denson 276; Florice Akin 277; Kenneth DeLong 572; Flarce Creel 475; Karen Morris 383; Reba Windom 216; Linda Sides 148; Cassie Franklin 215; Tim Cook 474; Alice Watkins 415; Sandy Scott 128; Susan Posey 58; Jack Smith 192; Coy Ivey 384.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee - Florice Akin, Mary F. Smith, and Debra Langley.

Leaders: Cindy Franklin 362; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Jennifer Kearns 358; Kelly Morris 38b; M.H. Creel 530; Edith Owen 490; Bobby Jackson 388; Ann Jett 327; Felton Denney 155.

**LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw leading song on page 324. Leaders: B.M. Smith 28b; Marie Aldridge 304; Debra Langley

and Vicki Lopaz 45t; J.C. Denney 143; Buell Cobb 131b; Becky Hafner Camp 373; Ted Mercer 302; Michele Rogan 236; John Feddersen 569b; Elene Stovall 556; Josh Rogan 280; Henry Schuman 498; Reed Coates 551; Lynda Hambourger 472; Elder Marshall Avery 53; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Jerilyn Schumacher 344; Eloise Avery 426; Gary Rogan 480; Nancy Newell 163; Jeb Owen 548.

#### RECESS

Robert Rivers, II and Judy Henry called the class together leading song on page 212. Leaders: Katharine Manning 500; Bruce Coates 31b; Matt Wells 29; Jon Giles 250; Judy Mincey 540; Jerry Schreiber 550; Kathy Williams 208; Laura Clauson 228; Sharona Nelson 36b; Vivian Rogan 535; Beverly Coates 492; Peggy Loddengaard 61; Tim Gee 191; Liz Bryant 377; David McGukin 326; Diane Avery 145; Scott DePoy, Tom Edwards, and Richard DeLong 224; John Garst 338.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Marcia Tucker, and Betty Harris led page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

#### Sunday, June 7

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 60. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Henry Bizzell. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 105 for Kelly Beard (who was unable to attend). Leaders: Carlene Griffin 63; Mildred Patterson 274; Katherine Benefield 378; Tommy McGraw 268; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Jeannette DePoy 569b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Daphene Causey 391; John Hollingsworth 77b; Jon Patrick Gregg 94; Reed Coates 358; Charles Woods 59; Josh Rogan 110; Raymond Hamrick 350; Robby Rivers, II 454; Beverly Coates 313b; Laura Clauson 367; Sharona Nelson 107; Edith Tate 532; B.J. Harris 503.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Don Bowen leading song on page 171. Leaders: Michelle Rogan 40; Jim Ballinger 84; Kathy Williams 273; Marie Aldridge 217; Richard DeLong 507; David Carlton 48; Timothy Haley 384; Larry Ballinger 119; Vivian Rogan 282; Katharine Manning 434; Rita Haley 128; Sheri Taylor 306; Curtis Owen 441; Wesley Haley 198.

Memorial Lesson: Florice Akin led song on page 48 in memory of Reynold Akin and Barney Akin. Richard DeLong led song on page 390 in memory of Kimzy Cagle. Kathy Williams led song on page 213 for the following deceased: Veenie Faith, Anne Block, Susan Wantland, Willa Mae Holt, Hadyn Creel, Josie McAlpin, Willie Mae McClendon, Gertrude Bateman, John Forman, Seldon Creel, Vernice Calvert; Ila McGhee, Mamie Creel, Ozetta Gilliland, Keterina Sanders, Lewis Smith, Louise Shaddinger, and Ferrell League.

For all the sick and shut-ins, Judy Mincey led song on page 50b and Lonnie Rogers led song on page 348. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 475; Ted Mercer 349; Henry Schuman 432.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Louis Hughes, Sr. leading songs on pages 31 and 146. Leaders: Noel Rush 479; Lynda Hambourger 122; Jon Giles 182; Matt Wells 300; Jerilyn Schumacher 269; Nancy Newell 178; Jerry Schreiber 446; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Gary Rogan 285; Edith Owen 34b; Bruce Coates 49b; Peggy Loddengaard 445; Tim Gee 210; Helen Bryson 462; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 499; Laura Akerman 111b; Estelle Flowers 338; Liz Bryant 32b;

Jeff Sheppard 176; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Richard DeLong and Charlene Wallace 149.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Debra Langley and Phillip Langley leading songs on pages 222 and 215. Leaders: Lori Goode 369; Bonnie Flowers 56b; Teenie Moody and Tommy McGraw 99; Mary Florence Smith 430; Louise Holland 147 (for Robert Rivers, III); Earlis McGraw 76b; Lonnie Rogers 97 (by request). Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.  
Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

### LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

June 7, 1998

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 74t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t, 48t; Norma Latham 34b, 56b; Jackie Tanner 47t; Shane Wootten 39t, 345b; Tony Ivey 74b, 176b; Marlon Wootten 426t, 49t; Rex Wilks 47b, 53; Hershell King 340, 348b; Patsy Gentle 63, 128; Leola Smith 43, 389; Mattie Townsel, Rickey Townsel, Beverly Venable, and Patsy Gentle 45t; Loyd Ivey 235.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery at this time. Several songs were sung including: "Jesus Died For Me", "Trusting", "We Will Sing With The Angels There", "Love At Home", 162, and 146.

#### RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading songs on pages 332 and 126. Shane Wootten was appointed Arranging Committee. Leaders: Shane Wootten 155; Eloise Wootten 336; Henry Johnson 569b (in memory of Hollis Sizemore), 288; Joan Aldridge 475, 546; Linda Thomas and Cassie Franklin 454; Reba Windom 182; Lamar Smith 76b; Joyce Walton 455.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Shane Wootten 171; Melvin Stiefel 138b; Bud Oliver 42; Cassie Franklin 349; Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186; Roy Nelson 283; Karen Travis 163t; Linton Ballinger 212; the Ivey Cousins 101t, "Jesus Died For Me"; Cindy Franklin 386, 198; Virgil Phillips 137; J.C. Rutledge 544; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 460 (for Mae Seymour who was sick); Elene Stovall 222, 99; Betty Shepherd 216, 299; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Stuart Ivey 480; S.T. Reed 64; Richard Ivey 567; Edward Tanner 100; Allison Ivey 559 (Cooper Book); Susan Harcrow 269; Loyd Ivey, Marian Bethune, Ivey Bethune, Teresa Biddle, Candace Ivey, Lindsey Ivey, and Jessica Ivey "That Beautiful Land"; Karen Ivey "Willie"; Betty Wright 388; Syble Adams 66; Mary Ruth Stiefel 220; Sandy Ivey 503; Ricky Harcrow "Trusting"; Cindy Franklin and Karen Ivey 505 (Cooper Book) (for Virgil Phillips); Terry Wootten 542; George Lacy 68b; George Lacy and Loyd Ivey 424.

Announcements were made. David Ivey led song on page 208 for Aunt Woodie Walker who was unable to attend. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

**PINE TUCKY CHURCH**  
**Winston County, Alabama**  
**June 7, 1998**

The eighty-sixth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by A.C. McGough.

The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Gene Wakefield led songs on pages 56t and 57. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 31b, 32t, 77t (in memory of Hattie Berry who died on this date in 1988); A.C. McGough 111b, 290 (in memory of Fletcher Sims), 30t; Cecil Sanders 123t; Mae Conwill 89, 270, 133; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waid 274t, 512 (in memory of her dad, Elmer Kitchens), 499 (in memory of his dad, mother, and daughter who died recently), 421.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 61 and 39t for Silas Curtis who is 98 years young. Leaders: Willodean Barton 44, 418, 314; Ivalene Donaldson 108t, 81t; Pernie Pelfrey "Jesus Died For Me", 74b, 312b; Beatrice Brewer 137, 100; Margaret Keeton 97, 129; Ila Ingle 63, 145t, 388; Roma Rice 49b, 166, 34t; Faye Donaldson 101t, 111t.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 102. Leaders: Ada Godsey 301; Julie Postum 58; Cecil Wakefield 282, 408, 159; Travis Keeton 98, 73t, 146, 75; Elmer Conwill 34b, 42, 33b; Josie Hyde 288, 80b; Willodean Barton 119; Kelsey Wakefield 133, 111t; Ila Ingle 335; Faye Donaldson 124; John Hyde 297; A.C. McGough 225t; Gladys Bonds 147; Beatrice Brewer 176b.

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 480 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by A.C. McGough.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - UTICA/ROME AREA**  
**Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York**  
**June 13, 1998**

The June 1998 New York State Regional singing was held at Unity Hall in Barneveld, New York. The singing was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Dan Brittain.

Barbara Swetman led song on page 31b. Leaders: Laura Densmore 107, 228; Kathy Forrest 47t, 155; Dan Brittain 111b, 111t; Margaret Bornick 82t, 455; Gina Balestracci 38b, 77b; Ruth Von Fleckenstein 344, 84; Roland Hutchinson 36t, 296; Dennis Leipold 39t, 40; Fritz Von Fleckenstein 254, 38t; Barbara Swetman 207, 358.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Scott Luscomb leading songs on pages 324 and 497. Leaders: Ron Bornick 87, 159; Laura Densmore 528, 86; Kathy Forrest 551b, 178; Dan Brittain 230, 309; Margaret Bornick 212, 347; Gina Balestracci 419,



442; Ruth Von Fleckenstein 479, 148; Roland Hutchinson 143, "Relly's Third" (by Ronald Hutchinson, 1998); Dennis Leipold 49b, 318.

#### LUNCH

Singing resumed with Dennis Leipold leading song on page 276. Leaders: Laura Densmore 268; Dan Brittain 63, 45t; Scott Luscomb "Suffield" (James Book), "Brilliant Star" (by Scott Luscomb, 1995); Fritz Von Fleckenstein 47b, 191; Barbara Swetman 146, "Ten Thousand Charms"; Ron Bornick 192, 277; Laura Densmore 163b, 163t; Kathy Forrest 114, 312b; Margaret Bornick 236, 313b; Gina Balestracci 430, 112; Ruth Von Fleckenstein 315, 117; Roland Hutchinson 188, 245; Dennis Leipold 312t, 313t.

#### RECESS

Singing resumed with Scott Luscomb leading songs on pages 195 and 269. Leaders: Fritz Von Fleckenstein 267; Dan Brittain 417, 69b; Barbara Swetman 168; Ron Bornick 299; Laura Densmore 142; Kathy Forrest 189; Margaret Bornick 504; Gina Balestracci 218; Ruth Von Fleckenstein 198; Roland Hutchinson 553; Dennis Leipold 48t; Dan Brittain 473, 385b. Barbara Swetman led song on page 62 as the closing song as we took the parting hand. Dan Brittain dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Barbara Swetman; Arranging Committee - Ron Bornick; Secretary - Kathy Chillemi.

### HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

**Oneonta, Alabama**

**June 13-14, 1998**

**Saturday, June 13**

The fifty-second session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Calvin Phillips.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 48t, 49b; Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 82t, 145b; Calvin Phillips 406; Lamar Smith 76b; Martha Woodard 65; Milton Oliver and Freeman Wootten 28b; Cecil Gilliland 134; Thurman Nall 503; Coy Ivey 63; Bud Oliver 47t; Leola Smith 385b; Henry Johnson 338; Regina Clark 168.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 192.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Coy Ivey and Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee - Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 385t; Linda Thomas 37b; Bill Hogan 171; Cindy Franklin 436; Roy Nelson 283; Larry Ballinger 282; Charlene Wallace 434; Glenn Keeton 236; Ann Jett 496; Willie Mae Moon 475; Louise Nelson 87; Kassie Holmes 159; Don Clark 41; Eloise Avery 39b; Bill Green 435; Dwight Phillips 290; Herbert Phillips and Calvin Phillips 376; Ernest Phillips 144.

#### RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 166. Leaders: James Cain 218; Carmon Brothers 340; Harrison Creel 111b; Pamela Keeton 215; Norma Latham and Sharon Campbell 480, 212; Louis Hughes 138b; Freeman Wootten 48b; Carlene Griffin 81t; Joshua Keeton 268; Flarce Creel 384; Ashley Keeton 421; Cassie Franklin 217; Katrina Holmes 137; Edith Tate 73t.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 448t.

Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 74b; Betty Wright 335; Laura Dawson 30t, 345b;

Velton Chafin 273; Ila Ingle 498; Genora Whitworth, Gabrielle Doody, and Neila Nicholson 124; Ann Ballard 284; George Heard 59; Betty Sue Johnson and Mary Ann Holmes 406, 119; Jessica Davis and Buddy Davis 166; Jake Holmes, Josh Holmes, Kassie Holmes, Alex Phillips, and Andrew Phillips 45; Cassie Franklin "Not Made With Hands"; Ernest Phillips "Jesus Died For Me"; Cassie Franklin 358; Thurman Nall 225t; Regina Clark 300; Charlene Wallace 117; Joshua Keeton 189; Henry Johnson 288; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 452; Cindy Franklin 543; Glenn Keeton 441; Bill Hogan 69.

Announcements were made. Terry Hullett led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

#### **Sunday, June 14**

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led song on page 79. Leaders: Jewell Wootten and Terry Hullett 340, 145b (for Joy Hullett, Stephen Hullett, and Christopher Youngblood who are ill); Roie Alexander 317; Calvin Phillips 147t, 143; Coy Ivey 101t, 99; Lamar Smith 36b; Freeman Wootten 310; Henry Johnson 565, 388; Leola Smith 349, 318; Buddy Davis and Jessica Davis 166, 452.

#### **RECESS**

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 222. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 47t, 475; Linton Ballinger 141, 129; Bill Green 138t; Gavin Blakeley 282, 128; Jackie Tanner 182, 172; Lomax Ballinger 168, 299; Julianna Jett 59, 146; Kyle Blakeley 100, 31t; Louis Hughes 569, 515; Noel Rush 137, 65; Shelbie Sheppard 216.

#### **RECESS**

Coy Ivey Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: David Ivey 402, 177; Jeff Sheppard 549, 91.

A memorial was given by Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas. Philip Gilmore spoke using words from I Timothy 1:1. The following deceased were remembered: Gene Phillips, Claude Moon, Lillie Phillips Hartley, Mae Seymour, Ozetta Gilliland, Vernice Calvert, Kim Cagle, Eugene Blackwood, Mrs. Bud (Emma Earl) Walker, Estelle Napier, Seldon Creel, Keterina Sanders, Mamie Creel, Hadyn Creel, Lula Bynum Canady, Mrs. Elbert Green, Norma Dean Phillips, Maudie Putman, and Dempsy Brothers. Calvin Phillips led song on page 45t for Lillie Hartley. The Green Family led song on page 68b in memory of Lula Bynum Canady and Mrs. Elbert Green. Jewel Wootten led song on page 30b in memory of Maudie Putman. Linda Thomas led song on page 373 for Gene Phillips and the other deceased. Terry Wootten led "Sweet By And By" for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Philip Gilmore. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 187; Syble Adams 120, 430; Olivia Allen 97; Cindy Franklin and Julianna Jett 111b, 399b; Jenny Wootten 155.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 171. Leaders: Verlon Stiefel 490; Dennis George 63; Buell Cobb 37b; Marty Wootten 441; Chita Blakeley 142; Eloise Avery 426b; Terry Wootten 101b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 268; Doyle Alexander 283; Marshall Avery 271t; Kassie Holmes 159; Lydia Baswell 200; Susan Harcrow 384; Katrina Holmes 290; Waylon Blakeley 217; Elder Philip Gilmore 47b, "That Beautiful Land"; Linda Thomas and Terry Wootten "We Have Fathers Over Yonder"; Elder Ricky Harcrow 410, "Trusting"; Cassie Franklin and Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper book), 215; Jewel Wootten and David Ivey "Cleansing Fountain"; Susan Harcrow 408; Rodney Ivey 358.

Terry Hullett, Elder Philip Gilmore, Elder Ricky Harcrow, and Elder Verlon Stiefel led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished joined in taking the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt.

## **ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Alpharetta, Georgia**

**June 14, 1998**

The one hundred thirtieth annual session was opened by Chairman Richard DeLong leading song on pages 32t. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Ruth Wills.

Richard DeLong led songs on pages 57 and 74b. Secretary Helen Bryson led songs on pages 205 and 176b (for Kim Cagle). Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 177 and 301. Leaders: Loy Garrison 68b, 457 (for Roy Bells); Don Bowen 77t, 77b, 354t; Faye Pettis 67, 513, 380; Jeannette DePoy 566, 384 (for Horace DeLong), 31t; Judy Mincey 494, 475; Reuben Ball 290, 497.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

**RECESS**

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 333 and 45t. Leaders: Diane Walls 314, 474; Janice Paulk 448b, 446; Laura Clawson 318, 115; Tim Cook 63, 549; Dan Bailey 66, 84; Jack Corley 123b, 300.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was opened by Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Violet Thomason 340, 189, 143; Loy Garrison 50b, 503; Robert Kendrick 490, 153; Andy Morse 203, 168; Laurie Allison 100, 335; Vaudie Sherer 388, 480; Dollie Hudgins 61; Helen Bryson 542, 172; Judy Mincey 489, 410t; Jeannette DePoy 456 (for Kim Cagle and Hazel Cagle), 282.

**RECESS**

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 399b and 426t. Leaders: Violet Thomason 200, 434, 343; Liz Bryant 142, 270; Laura Clawson 179, 345b; Dan Bailey 117, 183; Faye Pettis 236 (by request); Don Bowen 288, 99; Tim Cook 299, 350; Kevin Webb 401, 341.

Janice Paulk led the memorial lesson, and song on page 371 for Kim Cagle.

Janice Paulk led song on page 337 for the following sick and shut-ins: Horace DeLong and Lee Rogers.

Announcements were made. Visiting with us today was Laura Clawson from Massachusetts.

Richard DeLong led song on page 62 as the closing song. Mrs. Ruth Wills prayed the closing prayer.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;  
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

## **NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Villa Rica, Georgia**

**June 14, 1998**

No minutes of this singing were recorded. The class voted to still have the singing next year, and invites everyone to come.

## **MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Near Cullman, Alabama on Hwy. 69 East**

**June 14, 1998**

The annual Mount Vernon Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie who welcomed everyone, and led song on page 73b. The morning prayer was offered by Gordon Wilkinson. Elvin Guthrie led songs on pages 36b and 27. Genie Nelms was appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 144, 112; Rhoda Norris 37b, 145b; David Roberson 63, 146; Manila Hudson 551, 108t, 290; Judy Caudle 489b, 52t, 79; Janet Goodwin 408, 300, 358.

### **RECESS**

David Roberson called the class back to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Ellis Ship 45t, 317b, 108b; Edis Guthrie 99, 171, 215; Hershell King 176b, 80b; Eldagene Roberson 385b, 69t, 313t.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was opened with Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 153. Leaders: Jordan Guthrie, Jordan Hudson, and Manila Hudson 354; Marie Guthrie 129, "Jesus Died For Me", 48t; Billy Williams 339, 143; Ruth Burleson 480, 100; Gennie Nelms 101t, 142, 87; Judy Caudle 47t (in memory of Marshall Estes).

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 482 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Hershell King.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - David Roberson; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

## **ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL**

**Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House), Fayette County, Alabama**

**June 14, 1998**

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House) was held the second Sunday in June.

The class was called to order by Elene Stovall who extended a hearty welcome to everyone; thanked all of those who worked on the building and grounds; for the beautiful flowers by Shirley McCoy; asked that this be an all day Memorial Singing since so many had passed away, including Mae Seymour; and led songs on pages 36b (remembering her father, Demus Aldridge) and 47.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 421, 274t; Gene Wakefield 168, 136; Allison Stovall 192, 454; Joshua Keeton 49b, 503; Cecil Sanders 460; Clarence McCool 569b, 317b; Beatrice Brewer 373, 123t; Joan Aldridge 99, 155 (in memory of her father, Robert Aldridge); Bud Oliver 145b, 73t; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 129 and 179. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 36t, 110; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Flarce Creel 270, 475; John Hyde 75, 63; Willodean Barton 480, 396; Pam Keeton 217, 215; Edith Tate 87 (in memory of her brother, Hadyn Creel), 290 (in memory of Keterina Sanders); Lisa Geist 532, 542; Ila Ingle 530, 434; Marie Aldridge 436, 336; Elene Stovall 316 (in memory of all who have passed away).

### **LUNCH**

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 388 (in memory of Robert Aldridge), 343, and 318 (in memory of Fleecie Tucker). Leaders: Mae Conwill 498, 206; Larry Ballinger 207, 121; Lena Keeton 234, 43 (for Josie Hyde who is not feeling well); Harrison Creel 275b, 342; Glenn Keeton 225t, 231 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); Joyce Hubbard 326 (remembering Gansey McGough), 163t; Shirley McCoy 358, 294 (for the visitors); Fred Killingsworth 101t, 123t; A. C. McGough 410t, 340; David Beasley 39b, 68b; Clearcy Rutledge 37b, 445b; Ricky Beasley 30b, 45t; John Beasley 100, 348b; Clayton O'Mary 77t, 74b; Elene Stovall and Shirley McCoy 457 (for all the visitors present), 36; W. L. Harbin 139.

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall led song on page 441 as the closing song, thanked everyone for the good lunch, and invited everyone to come back next year. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Clayton O'Mary.

Chairman - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

**NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama**  
**June 18, 19, 20, 1998**

**Thursday, June 18**

The National Sacred Harp Convention met at Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman Buell Cobb called Thursday's session to order by leading song on page 52. Tom Owen led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 37; Kathy Williams 437; Don Bowen 384; Ginnie Ely 349; Ruth Brown 36b; Henry Schuman 432; Elvie Morris 480; Elder Ricky Harcrow 142; Letisha Crocker 490; Rodney Ivey 99; Kathy Robinson 192; Flarce Creel 299; Elder Donald Smith 172; Leola Smith 408; Ila Ingle 442; John Hocutt 317; Sheri Taylor 354t; Henry Guthery 543; Mike Hinton 373; Judy Mincey 538; Richard DeLong 224.

RECESS

Ricky Harcrow called the class back together leading song on page 82t.

Buell Cobb called the convention into a business session. Officers elected were as follows: Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Chaplain - Tom Owen; Secretary - Kathy Williams. Committees were appointed as follows:

Arranging Committee - Henry Schuman, Cindy Franklin, Bob Parr, and Anne Kazlauskas; Memorial Committee - Mike Hinton, Linda Thomas, and Donald Ross; Resolutions Committee - Pat Temple and Ginnie Ely; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Coy Ivey, and John Redmon.

Leaders: David Lee 64; Marie Aldridge 204; Josh Rogan 300; Joel Cohen 108b; Lisa Webb 117; Gene Wakefield 56t; Ann Jett 546; Catherine Rogan 551; James Howell 68b; Hubert Nall 47t; Wanda Capps 222.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Tom Owen leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Linda Sides and Ottis Sides 97; David Rust 150; Frances Jones 334; Sherry Guthery 340; A.C. McGough 454; Edith Tate 532; Ottis Sides and Linda Sides 569b; Coy Ivey 84; Christie Allen 475; Bill Hogan 29b; Jeb Owen 176b; Norma Latham 270; Cassie Franklin 183; Travis Keeton 426t; Jeannette DePoy 456; Daphene Causey 434; Evelyn Harris 30t; Diane Wall 144; Regina Glass 302; Michelle Rogan 178; Liz Rogan 542; Richard Schmeidler 474; Warren Steel 396; Sharona Nelson 522; Duncan Vincent 361. Elder Ricky Harcrow led the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

David Lee called the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Bob Parr 272; Lee Rogers 273; Cindy Franklin 198; John Redmon 358; Jackie Tanner 137; Marlen Rust 66; Linda Thomas, Cheryl Bourn, and Phyllis Williamson 45t; Lomax Ballinger 168; Vivian Rogan 32t; Beth Todd 122; Helen Brown 143; Amanda Denson 216; Linton Ballinger 186; Berkley Moore 114; Gary Rogan 448b; Pat Temple 566; Pearl Guier 49t; Mark Miller 422; Joan Aldridge 276; Mary Wright 145b; Joe Todd 71; Lou Cotney 218; Lynne deBenedette 48t; Julietta Haynes 430; Pernie Pelfrey 83t; Ann Ballard 57; Anne Kazlauskas 179; Gary Smith 34b; Judy Hauff 47b; Delores Canerdy 268; Judy Whiting 503; Laura Clawson 335; Willie Israel 86; Eugene Forbes 482; Donald Ross 225t. Buell Cobb and Mark Davis closed the Thursday session by leading song on page 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Gary Rogan.

### **Friday, June 19**

Chairman Buell Cobb called Friday's session to order by leading song on page 31b. Chaplain Tom Owen led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 42; Kathy Williams 277; Tom Owen 35; Don Bowen and Coy Ivey 47t; John Redmon 198; Donald Ross 419; Mike Hilton 146; Linda Thomas 39t; Pat Temple 85; Ginnie Ely 546; Henry Schuman 318; Bob Parr 297; Anne Kazlauskas 203; Ann Ballard 421; Cecile Cox 282; Peter Irvine 56b; Catherine Oss 362; Diane Ross 497; Willie Mae Moon 441; Tim Eriksen 33b; Gavin Blakeley 274.

### **RECESS**

Coy Ivey called the class back together leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 30t; Elene Stovall 454; Mark Miller 378b; David Richardson 314; Ed Snell 460; Chita Blakeley 195; Josh Rogan 182; Kurt Davis 354b; LaRue Allen 302; Bradley Allen 385b; Catherine Rogan 268; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 222; Keri Ann Wilkerson 45t; Jonathan Blakeley 74t; Liz Rogan 220; Jeb Owen 344; Cassie Franklin 336; Michelle Rogan 236; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 298; Tim Cook 327. The lunch prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Louis Hughes leading song on page 138b.

Leaders: Genny Gurley 340; Syble Adams 171; Judy Caudle 234; Annie Jewell Boyd 137; Floy Wilder 273; Dorothea McCowan 304; Barner Roberson 383; John Etheridge 76b; Mattie Townsel 143; H.J. Jackson 384; Edna Phillips 189; Bob Bonnell 75; Charlene Wallace 455; George Cox 303.

### **RECESS**

Cindy Franklin called the class back together leading song on page 269. Leaders: Eloise Avery 426b; Pam Wilkerson 183; Frances Mary D'Andrea 532; Becky Briggs 335; Erskine Vandergrift 59; Peggy Bergman 436; Elder Marshall Avery 278b; Elsie Beasley 192; Edward Houghton 373; Nora Parker 276; Myril Jones 430; Laura Boosinger 61; Louise Holland 37b; Christie Allen and Margaret Keeton 432; Linda Sides 475; Bill Hogan 121; Beth Todd 250; Richard DeLong 542; Joel Cohen 290; Jeannette DePoy 129; David Rust 123b.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis closed Friday's session by leading song on page 235. The closing prayer was led by Donald Ross.

### **Saturday, June 20**

Saturday's session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 425. The morning prayer was led by Mark Davis.

Leaders: Mark Davis 417; Kathy Williams 53; Tom Owen 347; Don Bowen 570; John Redmon 299; Donald Ross 313b; Mike Hinton 288; Pat Temple 48t; Ginnie Ely 454; Ann Ballard 204; Seth Holloway 354b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Richard Mauldin 36b; Sarah Smith 129; Leon Ballinger 490; Mike Hawkins 560;

Judy Whiting 147t; Oscar McGuire 441; Kiri Miller 163t; Walter Olson 168; Vivian Rogan 72b; Liz Bryant 270; Henry Zittrouer 34t; Glenn Keeton 475; Patricia Mauldin 63; John Plunkett 383.

#### RECESS

Ginnie Ely called the class to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 29t; Jewell Wootten and Freeman Wootten 378t; Jessica Holland 117; Emily Jones and Pernie Pelfrey 348b (for Rosa Hughes); Joshua Keeton 268; Willie Israel 148; Leola Smith 185; Ashley Keeton 358; Warren Steel 320.

The Convention was then turned over to the Memorial Committee. Mike Hinton made the following remarks: My aunt Ruth Denson Edwards died about 20 years ago. She had certain stories and expressions, and always ended with "...Don't you know?" We knew and loved Aunt Ruth, her phrases, and her music. Many of the people whose memory we honor today had certain phrases, certain words, and yes, certain Sacred Harp tunes that they loved, and when we hear "their special song, their sugar stick", we think of them. We honor Sacred Harp Singers, those singers sat in the class and led songs. Some cooked food and fed our bodies. Some of the singers we honor today sat in the congregation and never sang, but they knew every syllable and word of every song sung.

The term "Sacred Harp Singer" is an inclusive term. And what did these singers sing about, what did they believe as they laughed, loved and hugged us? They sang of failing bodies, of being weary of lingering here, of never giving up the shield. They sang of the rose of Sharon, and being homeward bound, of seeking a long sought home, and bidding us adieu. They sang of meeting in heaven to sing praises of our Lord and King. They sang of never parting again, of shouting and singing hosanna, for heaven's my home. As we hear the names of the deceased who have left us in the past year, remember their lives, their songs, and honor their memories, and visualize them around that great heavenly hollow square—don't you know!

Linda Thomas read the list of deceased: Alabama - Mae Seymour, Kim Cagle, Keterina Sanders, Bob Sanders, Bob Fannin, Charlie McCoy, Hadyn Creel, Mamie Creel, Gene Phillips, Lillie Phillips Hartley, Ozetta Gilliland, Vernice Calvert, Eugene Blackwood, Estelle Napier, Unie B. Howard, Barrett Ashley, Seldon Creel, Arnold Edwards, John Forman, Hussell Godsey, Ila McGhee, Mariam Houbler, Jerry Huckleba, Claude Moon, Hollis Sizemore, Clifford Wakefield, Ed Wade, Lula Bynum Canady, and Edward Godsey; Maine - Mary Berueffy; Georgia - Anne Block, Edna Wilson, Jerry Sheppard, Gertrude Bateman, Elder Jason Davis, and Bob Hart; Florida - Janet Rogers; Texas - Gladys Hill, Lynn Hanna, Barbara Cooper, and Louie Smith; Mississippi - J.C. Mills and Ray Davis; Tennessee - Beatrice Ezzell; Virginia - Robert Toone and Susan Wantland; Massachusetts - Raoul Desy, Maddolin McGray, Jack Foran, and Stella Ward; California - Leon Wilson, Marilou Jolly, and Gail Rich. Donald Ross led 163b in memory of the deceased.

Linda Thomas led 503 for the following sick and homebound: Alabama - Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jap Walton, Cora Beasley Sweatt, F.P. Cargo, Rosa Hughes, Mary Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hardin, Herbert Phillips, Johnnie Blakely, and Vera Blakely; Texas - Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Herbert Leopard, Verna Powell, Mildred Edmonds, and Kelly Beard. Georgia - Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannals, Albert Bryson, and Mozelle Sheppard; Tennessee - Mel Kersey; Washington - Joanne Hoover; Florida - Phillip Lee. Donald Ross closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Toney Smith 225t; David Carlton 362; Hugh McGraw 448b; Margaret Kyles, Lee Kyles, Katie Thomas, and Velma Walker 335; Pamela Keeton 171; Genny Gurley 340. The blessing for lunch was led by Mike Hawkins.

LUNCH The class was called to order by Diane Ross leading song on page 504. Leaders: Marlon Beasley 73t; Jim Carnes 440; Myril Jones 142; John Bealle 543; Eloise Clark 372; Dan Gibbons 377; Denise Burlison 300; Tim Reynolds 547; Dianne Avery 551; Dave Gibson 146; Cath Oss 95b; Helen Brown 40; Tim Erickson 236.

The Convention then went into Business Session to hear Committee Reports. The Finance Committee reported that due to generous giving over the three days, the expenses of the Convention had been met. Don Bowen, Coy Ivey, John Redmon - Finance Committee.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report.

Be it resolved that this Convention:

- 1) thanks Chairman Buell Cobb, Vice Chairman Mark Davis, Chaplain Tom Owen, and Secretary Kathy Williams for their work for the Convention.
- 2) give grateful thanks to the Arranging Committee: Henry Schuman, Cindy Franklin, Bob Parr, and Anne Kazlauskas.
- 3) gives gratitude to the persons serving on the Memorial Committee: Mike Hinton, Linda Thomas, and Donald Ross.
- 4) that all present today and on previous days are grateful to the following insistent persons who have faithfully, forcefully, and enthusiastically collected enough money to meet the expenses of the convention: Don Bowen, Coy Ivey, and John Redmon.
- 5) give thanks to everyone who brought all the delicious food which fueled the singing each day—many, many thanks. To those devoted souls who set out, picked up, and cleaned up cheerfully behind the scenes, let us give a standing ovation. To the food committee, headed by Anne Ballard, many thanks.
- 6) and to all those who traveled to be here without all of whom, there would be no singing, all our thanks.

Pat Temple and Ginnie Ely, Resolutions Committee.

Secretary's report. During the three days of the Convention:

- 1) 450 people from 20 states and England came into the singing and registered.
- 2) 229 leaders were called, and 314 songs were sung. The breakdown of numbers is as follows: Alabama - 346; Georgia - 24; Texas - 18; Massachusetts - 10; Illinois and Florida - 6 each; Mississippi - 5; Tennessee, North Carolina, and Ohio - 4 each; Virginia, Connecticut, and England - 3 each; South Carolina, Indiana, New Jersey, Maryland, New York, and Rhode Island - 2 each; Missouri and Utah - 1 each. Kathy Williams, Secretary.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 528; Duncan Vincent 33b; Joe Todd 196; Mary Wright 103; David Richardson 49b; Regina Glass 200.

Buell Cobb and the other officers led 62, and the members of the Convention took the parting hand to close the Convention. Chaplain Tom Owen led the closing prayer.

Following the day's singing, a large group of singers made the traditional trip to Alabama Folk Life Festival's City Stages to present a program of Sacred Harp music.

Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams.



**MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL**  
**Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama**  
**June 20, 1998**

The annual memorial singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper. Velton Chafin led song on page 31t.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 89; Thurman Nall 74b; Evette Kilgo 192; Cecil Sanders 512; Larry Ballinger 282, 270; Gene Wakefield 75, 119; Don Clark 151, 273; David Roberson 388, 220; Willodean Barton 454, 82t; Elvin Guthrie 406, 528; Regina Clark 100, 101t.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 76b and 540. Leaders: Lena Keeton 546, 475; Henry Schuman 32t, 480; Mark Diggers 497, 312b; Judy Caudle 448b, 365; Jackie Tanner 99, 299; John Etheridge 77t; Bill Hogan 30b, 53; Elder J.L. Hopper 402, 403, 451 (by request); Wanda Capps 366; Edith Tate 139, 157; Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Marie Guthrie 189, 411.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 76b and 540. Leaders: John Hocutt 165, 568; Ann Jett 269, 327; Danny Creel 384, 383, 112; Margaret Keeton 78, 187; Travis Keeton 40, 182; Cindy Franklin 507, 229; Cassie Franklin 368, 217, 361; Marie Aldridge 155, 371; Alice Mosely 79, 457; Flarce Creel 42, 120; Regina Clark 137 (Cooper Book); Billy Williams 28b, 274 (in memory of Della Heatherly); Velton Chafin 50b, 46. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Bill Hogan.

Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL**  
**King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church), Natural Bridge,**  
**Alabama**  
**June 21, 1998**

The ninetieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Jim Ballinger.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Cecil Wakefield; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Faye Donaldson.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 30t. Leaders: Jim Ballinger 45t, 84; Mae Conwill 42, 100, 274t; Travis Keeton 343b, 146, 75; Gladys Bonds 74t, 34b, 77t; Leon Ballinger 212, 217, 384; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 399b; Elmer Conwill 270, 500, 216; Beatrice Brewer 112, 137.

**RECESS**

The class was called back by Cecil Wakefield leading song on page 159. Leaders: Velton Chafin 348b, 144; Lisa Geist 546, 273, 269; Clara Stults 290, 138t; Larry Ballinger 139, 123t; Roma Rice 172, 162; Earl Ballinger 417, 418; Margaret Keeton 297, 186; the children of S.L. Wakefield and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil

Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Fayrene Wakefield) 451 (in memory of their brother, Clifford Wakefield), 480, 333, 61 (in memory of their parents and brother, Welford Wakefield).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gene Wakefield leading song on page 74t. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 101t, 124; Larry Wakefield 153, 339, 421; Betty Baccus 396, "Jesus Died For Me", 35; Amanda Denson 143, 358, 294; Debbie Wakefield 430, 426b; Helen Langston 391, 490, "Not Made With Hands", 408; Wendell Wakefield 457, 168; Fayrene Wakefield 569, 426t; Julie Poston, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Fayrene Wakefield 37b, 235; Joyce Hubert 146, 177; Ada Godsey 301; Faye Donaldson 432, 219.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 294 by request and 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by "Jim" Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Cecil Wakefield; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

### **ZION HILL HOMECOMING SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Henderson (Rusk County), Texas June 21, 1998**

The annual Zion Hill Homecoming Singing was opened with prayer by Brother Raymond Smith, Pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. John Morris led songs on pages 32t and 31t. Leaders: Joe Nelson 106, 155, 384; Charlie Vaughn 72, 63; Mary Ruth Stiefel 75, 100; B.E. Matthews 405, 406; Barbara Moore 229, 61; Monnie Ross 49t, 335; Harold Hill 73t, 74b; Ruby Morris 108b, 277; Burl Russell 64, 164.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 84. Leaders: Verlon Stiefel 572; Ophelia Matthews 507b; Mary Bachmann 225t, 393t; Otis Chapman 500, 501; Irma Lee Faust 143; Emmie Morris 112, 280.

The memorial lesson was held with Joe Nelson leading song on page 285 for the sick and shut-ins. Barbara Moore led song on page 300 in memory of Louis Smith. Those buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in the last year were: Henry Griffith, Joyce Maples, Arthur E. Dungan, Billy Joe Smith, Lewis Jarrell, Eva Sparkman, Dorthy Welch, Leroy Bell, and Lloyd Welch. Prayer for the noon meal was led by Brother Raymond Smith.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by John Morris leading songs on pages 186 and 450. Leaders: Barbara Moore 521 (by request); Charlie Vaughn 549, 522; Mary Ruth Stiefel 220, 119; Dale Redmon, Jr. 64, 540; B.E. Matthews 578, 298; Barbara Moore 268, 142; Monnie Ross 148, 451b.

#### RECESS

John Morris called the class to order leading song on page 390. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 47b, 50t; Ruby Morris 332, 270; Mary Bachmann 38t, 563; Joe Nelson 400, 28b; Robert Vaughn 456, 425b; Emmie Morris 543b, 381t.

John Morris led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Joe Nelson.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Emmie Morris.

**LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Empire (Walker County), Alabama**  
**June 21, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. John Hocutt led song on page 32t.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Kathleen C. Robbins; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin.

John Hocutt led song on page 35. Leaders: Bob Parr 200; Patty Butterfield 448t; Pat Temple 183; Richard Schmeidler 155; Sarah Smith 290; Walter Olsen 532; Lena Keeton 498; Dan Gibbons 442; Don Bowen 283; Lynn Debendette 39t; Julianna Jett 59; Helen Brown 198; Edith Tate 98; Berkley Moore 26; Shelley Capps 73t; Duncan Vintson 148; John Robertson 192; Mary Wright 106.

**RECESS**

John Hocutt called the class together leading song on page 321. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 546; Billy Williams 310; Virginia Ely 389; Ashley Keeton 358; Henry Guthery 88; Judy Hauff 215; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t; Mark Miller 365; Eloise Clark 120; Jessica Holland 31t; Joshua Keeton 189; Judy Whiting 178; Mark Davis 436; Henry Schuman 294; Elene Stovall 299.

**RECESS**

The class was called back by Henry Guthery leading song on page 371. Leaders: Willodean Barton 454; Ann Jett 269; Kiri Miller 455; Kathleen Robbins 434 (by request); Kathy Robinson, Pam Duck, and Sherry Turner 146; Regina Glass 51; Dave Richardson 74b; Wanda Capps 222; Gary Smith 569b; Elsie Moon 395; John Bealle 200; Sherry Guthery 58; Cassie Franklin 564.

**LUNCH**

Harrison Creel brought the class back leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Jim Carnes 388; John Redmon 143; Pam Keeton 220; Ann Kazlouskas 327; Liz Bryant 542; Glenn Keeton 231; Flarce Creel 475; Helen Brown 86; Virginia Ely 196; Berkley Moore 209; Dave Richardson 153; Walter Olsen 474; Dan Gibbons 383; Mark Miller 47b; Judy Whiting 503; Richard Schmeidler 66; Jessica Holland 324; Duncan Vintson 361; Mary Wright 108t; Bob Parr 428; Pat Temple 481; Don Bowen 494; Judy Hauff 110; Lynn Debendette 278b; Mark Davis 391; Patty Butterfield 203; Kiri Miller 378b; Henry Schuman 40; Ann Kazlouskas 67; John Redmon 236; Regina Glass 212; Liz Bryant 276; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347.

John Hocutt led songs on pages 413 and 46 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel .

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Kathleen Robbins.

**HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Ephesus, Georgia**  
**June 21, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church near Ephesus, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 75 and 101t . Felton Denney led songs on pages 72b and 73t. The morning prayer was led by Curtis Rogers. The class sang the following songs: 82t, 81t, 30t, 33b, and 47t.

George Rogers led song on page 45t. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Karen Rollins.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Karleen Williams; Memorial Committee - Paige Harrod, Josephine Denney, and Curtis Rogers.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 225t; Karen Rollins 36b, 34b; Curtis Rogers 319, 348b; Josephine Denney and her granddaughters 87, 145b; Karleen Williams 106, 59.

#### RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class back to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Phillip Denney 159, 120; Margie Smith 501, 503; Sheri Taylor 148, 155; Denney Rogers 318, 343; B.M. Smith 204, 276; Carlene Griffin 49b, 147t; Richard DeLong 98, 131b; Sharon Nelson 267, 317.

Chuck White, treasurer of the Hopewell Committee, gave a short report on the financial situation stating that \$5500 is in the cemetery fund. The checking account has a low balance because monies have been spent to completely replace the floor. He expressed his appreciation to Lonnie Rogers for the work on replacing the floor.

#### LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order leading song on page 112. Everette Denney led songs on pages 123 and 426t.

The Memorial Lesson was held. Felton Denney and Harold Rogers led song on pages 47t and 358 in memory of the following deceased friends and singers: Mae Rogers, Bobby Ward, Jerry Sheppard, Albert Hester, Jackie Langley, Russell Word, Velma Denney, Robert Culpepper, Clarence Butler, Inez Ashmore Harmon, Clara Cliett, Leon Rogers, and Clyde Atkinson.

Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, and Paige Harrod led song on page 340 in honor of those who are sick and shut-in. Kathy Williams led in prayer to close the Memorial Lesson.

Leaders: Wilford Denney 143, 164; Bobby Jackson 480, 535; Webster Denney and Joan D. Lumpkin 294, 339; Renita Folds, Kasey Askin, Jessica Folds, Elizabeth Folds, Caroline Folds, Mandy Johnson, and Samuel Johnson 45, 405, 457; Cath Oss 312, 39t; Eris Muse 40, 61; Laura Clawson 217, 345b; Peter Irvine 68b, 48t; Kathy Williams 235, 285t; Lonnie Rogers 97, 270.

Announcements were made. Chuck White thanked everyone for contributing \$1501 to the church fund. The class was dismissed with prayer by Everette Denney.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

## **MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Section, Jackson County, Alabama** **June 21, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by David Ivey leading song on page 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Gene Thomas, pastor of the church.

Leaders: David Ivey 152; Sandra Jordan 68b; Norma Latham 317, 348b; Milton Oliver 314, 321; Rodney Ivey 39, 58; Terry Wootten 32, 65, 441; Karen Ivey 155, 106; Boyd Scott 127, 358; S.T. Reed 27, 40; Betty Wright 511, 571 (Cooper Book).

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 108b. Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b; Allison Ivey 48, 134; Jenny Wootten 128, 147t; Richard Ivey 42, 145; Levon Wootten 100, 335; Ruth Hancock 47t, 44; Susan Harcrow 145b, 313t; David Ivey 339; Terry Wootten 288, 285; L.O. Harper 45t; Jenny Wootten 87; Allison Ivey 460, 459; S.T. Reed 278b.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading songs on pages 354, 47b. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 29t, 480; Richard Ivey 75, 282; S.T. Reed 176b; Betty Wright 515; Sandra Jordan and Lauren Jordan "That Beautiful Land"; Susan Harcrow 512, 63; Norma Latham 56; Karen Ivey 147; Karen Ivey and Stuart Ivey 454; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 59.

Elder Gene Thomas led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Gene Thomas. We welcome all singers and listeners.

Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

### **OLD SONGS FESTIVAL** **Altamont New York Fair Grounds** **June 27, 1998**

A one hour book singing was held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Dutch Barn at the Altamont New York Fairgrounds as part of the Old Songs Festival.

Eric Bean called the session to order by leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Peter Amidon 430; Dan Hertzler 287; Dick Levine 300; Harriet Carter 551; Jim Ulrich 186; Laura Densmore 228; George Seiler 480; Janet Shipman 198; Gerry Hoffman 384; Mitzie Collins 84; Adrian Mariano 504; Jean Seiler 142; Nancy Crawford 313b; Ginnie Ely 454; Michael Kaye 569b; Joni Seidenstein 178; Margaret Crowl 361; Barbara Swetman 277; Peter Amidon 269; Dick Levine 344; Dan Hertzler 65; Harriet Carter 268; Jim Ulrich 299; Laura Densmore 163b; George Seiler 146; Janet Shipman 236. By request Ginnie Ely led the class in singing "Happy Birthday" to Mike using "Lenox" as the tune. The session was closed with Eric Bean leading song on page 267.

Co-Chairmen - Peter Amidon and Eric Bean; Secretary and Arranging - Barbara Swetman.

### **SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Winston County, Alabama** **June 27-28, 1998**

**Saturday, June 27**

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Odie Horton leading song on page 270. The morning prayer was led by A.C. McGough.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield; Memorial Committee - Roma Rice.

Kermit Adams led song on page 77t. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56t, 27; Travis Keeton 331, 313t; Cecil Sanders 225t; Cecil Wakefield 61, 208; Roma Rice 63, 523b; Emily Jones 65, 303; Odie Horton 326; Carol Fannin 47t, 398b; Billy Williams 448b, 231; John Hyde 75, 173t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 378b. Leaders: Lorene Gray 47b, 73b; Gladys Bonds 499b, 39b; Mae Conwill 400, 335; A.C. McGough 36b, 48t; Velton Chafin 50b, 35; Tim Gilmore 273, 49b; Elmer Conwill 129, 179; Mary Hawkins 81t, 565b.

#### LUNCH

Kermit Adams opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 300. Leaders: John Hocutt 144; Kenneth Fannin 45t, 45b; Dawson Adams 68b, 146; Juanita Whitman 480; Pernie Pelfrey 475; Amanda Denson 40, 134; Ila Ingle 32t, 145b; Corene White 317b, 379; Azilee Adams 34t, 337; Susan Allred 83, 482; Kenneth Fannin and grand-children (Emily Holcombe, Jennifer Allred, Caleb Allred, Rachel Allred, Seth Allred, Will Allred, Ryan Hale, and Adam Hale) 371; Lorie Hale 457; Viola Young 155, 143; Joan Gilbreath 358; Carola Morris "Jesus Died For Me", 348; Ora Lee Fannin 448t, 83; Ada Godsey 301; Mamie Jones 428; Kermit Adams 535b; Elmer Conwill 161.

Kermit Adams led song on page 322 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by A.C. McGough.

#### Sunday, June 28

The morning session was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 49b. The morning prayer was led by Cecil Wakefield. Kermit Adams led song on page 314. Leaders: Jane Fulmer 317, 40; Parnell Berry 99, 283, 306; Timothy Gilmore 186, 189, 193; L.H. Gilmore 34t, 39b; Willodean Barton 82t, 101t, 108t; John Hyde 36t, 30t; Milford Watts 277, 375, 275b; Christie Allen 47t, 142.

#### RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back in session leading songs on pages 278t, 276 (for Margaret Keeton), and 284. Leaders: Odie V. Horton 213t, 297; Viola Young 490, 290, 155; Doyce Bailey 143, 147t, 406.

At this time a memorial session was called for with Cecil Wakefield leading songs on pages 480 and 339 in memory of his brother, Clifford Wakefield. Emily Jones led songs on pages 288, 74t, and 45t for the following deceased: Edward Godsey, Robert Fannin, Ray Pace, Doyce Watts, Mae Seymour, Hadyne Creel, Keterina Sanders, Dolphus Jackson, Tracy King, and Glen Godsey.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kermit Adams leading song on page 46. Leaders: Azilee Adams 335, 337; Gladys Bonds 36b, 44; Milton Pace "Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus"; Ada Godsey 499b; Nellie Whitman 58, 111t; Carola Morris 183; Joan Gilbreath 59; Blanton Adair 335, 68b, 32t; Pernie Pelfrey, Gary Pelfrey, Edna Pace, Dwight Pelfrey, Joan Gilbreath, and Nancy Faulkner 371, 452; Dawson Adams 328, 322; Loretta Whitman 58; Betty Claborn 100, 101; Roma Rice 104, 426 (for Rose Altha Taylor); Kermit Adams 83, 212 (for his sister, Ora Lee Fannin); Tim Gilmore 454.

Kermit Adams led song on page 78 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

### DELONG MEMORIAL

#### Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia June 28, 1998

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was opened with Richard DeLong leading song on page 60. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Richard DeLong led song on page 421. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 171, 365; Helen Bryson 361, 522; Tim Cook 86; Susan Roberts 146; Lee Rogers 528; Diane Walls 452; Liz Bryant 270; Julie Lee 82t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 282. Leaders: Don Bowen 283; Bryant Lee 49b; Jack Corley 300; Mary Elizabeth Lee 358; Reuben Ball 318; Frances Mary D'Andrea 47b; Kathy Lee 36b; John Redmon 143; Carlene Griffin 155; Andy Morse 280; Laura Ackerman 192.

The business session was conducted, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 332. Leaders: Hannah Roberts 481; Judy Mincey 538; Jeannette DePoy and Gwen Hughes 277; Matt DeLong 530; Jonathan Altman and Jessica Roberts 45t; Brady DeLong 317; Riley Lee 388; Tim Haley 117; Mike Castleberry 490; Ashley Roberts 220; Rachel Lee and Hannah Lee 28b, 276; Dollie Hudgins 343; Janice Paulk 518.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong. Richard spoke of 10% of the people make things happen; 10% know something happened; and 80% never know anything happened. As things come and go, these singers saw to it that the legacy of Sacred Harp singing remained permanent. They did this in countless ways: by serving on committees, preparing and serving food, donating money, and traveling to singings to help keep this music alive. An example of one such person was Kimsey Cagle who served as chairman of this singing for over 40 years and who we are remembering today. It's very difficult for new singers coming into a singing or convention to feel a part of this singing family where parents and grandparents have been a part of the singings for years. We must strive to help these singers feel welcome and a part of the Sacred Harp family. Richard read the names of the deceased for this year: Elder James Davis, Gertrude Bateman, Janet Rogers, Jerry Huckeba, Anne Block, Kimsey Cagle, Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, Newman Miles, and Bob Hart. Richard DeLong and Matt DeLong led song on page 341 in memory of the deceased.

The sick and shut-ins remembered this year are: Jap Walton and Horace DeLong. Jesse Roberts led song on page 384 for these mentioned.

#### LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 296. Leaders: Catherine Oss 480; Jesse Roberts 532; Violet Thomason 189; Ted Mercer 302; Charlene Wallace 434; Clarke Lee 542; Shelbie Sheppard 419; Raymond Hamrick 91; Kelly House 456; Hugh McGraw 448b; Jessica Roberts 142; Jeff Colby 67; Faye Pettis 376; Laura Clawson 217; Jeff Sheppard and Estelle Flowers 292, 422; Rita Haley 268; Wesley Haley 198.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 111t. Leaders: David Lee 299; Bonnie Flowers 497; Louis Hughes, Sr. 448t; Laurie Allison 335; John Plunkett 547; Alice West 515; Vaudie Sherer 460 (for Horace DeLong); Janet Sheppard 114; Martha Ann Stegar 151; Doug Allison 53. Announcements were made. There was a request for the song on page 516 "DeLong", to be led. Richard DeLong and Matt DeLong led this song. Richard DeLong, Kenneth DeLong, and Helen Bryson led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;  
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

**MT. LEBANON CHURCH**  
**Near Fayette, Alabama**  
**June 28, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Buddy Ballinger.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Larry Ballinger led song on page 89. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 565; David Ballinger 59; Albert Humber 405; Leslie Ballinger 217; Edwin Ballinger 75; Kim Watkins 137; David White 460; Sherry Stover 409; Wayne Baines 340; Teresa Guyton 480; Charles Humber 100; Gene Wakefield 168; Flarce Creel 503; Amber Ballinger 155; Buddy Ballinger 343; Stuart Ivey 222; Gordon Wilkinson 434; Dwayne Ballinger 300; Beverly Nelson 299; Brenda Robbins 384; Richard Ivey 145t; Larry Humber 441.

**RECESS**

Linton Ballinger brought the class back by leading song on page 208. Leaders: Johnny Humber 200; Teresa Ballinger 272; Julianna Jett 88t; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 108t; Jackie Tanner 112; Chris Ballinger 31t; Lena Keeton 454; Bickett Howton 436; Ann Jett 327; Loyd Ivey and Coy Ivey 298, 424; Miranda Gilbreath 186; Amanda Ballinger and Jill Ballinger 212, 30t; Ila Ingle 500.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Gravis Ballinger leading song on page 78.

Leaders: Emily Ballinger 477; David Ballinger, Will Thompson, and Donnie Cooley 45t, 68b; Janet Litton 187; Milton Oliver 314; Clarence McCool 349; Cassie Franklin and Wendy White 368, 216; Phillip Ballinger 192; Lisa Geist 532; Beatrice Brewer 123t; Etma Barton 218; Jimmy Ballinger 37b.

**LUNCH**

Lavaughn Ballinger and his children (Barbara Cooley, Diane Anderson, Jimmy Ballinger, Phillip Ballinger, Mike Ballinger, and Gary Ballinger) called the class to order leading song on page 322. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 204; Cindy Franklin 507; Marlon Wootten 99; Clayton Ezell 269; Rodney Ivey 475; Elene Stovall 528; Velton Chafin 333; Lucy Heidorn 84; S.T. Reed 85; Joan Aldridge 189; Elmer Conwill 379; Allison Ivey and Ivey Ellis 344, 87; Ann Ballard 354, 278t; Marty Wootten 66; Edith Tate 73t; Leon Ballinger 196; Marie Aldridge 336; Bud Oliver 345t; Karen Ivey 270; Harrison Creel 530; Amanda Denson 442; David Ivey 110; Julietta Haynes 211; Buell Cobb 69b; Beth Odell 546; Toney Smith 444; Erselle Jackson 426t; Joyce Hubbert 378t; Estes Jackson 138b; Karen Green 144.

Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.



**NEW HOPE CHURCH**  
**Cullman County, Alabama**  
**June 28, 1998**

The sixty-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by A. C. McGough leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. A. C. McGough led song on page 59.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretaries - Eron White and Geraldine Wadkins; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: A.C. McGough and Bernice McGough 147; Corene White and Betty Shaver 73t, 146; Ruth Walker 48t, 290; Reedie Evans 322, 186, 430; Bascum Mattox and Betty Shaver 217, 126, 388; Ercyl Vidrine 338, 68b.

**RECESS**

The class was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 64 and 283. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 159, 234; Josh Keeton 38t, 45b, 480; Geraldine Wadkins 361, 421, 452b.

**LUNCH**

Billy Williams reassembled the class leading songs on pages 486b and 39b.

Leaders: Pam Keeton 145b, 435; Betty Shaver 145t, 284, 155; Margie Lee and Nancy 445, 108b, 438; Eron White 37b, 36b (in memory of Charley McCoy); George Cleghorn 159, 421; Jane Knight and Joetta 218, 217, 220; Carol Fannin 152, 155; Shirley McCoy 358, 35, 383; A.C. McGough 475; Glenn Keeton 399, 225.

A. C. McGough led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Kenny McCoy.

A great big thanks to Glenn Keeton who did a great job keying the music for the class.

Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretaries - Eron White and Geraldine Wadkins.

**JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
**Cullman County, Alabama**  
**July 1, 1998**

The annual July Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on the first Wednesday in July. Velton Chafin, in the absence of the chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Velton Chafin led song on page 30t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225; Hershell King 176b, 97; Ruth Smith 358; Betty Shaver 53, 155; B. B. Mattox 318, 68; Josie Hyde 234; George Cleghorn 274t, 421; Aubrey Tyree 298, 189; A.C. McGough 454, 475; Reedie Evans and Iva Cleghorn 300, 269, 36b.

**RECESS**

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 69b. Leaders: Corene White 171 (in memory of Rosa McCoy and Charley McCoy), 216; Marie Guthrie 336, 411 (in memory of her brother, Vernice Calvert); Martha Woodard 569 (in memory of Pete Haynes); Stella Pratt 340, 426 (in memory of her mother, Bellvenie Woodard); Billy Williams 147b, 231; John Hyde 75, 73b; Travis Keeton 176; Margie Lee and Ruth Burleson 136, 445b, 143; Odem Holcomb 137.

**RECESS**

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order leading song on page 56. Leaders: Josie Hyde 34; Cecil Sanders 123; Donald Robinson 513, 100, 142; Martha Woodard 330; Velton Chafin 145.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 317 and 157. Leaders: Don Robinson 101t; Marie Guthrie 126; Corene White 379 (in memory of her mother, Cora Collins); A.C. McGough 111; Billy Williams 147b; John Hyde 108; Eron White 146.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 144 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by A.C. McGough.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretaries - Eron White and Corene White.

## MUSCADINE METHODIST CHURCH

### Muscadine, Alabama

July 3, 1998

The fifteenth session of the Independence Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church on Friday, July 3rd. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 87 and 59. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney.

B. M. Smith led songs on pages 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 448t (in memory of her parents, Walker and Lessie Cates, and for Jerry Sheppard and Alvin Stanson); Mary Florence Smith 212; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 108t.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: David Lee 48t; Becky Browne 36b; Louis Hughes and Allison Dodson 480; Jenny Willard 303; Mary Elizabeth Lee 358; Dave Ressler 203; Lorena Moore 39t; George Garner 434; Kathy Lee 171; Jeanette Lowry 276; Melanie Hauff 278b; Felton Denney 31t; Katharine Manning 51; Keith Willard 32t.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Clarke Lee 28b; Pauline Childers 234; Ted Johnson 479; Reba Dell Windom 269 (in memory of her sister, Willa Mae Holt); Karen Rollins 34b; Terry Hogg 49t; Cassie Franklin 485; Paul Gauthier 213t; Barbara Swetman 318; Freeman Wootten 49b; Julie Lee 129; Henry Schuman 462; Louise Nelson 350; Henry Johnson 288.

#### RECESS

The singing began with B.M. Smith leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 29t; Johnny Lee 31b; Marcia Johnson 542; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Cindy Franklin 362b; Charlie Derleth 66; Edith Tate 37b; Kenneth DeLong 572; Judy Hauff 110; Jesse Roberts 446.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 384.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 475; Lewis Norton 39b; Jewel Wootten 224; Bobby Jackson 388; Mattie Townsel 176b.

In keeping with the observance of the July 4th holiday which will follow the day after this singing, a short talk was given by Lonnie Rogers. He spoke of the importance of this day and how thankful we all should be for all our blessings, and for being able to sing together on this day. After the conclusion of his talk, Lonnie Rogers and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 137, especially for Virgil Phillips.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 218; Jimmie Denney 101t; Martha Beverly 179; Bud Oliver 270; Liz Bryant 377; Milton Oliver 222; Judy Mincey 540; Bill Beverly 86; Nancy Crawford 408; Don Bowen 99; Rene Greene 313t; John Redmon 299.  
RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading song on page 319. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 528; Pam Nunn 216; Estelle Flowers 208; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Laura Akerman 192; Bonnie Flowers 56b; Roy Nelson 145b; Evelyn Harris 30t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; B.M. Smith 499b (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates); Thomas Willard and Allison Dodson 145b.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Donald Payne, pastor of the church.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION**

**Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama**

**July 4-5, 1998**

**Saturday, July 4**

The eighty-second session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Tony Ivey, Pastor of Liberty Church. Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey led song on page 101t. Leaders: Secretary Norma Latham 503; Loyd Ivey 201; Marlon Wootten 103; Shane Wootten 99; Jackie Tanner 47t; Milton Oliver 206; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; S.T. Reed 289; Roy Nelson 456; Patsy Gentle 68b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 198; Rex Wilks 40; Edith Tate 371; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 373; Bud Oliver 29t; Don Bowen 384; Velton Chafin 540; Lamar Smith 36b; Boyd Scott 358.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Tony Ivey leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 37b; Judy Mincey 538; Karen Hohnacki 203; Joan Schultz 569; Becky Browne 181; Charles Franklin 480; B.M. Smith 475; Ann Lee 56b; Pauline Childers 512; Floyd Hale and Hunter Hale 485; Regina Glass 269; Kathy Lee and Rachel Lee 155; Karen Buche 421; Nancy Crawford 86; Regina Clark 73t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class back together leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 411; Martha Beverly 497; Thomas Willard and Allison Dodson 224; Paul Gauthier 280; Lorena Moore 148; Charles Derleth 303; J.L. Hopper 304; Judy Caudle 360; Linda Sides 146; Pam Nunn, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Richard Green and Susan Green 137; Henry Schuman 344; Jimmy Ballinger 111b; Barbara Swetman 481; Joan Aldridge 182; Ricky Harcrow 274t; Ruth Brown 73b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with Shane Wootten leading song on page 300. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 200; Jerry Enright and Lorena Moore 77t; Cassie Franklin, Jenny Wootten, and Linda Thomas 559 (Cooper Book); Reba Windom 196; Jesse Roberts 214; Marcia Johnson 176t; Mattie Townsel 294; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Judy Hauff 376. Uncle George Lacy, age 94, who has attended this church for singing schools and singings for the past 86 years, spoke of the families who established this convention and who have been instrumental in continuing the convention, the heritage given them, and this way of life: the families of Uncle Jack Ivey, Uncle John Lacy, and Uncle Dick Wilks. George

Lacy and Terry Wootten led song on page 82t. Johnny Lee and John Etheridge led "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" (Cooper Book) in honor of America and the Independence Day holiday. Leaders: Lee Rogers 390; Betty Shepherd 216; Susan Harcrow 436; Keith Willard 102; Richard Ivey 567; David Lee 74b; Don Clark 448b.

The results of the election were announced at this time: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

#### RECESS

Coy Ivey called the class together leading song on page 30t. Richard Ivey and Coy Ivey led song on page 222. Leaders: Jenny Willard 564; Allison Ivey 192; Clarke Lee 47b; Stuart Ivey 299; Dave Ressler 419; Tommie Spurlock 446; Kathy Manning 428; Ted Johnson 142; Bill Beverly 66; Stanley Smith 542; Terry Hogg 112; Felton Denny 523; Melanie Hauff 215; John Etheridge 76b; Karen Ivey 441 (for Vester Jones); Syble Adams 505 (Cooper Book); Joyce Walton 455; Betty Wright 511b (Cooper Book); Suzanne Hale and Hunter Hale 163b.

After announcements, David Ivey and Tony Ivey led song on page 420 for Jap Walton. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Tony Ivey.

#### Sunday, July 5

The Sunday session was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 61 and 498. The morning prayer was led by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 39b; Norma Latham 489; Loyd Ivey 318; Shane Wootten 312b; Marlon Wootten 59; Tony Ivey 85; Eloise Wootten 234; Jackie Tanner 298; Lamar Smith 76b; Wayne Wootten 171; Henry Johnson 569b; Mattie Townsel 313t; S.T. Reed 32b; Sandy Ivey 503; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 475; Jerry Enright 300; Betty Wright 347; Shawn Carroll 28b; Stanley Smith 500; Edith Tate 93; Mike Dunn 186; Becky Browne 211; Earl Ballinger 299; Olivia Allen 163t.

#### RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 388. Leaders: Rex Wilks 30t; Milton Oliver 434; Patsy Gentle 63; Dewayne Wootten 283; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Dennis George 35; Brenda Carroll 442; Linton Ballinger 182; Betty Shepherd 196; Tommie Spurlock 430; Karen Buche 122; Johnny Humber 389; Dave Ressler 192; Clifford Hale 268; Richard Ivey 384; John Henry Busby and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me"; Linda Sides 328; Hershell King 426t.

The Memorial Committee: Eloise Wootten, Linda Thomas, and Phil Summerlin, presented the Memorial Lesson. Linda Thomas read from John 14. Eloise Wootten read the names of the remembered deceased: Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, Keterina Sanders, Kim Cagle, Estelle Napier, Mary Berueffy, Opal Johnston, Andre Floyd, Gene Phillips, Ozetta Gilliland, Vernice Calvert, Hussell Godsey, Hadyn Creel, Mamie Creel, Ira Brooks, Joseph Brooks, John Seeley, Bill Foreschner, Barrett Ashley, Myreeta Hardin, Herbert Leopard, and Lewis Smith. Linda Thomas, Eloise Wootten, and Phil Summerlin led song on page 285t in memory of the deceased.

David Ivey led song on page 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Ethel Klein, Woodie Walker, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hardin, Jane Gronau, Helen Berg, Mel Kersey, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Jap Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Jones, and Elmer Cordell. Phil Summerlin closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

David Ivey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Bud Oliver and Richard Ivey 270; Lorena Moore 335; Lavaughn Ballinger 84;

George Lacy 424; Lisa Ballinger 269; Erica Mitchell 354b; David Ballinger 82t; Sarah Harcrow 153; Beth O'Dell 189; John Etheridge 348b; Phil Summerlin 97; Lomax Ballinger 163; Sandy Ivey and Scott Ivey 128; Marian Biddle, Adam Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Candace Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Andrew Wootten, and Jessica Ivey "That Beautiful Land"; Linda Thomas, Cassie Franklin, and Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper Book); Mark Brown "Beulah Land" (by request); Regina Glass 27; Allison Ivey and Ivey Ellis 546; Martha Beverly 421; Edwin Ballinger 111t; Eloise Avery 460.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back together leading song on page 58. Leaders: Levon Wootten 350; Reba Windom 208 (for Woodie Walker); Barbara Sweetman 277; Joan Aldridge 454; Floyd Peters 68b; Melvin Stiefel 480; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 64; Mary Ruth Stiefel 220; Susan Harcrow 142; Larry Ballinger 123t; Karen Ivey and Betty Shepherd 138t; Stuart Ivey 358; Mark Brown and Linda Thomas "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" (Cooper Book) (by request).

David Ivey expressed thanks:

- 1) to everyone who helped make the convention a great success;
- 2) all the visitors from far and near;
- 3) all who brought lunch;
- 4) Loyd Ivey for the lemonade;
- 5) Willard Wright and Betty Wright for the delicious homemade ice cream on Saturday;
- 6) and the Arranging Committee, Shane Wootten and Rex Wilks, for a job well done.

Announcements were made. David Ivey, Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Tony Ivey led song on page 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hunter Hale.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

## **CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 5, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 52. The morning prayer was led by B.J. Harris. Miranel Swafford led song on page 137; Mary Florence Smith 224; Margie Smith 501b. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 138b; Josephine Denney 100; B.J. Harris 503; Julie Lee 82t; Everette Denney 335; Fran Adams 159; Ted Johnson 348b; Rachel Lee 32t; Henry Schuman 145t; Melanie Hauff 430; Phillip Langley 436; Pauline Childers 318; Paul Gauthier 565; Kathy Lee 515; Roy Nelson 274t; Jenny Willard 349; Nancy Allen 146.

#### RECESS

Louis Hughes, Jr. and Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class together leading song on page 569b. Leaders: David Lee 101b; Katharine Manning 50t; Keith Willard 278b; Judy Hauff 187; Terry Hogg 340; Katherine Benefield 373; John Redmon

358; Shelbie Sheppard 28b (for Lula Smith); Johnny Lee 37b; Charlene Wallace 84 (for I.V. McWhorter); Don Bowen 475.

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial, reading scripture from Ecclesiastes third chapter and reading the names of the deceased: Velma Denney, Kim Cagle, Alvin Stanson, Jerry Sheppard, Ruth Reid, Shirley Roberts, Myreeta Hardin, Susan Wantland, Clyde Atkinson, Opal Johnston, Audre Floyd, Hadyn Creel, Mamie Creel, Vernice Calvert, Johnnie Williams, Hoyt Pope, Curtis Alred, Dwayne Alred, and Herman Smith.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 45t (by special request) for Johnny Williams. Felton Denney led songs on pages 50b and 31t for all the other deceased. Louis Hughes, Sr., Florence Williams, Ceford Wood, and Theo Waddel led song on page 457 in memory of Monroe Wood and other members of the Wood and Williams families.

Marcia Johnson led songs on pages 179 and 434 for the sick and shut-ins: Evelyn Newman, Mozelle Sheppard, Carrie Garner, I.V. McWhorter, Revy Williamson, and Ethel Klein (Marcia Johnson's mother). Mary Florence Smith led song on page 426t and closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 72b. Leaders: B.M. Smith 284; Mary Elizabeth Lee 198; Jimmie Denney 143; Karen Hojnacki 208; Clarke Lee 32b; Carlene Griffin 306; Jeff Sheppard 367; Teenie Moody 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard); Bobby Jackson 480; Liz Bryant 368; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t, 77b; Mildred Patterson 378t; Lee Rogers 513; Louis Hughes, Sr., Lynn Dodson, Elaine Newman, and Allison Dodson 282; Evelyn Harris 47t; Judy Mincey 474; Louise Nelson 87; Bonnie Flowers 448t; Estelle Flowers 213; Marcia Johnson 260; David Lee 454; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 312b; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 29t; Julie Lee and Clarke Lee 28t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 63.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Miranel Swafford led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

### **DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL** **New Flatwoods Church - South of Nauvoo, Alabama** **July 5, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry "Doc" Jackson was called to order by L. H. Gilmore leading song on page 39b.

The morning prayer was led by Dr. Doyal Williams.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - A.C. McGough and John Hyde.

L. H. Gilmore led song on page 32t. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 490 (for Martha Hicks who is sick); Dovie Jackson 319, 421; Joshua Keeton 117, 49b; Ivaleen Donaldson 108t; Huey Jones 220, 500; Mae Thomas 61, 73t; Billy Williams 147b, 448b; Ashley Keeton 159, 358; John Hocutt 111b, 89; Pernie Pelfrey 67; Kermit Adams 212, 300; Mary Ellen Jones 392, 394; Gene Wakefield 168, 138t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 57 and 283 (in memory of Doc Jackson and Estelle Napier), 343b (in memory of Bud Nix).

Leaders: Pam Keeton 215, 480; Glenn Keeton 225, 503; Jayne Fulmer 36b, 186;

Elder and Mrs. Ronald Gilmore 111t, 348b, 475; Aileen Woodley 77t, 399b; Clarence McCool 235, 569b; Gladys Bonds 460, 74b.

Elder Ronald Gilmore welcomed everyone and dismissed the class for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with A.C. McGough leading songs on pages 410t and 290. Leaders: Lena Keeton Wakefield "Not Made With Hands", 274t; Odie Horton 83t, 76b; Beatrice Brewer 348, 137; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318, 375; Roland Gilmore and Joshua Keeton 208, "Jesus Died For Me"; Jeanette Tidwell 336, 155; Elmer Conwill 296, 454; Jimmie Gilmore 276, 145b (in memory of Lavada Gilmore); Clearcy Rutledge 37b, 42; Janet Jones 373 (in memory of her father, Doc Jackson); Anita Narramore, Ronnie Narramore, and Elder Ronald Gilmore 285t, 142 (for Tim Gilmore who is at home sick), 306; John Hyde 68b, 297; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Josie Hyde 288, 43; Joyce Hubbert 482, 143 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore); M.O. Sides 127, 119.

L. H. Gilmore, Travis Keeton, and Elder Ronald Gilmore led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

## QUEBEC CONVENTION

Lennoxville, Quebec

July 10-11, 1998

Friday, July 10

The fourth annual Quebec Convention was held at St. George's Church in Lennoxville, Quebec. The Friday evening session was called to order by Chairperson Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 47t, followed by an opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 452; George Seiler 84; Nathan Morrison 77t; Jean Seiler 34b; Howard Katz 99; Bob Parr 142; Jackie Hall 497; Paul Gauthier 565; Mary Neville 481; Duncan Vinson 196; Virginia Neville 288; Bobbie Goodell 163b; Dan Hertzler 198; George Seiler 68; Nathan Morrison 272; Jean Seiler 273; Howard Katz 362b; Guy Bankes 344.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading songs on pages 146 and 107. Leaders: Bob Parr 475; Jackie Hall 410b; Paul Gauthier 410t, 213t; Mary Neville 442; Nancy Thomas 159; Duncan Vinson 148; Virginia Neville 163t; Bobbie Goodell 29b; Guy Bankes 178; Dan Hertzler 474; George Seiler 64. Announcements were made. Cheryl Stroud led song on page 569b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Saturday, July 11

The morning session was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 117, followed by an opening prayer and announcements.

Leaders: George Seiler 31t; Nathan Morrison 168; Jean Seiler 106; John Henderson 146; Barb Tolls 569b; Bob Parr 212; Pippa Hall 312b; Susanne Garson 178; Paul Gauthier 32b; Mary Neville 228; Nancy Thomas 479; Duncan Vinson "Birmingham"; Virginia Neville 504; Bobbie Goodell 46; Guy Bankes 474; Dan Hertzler 335; George Seiler 480.

#### RECESS

Cheryl Stroud called the class to order leading songs on pages 86 and 350.

Leaders: Howard Katz 306; Nathan Morrison 538; Jean Seiler "Ten Thousand Charms"; class songs 236, 254.

George Seiler led song on page 347 for those friends who have passed away, which included the following list of names: Edna Lundgren, Maureen Joy, Lois Berfield, Paul Aucoine, Linda Rupert, Jerry Sheppard, Dorothy Goodell, Madolin McGray, and Mary Bereuffy.

Dan Hertzler led song on page 430 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ben Hertzler and Harriett Henry. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Bob Parr 327; Bobbie Goodell 122; George Seiler 313b; Guy Banks 143; Howard Katz 351; Dan Hertzler "Mount Hope".

#### LUNCH

Cheryl Stroud called the afternoon session together with songs on pages 551 and 352. Leaders: Nathan Morrison "Moreen"; John Henderson 503; Kyle Greenlee 40; Jean Seiler 492; Barb Tolls 155; Bob Parr 80 (NH); Pippa Hall 203; Susanne Garson 163; Paul Gauthier "O Turn Ye"; Mary Neville 49b; Lynnette Combes 277; Nancy Thomas 523b; Duncan Vinson 361; Virginia Neville 528; Bobbie Goodell 174; Cheryl Stroud 455.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading songs on pages 159 and 497.

The secretary reported that there were participants from 5 countries: United States, Canada, Korea, Zaire, and Brazil. Eight states were represented: Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Two provinces were represented: Ontario and Quebec. There were 50 registered participants and 22 leaders.

The treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

Announcements were made regarding upcoming conventions and regular singings.

Leaders: Guy Banks 268; Dan Hertzler 419; George Seiler 183; Howard Katz 408; Kyle Greenlee 28b; John Henderson 296; Lynnette Combes 217; Jean Seiler 299; Nancy Thomas 71; Bob Parr 269; Barb Tolls 267; Pippa Hall 198; Susanne Garson 65; Paul Gauthier 542; Mary Neville 476; Duncan Vinson 133.

Cheryl Stroud led songs on pages 276 and 62 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer led by David Dutton.

Chairperson: Cheryl Stroud; Secretary - Victor Maltby.

## **CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION** **Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama** **July 11-12, 1998**

**Saturday, July 11**

The Saturday session of the annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Henry Guthery welcomed everyone to the convention and led song on page 88t. Billy Williams was appointed to call the leaders until the singing was organized.

Leaders: Cecil Gilliland 217, 171; Travis Keeton 48t, 73t; Hershell King 67, 348b; Norma Latham 126, 313t; David Roberson 220, 146; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Flarce Creel 270, 503; Cassie Franklin 84, 475; Eron White 384.

#### RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 565b, 388; Leola Smith 318, 172; Corene White 314; Betty Shaver 155, 454; Edith Tate 37b, 137; Martha Woodard 340; Elsie Moon 73b;



Josh Keeton 189, 408; Paul Gilliland 569b, 268; Lena Keeton 43, 436; Kathleen Robbins 434, 142.

#### RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 285t and 365. Bascum Mattox led songs on pages 217 and 430.

At this time a motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session. It was moved and seconded to keep the same officers as the previous year: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging and Finance Committee - Billy Williams; Memorial Committee - Imogene Nelms and Eron White. The business session was closed and the class resumed singing.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 527; Delores Canada 34b, 35; Eldagene Roberson 358, 175; Cecil Sanders 480; Reddie Powell 280, 269. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Harrison Creel.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 487. Leaders: Marie Guthrie "The Great Roll Call", 222; Linton Ballinger 212, 208; John Hocutt 354, 272; Cindy Franklin 123t, 213t, 213b; Sherry Guthery 349, 64; Margie Burleson and Ruth Burleson 73b, 145, 143; Ira Chandler 371, 144; Imogene Nelms 110, 300; Buell Cobb 284; Iva Cleghorn and Reddie Powell 294, 198; Eldagene Roberson 306; Cassie Franklin 64.

Henry Guthery thanked the class for attending and invited everyone back for the Sunday session. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Parker.

#### Sunday, July 12

The Sunday session of the convention was opened by Henry Guthery who welcomed everyone and led song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Henry Guthery led song on page 460. Leaders: Martha Woodard 274t, 274b; Lora Cargo 84, 498; Velton Chafin 225t, 494; Gordon Wilkinson 112, 208; Betty Shaver 378t, 335; Bud Oliver 39b, 145b; Ila Ingle 32t, 146; David Roberson 36b, 222.

#### RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 153. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 569b, 544b; Edis Guthrie 186, 171; Otis Harden 270, 406; Amanda Denson 404, 360; Corene White 126, 216, 275t; Artis Wall 275b, 40; Otis Pelfrey 189, 298; Eldagene Roberson 332, 300; Lamar Smith 343b; Charles Parker 159, 77t; Flarce Creel 475, 546.

At this time the floor was opened to the Memorial Committee. Since the convention was held last year, we have lost many of our Sacred Harp singers. As we enter into this memorial, think of them singing around the great throne of God, and for that time we will be able to sing with them again. There is a song in the Cooper Revision of the Sacred Harp which is entitled "We Will Sing With The Angels There." This song has words that say, "We will sing with the angels there in that happy home so fair, in Heaven above where all is love, We will sing with the angels there." The deceased remembered were: Keterina Sanders, Hadyen Creel, Mamie Creel, Unie B. Howard, Bob Fannin, Vernice Calvert, Mae Seymour, Vera Harbison, Willie Blackwood, Edward Godsey, and Jerry Sheppard.

The names of the sick and shut-ins are: Essie Calvert, Lucius Oden, Mary Oden, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Alpha Black, Alvie Washburn, Thurman Nall, Thurman Tillman, Ruth Tillman, and Tressie Atkins.

Leaders for the memorial lesson were: Buell Cobb 138b; Velton Chafin 333; Eron White and Imogene Nelms 454. The memorial lesson was closed. Respectfully submitted: Eron White and Imogene Nelms.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 145t; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Willodean Barton 416, 391; Reddie Powell 200, 349; Sherry Guthery 58, 359.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading song on page 558. Leaders: Eron White 155, 380; Buell Cobb 69t, 467b; Edith Tate 119, 157; Imogene Nelms 441, 183; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Gregg Holmes 438; Billy Cobb 147t, 231; Roscoe Knight 127, 47b; Bud Oliver 201b, 29t; J.C. Raferty "That Beautiful Land"; Flarce Creel 503; Henry Guthery 490.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery thanked everyone for their participation in this year's convention, and invited everyone back next year. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

### **OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **And Boiling Springs Convention** **Sylacauga, Alabama** **July 12, 1998**

The annual singing of the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and the Boiling Springs Convention was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Wayne Morgan.

Jeff Sheppard led 36b; B. M. Smith 30t, 37b; Pennie Bosarge 270, 535.

The class organized and elected to retain the same officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley; Arranging Committee - Pennie Bosarge and Gisele Morgan.

Leaders: Elder Bufrey Dean 274, 111b; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 85, 373; Chita Blakeley 216, 142; Daphene Causey 73, 77t; Wayne Morgan 49t, 46; Lacey Pressley 143; B.J. Harris 503, 303; Waylon Blakeley 145t, 172.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 127. Leaders: Kyle Blakeley 42, 314; Margie Smith 313t, 32t; Daniel Dean 147t (for Thomas Futral), 30b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 101t; Justin Burdette 354; Jack Nelson 45t, 49b; Nancy Allen 31b; Gavin Blakeley 124, 128; Shelbie Sheppard 106, 28b; Brenda Dean 98 (for Opal Futral), 369.

The singing gave way for Elder Jonathan Blakeley to read from Ephesians 5:13, and to speak words of praise to our Lord and King. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Bufrey Dean.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B. M. Smith leading song on page 150. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 186; Roy Nelson 290, 283; Hilda Morrison 276, 426. A memorial was held for those who have passed away in the last year. Those remembered were: Alvin Stanson, Jerry Sheppard, Mae Seymour, Herman Smith, Kim Cagle, John Forman, Ila McGhee, and Myreeta Hardin. B. M. Smith led songs on page 340 and 288 for the deceased, and also remembered those who are sick and unable to attend.

Leaders: Jo Snodgrass 490 (for her dad, Willard Fredericks), 426; Louise Nelson 282; Shea Kelly 75; Bufrey Dean 341 (in memory of Elder Lloyd Hand and A.J.

Hand); Myra Goss 269, 304; Bobby Jackson 388, 480; Pennie Bosarge 490 for Grace Harry; Daphene Causey 222, 225t.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: B.J. Harris 452; Jo Snodgrass 294; Margie Smith 494; Jack Nelson 67; Wayne Morgan 99; Gavin Blakeley 135; Kyle Blakeley 76b.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard, B. M. Smith, and Elder Bufrey Dean led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Steve Milner.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley.

### **LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION** **Zion Church, eight miles north of Gordo, Alabama** **July 12, 1998**

The eighty-first session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July, and was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. Clarence McCool led song on page 36b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

Leaders: John Hyde 37b, 39b; Travis Keeton 48, 32t; Elmer Conwill 418, 276; Lena Keeton 273, 200; John Hocutt 319, 337; Mae Conwill 142, 124; Etma Barton 298, 300; Josie Hyde 183; Gravis Ballinger 34t, 78; George Cox 303, 108t; Lisa Geist 155, 246; Johnny Humber 313, 382.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Earline Ellis leading songs on pages 302 and 318.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 143; Cecil Sanders 225t; Travis Keeton 512, 179; Alonzo Malone 203, 432; Toney Smith 69t, 475, 278; Beatrice Brewer 176, 137; Larry Ballinger 90, 101t; Gene Wakefield 168, 460; Edward Ballinger 35, 42; Wayne Baines 40.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Clarence McCool leading songs on pages 45t, 569, and 39t. Leaders: Cecile Cox 135, 384; Dorothy Elmore 480, 323; Glenn Keeton 503, 231; Travis Keeton 99.

A memorial service was held by Earline Ellis leading songs on pages 39b and 349 in memory of the following deceased: Mae Seymour, Clifford Wakefield, and Keterina Sanders. The memorial service was closed.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 500; John Hocutt 436; Travis Keeton 53; George Cox 229; Toney Smith 150; Ray O'Mary 75; Johnny Humber 340; Marlin Burkhalter 68b; Lisa Geist 454; Lena Keeton 200; David Ellis 72; Etma Barton 299, 216; Gene Wakefield 138; John Hyde 297; Beatrice Brewer 273; Cecil Sanders 283; Edwin Ballinger 145; Dorothy Elmore 523; Wayne Baines 36b. Clarence McCool led song on page 159 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Johnny Humber.

Thanks to all who came to be with us on this day, and we invite everyone to come again next year on the second Sunday in July.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

**MICHIANA SINGING**  
**Goshen, Indiana**  
**Saturday, July 18, 1998**

The eleventh annual Michiana Singing was held at the New Testament Baptist Church. The class was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 171. Rachel Miller Jacobs led the morning prayer. Matthew Lind led song on page 34b.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 35; Laura Short 497; Kent Beck 72b; Christine Guth 77t; Dick Dunagan 74b; Martha Beverly 479; Emmie Barford 117; Janet Fraembs 91; Steve Warner 192; Kiri Miller 122; Bob Meek 441; Elizabeth Todd 335; Lee Steinmetz 503; James Page 216; John Seaton 217; Joan Aldridge 475.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Samuel Sommers leading song on page 319. Leaders: Jerry Enright 317b; William Shetter 120; Suzanne Flandreau 276; Ted Mercer 302; Brad Oglesby 460; Thomas Willard 106; Reba Windom 224; Paul Foster 377; Connie Karduck 528; David Rust 38b; Wendy Wahn 203; Mark Miller 271; Karen Hojnacki 504; Nathan Barford 260; Val Dunagan 288; John Fink 49b; Charlotte Wolfe 128; Melanie Hauff 318.

**RECESS**

Matthew Lind brought the class together leading song on page 324. Leaders: Al Frank 146; Alexander Knecht 51; D.J. Hatfield 250; Jenny Willard 564; Dean Slaton 536; Henry Schuman 532; Julie Vea 436.

A memorial lesson was held by Ted Mercer, and began by expressing appreciation for singers who took the time and effort to share the Sacred Harp tradition with us. The memorial lesson is a time to remember and honor those singers who have gone before. Ted Mercer then read the list of those deceased: Barrett Ashley, Kim Cagle, Mamie Creel, Hadyn Creel, Vernice Calvert, Keterina Sanders, Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard - Alabama; Jimmy Driftwood - Arkansas; Winifred Walker Landis, Opal Johnston, and Andre Floyd - Florida; Eva Reeves - Georgia; Agnes Winkler - Illinois; John Oyer - Indiana; Anne Lyman Chancellor - Kentucky; Marvin Byrd, John Seeley, and Bill Froeschner - Maryland; Ruth Reid - North Carolina; Kevin Blood - New Mexico; Lucille Vea - Wisconsin. Connie Karduck led song on page 565 for the deceased.

Ted Mercer read the list of names of those sick or shut-in: Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Marie Aldridge - Alabama; Thomas Emmart - California; Ethel Klein - Florida; Horace DeLong - Georgia; Janet Borman - Illinois; Jane Gronau and Isabel Arnold - Massachusetts; Ken Kooyers - Michigan; Gary Gronau - Missouri; Tammy Webster - North Carolina; Linda Brown - Ohio; Jerry Williard - Pennsylvania; Lilia Springer - Wisconsin. Pauline Childers led song on page 498 for the sick and shut-in, and the memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Beverly Enright 543; Kathryn Knecht 100. Rachel Miller Jacobs said grace.

**LUNCH**

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class to order leading song on page 454. Leaders: Debbie Barford 304; Bill Beverly 222; Marcia Johnson 196; Lynne deBenedette 218; Johanna Fabke 83t; Lisa Grayson 419; Laurel Cornell 254; Terry Hogg 344; Judy Hauff 411; Pauline Childers 269; Richard DeLong 362; Anne Heider 236; Ted Johnson 368; Keith Willard 144; Charles Knecht 410; Marlen Rust 84; David Barford 209.

**RECESS**

Marcia Johnson brought the class to order leading song on page 32. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 76b; Maria Knecht 100; Jo Dell Albi 430; Jeanette Lowry 270; Stanley Chang 268; Reba Windom 155; Janet Fraembs 421; Jerry Enright 29t; Joan Aldridge 434; Melanie Hauff 168; Elizabeth Todd 501; Ted Mercer 299; Lynne deBenedette 73t; Richard DeLong 123b; James Page 538; Judy Hauff 273; Keith Willard 80t; Julie Vea 327; Terry Hogg 340; Pauline Childers 234. Announcements were made. James Nelson Gingerich led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rachel Miller Jacobs. Chairman - Matthew Lind; Treasurer - James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain - Rachel Miller Jacobs; Secretary - Samuel Sommers.

**MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama**  
**July 18, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Leonard Hayes.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper.

Leaders: Hershell King 340; David Light 274t, 112; Gordon Wilkinson 434, 335; J.C. Rutledge 569b, 401; Leonard Hayes "That Beautiful Land", 294; Irene Jordan 64, 480; Eunice Kimbrell 77t, 129; S.T. Reed 101t, 100; J.L. Hopper 71; Jonathon Thompson 84, 47t; Brandon Thompson 39b, 384.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Buckley Hopper leading songs on pages 48b and 300. Leaders: Judy Caudle 311, 403; Nancy Thompson 277, 278b, 523b; Glenda Hopper 310; Wilda Holmes 441, 460; Dan Hopper 195, 174; Hershell King 97.

**LUNCH**

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 82. Leaders: Sandra Light 143, 354b; Ramona Light and David Light 398, 172; Carmon Brothers 313, 312, 175; Arvid Holmes 171, 318, 137; Rhoda Norris 77t, 145b; S.T. Reed 388, 176b; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 217; J.L. Hopper 91; Irene Jordan 45t; Buddy Hopper 268, 457; J.L. Hopper 442; David Light 192.

Hershell King led song on page 426t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King.

**WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**Zions Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama**  
**Saturday, July 18, 1998**

The eighty-fourth session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met July 18th at Zions Rest Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. Velton Chafin led song on page 30t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Memorial - Cynthia Franklin and Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; A.C. McGough 454, 390; Travis Keeton 306; A.A. Malone 565; Coy Ivey 63, 155; Cecil Gilliland 273, 335; Gene Wakefield 168, 138; Brenda Merritt 187, 336; Estes Jackson 396, 33t; J. A. Mosley 75, 204; John Merritt 503, 358; Elmer Conwill 216, 110.

#### RECESS

The class was reassembled by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 285 and 212. Leaders: Patricia Mauldin 45t, 268; Lena Keeton 432; Odie Horton 149, 48t; Jackie Tanner 172, 222; Willodean Barton 290; Mae Conwill 74b; Paul Gilliland 490, 176b; Ada Godsey 301; Aubrey Barfield 480, 269; Richard Mauldin 40, 36b; Roma Rice 93; John Etheridge 114; Mattie Townsel 145b, 137; Norma Latham 405, 418; Joshua Keeton 189, 408; Ila Ingle 434, 436.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading song on page 341. Leaders: Delores Canady 178, 277; Pam Keeton 215, 220; Ashley Keeton 142, 421.

At this time the memorial was held with Brenda Merritt and Cynthia Franklin leading song on page 404 for the following deceased: Vernice Calvert, Charley McCoy, Keterina Sanders, Hadyn Creel, Mamie Creel, Mae Seymour, Ozetta Gilliland, Jerry Sheppard, Clifford Wakefield, W.M. Adkins; Juanita Coffee, Myreeta Hardin, Kim Cagle, Mariann Hoobler, and Bob Fannin.

For the following sick and shut-in, Cynthia Franklin and Brenda Merritt led song on page 340: Elsie Beasley, Ruth Aaron, Tressie Atkins, Thurman Nall, Mary Gardner, Hugh McGuire, Emma Lou Grayson, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips. The memorial was closed with prayer by John Merritt.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 280; Winston Jones 47b; Cynthia Franklin and Flarce Creel 171, 475; Cassandra Franklin 217; Edith Tate 532; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Bud Oliver 73t, 39b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 448t, 34b; Lauretta Price 313t; Azilee Adams 337; Kenneth Fannin 30b; Margaret Keeton 332; Ottis Sides 97, 318; Harrison Creel 167; Ann Ballard 317, 319; Charles Kitchens 326, 90; John Hyde 61.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the session was closed with prayer by A.C. McGough.

Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

### **CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama July 19, 1998**

The one hundred twenty-fifth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger. Velton Chafin led song on page 35.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Edward Howton 112, 436; Eldagene Roberson 300, 215; David Roberson 222, 220; Henry Guthery 543, 512; Sherry Guthery 64, 340; Louis Hughes, Sr. 176t, 565b; Tommie Spurlock 168, 430; Aubrey Barfield 283, 365; Corene White 171, 216.

#### RECESS

Coy Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Bascum Mattox 155, 217; Bill Farris 87, 282; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Agnes Farris 345t, 490; S.T. Reed 161; Edith Tate 93; Stanley Smith 107, 151; Eron White

408; John Etheridge 272; Elvin Guthrie 477, 495; Christie Allen 500, 542; Shelley Capps 100.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 142, 358; Lisa Geist 273, 572; Marie Aldridge 192, 193; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 212; Larry Ballinger 109; Travis Keeton 343b, 275b; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Gene Wakefield 158, 159.

#### LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the class together by leading song on page 318. Leaders:

Jackie Tanner 182; Elsie Moon 456; Linton Ballinger 208; Willodean Barton 418; Ann Jett 546, 327; Jewel Wootten 276; Earl Ballinger 331; Margaret Keeton 78; Marie Guthrie 218; Buell Cobb 42; Cindy Franklin 454; Wanda Capps 53; Glenn Keeton 34b; Bud Oliver 29t; Dorothea McCowan 120, 442; Odie Horton 403; Amanda Denson 280; Flarce Creel 475; John Merritt 231; Brenda Merritt 499b; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Harrison Creel 342; Gladys Bonds 77t; Delores Canady 81t; Mattie Townsel 143; Coy Ivey 187 (by request), 137; Freda Bledsoe 335; Cindy Franklin 352 (by request); Billy Williams 288.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon.

### **COTACO CONVENTION**

#### **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama July 25, 1998**

The one hundred-tenth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Elder Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 138b, 171, and 388. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Dan Hopper then called a short business session for the election of officers. A motion and second was made to keep the same officers for another term:

Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle. Chairman Dan Hopper appointed the Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper and Carmon Brothers.

Dan Hopper led song on page 205. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 64; Carmon Brothers 65, 123t, 133; Eldagene Roberson 354b, 155; Hershell King 176b, 235; Bud Oliver 145b, 345t, 345b; Buckley Hopper 457, 300, 268; Craig Holmes 68b, 45t.

#### RECESS

The class was reassembled by Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 301 and 382.

Leaders: David Roberson 340, 137, 222; Jonathon Thompson 84, 384; Brandon Thompson 335, 274t; Gerald Holmes 28t, 28b, 203; Milton Oliver 75, 403; Arvid Holmes 36b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 143 and 213b for Kimmie Holcomb. Leaders: Billy Williams 39b, 448b; Marie Guthrie 113, 374; Buell Cobb 31b, 207 (Mr. Cobb made very interesting comments concerning the singing he had attended in Washington, D.C. on the previous day); J. L. Hopper 479, 43; Rhoda Norris 276, 177; Judy Caudle 76t, 104; Nancy Thompson 108t, 101t; David Ivey 131b, 121; Carol Newman 47b, 220; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land" (for Alta Self), 80b, 295; Willard Hopper 426, 565; Glenda Hopper 343, 212; Buckley Hopper 40.

Chairman Dan Hopper gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the Convention to make their request known. None were received, so the singing will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 1999.

Dan Hopper led songs on pages 140 and 122 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Herbert Cobbs.

Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

## **MARILOU JOLLY MEMORIAL**

**Poway, California**

**July 25, 1998**

The second annual Marilou Jolly Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, in the Grand Room of the Porter House in Old Poway Park. The session was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 47t. The morning prayer was given by Midge Harder.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 178; Midge Harder 126, 312; Norma Ruptier 148, 147t; Janice Hecksel 46, 159; Rod Willard 34, 40; Carroll Lunsford 111t, 153; Susan Turpin 370, 480; Barbara Willard 128, 53; Rick Russell 528, 503.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Ron Huss 415, 534; Clayton Becker 378t; Laura Russell 388, 387; Carla Smith 67, 31; Norma Huckaby 105, 405; Dudley Willard 404, 425; Michael Lambert 268, 186; Ariana Sprinkle 45; Karen Huss 236; Rachel Smith 254; Rick Russell 260. Laura Russell offered the grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jerry Schreiber called the class to order leading song on page 276, followed by Susan Turpin leading songs on pages 99 and 328.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Vice Chairman - Michael Lambert; Secretary - Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee - Rick Russell; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith.

Leaders: Laura Russell 506, 369; Midge Harder 84, 510; Jon Giles 572, 380; Rick Russell 183, 217; Norma Ruptier 479, 66; Ron Huss 195, 373; Karen Huss 458, 497; Carroll Lunsford 123t, 294.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class to order by leading song on page 142. Leaders: Anne Friend 277, 198; Michael Lambert 285, 117; Janice Hecksel 324, 106; Jerry Schreiber 86, 144; Dudley Willard 87; Rodney Willard 52; Norma Huckaby 457; Jon Giles 269.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber called the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Laura Kish 475; Carla Fournier 524; Jerry Schreiber 550, 182; Carla Smith 456.

The Resolutions Committee presented a report to the class.

Jerry Schreiber and Michael Lambert led song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Susan Turpin.

Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Vice Chairman - Michael Lambert; Secretary - Carla Smith.



**MT. ZION MEMORIAL**  
**Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)**  
**July 25-26, 1998**

**Saturday, July 25**

The one hundred-sixth 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.

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 75. B.J. Harris led the morning prayer. Carlene Griffin led song on page 63. Leaders: Judy Henry 31b, 77b; Hugh McGraw 54; Charlene Wallace 171, 225 (for Don Bowen); Earlis McGraw 148, 338; Cindy Cole and Carolyn Huckleba 67, 117; Jimmie Denney 61, 68b; Josephene Denney 73b, 503; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 186; Reby Stanford 318, 204; Everette Denney 159, 119.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading song on page 224. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 268, 126; Evelyn Harris 30, 87; Felton Denney 147b, 155; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Charles Woods 378b, 277; John Plunkett 70, 130; Becky Hafner Camp 114, 312b; S.T. Reed 337, 379; Bobby Jackson 290, 378. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee and Memorial Committee - Carolyn Huckleba and Judy Henry.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Earlis McGraw leading song on page 317. Leaders: B.J. Harris 162, 452; Mildred Patterson 319, 274; B.M. Smith 28b, 276; Jeannette DePoy 39b, 421; Richard DeLong 370, 232; Hilda Morrison 166, 31; Oscar McGuire 137, 212; Gladys McGraw and Hester Edwards 104, 405; Gladys McGraw, Carlene Griffin, Earlis McGraw, Carolyn Huckleba, and Judy Henry 77.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 88b. Leaders: Andy Anderson and Hugh McGraw 45, 45b; Bobby Jackson 480; S. T. Reed 459; Jeannette DePoy 475 (for Helen Bryson); John Plunkett 27; Charles Woods 127; Lou Cotney 222; Hilda Morrison 203. Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

**Sunday, July 26**

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Lance Snipes. Carlene Griffin led song on page 205. Leaders: Phillip Langley 171, 63; Hugh McGraw 93; Earlis McGraw 132, 74b; Danny Griffin 69, 235; Judy Henry 128, 117; Jan House 236, 313; Charlene Wallace 159 (for Ricky McGraw), 420b (for Jap Walton); Nancy Allen 146; Don Bowen 390, 466; Mary F. Smith 123, 213; Sheri Taylor 566, 542; Myron House 173, 312b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Phillip Langley leading song on page 143. Leaders: B.M. Smith 284, 497; Bobby Jackson 535, 72b; Karen Moreland 81, 155; Pearl Guier 448b, 49; Roy Nelson 274, 283; Margie Smith 276, 101; Oscar McGuire 344, 573.

Memorial lesson: Helen Bryson led song on page 31 in memory of Anne Block, Jerry Sheppard, Janet Rogers, and Newman Miles.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 84 for the sick and shut-ins: Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannals, Richard Allison, Mozelle Sheppard, Lee Rogers, and I.V. McWhorter. End of memorial.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 47; Sharon Hamrick 340, 269.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 358 and 516. Leaders: B.J. Harris 503, 303; Richard DeLong 458, 123b; Judy Mincey 538, 474; Clyde McWhorter 517, 318; Laura Akerman 111b, 499; Raymond Hamrick 467, 313b; Helen Bryson 217, 27; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Allison Dodson 317, 381, 481; John Plunkett 220, 91.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Tommy McGraw leading song on pages 37b and 98. Leaders: Liz Bryant 354, 475; Lisa Webb 334, 100; Ruth Daniels 378; Reba Norton 282, 270; Don Bowen 198, 494; Felton Denney 73.

Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B.J. Harris.

Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

### **MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING** **Hamilton, Alabama** **July 26, 1998**

The eighty-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at the Hamilton Courthouse was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Juanita Whitman. Estes Jackson led song on page 27.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Johnny Humber and Travis Keeton.

Estes Jackson led song on page 28b. Leaders: Johnny Humber 39b, 146; Edwin Ballinger 89, 110; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 81t; Juanita Whitman 569b, 480; Odie V. Horton 270, 284; Clarence McCool 111b, 317; Arnold Moore 460; Mae Conwill 206, 34b; Lavaughn Ballinger 384, 84; Kermit Adams 300, 299; Ashley Owen 30t, 108t.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 179 and 73t. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 78; Cassie Franklin 171, 432; Pernie Pelfrey 155, 147b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Gene Wakefield 138, 168; Flarce Creel 318, 475.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 33b (remembering Charlie Clement). Leaders: Lisa Geist 527, 120; Lucy Heidorn 135, 175; Travis Keeton 129, 183; Edith Tate 139; Larry Ballinger 98, 503; Josie Hyde 477, 507; Cindy Franklin 368, 497, 269; Beth Odell 560, 217; Marie Aldridge 316; John Hyde 403, 297; Earl Ballinger 500, 177; Juliette Haynes 200, 216; Gladys Bonds 74b, 499; Ersell Jackson 426t, 201; Loretta Whitman 124, 421; Nell Alexander 108b, 101t; J.L. Hopper 369, 496; Amanda Denson 360, 567; Betty Baccus and Julie Postum 134, 396.

Estes Jackson led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by J.L. Hopper.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**EUGENE SINGING**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon**  
**August 1, 1998**

The first annual Eugene Singing was opened at 9:30 a.m. by David Hough leading song on page 59. Joanne Hoover read Psalm 100 and offered the opening prayer. David Hough led songs on pages 178 and 31t.

The class entered into a short business session and officers were elected and committee members appointed: Co-Chairmen - Marcia Cutler and Jim Brock; Secretary - Karen Willard.

Karen Stingle taught a short introduction to Sacred Harp singing and the use of shape notes, and led song on page 47t.

Leaders: Marcia Cutler 159; Jim Brock 84; Karen Willard 198; Karen Stingle 569; Jean Murphy 454; Joanne Hoover 501; Gerry Currens 268.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Suzanne Denker 180; Jane Grant 147t; Reed Schillbach 324; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280; David Landazuri 66; Katharine Hough 376; Mary Ditson 146; Wilford Marcotte 128; John Carson 117; David Hough 448t; Bruce Rowland 282; Jean Marcotte 114.

At this time the class was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Leigh Van Sickle read the names of the deceased, and led song on page 532 for: Betty Chamberlain, Michael Ditson, Sharon Miller, Jody Proctor, and Paul Schneider - Oregon; Hadyn Creel, Ozetta Gilliland, Mae Seymour, and Jerry Sheppard - Alabama; Pat Farley - Arizona; Janet Borman - Illinois; Catherine Cessna and Germaine Lacy - Pennsylvania; Herbert Leopard and Louie Smith - Texas.

Joanne Hoover led song on page 474 for the following sick and shut-in: Dan Potter - Oregon; Dario Landazuri - California; Pam Wiley - Colorado; Tomas Landazuri - Ecuador; Katharine Smith - Iowa; Lucille Lembke - Minnesota; Bing Madden - Montana; Arlie Prokop - Nebraska; Mel Kersey - Tennessee; Johnny Jeans and Kevin Treser - Washington; Evern Miller - Wisconsin.

Joanne Hoover closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Fran Ross 184; Martha Johnson 312b; Kristin Xander 156; Marcia Stedman 200; Thalia Stewart 38b; Marcia Cutler 119. Karen Stingle then led the class in singing "Happy Birthday" to Martha Johnson and her mother, Mary Johnson (visiting from Alabama), and John Carson. Joanne Hoover asked the Blessing and the class recessed for lunch.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Jim Brock 34b; Polly Ogden 401; Karen Stingle 203; Jean Murphy 497; Karen Willard 142; Joanne Hoover 56b; Gerry Currens 148; David Hough 480; Jane Grant 277; Reed Schilbach 122; Katharine Hough 455; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Jan Evans 49b; David Landazuri 335; Mary Ditson 457; Wilford Marcotte 47b.

**RECESS**

Leaders: John Carson 143; Bruce Rowland 317; Jean Marcotte 65; Leigh Van Sickle 133; Kristen Xander 373; Fran Ross 254; Marcia Stedman 504; Marcia Cutler 385b; Polly Ogden 370; Joanne Hoover 551; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; David Hough 99.

The class entered into a business session to hear committee reports. The Treasurer, Karen Stingle, announced that all expenses had been met and thanked the class for their generosity.

The Resolutions Committee report, read by David Hough, thanked all by name who labored to get us in the door, blessed us with prayer, kept the songs flowing,

keyed the songs for us, reminded us of those who've gone before, provided great food, found the wonderful venue, sent the wonderful weather, and brought us all together for the friendship and fellowship making music provides.

The Arranging Committee reported a total of 60 songs led. All reports were accepted for the minutes, and after hearing announcements the business session was closed.

Karen Stingle closed the day with leading song on page 155, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Joanne Hoover.

Co-Chairmen - Marcia Cutler and Jim Brock; Secretary - Karen Willard.

## **WARRIOR RIVER-CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION** **Old Clear Creek Church, Marshall County, Alabama** **August 1-2, 1998**

### **Saturday, August 1**

The one hundred twenty-fourth session of the Warrior River Convention and the ninety-ninth session of the Clear Creek Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 30b and 166. Leaders: Jewel Wootten 87, 32t; Milton Oliver 30t, 37b; Waylon Blakeley 138t, 75; Linda Thomas 48t; Carmon Brothers 495, 167; Freeman Wootten 426t; Chita Blakeley 123t, 430; Martha Woodard 274t.

### **RECESS**

Singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 106. Leaders: Hershell King 163t, 340; Carmon Brothers 333 (by request for Evie Blackwood, Doris Brown, and Billie Dean Waid); Dan Hopper 34t, 77t; Betty Wright 347; Linda Hopper 84, 310; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Rhoda Norris 208, 432; Judy Caudle 489, 365; Cassie Franklin 39t, 74b; Elder J.L. Hopper 117, 71; Eloise Avery 348b, 460; Bud Oliver 47t, 42; Elder Marshall Avery 40, 46; Cindy Franklin 317, 336.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading songs on pages 64 and 142.

A move and second was made to go into a business session. The devotion was given by Elder Marshall Avery. He spoke of the decline in attendance of our singings, and the absence of so many we have sung with, and encouraged everyone to encourage young people and show our appreciation to them. Elder Marshall Avery led song on page 159, and offered prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver and Carmon Brothers; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Resolution Committee - Chita Blakeley and Helen Lambert; Finance Committee - Carmon Brothers and Bud Oliver.

Leaders: Helen Lambert 441, 285; S.T. Reed 43, 44; Buckley Hopper 300, 268; Willard Hopper and Rhoda Norris 384, 448t; Linda Thomas and Cassie Franklin 503; Terry Hullett "That Beautiful Land" (by request); Martha Woodard 481.

Terry Hullett and Waylon Blakeley led song on page 45t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

### **Sunday, August 2**

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led song on page 101t. Leaders: Waylon Blakeley 314, 358; Jewel Wootten 63,

145b; Cecil Gilliland 290; Ester Brown 460 (for Alpha Black), 318; Arvid Holmes 171, 155; Paul Gilliland 490, 176b; Martha Woodard 428, 74t; Milton Oliver 321; Lamar Smith 36b; Chita Blakeley 67, 39b; Nancy Thompson 334, 332.

#### RECESS

Singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 203. Leaders: Kyle Blakeley 313, 76b; Brandon Thompson 274t, 354; Gavin Blakeley 282, 101t; Jonathon Thompson 84, 384; Willie Mae Moon 441, 217 (in memory of Mae Seymour); Freeman Wootten 37b; Betty Wright "Jesus Died For Me", 347; Billy Williams 297, 299; Judy Caudle 120, 448b; Wilda Holmes 480, 295; Roie Alexander and Jewel Wootten 145t, 144.

The memorial lesson was held by Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas, and then led song on page 45t for the following deceased: Mae Seymour, Gene Phillips, Eugene Blackwood, Ozetta Gilliland (who was 100 years old), Nora Collett, Jerry Sheppard, A.W. Stanson, Keterina Sanders, Jessie Walker, and Claude Moon.

Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten led song on page 146 for the following sick and shut-ins: Elder and Mrs. J.O. Handley, J.L. Oden, Mary Oden, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Alpha Black, Herbert Phillips, Johnnie Blakeley, Vera Blakeley, Sue Conn, Jap Walton, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Harden, Alice Washburn, Mozelle Sheppard, and Lillie Lybrand.

The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 222. Leaders: Helen Lambert 277, 385t; Susan Harcrow 29t, 224; Elder Philip Gilmore 47b, 68b; Carmon Brothers 119, 72b; Ron Crocker 48t, 47b; Judy Caudle and Willard Hopper 80b, 212; Ester Brown 273 (in memory of Ozetta Gilliland who was a member of Clear Creek Church 66 years).

A business session was held. It was brought before the convention to cut the convention days from two to one. After discussion, it was voted to have the convention on Saturday only, Saturday before the first Sunday in August since so many have passed away or are unable to attend. The 1999 session will be held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Helen Lambert.

First, be it resolved that we will always be found expressing a feeling of thanks to Almighty God for His abundant mercies.

Second, to all who have given so much in the past that we might be able to come together to sing praises to God and who continue on the same path today.

Third, we thank the host church of Old Clear Creek, the officers, those who brought food, and the listeners.

May we resolve to put aside those hindrances in the coming year, if possible, and attend more Sacred Harp singings.

Respectfully submitted: Chita Blakeley and Helen Lambert.

The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$143.72, a collection of \$90.00, an expenditure of \$60.00 for the minutes, gift to the church of \$60.00, leaving a balance of \$113.72. The business session was closed.

Terry Hullett and Waylon Blakeley led song on page 31t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

**CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION**  
**Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia**  
**August 1-2, 1998**  
**Saturday, August 1**

The one hundred forty-sixth session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. Sheri Taylor opened the convention by leading song on page 77t. Kenneth DeLong offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 108b; Jacob Griffith 503, 171; Donna Duke 111t, 111b; Charlene Wallace 155, 209; D.J. Hatfield 74b, 296; Gene Duke 81t, 33b; Jeannette DePoy 411, 282; Carlene Griffin 146, 222; Phillip Langley 182, 542; Judy Mincey 540, 538; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t; Don Bowen 390, 157.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 34t. Leaders: Everette Denney 34b, 335; Lori Goode 236, 551.

A short business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary-Treasurer - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace and Jacob Griffith; Memorial Committee - Jeannette DePoy, Gene Duke, and Lee Rogers; Finance Committee - Don Bowen.

Leaders: John Plunkett 280, 50b; Frances Mary D'Andrea 338, 189; Richard Mauldin 186, 36b; Joan Durdin 148, 29t; Richard DeLong 375, 399; Rev. Lloyd Toney 100. Rev. Jerry Cole, descendant of Matthew Wilson, founder and builder of Wilson's Chapel, spoke to the convention and closed his comments with prayer.

**LUNCH**

Sheri Taylor brought the class to order by leading song on page 163.

Leaders: Laura Frey 173; Felton Denney 299, 347; Gene Wakefield 56t, 168; Patricia Mauldin 63, 159; Evelyn Harris 87, 30t; Andy Morris 151, 455; Ruth Daniels 378t; Bernard Denney 59, 144; Lou Cotney 172, 300; Laura Clawson 142, 345; Dan Bailey 495, 196.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Laura Ackerman leading songs on pages 532 and 543. Leaders: Jack Smith and Peter Lysy 192, 145t; Liz Bryant 504, 377; Jimmie Denney 141, 143; Martha Ann Stegar 106, 306; Mark Puckett 385, 454; Eric Tweedy 332, 312b; Kenneth DeLong 369; Bree Wildau 268, 45; Bobby Jackson 290. Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney led song on page 323t for the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

**Sunday, August 2**

Sheri Taylor opened the Sunday morning session by leading songs on pages 27 and 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Felton Denney 31t, 32t; Lonnie Rogers 75, 137; Gene Duke 119, 147t; Josephine Denney 143, 101; Don Bowen 77, 287; Laura Clawson 274t, 318; Gene Wakefield 138t, 136; Geneva Prichard 146, 45; Jacob Griffith 312b, 114; Patricia Mauldin 63, 155; Phillip Langley 475, 532; Jan House 189, 171.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back by Allen Lambert leading songs on pages 405 and 317. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 288, 72b; Lee Rogers 274b, 425; Lori Goode 512, 358; Myron House 26, 545; Tommy McGraw 480, 37b.

The memorial session was conducted by Jeannette DePoy, Gene Duke, and Lee Rogers. Jeannette DePoy led song on page 122 in memory of her mother, Anne Block. Richard DeLong led song on page 387 for the following deceased: Janet Borman, Clyde Atkinson, Marvin Byrd, Velma Denney, Clara B. Denney, Jerry Sheppard, Alvin Stanson, Juanita Coffee, Clifford Wakefield, Janet Rogers, and Dottie Horn.

Jan House and Myron House led song on page 387 for the following sick and shut-ins: Helen Bryson, Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannals, Mary Lee Nelson, Richard Allison, Arlie Prokop, Mozelle Sheppard, and I.V. McWhorter.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 167. Leaders: John Plunkett 297, 315; Judy Mincey 415, 367; Cathy White 84, 268; Louis Hughes 176, 153; Kent Beck 30, 299; Bobby Jackson 503, 378t; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Henry Johnson 569, 388; Nancy Crawford 178; Earlis McGraw 76b, 166; B.J. Harris 225t, 303; Liz Bryant 270, 276; Martha Ann Stegar 275t, 479.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Laura Frey and Lisa Webb leading songs on pages 163b and 66. Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 547, 454; Noel Rush, Kathy Williams, and Louise Holland 460, 186; Rev. Lloyd Toney 68, 129; Eris Muse 341, 453; Shawn Caffrey and Jacob Griffith 159, 128; Hugh McGraw 451.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session. After reading Psalm 95:1-3, Richard Mauldin reported the following for the Resolutions Committee: We would like to give thanks

- 1) to our Creator and Sustainer who inspired the writers and composers of this wonderful music and who nurtured Sacred Harp music throughout its history so that we can still meet and enjoy its message today. Thanks are also due to our gracious Lord for providing us with such great weather during our singing this weekend;
- 2) to our ancestors, families, and friends for their love of Sacred Harp music, and their determination that it would not die out but would continue to be sung. And today, it is sung, not only in the South, but all across this great land of ours from the Northeast to the Midwest, the Northwest, and even to the West Coast;
- 3) to the Wilsons and their relatives and descendants, for providing this wonderful place for the perpetuation of the music they and we all love. Thanks to their generosity and foresight, this convention is presently meeting for the 146th session, and is the oldest Sacred Harp singing convention in the world;
- 4) to all the singers who have met here to sing together and renew old friendships, and to forge new ones in a common purpose and spirit of love;
- 5) to the many families that have cooked, cleaned, arranged, and done many countless tasks to ensure that everyone had plenty to eat, and would be able to have an enjoyable time together these two days;
- 6) and finally to our officers and committees for their hard work and dedication. Therefore, we now resolve to continue to promote Sacred Harp singing and the traditions given us from the founders of this music up to this present time; to remember those that led us to seek this music, and that have preserved this unique form of worship and praise to God; to encourage all present to continue in this common love of Sacred Harp music and the perpetuation of it, and the welfare of our fellow travellers in this journey of life; and finally we resolve to meet here again at Wilson's Chapel for the 147th session of the Chattahoochee Convention, and to once again share our love and friendship in praise to our Creator.

The Finance Committee collected \$341.83 over the two day convention. After paying expenses of \$60.00 for the minutes, the remaining money was turned over to the Wilson family for upkeep of the church and grounds. Hugh McGraw made a motion to turn over any remaining money in the Chattahoochee Convention bank account to the Wilson family. This motion was seconded and approved. Announcements were made. We were happy to have Peter Lysy from Germany attend.

Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jacob Griffith; Secretary - Donna Duke.

## **FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION** **Bevill State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 2, 1998**

The ninety-ninth session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Junior College on the first Sunday in August. The session was called to order by Johnny Humber leading song on page 68b. Glenn Keeton led the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 119, 299; Larry Ballinger 300, 220; Leslie Ballinger 101t, 110; Edwin Ballinger 340, 270; Lisa Geist 377, 269; Lomax Ballinger 144, 168; Wayne Baines 145b, 155; Emily Ballinger 84, 306; Ashley Keeton 142, 215; Buddy Ballinger 354b; Amber Ballinger, Jill Ballinger, and Julie Ballinger 30t, 47t, 400.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading songs on pages 212 and 208. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 78; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Mae Conwill 137; Bickett Howton 290, 434; Flarce Creel 384; Cecil Sanders 123t; Josie Hyde 66; Coy Ivey 63, 120; Lena Keeton 480, 34b; Joshua Keeton 408, 268; Beatrice Brewer 373, 176b; John Hyde 75; Julietta Haynes 172, 192; Jackie Tanner 298, 222; Margaret Keeton 187, 273; John Hocutt 312b, 317; Willodean Barton 314.

### **LUNCH**

Earl Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 331. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Pam Keeton 216, 171; Rodney Ivey 475, 186; Edith Tate 336; Velton Chafin 271t, 489; Cindy Franklin 431, 362b; Bud Oliver 282, 145t; Amber Springfield 391, 204; Glenn Keeton 361, 503; Brenda Merritt 482, 491; Elmer Conwill 44, 73t; Ivalene Donaldson 175; Harrison Creel 378; Clarissa Springfield 166, 343; Travis Keeton 426t; Delores Canady 79; Toney Smith 185; Jayne Fulmer 36b; John Merritt 358; Paula Springfield 389, 58; Chris Ballinger 147t, 276; Etma Barton 313t, 318; Joyce Hubbert 378, 327; Erlene Ellis 500; Gladys Bonds 499b.

Announcements were made. Earl Ballinger led song on page 203 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.



**EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION  
(COOPER BOOK)**

**Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas**

**August 8-9, 1998**

**Saturday, August 8**

The one hundred-thirtieth session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas, and was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 58. Darrel Owens read Psalm 105 and led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Emmie Morris 313; Marion Grant 507b; Barbara Moore 171; John Etheridge 434; Ann Jett 573; Mike Moseley 285t; Bob Parr 212; Jeb Owen 559; Elsie Moon 39; Ophelia Matthews 447t; M.H. Creel 54; Sarah Coates 522; Charlene Wallace 497; Doris Hanks 384; David Moseley 142; Velton Chafin 344; Leola Smith 408; Curtis Owen 558b; Flarce Creel 411; Reed Coates 500; Phillip Langley 414; Ryan Ross 217; Syble Adams 572; Myra Palmer 189; James Moseley 63; Ernestine Pipkin 146; John Kanode 571; Mattie Townsel 288. Russel Kangerga gave a welcome address to all in attendance, and especially to those who were visiting.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 365; Mike Jones 395b; Tom Owen 268b; Stanley Smith 98; Owen Ross 230; Katie Moseley 192; Bill Aplin 466; Diane Ross 149; B.E. Matthews 90; Bob McLemore 282; Cassie Franklin 140; A.A. Smith, Jr. 515; Leon Ballinger 508; Linda Thomas 410; Amanda Owen 198; Marie Aldridge 193; H.P. O'Mary 381t; Jewel Wootten 478; Donald Ross 393b.

John Morris announced the following to serve on the Memorial Committee - Robert Vaughn, Mary Craig, and Monnie Ross.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Kevin Powell leading song on page 137.

Leaders: Ronald Baker 148; Norma Latham 84; Liz Rogan 543b; Elissa Smith 85; Edith Owen 511b; Margaret Rounsavall 222; Beverly Coates 38b; Joe Nelson 127; Cindy Franklin 486; Carlene Griffin 144; Abbie Morris 220; Robert Vaughn 488; Myrl Jones 183; Michele Rogan 235; Joseph Stang 276; John Beard 218; Bruce Coates 336t.

**RECESS**

The class was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 59. Leaders: Avon Miller 245; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Kelly Beard 377b; Edith Tate 73t; Dalton Clanton 47b; Sam Craig 145t; Patton Stang 40; Mary Bachmann 43; Sherrye Smith 332; Pauline Willis 168; David Rousseau 492; Monnie Ross 49t; Ronald Powell, Owen Howard, and Seth Howard 45; Stanley Smith 159. The day of singing was closed with prayer.

**Sunday, August 9**

The Sunday morning session began with prayer led by Tom Owen. Chairman John Morris led song on page 528b. Leaders: Monnie Ross 108b; Bill Aplin 302; Ophelia Matthews 563; Barbara Moore 229; Baron E. Powers 79; Jeb Owen 99; Esther Huckaby 84; Mike Moseley 434; Ann Jett 503; Diane Ross 299; Gaylon Powell 216; Owen Ross 298; Jewel Wootten 36b; Mary Bachmann 225t; Velton Chafin 373; Myra Palmer 522; Tom Owen 112; Stanley Smith 47t; Charlie Vaughn 549; Bob Parr 270; Marie Aldridge 217; Ryan Ross 406; Phillip Langley 222; Elsie Moon 76t; Donald Ross 211; M.H. Creel 355; Sarah Coates 392; Syble Adams 505; Mike Jones 31t; Charlene Wallace 122.

**RECESS**

John Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Leola Smith 185; Linda Thomas and Cassie Franklin 549; Curtis Owen 155; Cassie Moseley 507b; John Kanode 515; John Etheridge 292b; Reed Coates 127. A special was sung by John Etheridge, Cassie Franklin, Linda Thomas, and Syble Adams. Leaders: James Moseley 101; Myrl Jones 300; Mattie Townsel 143; Carlene Griffin 139; Norma Latham 540.

For the Memorial Lesson, Mary Craig brought the devotional. Monnie Ross led song on page 176, and Stanley Smith led 512 which was composed by Herbert Leopard.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 507t. Leaders: Katie Moseley 189; David Rousseau 447; Kevin Powell 240; Phyllis Costner 220; Edith Tate 108t; A.A. Smith, Jr. 67; Elissa Smith 159; Leon Ballinger 120; Bruce Coates 316; Amanda Owen 411; Dalton Clanton 395b; Josh Rogan 192; Edith Owen 442; Shannon Smith 348; Dale Redmon, Jr. 274; Liz Rogan 203; Beverly Coates 133; Joe Nelson 400; Michele Rogan 508; Joseph Stang 171; Sherry Smith 336t; David Moseley 186; Billy Huckabee 239; Doris Hanks 450; Patton Stang 75; Robert Vaughn 38t; Bob Parr 272; Owen Ross Howard 45t; Paul Smith 63; John Etheridge 552; Emmie Morris 215; Gaylon Powell 574. Judge Donald Ross led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Curtis Owen.

We were honored to have visitors from nine states.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Marion Grant.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

August 9, 1998

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in August, and was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams.

The class organized by voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Dawson Adams led song on page 48t.

Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 147b; A.A. Malone 112, 99, 142; Gladys Bonds 74b, 63, 29t; Chris Bell 358, 384, 385b; Clarence McCool 101t, 100; L.E. Hannah 511, 273, 310.

#### RECESS

Parnell Berry called the class to order leading songs on pages 177 and 208.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 168, 103, 102; Zena Tucker 143, 30t, 31t; Cecil Sanders 225t; Latriva Bailey 340, 300; Steve Schmidgall 136, 45t, 369; Nell Delmonaco 438; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 298; Ada Godsey 490; Mae Conwill 270, 498, 500 (in memory of Tom Harper).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Roma Rice 426t (for Rose Altha Taylor who was unable to attend), 31b, 34t, 34b; Elmer Conwill 179, 129, 73t; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 77t, 81t; John Hyde 275b, 61, 290; Pernie Pelfrey 399, 371; Larry Ballinger 123t, 113; Josie Hyde 220, 434, 183; Kermit Adams 101t, 322, 383; Dorothea McCowan 78, 276, 120; Travis Keeton 64, 104, 475; Steve Schmidgall 496, 551; Dustin McCowan 354b.

Dawson Adams, Parnell Berry, and Dewitt Cagle led song on page 36b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Dewitt Cagle.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

## **ELMORE CENTER SINGING**

### **Elmore Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama August 12, 1998**

The one hundred fifty-fourth annual session of the Sacred Harp singing at Elmore Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Clarence McCool leading songs on pages 36b and 85. The morning prayer was led by Ray O'Mary.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Recording Secretary - Earline Ellis; Corresponding Secretary - Martha Howell.

Leaders called were: Toney Smith 37b, 312b; Alonzo Malone 203, 142; Ray O'Mary 75; Travis Keeton 48t, 111b; Gene Wakefield 168, 475; Billy Williams 410t, 448t, 85; Annie Lou Price 349, 143; Tally Kitchens 216, 378t, 212; Coy Ivey 63, 30t; Elmer Conwill 129, 179; Estes Jackson 345b, 39t; Sue Kitchens 323t, 171; Elder Clayton O'Mary 74b, 77t; Ercelle Jackson 277, 201; Steven Schmidgall 319, 68b; Dorothy Elmore 145t, 512; Marlin Burkhalter 59, 294; Margaret Keeton 276, 432; Chris Bell 358, 126; Charles Kitchens 326, 90.

#### **LUNCH**

Chairman Clarence McCool brought the class back together by leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Toney Smith 342; Mae Conwill 206, 34t; Steven Schmidgall 66, 99; Ray O'Mary 200; Travis Keeton 480; Billy Williams 147t; Gene Wakefield 460; Annie Lou Price 100; Tally Kitchens 313; Coy Ivey 222; Elmer Conwill 44; Estes Jackson 426t; Sue Kitchens 176b; Elder Clayton O'Mary 28t; Ercelle Jackson 322; Dorothy Elmore 46; Marlin Burkhalter 452; Margaret Keeton 73t; Chris Bell 384; Charles Kitchens 205; Earline Ellis 318.

Announcements were made. The singing will hold its one hundred fifty-fifth session one year from today (August 11, 1999 - Wednesday after the second Sunday in August). The class was dismissed with prayer led by Chester Free. Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretaries - Earline Ellis and Martha B. Howell.

## **ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME, AND RYAN CREEK CONVENTION**

### **Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama August 15, 1998**

The one hundred-second session of the Rock-Creek Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-fifth session of the Ryan Creek Convention was convened at the Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama. Billy Williams welcomed the conventioners and opened the joint session by leading song on page 49b. The morning prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Billy Williams 47t, 56t; Corene White 73, 37; Eldagene Roberson 454; Gene Wakefield 475, 102; Judy Caudle 52t, 322, 100; Everett Kilgore 40, 192; David Roberson 340, 63, 222; Chris Bell 358, 126.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Chaplain - J.L. Hopper; Locating Committee - Elvin Guthrie, Everett Kilgore, and Marie Guthrie; Memorial Committee - Marie

Guthrie and Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee and Finance Committee - Billy Williams.

Chaplain J.L. Hopper quoted Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing." This we do today praising the Lord in song.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 72b, 321, 57; Glenda Hopper 127, 207; Justin Keeton 385b, 168, 546.

A Memorial Lesson was given by Marie Guthrie and Eldagene Roberson, who reminded us that this is the time we, as singers, set aside to remember our friends and loved ones who have passed away since the last session of this convention. The following deceased were remembered: Vernice Calvert, Mamie Creel, Hadyn Creel, Mae Seymour, Clifford Wakefield, Edward Godsey, Charley McCoy, Eula Denson Johnson, and Bob Fannin. Velton Chafin led song on page 87 for the deceased.

Elder J.L. Hopper led song on page 566 for the sick and shut-ins, which included: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Essie Calvert, Tressie Adkins, Thurman Nall, Lucius Johnson, Mary Johnson, and Kimmie Holcomb. Elder J.L. Hopper closed the Memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 149 and 508. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 67; Marie Guthrie 101t, 35, 213; Margaret Keeton 276, 181, 52b; Elvin Guthrie 138b, 138t, 139; Elder J.L. Hopper 117, 540, 173; Chris Bell 384 (in memory of Unie B. Howard); Glenda Hopper and J.L. Hopper 495; Velton Chafin 494, 496; Justin Keeton 455, 454. The Locating Committee report was given. The next session will be held at Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center pending confirmation of availability of the building. This will be announced sometime in the next year. If we are unable to move the convention to the Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, the singing will be held here at the Masonic Hall in Crane Hill.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by J.L. Hopper.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

### **CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION**

#### **Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama August 16, 1998**

The one hundred-ninth session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August, and was called to order by Chairman Cecil Edwards leading song on page 87. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. The Introductory Lesson was led by B.M. Smith leading songs on pages 101t and 284, and by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 410t and 278b.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Secretary and Memorial Committee - Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Harvey Austin 100, 335; Mary L. Smith 61, 288; Jimmie Denney 123t, 143; Reba Norton 282, 275b; Jimmy Cates 63, 112; Nancy Allen 45t; Everette Denney 277; Carlene Griffin 155, 448b; Carol Arrington 268, 117; Margie Smith 501b, 494; S.T. Reed 495, 421.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Cecil Edwards leading song on page 186. Leaders: Don Bowen 474, 540 (for Judy Mincey); John Plunkett 447, 289; Sherry Louvorn 146, 373; John Daniel delRe 49b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 225t; Bud Oliver 32t, 73t; Kelly Macklin 195, 57; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Leyland delRe 56b, 433; B.M. Smith 28b (for his mother, Lula Smith), 475.

The memorial lesson was presented by Mary Florence Smith, and the names of those remembered were: Herman Smith, Cleo Clay, Nettie Davis, Clyde Atkinson, Velma Denney, Alvin Stanson, Luke Allen, Kim Cagle, Jerry Sheppard, Janet Borman, Myreeta Hardin, Dola Hiett, and Mae Seymour. Shelbie Sheppard led songs on pages 38b and 147t for the deceased. Felton Denney led 285t for all the sick and shut-in. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Mary Florence Smith.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Cecil Edwards leading songs on pages 75 and 78. Leaders: Henry Johnson 138b, 338; Karen Reeves 339, 457; Jeff Sheppard 367, 380; Teenie Moody 37b, 36b; Milton Oliver 321, 176t; Betty Wright 347; Billy Joe Harris 303, 503; Shelbie Sheppard 484; Felton Denney 299, 523b; Corene Laminack 459, 334; Roy Nelson 392, 432; Lewis Norton 208, 490; Lonnie Rogers and Sherry Louvorn 137 (for Virgil Phillips), 348b; Mary F. Smith 323b (by request); Kelly Macklin, Leyland delRe, and John Daniel delRe 212, 388.

After announcements were made, Cecil Edwards and Harvey Austin led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton.

The Convention will meet at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church again in 1999 on the third Sunday in August.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

### **BEAR CREEK CONVENTION** **Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama** **August 22, 1998**

The one hundredth 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. The class was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Gene Wakefield led songs on pages 27 and 56t. Leaders: Jim Page 31t, 216, 272; Ashley Keeton 358, 142, 215; Gladys Bonds 213b, 32t, 499b; Mae Conwill 74b, 89, 400; A.C. McGough 111b, 108t, 47b; Corene White 37b, 39t, 379, 314; Glenn Keeton 503, 283, 225t.

#### RECESS

Gene Wakefield brought the class to order leading song on page 108b. Leaders: Azilee Adams 337; Ivalene Donaldson 146, 129; Elmer Conwill 411, 498, 73b; Lorene Gray 39t, 47t, 75; Travis Keeton 179, 341, 421; Dawson Adams 68b, 328, 569b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 40. Leaders: Josie Hyde 388, 43, 104; Odie Horton 270, 317b; Ada Godsey 378t, 34t; Ada Godsey and Josie Hyde 408; Roma Rice 475, 495, 276, 476;

Pernie Pelfrey 470; Juanita Whitman 491, 235b; Carla Morris 183, 143, 145b; Kermit Adams 455, 153, 300; Jim Page 268, 273, 26; Lena Wakefield 454, 546, 480; Ashley Keeton 274t, 421.

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION**  
**Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama**  
**August 22-23, 1998**

**Saturday, August 22**

The ninety-fifth session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama.

The class was called to order by S.T. Reed leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by J.L. Hooper.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 314; Randall Smith 36b; Lamar Smith 76b; Bud Oliver 145t; Thurman Nall 503; Kat Kinkade 411; Johnny Humber 389; Stephen Parker 276; Hubert Nall 186; Sherry Lis and Michelle Cull 155; Winston Jones 285; Max Berueffy 312b; Gail Doss 80b; Don Bowen 99; Janine Smith 282; Tony Graves 59; Boyd Scott 58; William Shetter 441; Bob Meek and Wanda Waters 68b.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by S.T. Reed leading song on page 123t.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Randall Smith; Vice Chairman - Scot Oliver; Secretary - Alanna Blanks; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver and Milton Oliver; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard and Becky Browne; Finance Committee - S.T. Reed and Wayne Reed; Chaplain - Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Dave Ressler 192; Kelsey Taylor 128; Clarke Lee 209; Anna Taylor 385; Denney Rogers 318; Louis Hughes, Sr. 480; Val Eng 474; Jenny Willard 378; Mel Kersey 565; Sandy Scott 40; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Peggy Bergman 218; Charles Wood 358; Martha Henderson 196; Jimmie Denney 313t; Thomas Willard 106; Lorena Moore 148; Jo Dell Albi 32b.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 47. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger and Edward Ballinger 300; Jerry Enright 383; Joan Aldridge 475; Bryant Beard, Paula Oliver, Milton Oliver, and Scot Oliver 354b; Lisa Ballinger Geist 269; Keith Willard 32t; Reba Dell Windom 436; Felton Denney 31t; Katharine Manning 377; Henry Schuman 532; Denise Morris 28b; Daphne Causey 200; Everette Denney 405; Bob Meek "Where The Soul Never Dies".

**LUNCH**

Randall Smith called the class to order leading song on page 137. Leaders: B.M. Smith 384; Dennis George 569b; Cindy Franklin, Wanda Capps, and Ann Jett 546; Larry Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, and Lomax Ballinger 224; Judy Caudle 193; Henry Johnson 288; John Etheridge 34; Karen Willard 349; Johnny Lee 201; Pat Temple 566; David Lee 42; Daryl Mayberry 340; Buckley Hopper 268; Bobby Jackson 290; Jeanette Lowry 216; Cassie Franklin 373; Judy Mincey 538; Gary Gronau 222; Lou Cotney 212; Teresa Ballinger and Jimmy Ballinger 299; Sandy Schultheis 101; Mary Wright 145; Mike Jones 159; William L. Green 39b; Becky Browne 304.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Bud Oliver leading song on page 334. Leaders: David Carlton 528; Don Clark 171; Blake Morris 505; Karen Freund 277; Jackie Tanner 112; Marilyn Burchett 29; Roy Nelson 434; Phil Summerlin 460; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 448b; Elene Stovall 442; Douglas Conn and Linda Thomas 317; Mattie Townsel, Coy Ivey, and Norma Sue Latham 454; Scott Swanton 146; Loyd Ivey, Eloise Wootten, and Marlon Wootten 97; David Ivey 74.

Scot Oliver, Randall Smith, and Wayne Reed led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Wayne Reed.

## Sunday, August 23

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Randall Smith and Wayne Reed leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was given by Wayne Reed. Leaders: Scot Oliver and Milton Oliver 176b; S.T. Reed 176t; Lamar Smith 36b; Henry Johnson 138b; Wayne Reed 108b; Bud Oliver 42; Lorena Moore and Jerry Enright 77; Cecil Gilliland 217; Betty Wright 347; Jackie Tanner 182; Roy Nelson 283; Michelle Cull 163; Leola Smith 349; Virgil Phillips 475, 137; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Bob Meek 441; Martha Woodard 274t; Robert Cull and Michelle Cull 312b.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Coy Ivey leading song on page 56. Leaders: Gary Gronau 163t; Kelsey Taylor 40; Anna Taylor 388; Ashley Keeton 215; Thomas Willard 145b; Stuart Ivey 222; Richard Ivey 270; Ruth Garza 107; Sandie Scott 117; Lena Keeton 546; Genny Green Whitworth 565; Debra Kean 162; Syble Adams 171; Scott Schroeder 313b; Don Bowen and Coy Ivey 384; Dave Ressler 181; Rex Wilks 480; Philip Gilmore 30b; Max Berueffy 337; Blake Morris 501b.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by S. T. Reed and J.C. Smith leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 515b; Julie Lee 87; Caroline Simmons 147; Eric Coates 365; Erika Mitchell 145b; Keith Willard 101b; Pat Temple 183; Johnny Lee 31t; William L. Green 378; William A. Dubose and Bob Meek 148; Kat Kinkade 328; Daryl Mayberry 85; David Lee 299; Faith Shine 73b.

## LUNCH

Randall Smith, Rex Wilks, and David Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 454. Leaders: Mary Wright 71; Michelle Cull and Brenda Waters 68b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 333; Jenny Willard 564; Glenn Keeton 236.

A Memorial Lesson was held by Shelbie Sheppard and Becky Browne. In her talk, Becky Browne recalled the constant theme of her minister father: that we should love one another and show appreciation for each other; that though we cry for our loved ones who are gone it is from our missing them not because we wish them back to their former suffering; and that our names, too, will someday appear on the Memorial Lesson and we should consider now how we want to be remembered. Shelbie Sheppard led 61 for the following deceased: Mary Ramsey Berueffy, Vernice Calvert, Hadyne Creel, Mamie Creel, Wm. Tom Doss, Willie Mae Chambers Driskill, Ozetta Gilliland, Hussell Godsey, Estelle Napier, Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, Hollis Sizemore, Alvin Stanson - Alabama; Myreeta Hardin - Georgia; Janet Borman and Diane Cagle - Illinois; Paul Sharp and Eva Waters - Kentucky; Susan Wantland - Maryland; Billie Taylor - Massachusetts; Matt Bue and Karen Wiard - Minnesota. Bud Oliver, Milton Oliver, and S.T. Reed led song on page 300 for: J.B. Ashley, Arlie Ashley, and J.D. Shelton. Becky Browne led 343b for the sick and shut-ins which included: Esther Rottmann, June McIntyre, Mary Stiefel, Warren Mason, Roy Driskell, Walter

Manning, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Woodie Walker, Karen Hojnacki, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mary Hulbert, Marie Aldridge, and Essie Calvert.

The Memorial Lesson was closed with prayer by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Reba Dell Windom 196; Clarke Lee 503; Karen Ivey 192; Marie Guthrie 389; Jeanette Lowry 168; Val Eng 66; Jo Dell Albi 474; Karen Willard 497; Janine Smith 542; Katharine Manning 98; Stephen Parker 547; Elvin Guthrie 218.

#### RECESS

Singing resumed with Cindy Franklin leading song on page 198. Leaders: Sherry Lis 84; Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186; John Gregg 155; Gail Doss 47b; Sandy Schultheis 48t; Martha Henderson 319; Buell Cobb 425; Pam Nunn 200; Elene Stovall 99; William Shetter 350; Karen Freund 129; Charles Stiefel and Randall Smith 285; Mattie Townsel, Norma Sue Latham, Eloise Wootten, and Hobert Ivey 313t; Dennis George 532; Jeff Sheppard 142; Linda Thomas, Elene Stovall, and Cassie Franklin 556; Anna Sylvester 31b.

Randall Smith called for a report from the Finance Committee. The Committee reported a collection of \$464.

Announcements were made. Randall Smith, Scot Oliver, Wayne Reed, S.T. Reed, Milton Oliver, and Bud Oliver led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Wayne Reed.

Chairman - Randall Smith; Vice Chairman - Scot Oliver; Secretary - Alanna Blanks.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

### Macedonia Church

August 22-23, 1998

Saturday, August 22

The Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Macedonia Church in its seventieth annual session 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.

The Convention was called to order by President Mark Davis leading song on page 37b. After welcoming everyone, Mark Davis led song on page 47b. The opening prayer was led by John Hollingsworth.

The following were appointed as the Arrangement Committee: Junie McNeil and John Van Horn. Mark Davis led song on page 74b. Vice President John Van Horn led songs on pages 77 and 383. Secretary Jean Gray led songs on pages 82t and 143.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 192, 196 (honoring Mrs. Ottic Matthews who was present for the seventieth session); Andrew Albers 67b (Christian Harmony), 146; Ben Burroughs 478, 200; Billy Hollingsworth 551b, 236; Wanda Gregg 40, 339; Charles Franklin 99, 480. The following were appointed as Business and Credentials Committee: Durward Scarborough, Hugh McGuire, and George Easley. Motion was made for recess.

#### RECESS

Singing was resumed after a ten minute recess with President Mark Davis leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Regina Glass 122, 142; Hugh McGuire 503, 515 (Cooper Book); Dennis Cranford 312t, 147t; Henry McGuire 460, 442; Bill Hogan 171, 283 (Christian Harmony); Durward Scarborough 45t, 68b; Darlene Reynolds 39b, 145t. Motion was made to adjourn one hour for lunch.



## LUNCH

President Mark Davis opened the afternoon session leading song on page 84. Leaders: Anne Brodbeck 435b; Junie McNeil 319, 104; George Easley 341, 438; Elder Charles Porter 155, 137; W.M. Allen 282, 490; Dr. Harry Eskew (Professor from Baptist Seminary in New Orleans) 146, 159; Mike McNeil 573 (Cooper Book), 204 (Christian Harmony), in memory of Bennie Rigdon; Tish Crocker, from Centreville, Alabama 287, 201 (Christian Harmony); Ester Mann, with her new six week old foster son, Jordan, assisted by her father, W.M. Allen 66, 32t.

The Business Meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. to elect officers. A motion was made and carried to elect the following officers: President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray; Chaplain - T.J. Funderburk. President Mark Davis appointed a Location Committee as follows: John Hollingsworth, Andrew Albers, and Elder Charles Porter. A five minute recess was called for.

## RECESS

The convention resumed with President Mark Davis leading song on page 36b. Mark Davis and son, Kurt Davis, led song on page 354b. Mark Davis thanked all for coming; especially out of state singers were welcomed. Leaders: T.J. Funderburk 61, 75; Linda Funderburk 277, 290; Bobby Caldwell 216, 151; John Hollingsworth 408 (for Mrs. Ottic Matthews, one of her favorite songs); Neva Dee Mayes 145b (with notes, numbers, and words); Harry Beemon, assisted by Mark Davis 281b (Christian Harmony); Bill Hogan 72t (Christian Harmony), in memory of Elder Virgil Smith; John Van Horn 101 (for Hugh Bill McGuire). A motion was made to adjourn after announcements were made. President Mark Davis led 46 for the closing song. The Saturday session was dismissed by Chaplain T.J. Funderburk.

## Sunday, August 23

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome extended to all by President Mark Davis. President Mark Davis led "Gloryland" from sheet music as a special gift for Mae Ola Nelson in appreciation for her love and support of the singing convention. President Mark Davis led song on page 33b. The opening prayer was led by Chaplain T.J. Funderburk. President Mark Davis appointed John Van Horn to the Arrangement Committee in absence of Junie McNeil.

President Mark Davis led song on 73t in memory of Mrs. Cleo Hawkins whose funeral was to be held this afternoon, August 23. Vice President John Van Horn directed songs on pages 129 and 269. Secretary Jean Gray led songs on pages 418 and 299. Chaplain T.J. Funderburk led songs on pages 322 and 569b.

Committees appointed by President Mark Davis were: Memorial Committee - Linda Funderburk and Mike McNeil; Resolutions Committee - Andrew Albers and Christine McNeil.

Leaders: Arlon Gardner 47b, 49b; John Hollingsworth 82 (Christian Harmony) in memory of Mrs. Cleo Hawkins and her husband, S.T. Hawkins, and those gone on before us; Andrew Albers 513t, 559; Billy Hollingsworth 186, 361.

## RECESS

President Mark Davis called the class together after a 10 minute recess leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Wanda Gregg 87, 63; Regina Glass 448t, 117; Hugh McGuire 108t, 172; Betty Moore 35b (Christian Harmony); Bill Hogan 135 (Christian Harmony), 475; Durward Scarborough 111t, 240; Darlene Reynolds 288, 388. A motion was made and carried to break one hour for lunch.

## LUNCH

After lunch President Mark Davis brought the class together leading song on page 209. Leaders: Neva Dee Mayes 235b, 339; Junie McNeil 119, 97; George Easley 313t, 34b; Mike McNeil 172, 308 (Christian Harmony); Linda Funderburk 360, 379; Bobby Caldwell 82t, 101t; Mark Davis 254 (by request); John Van Horn 384; Jean Gray 563 (Cooper Book); T.J. Funderburk, Emily Bream, and Chip Rosenblatt 45t.

The Memorial Session was held at this time for those God had called to their Heavenly Home since our last convention. They were: Rush Pumphrey, Cleo Hawkins, and Meda Wilson White. Leaders for the Memorial Service were Mike McNeil and Linda Funderburk leading song on page 178 from the Christian Harmony.

After reports from each committee, President Mark Davis expressed his thanks to the people of Macedonia Church and others for bringing food and helping with the convention. Motion and second to approve the reports of the committees. President Mark Davis resumed singing leading song on page 143 in Christian Harmony. Leaders: Arlon Gardner 406; Andrew Albers 393t (Cooper Book); Wanda Gregg 85; Regina Glass 270; Hugh McGuire 220; Bill Hogan 39t; Durward Scarborough 496; Darlene Reynolds 354b; Neva Dee Mayes 145b; Junie McNeil 401; George Easley 323b; Mike McNeil 522 (Cooper Book); Linda Funderburk 373; Bobby Caldwell 68b.

A motion was made by Hugh McGuire to dismiss. After announcements were given, President Mark Davis led 62 for the closing song. The convention was closed with prayer by Chaplain T.J. Funderburk.

President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray.

**CHERRY TREE SINGING**  
**James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County,**  
**Mississippi**  
**August 23, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday in August was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 45t. The morning prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Elmer Conwill led songs on pages 48t and 63. Leaders: Billy Williams 410t, 48b; Clarence McCool 112, 172; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; A.A. Malone 73t, 448t; Cecil Sanders 225t, 512; Arnold Moore 460; Annie Lou Price 434, 436; Ivalene Donaldson 326, 175b; Wayne Bains 176t, 340; Lisa Ballinger Geist 120, 546; Faye Donaldson 273, 440.

**RECESS**

John Hyde called the class to order leading songs on pages 75 and 313t. Leaders: Parnell Berry 306, 99; Josie Hyde 451, 477; Larry Ballinger 101t, 139; Margaret Keeton 177; Marlin Beasley 348b, 349; Jim Page 348t, 26; Earl Ballinger 299, 80b; Beatrice Brewer 137, 384; Etma Barton 298, 441; Anne Steel 285t, 318.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 155 and 126. Leaders: Johnny Humber 283, 382; Warren Steel 131t, 442; Mae Conwill 500; Ila Ingle 530, 498; Gravis Ballinger 78, 110; Bunk Beasley 81t; Edwin Ballinger 89, 148; Kermit Adams 426t, 220; Chuck Beasley 33b, 354b; Julietta

Haynes 209, 216; Ercelle Jackson 34b, 201b; Ricky Beasley 47b, 146; Estes Jackson 282, 186; David Beasley 317b, 39b; Pat Shaddix 300, 40; John Beasley 35, 37b.

Elmer Conwill led song on page 44 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Estes Jackson.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION** **Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas** **August 29, 1998**

The eighteenth annual Young People's Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gaylon Powell leading song on page 565. Leaders: Jeb Owen 34b; Josh Rogan 216; Sarah Coates 344; Donald Ross 313b; Charles Whitmer 147t; Dorothea McCowan 528; Frank Price 127; Buell Cobb 284; Edith Owen 535b; David Moseley 434; Tom Owen 532; James Moseley 178; Gary Rogan 324; Sarah Smith 290; Olivia Blevins 168; Dick Steil 312b; Kevin Powell 504; Reed Coates 358; Diane Ross 455; Gaylon Powell 86.  
**RECESS**

Josh Rogan brought the class to order leading song on page 176. Leaders: Gary Smith 569b; Beverly Coates 163b; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Al Rogers 198; Seth Holloway 354b; Doris Hanks 448b; Leon Ballinger and Casie Cockrill 159; Cissy Moseley 299; Catherine Rogan 142; Curtis K. Owen 551; Vivian Rogan 282; Cath Oss 137; Kelly Beard 472; Katie Moseley 217; Bruce Coates 341; Shannon Smith 82t; George Jones 255; Joseph Stang 300.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Jeb Owen leading song on page 31b. Leaders: B.E. Matthews 304; Jorge Carrillo 30t; H.P. O'Mary 235b; Elissa Smith 77t; Michele Rogan 236; Mike Moseley 480; Charles Whitmer 524; Ophelia Matthews 490; Mary Ann Owen 47b; Liz Rogan 220; Amanda Owen 475; Sarah Coates 171; Donald Ross 350; Tom Owen 454; Diane Ross 497; Dorothea McCowan 442; Sarah Smith 75; Kelly Beard 510; Ernestine Pipkin 186.

Memorial Lesson: Michele Rogan read the list of those who have passed away in the past year, and then shared a list of those with the desire to attend this singing, but were restricted due to health reasons. The deceased remembered were as follows: Macy Moore - Alabama; Herbert Leopard, Louie Smith, and Lum Toungate - Texas. The names of those who are sick and shut-in are: Verna Powell, Viola Jones, Ed Craig, Alsie Craig, and Mildred Edmonds - Texas. Mike Moseley led song on page 285t in memory of the deceased. Joseph Stang led song on page 129 for the sick and shut-ins. A very touching prayer was led by Elder Billy Moseley to conclude the Memorial Lesson.

### **RECESS**

Josh Rogan brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Scott Curran 47t; Frank Price 59; Dan Brittain 230; Buell Cobb 425; Cath Oss 212; Seth Holloway 79; David Moseley 441; Gary Smith 31t; James Moseley 49b; Gary Rogan 270; Olivia Blevins 128; Dick Steil 452; Kevin Powell 56b; Sue Fairbanks 457; Marilyn Burkland 335; Mary Bachmann 341; Mike Moseley 192.

This singing will be held in Nashville, Tennessee next year with the location to be announced.

Chairman - Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman - Josh Rogan; Arranging Committee - Elizabeth Rogan, Amanda Owen, and Elissa Smith; Finance Committee - Olivia Blevins, James Moseley, and Reed Coates; Locating Committee - Cath Oss, Seth Holloway, and Kevin Powell; Chaplain - David Moseley; Secretary - Sarah Coates.

**UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION**  
**Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia**  
**August 29-30, 1998**

**Saturday, August 29**

The one hundred thirtieth session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp singing convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 97. The opening prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy. Chairman Richard DeLong led song on page 131b. Vice Chairman Doug Allison led songs on pages 27 and 277. Secretary Helen Bryson led songs on pages 121 and 112. Jesse Roberts led the following songs for the Introductory Lesson: 29b, 501, 171, 500, 57, and 234. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 542, 403; Laurie Allison 182, 36b; Loy Garrison 47t, 566; John Plunkett 402, 543; Jeannette DePoy 179, 383.

**RECESS**

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 418. Leaders: Dan Bailey 143, 183; Violet Thomason 119, 343, 189; Frances Mary D'Andrea 86, 280; Eric Tweedy 370, 200; Ginny Landgraf 290, 102; Dianne Walls 159, 47b. On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee - Susan Roberts and Dianne Walls; Memorial Committee - John Plunkett and Ted Mercer; Locating and Finance Committee - Loy Garrison and Kenneth DeLong; Resolutions Committee - Jesse Roberts and Laura Akerman. Leaders: Richard DeLong 67; Reuben Ball 497, 318.

**LUNCH**

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order by leading song on page 89. Leaders: Faye Pettis 494, 105; Karen Willard 46, 198; Ted Mercer 132, 202; Jeff Sheppard 571, 540; Janice Paulk 70 (for Mrs. Gert DeLong), 478; Jack Corley 123b, 430; Shelbie Sheppard 431, 333; Dollie Hudgins 61 (for grandson, Joe DeLong), 108t; Shirley Wagner 196, 101b; Frances Carnell 535, 542; Hugh McGraw 369; Laura Akerman 192, 569b.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Helen Bryson leading song on page 213. Leaders: Susan Roberts 82, 276; Anita Ray 401; Leann Carnell 66, 328; Glenn Ray 354b, 59; Chris Carnell 163, 474.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 323t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Kenneth DeLong.

**Sunday, August 30**

The day of singing began with Chairman Richard DeLong leading song on page 60. The opening prayer was offered by Kenneth DeLong. Leaders: Richard DeLong 571; Jeannette DePoy 32t, 77t; Loy Garrison 347, 544; Helen Bryson 288, 522; Kenneth DeLong 408, 301; Ginny Landgraf 332, 503; John Plunkett 504, 66; Faye Pettis 510, 516; Don Bowen 283, 282; Laura Akerman 85 (in memory of her father), 224; Ted Mercer 302, 285b; Judy Mincey 540, 538.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 475. Leaders: Jack Corley 168, 300; Reuben Ball 384, 460; Rachael Carlisle 145t, 204;

Hugh McGraw 484; Raymond Hamrick 225t; Jesse Roberts 225b, 192; Charlene Wallace 99, 299.

The memorial lesson was led by Ted Mercer. "This is an opportunity to remember those who have died since last year." Ted shared a recent experience while attending the funeral of a Chicago singer. "God has given us a gift through these people; if they hadn't shared this gift, the singing would be lost". Those remembered this year include: A. W. Stanson, Anne Block, Kim Cagle, Jerry Sheppard, Janet Rogers, Luke Allen, Bob Hart, Gertrude Bateman, Janet Borman, and Cansada Weatherford. Ted Mercer led song on page 48t for the deceased.

John Plunkett led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Frank Block, Mary Frances Dannals, Horace DeLong, Mozelle Sheppard, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Una DeLong. The memorial was closed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 36t and 44. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 77b, 548; Janice Paulk 392, 448b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 278t, 378b; Vaudie Shearer 45t, 143; Dollie Hudgins 278b; Eric Tweedy 312b, 442; Dianne Walls 294, 551; Susan Roberts 29b, 155; Scott DePoy 179; Mary Anne White 72b; Vinnie Rosenzweig 99; Hugh McGraw 553, 263.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy leading song on page 146. Leaders: Helen Bryson 456 (in memory of Kim Cagle and Hazel Cagle); Loy Garrison 480; Ginny Landgraf 481; Jesse Roberts 344; Raymond Hamrick 350; Laura Akerman 365; Judy Mincey 497; Ted Mercer 385b.

The class was called into a business session to hear the following reports:

Locating Committee - Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church asked for and was granted the convention to be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 1999.

Finance Committee - A motion was made and seconded to increase the amount of money for expenses to the host church from \$25.00 per day to \$50.00 per day. The collection for both days was \$182.00. Before expenses the total on account was \$2,915.88. After expenses the total in account is \$2,755.88.

Resolutions Committee - We, the Resolutions Committee for the 130th annual session of the Union Musical Convention propose the following resolutions:

- (1) Resolved, to thank God for blessing and preserving this tradition for us and for His still calling people to write these tunes.
- (2) Resolved, to thank Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church for their hospitality in providing their meeting house and facilities.
- (3) Resolved, to thank all the people who prepared the dinners that we enjoyed both days.
- (4) Resolved, to thank all those who came from far and near to sing, listen, and support Sacred Harp in this community, and to pray for them and one another.
- (5) Resolved, to leave here with renewed dedication to introduce and encourage others to join in this wonderful tradition of Sacred Harp.

The reports were accepted into the minutes. Announcements were made. The convention officers led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Jeannette DePoy;

Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

**LACY'S CHAPEL**  
**Henagar, Alabama**  
**August 30, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Lacy's Chapel the first fifth Sunday after July 4th was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading songs on pages 59 and 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Joe Owens. Leaders: David Ivey 57, 138t; Norma Latham 566, 141; Reba Windom 159, 172; Floyd Peters "Pray On"; Patsy Gentle 68b, 45t; Sandy Ivey 503, 30t; Karen Ivey 30b, 144; Linton Ballinger 285t, 410t; Loyd Ivey 201b, 426t; Karen Willard 330b, 331; Milton Oliver 321, 206.

**RECESS**

Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Allison Ivey 134, 48t; Lamar Smith 36b; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Betty Wright 323b, 499; Louis Hughes, Jr. 225t, 385t; Woodie Walker 441, 208; Eloise Wootten 299, 318; Richard Ivey 567, 344; Randall Smith and Loyd Ivey 454; Randall Smith "That Beautiful Land"; Linda Sides 72b, 328; Shane Wootten 155, 300; Shelbie Sheppard 211, 28b; Rodney Ivey 39b (for his mother, Marie Ivey, in honor of her birthday).

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with David Ivey leading song on page 129. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475, 222; Tony Ivey 139, 309; Melvin Stiefel 512, 138b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322, 220; Verlon Stiefel 490; Charles Stiefel and Randall Smith 448t, 290; Jeff Sheppard 473, 415; Roy Nelson 283, 456; Henry Johnson 493, 288; S.T. Reed 303, 384; Allison Ivey and Randall Smith 137; Allison Ivey 182; Scott Ivey, Hobert Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 47t, 410t; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 313t, 373; Bud Oliver and Richard Ivey 270 (by request); Coy Ivey and Joe Owens 45t, "Trusting"; David Ivey and Floyd Peters "Brown"; Karen Willard 171; Woodie Walker 349.

Announcements were made. David Ivey led song on page 378t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Verlon Stiefel.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

**MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL**  
**Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**August 30, 1998**

The seventeenth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial Singing was called to order by Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Clayton Ezell. Velton Chafin welcomed everyone to the singing. Cecil Sanders was asked to be the Arranging Committee. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 72b and 75. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Imogene Barton 111t, 108t; Pauline Childers 168, 318; Billy Williams 299, 297; Margaret Keeton 215, 181; Gordon Wilkinson 460, 512; Thurman Nall 74b, 379; Clayton Ezell 268, 269; Mae Conwill 208, 274t; Josie Hyde 224, 183; Flarce Creel 275t, 291; Elsie Moon 207, 31t; Ann Jett 495, 37b; Velton Chafin 394. Elvin Guthrie was appointed Vice Chairman.

**RECESS**

Elvin Guthrie called the class to order leading song on page 349. Leaders: Ellis Ship 300, 45; Gladys Bonds 32, 44; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 81t; Edith Tate 155, 371; Cassie Franklin 47t, 89; Lena Keeton 166, 475; Judy Caudle 448t, 78; Edis Guthrie 99, 186; Everette Kilgore 454, 40.

## LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie opened the afternoon session leading song on page 56b. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 123t, 198; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Wanda Capps 73t, 142; Travis Keeton 98, 482; John Hyde 129, 61; Julianna Jett 59, 146; Eldagene Roberson 144, 306; Glenda Hopper 145b, 84; Harlie Hocutt 171, 273; David Roberson 340, 220; Janet Goodwin 358, 384; Harrison Creel 111b; John Hocutt 516, 354t; Christie Allen 321, 426t; Elder J.L. Hopper 496, 540; Bradley Allen 546.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie and Velton Chafin led song on page 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J.L.

Hopper.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

## **SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**

### **Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church**

**Austin, Texas**

**August 30, 1998**

The annual fall session of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church of Austin, Texas. The convention did not meet on Saturday this year, yielding to the Young People's Sacred Harp Singing, which was held at Little Vine Church in Austin. Chairman Kevin Powell opened the singing at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 31t. B.E. Matthews offered the morning prayer. The officers led as follows: Chairman Kevin Powell 293b; Vice Chairman John Baker 168, 40; Secretary Gaylon Powell 522, 450. Leaders: Curtis Owen 198, 442t; George Jones 491, 336b; Mike Moseley 434, 299; Don Barker 451, 145b; Beverly Coates 123b, 398t; Dorothea McCowan 120 (in memory of her uncle, Phillip Moore), 559; Olivia Blevins 155, 274b; Josh Rogan 183 182; Cath Oss 393b, 224; Katie Moseley 189, 192; Buell Cobb 368b, 399.

## RECESS

The class was called back with Kevin Powell leading song on page 543b. Leaders: Dan Brittain 43, 417; Gary Rogan 276, 511b; Cissy Moseley 573, 563; Catherine Rogan 358, 427; Nathan Sarvis 328, 515; Glen Davis "Love at Home", 393t; Ophelia Matthews 571, 365; Reed Coates 81, 143; Michele Rogan 572, 508; Jacque Brown 500, 507b; Scott Curran 63, 47b. The class dismissed for lunch with Gary Rogan asking the blessing for the meal.

## LUNCH

The convention was called back to order by John Baker leading 323b. Leaders: Frank Price 49t, 546; Amanda Owen 137, 142; James Moseley 324, 239; Liz Rogan 280, 148; Mary Derrick 511t, 72; Joseph Stang 171, 505; Sarah Coates 35, 112; David Moseley 216, 215; Vivian Rogan 100, 395b; Mary Bachmann 225t, 38t; Bruce Coates 553, 312; Doris Hanks 36b, 470; Marilyn Burkland 558, 127; Leon Ballinger 126, 405; Edith Owen 47t; Al Rogers 45t, 575; Elder Billy Moseley 336t; B.E. Matthews 414; Cassandra Baker 28b, 28t; Cath Oss 179; Dorothea McCowan 200; Scott Curran 77t. Announcements were made. The convention closed with Kevin Powell leading song on page 62 and Curtis Owen leading the closing prayer.

Chairman - Kevin Powell; Vice Chairman - John Baker; Secretary - Gaylon Powell.

**MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION**  
**Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**September 5, 1998**

The ninety-third session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31t. The morning prayer was offered by S.T. Reed. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 39b and 68b.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

Leaders: Pauline Childers 34t, 111b, 388 (in memory of Hadyn Creel); Mae Conwill 270, 89, 112; Cecil Gilliland 78, 179, 171; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 275b, 335; Milton Oliver 403, 137; Jewel Wootten 318 (in memory of Mae Seymour), 49b, 129; Elmer Conwill 379, 216.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 155. Leaders: Julianna Jett and Madison Jett 87, 146, 159; Thurman Nall 285t; S.T. Reed 101t, 103, 104; Edith Tate 35, 73t; Lucy Heidorn 136, 206, 84 (in memory of Hadyn Creel); Cassandra Franklin 43, 162; Elsie Moon 343, 73b; Marie Aldridge 371; Ann Jett 141, 448, 340; John Hocutt 317, 135; Velton Chafin 208.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading song on page 75.

Leaders: Cynthia Franklin 47t, 201b, 475; John Hyde 314, 297, 30t; Billy Williams 49t, 369, 147b; Josie Hyde 225t, 361, 477; Thurman Nall 525; Travis Keeton 273, 268, 290; Pauline Childers 269, 234; Milton Oliver 321.

Velton Chafin led song on page 322 in memory of Vernice Calvert. The deceased ones we sang for during the day were: Hadyn Creel, Mamie Creel, Mae Seymour, Keteria Sanders, Nadine Hendricks, Vernice Calvert, Ozetta Gilliland, Rusty Murphree, K.K. Stevenson, Charlie McCoy, and Clifford Wakefield.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 301 for Ada Godsey who is in the hospital, and song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by S.T. Reed.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

**OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Oberlin, Ohio**  
**September 5, 1998**

The first annual Sacred Harp singing in Oberlin, Ohio was held at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Charles Wells leading song on page 46. Charles Wells led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Duran Perkins 66; Martha Beverly 497; Beth Todd 32t; Eloise Clark 95b; Walter Hartley 178; John Bealle 448t; Joe Todd 455; Bill Beverly 84; Betsy Perkins 107; Luther Olson 63; Virginia Benade 34b; Charlotte Wolfe 64; Pat Forsberg-Smith 569b; Henry Schuman 290; Nancy Crawford 408; Kay Bieszczad 572; Beth Huener 547; Lois Hurt 358; Chandler York 280; Duran Perkins 117.

**RECESS**



Charles Wells called the class to order leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Martha Beverly 299; Beth Todd 270; Eloise Clark 344; Walter Hartley 306; Joe Todd 196; John Bealle 217; Bill Beverly 86; Betsy Perkins 515; Luther Olson 168; Virginia Benade 49b; Charlotte Wolfe 277; Pat Forsberg-Smith 352; Henry Schuman 318; Nancy Crawford "Mount Hope"; Kay Bieszczad 551; Beth Huener 126; Lois Hurt 49t; Chandler York 163; Duran Perkins 504; Martha Beverly 480; Eloise Clark 313b; Walter Hartley 236; Beth Todd 122. Beth Huener dismissed the class for lunch with a prayer.

#### LUNCH

Charles Wells called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Steve Postellon 155; Joe Todd 378t; John Bealle 234; Bill Beverly "Millbrook"; Luther Olson 138t; Virginia Benade 479; Charlotte Wolfe 83; Pat Forsberg-Smith 341; Henry Schuman 288; Kay Bieszczad 48t; Beth Huener 200; Lois Hurt 59; Chandler York 503; Martha Beverly 48b; Walter Hartley 146; Beth Todd 501; Steve Postellon 268; Joe Todd 159 (for Sarah Marcus), 373; John Bealle 192.

#### RECESS

Charles Wells called the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Walter Harley 478 (for Christiana Howard); Bill Beverly 203; Nancy Kennard 142; Luther Olson 345t; Virginia Benade 47b; Charlotte Wolfe 99; Pat Forsberg-Smith 183; Henry Schuman 77t; Kay Bieszczad 81t; Beth Huener 269; Lois Hurt 79; Chandler York 566; Martha Beverly 179; Walter Hartley 147t; Eloise Clark 405; Beth Todd 35; Steve Postellon 50t; Joe Todd 454; John Bealle 212; Bill Beverly 68b; Nancy Kennard 452; Luther Olson 228.

Charles Wells thanked those who helped with the singing, including Jane Wells and Beth Todd who worked on food; Virginia Benade, treasurer; Beth Huener, chaplain; Joe Todd and Beth Todd who called leaders; Beth Todd, Kay Bieszczad, and Nancy Kennard, who recorded the leaders; and special thanks to Chandler York who has interested so many people in shape note singing.

Announcements of convention and local singing in the region were made.

Chandler York announced the existence of weekly singings Monday nights in Old Barrows at Oberlin College. Virginia Benade announced that enough monies had been collected to pay all the expenses.

Beth Huener offered a closing prayer, and the singing ended with the class singing song on page 347.

### **MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING** **Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania** **September 5, 1998**

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the third annual all day singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania. This date can be in either August or September, depending on the calendar.

The class was called to order by Guy Bankes leading songs on pages 34b and 77b. The morning prayer was led by Ginny Landgraf.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 106, 182; Donna Abrams 173, 63; Barbara Swetman 168, 481; Ted Stokes 56, 49b; Laura Densmore 228, 415; Betty Hanf 347, 479; Jim Wantland 497, 159; Dennis Leipold 127, 59; Diane Menella 318, 101t; Kat Kinkade 328, 419; Molly Sayvetz 501, 544.

#### RECESS

Jean Seiler called the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Ruth Shaffer 229, 274t; Gina Balestracci 272, 273; Guy Bankes 77t; Karen House 99,

385t; Doron Henkin 428, 36b; Bradford West 300, 112; Gabriel Kastle 125, 101b.

The Memorial Lesson was given by Ted Stokes for the following deceased: Dorothy McCandless and Julia Buckman; Jerry Sheppard - Alabama; Mary Berueffy - Maine; Susan Wantland - Maryland; Joe Hollyday - Massachusetts; Neal Sanford - New Jersey; Bill Wakefield - New York; Edna Lundgren, Cora Shaffer, and Bruce Martin - Pennsylvania. Ted Stokes led song on page 267 for the deceased.

Guy Bankes led song on page 65 for the following sick and shut-ins: Phil Goulding - District of Columbia; Horace DeLong - Georgia; Tom Padwa - Maryland; Margaret Bornick - New York; Kristina Middlekauf and Bruce Conrad - Pennsylvania; Shirley Green - Virginia. The Memorial Lesson was closed with prayer led by George Seiler.

The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Gina Balestracci.

#### LUNCH

Guy Bankes called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Ruth Shaffer 155 (in German), "Harrisburg" (in German); Roland Hutchinson "Relly's Third" (own composition); Gabriel Kastle "Forsaken" (own composition); Doron Henkin "Works Of Wonder" (own composition); Kat Kinkade "Yanceyville" (own composition); Bob Todd "Bosold" (composer, Ann Bosold); Gabriel Kastle "Encouragement" (own composition); Kat Kinkade "Deluge" (own composition); Molly Sayvetz and Doron Henkin "Ten Thousand Charms" (Hal Kunkel, composer); Gabriel Kastle "Coldwater" (composer, McCurry); Doron Henkin "Lisbon" (composer, Chandler).

#### RECESS

Peter Pate called the class to order leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Jim Ulrich 178, 299; George Seiler 268, 480; Gerry Hoffman 297, 442; Bonnie Tober 200, 38b; Tim Brown 163b, 198; Hal Kunkel 314, 304; Peter Pate 457, 115; Frank Evans 191, 315; Tim Wheeler 547, 383; Susan Bingham 454, 340; Elie Soler 46, 277; Roland Hutchinson 515, 518; Jean Seiler 68b, 236; Cath Oss 345b, 208; Guy Bankes 28b. The closing prayer was led by Gina Balestracci. The class ended with song on page 62.

In addition to the officers, thanks are due to: Doron Henkin and Ina Henkin - publicity; Doron Kenkin and Laura Densmore - Arranging Committee; Betty Hanf - site selection and preparation; Pat Pingel, Win Keck, and Peggy Keck - set-up; Susan Munch - registration; Jean Seiler, Bradford West, Ruth Shaffer, and Ginny Landgraf - pitching; Ted Stokes - after singing social.

Chairman - Betty Hanf; Treasurer - Ruth Shaffer; Secretary - Molly Sayvetz.

### **CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST**

**Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County,  
Alabama**

**September 6, 1998**

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp Singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Velton Chafin. Travis Keeton led song on page 48t. Elmer Conwill led song on page 44.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Larry Ballinger led song on page 56t. Leaders: Joshua Keeton 30t, 108t, 268; Arnold Moore 35, 42; Clarence McCool 45t, "Jesus Died For Me"; Annie Lou Price 100, 137, 101t; Mae Conwill 155, 99, 340; Ivalene Donaldson 426t, 317, 77t.

#### RECESS

John Hyde called the class to order leading songs on pages 63, 75, and 73t. Leaders: John Hocutt 312b, 321; Ashley Keeton 455, 216, 196; Velton Chafin 394, 225t, 34b; Regina Glass 160b, 208, 349; Glenn Keeton 231, 284, 503; Ila Ingle 441, 112, 434.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 207. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 78, 300, 144; Arlon Gardner 406, 183, 410t; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 167, 84; Josie Hyde 385t, 229, 234; Allison Stovall 192, 217, 454; Elene Stovall 171, 436, 68b; Joyce Hubbin 273, 209, 378t; Travis Keeton 270, 378b; Josie Hyde "Not Made With Hands" (requested by Danna Brumbach); Elene Stovall 294 (request for Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Campbell); Elmer Conwill 296; Regina Glass 475; Arlon Gardner 49b.

The Clear Creek Convention West is a movable singing, but since no other church called for it, Willa Rush asked that it be held here again in 1999 on the first Sunday in September.

Larry Ballinger led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger. The class wishes to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

### **LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Near Bremen, Georgia** **September 6, 1998**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in September at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 81 and 111. The morning prayer was led by Billy Joe Harris. Richard DeLong led song on page 403. Leaders: Charlene Griffin 75, 139; Charlene Wallace 141, 186, 205; Judy Henry 67, 283; Charles Woods 213, 312b; Jimmie Denney 143, 145; Alice Edwards 104; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 282; Mary F. Smith 123, 145b; B.J. Harris 303, 503.

The class was organized for the day, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Charles Woods; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Judy Henry.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 314. Leaders: Lori Goode 120, 383; Bobby Jackson 72b, 290; Evelyn Harris 101t, 47t; Jeff Sheppard 439, 430; Shelbie Sheppard 385t, 385b; Sheri Taylor 278b, 209; Hugh McGraw 449, 94.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 410b. Leaders: Reby Stanford 369, 327; Revy Williamson 371, 384; Phillip Langley 128, 148; Charles Woods 77t (for Berta Woods); Wood Moore 77b; Polly Moore 410; Ruth Brown 73b (for Alice Edwards), 155; Hester Edwards 271; G.C. Redding 154; Aubrey Terrell 59; Bobby Jackson 480; Kayla Spradlin 117.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 323 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Billy Joe Harris.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Charles Woods; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

## **FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING**

**Island Park, Geneva, Illinois**

**September 6, 1998**

The singing was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by John Seaton leading song on page 107. The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - John Seaton; Vice Chairman - Janet Newton; Secretary - Beverley Enright; Arranging Committee - Connie Karduck. Judy Hauff gave an introductory lesson on fasola singing.

Leaders: Ted Johnson 155; Johanna Fabke 547; Bob Scorgie 291; Melanie Hauff 421; Dan Haven 86; Connie Karduck 475; Jerry Enright 29t; Kiri Miller 454; Judy Hauff 171; Dean Slaton 34t.

### **LUNCH**

John Seaton called the class to order leading song on page 85. Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 212; Kate Lingley 200; James Page 550; Steve Warner 178; Lissa Blood 384; Al Frank 361; Nathan Barford 34b; Anne Heider 236; Mark Miller 365; Val Dunagan 203; Dave Barford 168; Kris Richardson 273; Emmie Barford 344; Ted Mercer 383; Julie Vea 378b; Sue Kessell 455; Jim 146; Kelly Brest Van Kempen 335; Dick Dunagan 68b; Debbie Barford 218; Lisa Grayson 112; Janet Newton 49t; Jerry Enright 271t; Johanna Fabke 84; Bob Scorgie 126; Kiri Miller 117.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. James Page led song on page 411. John Seaton and Janet Newton led song on page 282 as the closing song. Johanna Fabke offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - John Seaton; Vice Chairman - Janet Newton; Secretary - Beverley Rose Enright.

## **LABOR DAY SINGING**

**Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama**

**September 7, 1998**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on Monday, September 7, 1998.

The singing was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Homer Benefield. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 57. Mary L. Smith led songs on pages 318 and 403.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Donald Jones; Secretary - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney. Leaders: Donald Jones 147t, 358; Jeff Sheppard 216; Bobby Jackson 290; Louise Nelson 350; John Plunkett 502; Evelyn Harris 155; Les Scott 117; Amy Bryant 442; Bryan Black 362, 176b; Melanie Jacobeson 372; Jimmie Denney 123t, 68b; Leola Smith 103; Lamar Smith 76b; Frances Jones 334; Everette Denney 335; Susan Posey 178; Randall Smith 36b, 137 (for Virgil Phillips); Judy Mincey 475.

### **RECESS**

Donald Jones brought the class to order leading song on page 100. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 145b, 299; Alice Edwards 104; Coy Ivey 63; Harvey Austin

405; Shelbie Sheppard 269 (in memory of her parents, Walker and Lessie Cates); Roy Nelson 498; Katherine Benefield 146; Lonnie Rogers 222; Norma Latham 84; Bud Oliver 39b; Bonnie Flowers 497; Homer Benefield 56t; Lee Rogers 466; Louis Hughes 278t; Sonja Randall, Paula Ingells, and Alice Bice 45t; Richard DeLong 224, 542; Dorothy Wright 323b.

Joe Jones spoke on the origin of Shoal Creek Church and the many years of its existence with his family being active in the church until 1914. The building standing today is the third building on this site, and 1940 was the year when the singing was first held on Labor Day.

#### LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading song on page 110. Leaders: Don Bowen 225t, 503; Estelle Flowers 371; Dennis George 312b; Karen Reeves 410t; Lou Cotney 172, 189; Lewis Norton 208, 34b; Bryan Black and Richard Oikawa 159; Jeff Sheppard and Corene Laminack 294; Les Scott and Debra Scott 49b; Susan Posey 66, 35; Lee Rogers 454; John Plunkett 230; Coy Ivey 47t; Amy Bryant 384; Bud Oliver 201t; Louis Hughes 153; Lonnie Rogers 97; Bryan Black and Lydia Griffin 221; Jeff Sheppard 236 (for Andy Anderson).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Donald Jones; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

## **THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama**

**September 12-13, 1998**

**Saturday, September 12**

The ninety-fifth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 32t and 57. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The officers were called to lead as follows: Nora Parker 36b; Bud Oliver 47t; B.M. Smith 503; Jerry Enright 300; Don Bowen 99; Ann Jett 327; Jim Carnes 436.

#### RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class together leading song on page 39b.

A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Nora Parker (Permanent); Chaplain - Phil Summerlin; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver and Connie Karduck; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard and Syble Adams; Resolutions Committee - David Ivey and Linda Thomas; Locating Committee - Coy Ivey and Harrison Creel; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 208; Rodney Ivey 270; Jeff Reed and Beth Reed 148; Allen Fannin 442; Edith Tate 73; Allen Jones 317; Lorena Moore 312b; Jimmy Ballinger, Teresa Ballinger, and Amanda Ballinger 565; S.T. Reed 176; Carol Freyder 147; Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Anne Steel 318; Clarke Lee 312.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 68.

Leaders: Connie Karduck 418; Barbara Swetman 532; David Carlton 189; Syble Adams 171; Warren Steel 173; Celia Carnes and KeriAnn Wilkerson 145; Lisa Geist 269; Travis Keeton 44; Larry Ballinger 38; Judy Caudle 193; James Freyder 128; Norma Latham and Nate Green 63; Tim Reynolds 277.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 319. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 556; Rhoda Norris 389; Phil Summerlin 475; Lynne deBenedette 59; Christie Allen 500; Louis Hughes, Sr. 89; Pauline Childers 217; Myra Dalton 421; David Ivey 302; Rosemary Greenaway 86; Beth Reed 203; Karen Isbell 110; Allison Ivey 178; Scott Swanton 159; Carlene Griffin 548; Eloise Avery 426; Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 87; Marilyn Burchett 335; Richard Ivey 567; Cindy Franklin 368; Leon Ballinger 384; Buddy Ballinger 385.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Ivey leading song on page 387. Leaders: Judy Mincey 538; Marie Aldridge 316; Charlene Wallace 455; Ted Mercer 132; Reba Windom 192; Flora Skinner 358; Wanda Capps 448; Roy Nelson 380; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Lee Rogers 220; Phillip Ballinger 373; Pam Wilkerson 142; Paul Frederick 224; Elene Stovall 528; Karen Freund 272; Jeanette Lowry 276; Louis Hughes, Jr. 56b; Karen Ivey 215; Teresa Ballinger 460; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Verlon Stiefel 420; Regina Glass 522; Betty Wright 347; Buell Matthews 285.

#### RECESS

The class reassembled with Coy Ivey leading songs on pages 57 and 384. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 103; Randall Smith 137; Gary Leopold 479; Harrison Creel 512; Mattie Townsel 68b; Jackie Tanner 222; Hershell King 97; Ophelia Matthews 569; Bill Schrader 452b; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 393; J.C. Rutledge 105; Linda Thomas 350; Cassie Franklin and Flarce Creel 143; Sara Ingram 145.

Linton Ballinger led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

#### **Sunday, September 13**

The Sunday session was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 146. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Nora Parker 317; Connie Karduck 456; Bud Oliver 145; Shelbie Sheppard 368; David Ivey 371; Harrison Creel 530; Don Bowen 483; Syble Adams 532; Louis Hughes, Jr. 278; Linda Thomas 472; David Ballinger 176; Patsy Gentle 348; Henry Johnson 326; Richard Ivey 270; Jo Dell Albi 195; Doyce Bailey 143.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 299. Leaders: Lorena Moore 39t; Dennis George and Jerry George 358; Cindy Franklin 507; Amanda Ballinger 454; Randall Smith 137; Allison Ivey 138t; Leon Ballinger 84; Beth Reed 288; Joan Aldridge 475; Tim Reynolds 492; Rose Mary Greenaway 48b; Barbara Swetman 40; Buell Cobb 284; Flora Skinner 434; Jimmy Ballinger 111b; Susan Harcrow 218; Coy Ivey 212; Lee Rogers 287; Jeanette Lowry 260.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 300. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 542; Gary Leopold 159; Celia Carnes and KeriAnn Wilkerson 388; Jon Gregg 155; Regina Glass 383; Edith Tate 98; Jeff Reed and Beth Reed 107; Karen Isbell 419; Mark Carroll 142; Marilyn Burchett 294; B.J. Harris 503; Karen Freund 74b; Jeff Sheppard 75; Judy Mincey 474; Allen Fannin 70; Richard DeLong 349; Mattie Lou Townsel 112.

A memorial session was held by Shelbie Sheppard and Syble Adams. Shelbie Sheppard talked about how many of our singers and supporters have passed away in the last few years, and especially about Mae Seymour who had been Assistant Secretary of this Convention from 1975 until her death in 1998.

Mae Seymour served on the Board of Directors of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for a number of years, and due to bad health, could no longer serve in that capacity. Mae Seymour was a friend, a lover and supporter of Sacred Harp music, and she will be missed by those of us who had the pleasure to know her. Shelbie Sheppard closed her remarks by reading the first two verses of the song on page 146, and read the long list of those deceased: Elmer Cordell, Luke Allen, Alvin Stanson, Jerry Sheppard, Mae Seymour, Hollis Sizemore, Clifford Wakefield, Ozetta Gilliland, Kim Cagle, Gene Phillips, Claude Moon, Keterina Sanders, Hadyne Creel, Mariam Hoobler, Mamie Creel, Ila McGhee, Vernice Calvert, John Forman, Hussell Godsey, Mary Ramsey Berueffy, Michael B. McCulley, and Dale Mack - Alabama; Myreeta Hardin, Gertrude Bateman, and Anne Block - Georgia; Janet Borman - Illinois; Herbert Leopard and Louie Smith - Texas; Beatrice Ezell - Tennessee; Samuel Lynch and Dion Stams - New York; Russell Murphree - Mississippi. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 146 for the deceased.

Syble Adams read the list of names and led song on page 147t for the following sick and shut-ins: Warren Mason, Mrs. Mimes, Jap Walton, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, I.V. McWhorter, Margaret Bornick, Margaret Wright, Woodie Walker, Elsie Moon, Shelia Moon, Essie Calvert, Myrtle Wootten, and Ruby Phillips. Verlon Stiefel closed the memorial with prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Buddy Ballinger leading song on page 343. Leaders: Teresa Ballinger 186; Louis Hughes, Jr. 411; Pauline Childers 334; Jerry Enright 77t; Elene Stovall 99; Stuart Ivey 222; Roy Nelson 80; Reba Windom 344; Ted Mercer 296; Pam Wilkerson 313; Rosemary Greenaway 45; Jim Carnes 410; Cassie Franklin 217; Mark Brown 29; Charles Meidinger 178; Dorothea McCowan 442; Betty Wright 323b; Frances Jones 569; Floyd Peters 282; Ann Jett and Cindy Franklin 198; J.C. Rutledge 401; Nate Green and Norma Latham 335; Hershell King 204; Evelyn Harris 47t; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 501; Jackson Harcrow 63.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

Resolutions: Be it resolved by the United Sacred Harp Musical Association that: First and foremost, we thank God for allowing us the opportunity to meet at this 95th session of the United Convention;

We thank Mr. Pat Robertson and all of the administration and staff of Burritt Museum and Park for providing these wonderful facilities for this convention; We thank the Huntsville Sacred Harp Singers for their hospitality in hosting this year's convention;

We thank the officers and committees for diligently performing their duties, the results of which have been an orderly and enjoyable singing convention;

We thank everyone who provided food, especially Coy Ivey for preparing the barbeque and the Reeds and Olivers for providing the lemonade; and

We thank all singers from far and near who came and gave of your spiritual gifts in worship of God here this weekend.

Further, we resolve to continue to preserve our precious Sacred Harp heritage by attending singings whenever we can, and, God willing, to meet again next September for the 96th meeting of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, Resolutions Committee - Linda Thomas and David Ivey  
Locating Committee - Although the location was not confirmed at the time of the singing, it was later reported that the 1999 session will be held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama.

Finance Committee - Total expense was \$438.07. Collected \$535.00. Balance on hand \$1,369.71. End of Business Session.

Leaders: Mark Brown "Beulah Land" (by request); Coy Ivey "Trusting" (by request).

Linton Ballinger and B.M. Smith led the closing song on page 62. The convention was dismissed with prayer by B.J. Harris.

Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Nora Parker.

**UNITED KINGDOM SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION**  
**Beeston Youth and Community Centre, Beeston, Nottingham,**  
**United Kingdom**  
**September 12-13, 1998**

**Saturday, September 12**

Two books were used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and Northern Harmony, 3rd edition (indicated by NH). Matt Wojcik, of Boston, Massachusetts, held a 10 a.m. workshop at the Three Horseshoes for beginners and improvers, leading songs on pages 47t, 155, 56b, 209, and 148.

The third annual United Kingdom Shape Note Convention was held at the Youth and Community Centre, Beeston, Nottingham on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. Judy Whiting called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 34b. David Cooper, this year's Chairman, and Helen Brown, Arranging Committee Chairman, led song on page 178.

Leaders: Bernard Collard 362; Steve Fletcher 189; Mike Hoy 503; Rachel Jordan 455; Dafydd Charles 159; Jill Thompson 146; Paul Gailiunas 217; Sheila Girling Smith 335; Duncan Vinson 133; Dave Townsend 351; Sophie McDougall 497; Edwin Macadam 150; Mandy Townsend 452; Paul Sanderson 268; Ros Rigby 130 (NH); Stephen Biggs 127 (NH); Ba Wheeler 86; Alan Weeks 100 (NH); Helen Brown 492; Ian West 84 (for David Stow); Judy Whiting 490; Dafydd Charles 118 (NH); Steve Fletcher 9 (NH); Mike Hoy 12 (NH); Rachel Jordan 155; Bernard Collard 287; Jill Thompson 198; Duncan Vinson 106; Sophie McDougall 40; Paul Gailiunas 383; Stephen Biggs 124 (NH); Mandy Townsend 300; Edwin Macadam 47b; Paul Sanderson 183; Ros Rigby 117; Dave Townsend 378b; Sheila Girling Smith 474.

**LUNCH**

The workshop participants joined the class for the afternoon session, which was opened by Caroline Edwards leading song on page 344. Leaders: Alan Weeks 73b; Matt Wojcik 203; Ba Wheeler 140 (NH); Dave Richardson 566; Rosie Setford 163t; Ken Baddley 515; Jill Thompson 31t; Dave Cooper and Ruth Cooper 24 (NH); Mandy Townsend 186; Bernard Collard 66; Sophie McDougall 299; Edwin Macadam 236; Dafydd Charles 186 (NH); Stephen Biggs 288; Ros Rigby 98 (NH).

**RECESS**

Dave Richardson called the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 163b; Paul Gailiunas 324; Clare Mee 267; Duncan Vinson 314; Sheila Girling Smith 168; Paul Sanderson 94 (NH); Dave Townsend 277; Judy Whiting 171; Mike Hoy 47t; Steve Fletcher 142; Matt Wojcik 112 (NH); Caroline Edwards 48t; Ken Baddley 99; Rosie Setford 200; Alan Weeks 350; Jill Thompson 49b (for David Lee); Dave Richardson 153; Ba Wheeler 148 (NH); Dafydd Charles 76 (NH); Ian West 127; Mandy Townsend 188 (NH); Bernard



Collard 454; Sophie McDougall 80 (NH). Helen Brown closed the afternoon at 5 p.m. with song on page 45t.

### **Sunday, September 13**

Helen Brown opened the day of singing at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 171. Matt Wojcik held a workshop for all singers, leading songs 34t, 290, 358, and 196. Judy Whiting closed the workshop with 225t.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 36b; Mike Bailey "Beeston"; Duncan Vinson 334; Bill Meakin and Mandy Townsend 361; Sheila Girling Smith 201; Dave Townsend 188 (NH); Rachel Jordan 206 (NH); Tony Singleton 163b.

The Memorial Lesson was opened by Paul Sanderson reading: "When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us, but, rather that we were good to life." He asked us to join in remembering: Lal Waterson, Roy Horton, Jean Ratcliffe, Bob Arnold, Lorena Ledsham, Edisher Garakanidze and his wife and daughter, Florence Girling Pigott, and Ron Moore. Bernard Collard gave a reading, then led "Relief" for the deceased.

Paul Sanderson asked us to hold the following Sick and Housebound in our thoughts: Mel Williams, Pat Carter, Gordon Ashman, Jim Bundell, Joan Bundell, Peter Rance, Caroline Rance, Kierson Wise, June Cox, Arlie Prokop, Edisher's son, Hannah Cooper, Elaine Styles, and Kate Wills. Bernard Collard gave a reading, then led us in singing song on page 86.

Paul Sanderson read the list of those asking us to celebrate with them in the joys of graduation, marriage, children, and healing. Bernard Collard read celebratory words and closed the Memorial Lesson with song on page 228.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Paul Sanderson leading song on page 117. Leaders: Clare Mee 184 (NH); Stephen Biggs 6 (NH); Paul Gailiunas 212; Dafydd Charles 122 (NH); Jackie Patten 107; Tony Singleton 99 (for Joanne Hoover); Ken Baddley 287; Ros Rigby 102 (NH); Mike Bailey 387; Caroline Edwards 300; Ruth Cooper 474; Duncan Vinson 122; Rosie Setford 209; John Williams 40 (NH); Matt Wojcik 160 (NH); Jill Thompson 40; Tony Singleton 178; Ba Wheeler 50 (NH); Ian West 503; Steve Fletcher 86 (NH); Mike Bailey 376; Edwin Macadam 479; Ken Baddley 96; Sheila Girling Smith 147t (for Bob Parr); Ruth Cooper 276; Jackie Patten 146; Alan Weeks 176 (NH); Judy Whiting 569; Matt Wojcik 134 (NH).

Notices of forthcoming singings were made.

The officers gave thanks to all who had worked so hard to make the third United Kingdom Shape Note Convention such a success, and led song on page 143 to close the day of singing.

The class was dismissed at 4:00 p.m. and the assembled company withdrew for tea and cakes.

Eighty-seven people attended the Convention this year. The United States was represented by: Matt Wojcik of Boston, Massachusetts, and Duncan Vinson of Providence, Rhode Island.

Next year the Convention will be held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September at this same location.

Chairman - David Cooper; Secretary - Steve Fletcher.

**MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH**  
**Near Bear Creek, Alabama**  
**September 13, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mountain Home Church on the second Sunday in September was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 37b and 39b. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams. John Hyde led song on page 30t. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 300 and 348b.

The class organized for the day by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Mae Conwill. John Hyde led song on page 63. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 81t; Hubert Hood 454, 36b, 569; Gene Wakefield 56t, 102, 168; Juanita Whitman 47t, 48t; Ila Ingle 498, 500, 436; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 384; Faye Donaldson 421, 270.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Elmer Conwill leading song on page 298.

Leaders: Gladys Bonds 68b, 74b, 77t; Larry Wakefield 100, 153, 339; Kermit Adams 157, 282, 428; Arnold Moore 35, 290; Clarence McCool 349, 225t, 480; Glenn Keeton 475, 284, 231; Twylia Pickard 294 (for Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pickard, her aunt and uncle), 457.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton with songs on pages 335 and 269. Leaders: John Hocutt 72b, 70t; Annie Lou Price 434, 323b, 445b; Paul Frederick 322, 224, 499; Larry Ballinger 207, 206; Josie Hyde 200, 234; Margaret Keeton 187, 327; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 40, 45t; Julietta Haynes 209, 211, 216; A.A. Malone 34t, 203, 183; Fayrene Pickard and Twylia Pickard 143, 76b, "Not Made With Hands"; Dawson Adams 328, 147t; Betty Baccus 134, 145b, 285t (in memory of Wilford Wakefield and Clifford Wakefield); Mae Conwill 78, 124; Glenn Keeton 220, 440 (request from Nell Adams).

John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

We wish to thank Fayrene Pickard and Twylia Pickard for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**CALHOON COUNTY CONVENTION**

**Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, between Anniston and  
Jacksonville, Alabama**  
**September 19-20, 1998**

**Saturday, September 19**

The eighty-fourth session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

The convention was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Roy Nelson led song on page 82t; B.J. Harris 50b, 303; Evelyn Harris 87, 30t; Mary F. Smith 123, 148; Pearl Guier 59, 127.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 274t; Louise Nelson 350; Bobby Jackson 480, 290; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Bud Oliver 312b, 42; Shelbie Sheppard 202, 203; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b.

#### RECESS

B. J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 122. Leaders: Lou Cotney 300, 212; Lonnie Rogers 389, 560b; Hilda Morrison 47t, 426t; Cecil Gilliland 217, 171; Norma Latham and Nate Green 72b, 56t; Milton Oliver 172, 222; Floy Wilder 142, 183; Charlene Wallace 283, 299; S.T. Reed 298, 297; Reba Norton 208, 282; Randall Smith 36b, 155; Carlene Griffin 117; Coy Ivey 84, 129; Ruth Daniel 378t; Jeff Sheppard 340, 273, 182.

#### LUNCH

Roy Nelson called the class together leading song on page 97. Leaders: Harvey Austin 566, 335; Sherrill Durand 341; Paul Gilliland 565b, 39b; Kenneth DeLong 408, 548; Elene Stovall 192, 270; Mark Bumgardner 146, 147t; Leola Smith 207, 318; John Plunkett 116, 53; Pam Nunn 186, 40; Ruth Brown 475, 137; Jeff Sheppard 336, 189 (led for Shelton Williams); Paul Gilliland 176, 268; Bobby Jackson 388; Cecil Gilliland 294; Mark Bumgardner 569.

Roy Nelson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by S.T. Reed.

### **Sunday, September 20**

The convention was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 145b; B. J. Harris 452b, 503; Evelyn Harris 47t, 63; Mary F. Smith 53, 163t; Pearl Guier 448b, 40; "Happy Birthday" was sung for Polly Moore and Alice Edwards; Roy Nelson 436; Bud Oliver 39t, 38b; Lou Cotney 172, 218; Jimmy Cates 37b, 317; Bobby Jackson 435, 72b; Elene Stovall 89, 222; Milton Oliver 321b, 314; Cindy Franklin 410t, 501b; Lamar Smith 36b.

#### RECESS

B. J. Harris brought the class back together leading song on page 30t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 499b, 273; Sonja Randall 87; Richard Ivey 64, 399b; Henry Johnson 48t, 388; Karen Ivey 332, 475; Louis Hughes 381b, 480; Nancy Allen 35; David Ivey 120, 138t; Cassie Franklin 57, 43; Jackie Tanner 101t, 99; Rodney Ivey 145t, 208; Jeff Sheppard 460, 222; Stuart Ivey 29, 155.

The memorial was given by Mary F. Smith with comments made about the singers and friends we have lost in the past year. Mary F. Smith led song on page 403 in memory of: Elmer Cordell, Luke Allen, Alvin Stanson, Jerry Sheppard, Mae Seymour, Ozetta Gilliland, Kim Cagle, Hadyn Creel, John Forman, and Elder Bud Daugherty.

Mary F. Smith led song on page 411 for the sick and shut-ins. There are a lot of people who are sick and shut-in, and whose names will not appear on our list, but they are remembered along with the following: Jap Walton, I. V.

McWhorter, Revy Williamson, Beulah Reese, and Eula Johnson. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Mary F. Smith.

#### LUNCH

B.J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Harvey Austin 108t, 109; Carlene Griffin 139, 144; Coy Ivey 217, 384; Joan Aldridge 300, 454; Marilyn Burchett 81t, 335; Randall Smith 137, 73t; Shelbie Sheppard 110, 142; Dennis George 490, 100; Charlene Wallace 441, 439; Nellie Mae White 378, 312t; Carolyn McCareeth 358, 294; Louise Nelson 282, 313t; Jeff Sheppard 297, 369, 340; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 354b, 373; Ruth Brown 430, 400; Alice Edwards 73b, 104, 271b, 146; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 45t; Jeff Sheppard 254 (by request).

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson led song on page 392 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B.J. Harris.  
Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

**MINNESOTA STATE SINGING CONVENTION**  
**St. Paul and Basswood Grove, Minnesota**  
**September 19-20, 1998**  
**Saturday, September 19**

Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church, St. Paul  
Co-Chairs Paul Wyatt and Midge Olsen called the ninth Minnesota State Singing Convention to order leading song on page 171. Chaplain Gordon Olsen offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Matt Wells 47t; Denise Kania 276; Stephen Parker 32t; Gene Hauptmann 29t; Jim Parsons 444; Karen Buche 421; Myles Alexander 299; Cindy Kisse 330b; Craig Wright 86; Keith Willard 100; Dean Slaton 179; Lisa Grayson 436; Walter Graff 101t; Eleanor Haase 352; James Page 451; Kathy Kaiser 203; Steven Schmidgall 496; Connie Karduck 548.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Shelley Robbins leading song on page 82t .

Leaders: Michael Shewmaker 117; Kathy Wallace 315; Gordon Olsen 344; Anna Pfau 198; Thomas Willard 106; Felicia Stevens 56t; Paul Landskroener 288; Julie Vea 383; Brad Hunnicutt 133; Frances Mendenhall 228; John Bailey 475; Wendy Popp 472; Charlie Obert 142; Martha Henderson 176t; Gary Gronau 362; Reba Dell Windom 192; Jerry Enright 272; Val Eng 474; Ted Mercer 328.

**RECESS**

Jenny Willard called the class back together leading song on page 46. Leaders: Carol Buche 143; Berkley Moore 378; Carol Crawford 70; Judy Mincey 538; Dick Levine 440; Syble Adams 99; Midge Olsen 454.

Co-Chairs Midge Olsen and Paul Wyatt called a business session to elect next year's officers. The following officers were elected or appointed: Co-Chairs - Martha Henderson and Keith Willard; Secretary - Stephen Parker; Treasurer - Matt Wells; Arranging Committee - Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington; Memorial Committee - Kit Pfau and Syble Adams; Chaplain - Gordon Olsen.

Chaplain Gordon Olsen offered grace for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Bill Waddington and Jim Pfau called the class back into session leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Maryann Corbett 159; Charles Scudder 515; Alice Love 551; Sarah Davie 384; Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilly 441; Shelley Robbins 218; Dave Ressler 181; Meg Parsons 217; Greta Eckhardt 178; Kit Pfau 34b; Scott Schroeder and Stephen Parker 504; Christine Stevens 411; Becky Browne 304; Steven Levine 350; Jenny Willard 36b; Judy Hauff 448t; Ted Mercer 186.

**RECESS**

Martha Henderson called the class back together leading song on page 277.

Leaders: Dan Housepian 455; Bill Waddington 503; John Rebischke 268; James Page 216; Judy Mincey 347; Matt Wells 300; Frances Mendenhall 532; Gary Gronau 385t; Lisa Grayson 378b; Julie Vea 208; Syble Adams 39t; Denise Kania 547; Reba Dell Windom 542; Jerry Enright 271t; Paul Wyatt 182.

Midge Olsen and Paul Wyatt led song on page 146 as the closing song. Gordon Olsen led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

## Sunday, September 20

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Basswood Grove

Approximately thirty singers from the convention began the day by singing in St. Mary's Episcopal Church regular service as a means of expressing thanks to the church for hosting the convention. A copy of "The Sacred Harp" was presented to the congregation to commemorate the occasion.

Co-Chairs Midge Olsen and Paul Wyatt called the convention to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Martha Henderson 48t; Keith Willard 39t; Eleanor Haase 327; Robin Fox 150; Tony Parke 299; Gordon Olsen 163b; Christine Stevens 74b; Matt Wells 497; Scott Schroeder 149; Carol Buche 122; Michael Shewmaker 84; Frances Mendenhall 236; Gene Hauptmann 148; Greta Eckhardt 56b; Gary Gronau 430.

### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Meg Parsons leading song on page 155. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 77; Charlie Obert "Lynnhurst" (his own composition using words from Lloyd's Primitive Hymns); Gretchen Pfau 312b; Myles Alexander 550; Carol Crawford 117; Steven Schmidgall 571 (Cooper Book); Diana Hauff Zweig 368; Dick Levine 228; Anna Pfau 99; James Page 254; Kathy Kaiser 341; Berkley Moore 145b; Lisa Grayson 522; Jim Parsons 313b.

### RECESS

The class was called back into session by Steven Levine leading song on page 52t. The Memorial Lesson was given by Syble Adams who spoke about those who are deceased. Syble mentioned an old tombstone upon which these words appeared: "Remember me as you pass by. As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you will be. Prepare thyself to follow me". She talked about how she has fond memories of people who used to sit in the square who are no longer there. We should not take our presence in the square for granted, but should give thanks for every day. While Syble read the names of the deceased, the class was asked to hum the song on page 235. After the list was read, she led the class in singing the words. The deceased remembered were: Mae Seymour, Annie B. Wyatt, and Jerry Sheppard - Alabama; Herman Aihara - California; Janet Borman and Frances Giunchedi - Illinois; Ruth Wyatt, Matt Bue, and Karen Wiard - Minnesota; Barbara Scudder - Nebraska; Norman Wersan - New Jersey; Ruth Christensen, Art Lee, Robert Mason, and Ester Thingelstad - South Dakota; Clifford Parsons - Tennessee; Ruben Douglas Nagler and Lucille Veal - Wisconsin; Gerrit van Eysden - The Netherlands; Marian Matters, Frances Goulet, and Cathy Winter - state not given.

Kit Pfau spoke for the sick and shut-in. Sickness is a lonely journey, because it reminds us of how we will eventually be separated from those we love. No one can go on that journey with us. We hope, however, that those who are sick and shut in feel their presence in our square, just as we feel them here with us. Kit read the names of the sick and shut-in, and then led song on page 159.

Those remembered were: J.V. Gilbert, Gerelene Gilbert, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, and Woodie Walker - Alabama; Maurice Faubion - Arizona; Sara Curry - California; Ethel Klein - Florida; Mozelle Sheppard, Horace DeLong, I. V. Mc Whorter, and Roy Wyatt - Georgia; Karen Hojnacki - Illinois; Delle Jacobs, Maggie Novak, and Helen Stevens - Minnesota; Arlie Prokop - Nebraska; Sara Nagler - Wisconsin; Bernice Haiwick, Barb Olsen, and Scott Strong - state unknown. The Memorial Lesson was closed.

Leaders: Ted Mercer 434; Reba Dell Windom 224; Stephen Parker 31t; Judy Hauff 536; Walter Graff 39b.

Chaplain Gordon Olsen said grace, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

## LUNCH

The singing resumed with Christine Stevens leading song on page 107. Leaders: Jerry Enright 377; Alice Love 65; Cindy Kisse 42; Dean Slaton 195; Wendy Popp 215; John Bailey 535b; Julie Vea 385t; Connie Karduck 391; Keith Willard 278b; Syble Adams and Reba Dell Windom 505 (Cooper Book); Denise Kania 137; Dave Ressler 216; Meg Parsons 384; Becky Browne 163t; Jenny Willard 564; Steven Levine 82t; Judy Mincey 540; Val Eng 528; Midge Olsen 66.

## RECESS

Robin Fox brought the class back to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Karen Buche 501; Jeff Bell 290; Mark Ellenberger 421; Sarah Davie 45t; Kathy Kaiser 47b; Dick Levine 68b; Greta Eckhardt 556; Becky Browne 436; Dave Ressler 29t; Syble Adams 460; Judy Mincey 34t; Reba Dell Windom 196; Paul Wyatt 373.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing various reports.

The Arranging Committee and the Secretary reported there were fourteen states represented: Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, Georgia, Alabama, Massachusetts, Michigan, Iowa, New Jersey, Missouri, Maryland, and Minnesota.

Treasurer Matt Wells reported that funds collected just covered expenses for the convention. Eloise Jerome's crocheted afghan was raffled for more than \$200, and was won by Janet Crosby.

Judy Mincey presented the Resolutions Committee report: "In a spirit of gratitude and reverence to our gracious God, who brought us together and made this singing possible, we resolve as follows: We thank Co-Chairs Midge Olsen and Paul Wyatt for their exceptional work, and the other committees: to Denise Kania for organizing the food; Carol Buche and Karen Buche for the beverages, with special thanks to Bill Waddington and "Tea Source"; to the Arranging Committee, Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington; to Christine Stevens and Val Eng for child care; to Stephen Parker, our recording Secretary; to Gordon Olsen, our Chaplain; to Martha Henderson and Cindy Kisse for registration set-up; and to Marlene Levine for handling registration; to Eloise Jerome for our beautiful afghan; to Keith Willard for building the acoustic wall; to Paul Wyatt and Steve Schmidgall and the bratwurst committee; to Matt Wells, our Treasurer and Publicity Committee Chair; to our Hygiene Committee: Shelley Robbins and Jenny Willard; to the Sanitation Committee: Kit Pfau, Jim Parsons, and Mary Ann Corbett; to Steve Levine, Chairman of the Enthusiasm Committee; to Cathy Lutz, Kathy Wallace, and Walt Graff for cleanup; to Stephanie Digby for sale table set-up; for the Memorial Committee: Kit Pfau and Syble Adams; for the flyer, Kathy Wallace and Midge Olsen; to Karen Buche and Carol Buche who hosted the Saturday evening social; to Robin Fox, who organized housing, and to all those local singers who graciously hosted out-of-town guests; to the people of Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota and St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Basswood Grove, Minnesota who lent us their spaces. Thanks to the Minnesota Sacred Harp Singers for their hospitality, and to all our fellow singers from out of town who traveled from across the country to gather in joyous and powerful song.

Announcements of upcoming singings were given.

The class was dismissed with prayer.

Co-Chairs: Midge Olsen and Paul Wyatt; Secretary - Stephen Parker.

**CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL  
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama  
September 20, 1998**

The twenty-seventh session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church (Keeton Cemetery) on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton who welcomed everyone and then led song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by A.C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 201.

The election of officers were as follows: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde and Glenn Keeton.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 145t, 155; Joshua Keeton 408, 268; Lena Keeton 84, 497; Brenda Merritt 403, 203; Loretta Whitman 82t, 405; Gene Wakefield 284, 27; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 290; Arnold Moore 480; Christy Allen 192, 138t; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Velton Chafin 332; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Nellie Alexander 216, 124.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by A.C. McGough leading song on page 454. A.C. McGough led song on page 390 for his wife, Bernice. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 455, 146; Annie Lou Price 434, 440; Flarce Creel 148, 475; Clarence McCool 428, 349; Ashley Keeton 186, 196; John Merritt 83t, 240; Pam Keeton 392, 283; Henry Guthery 460, 88t.

**LUNCH**

The class was called together by Travis Keeton leading song on page 300. Travis Keeton led song on page 301 in memory of Ada Godsey who passed away this past week. Leaders: John Hyde 129, 61; Edith Tate 532, 73t; Arlon Gardner 410t, 378t; Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Linton Ballinger 141, 144; Regina Glass 160b, 328; Gravis Ballinger 110, 99; Julietta Haynes 200, 222; Odie Horton 153; Ann Jett 327, 269; Larry Ballinger 98, 89; Amanda Denson 425, 273; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Jayne Fulmer 63, 46; Josie Hyde 507; Kermit Adams 78, 28b; Gwen Cornelius 143; Joyce Hubbard 326, 209; Glenn Keeton 278t, 117 (in memory of his grandfather, C.B. "Bennie" Keeton); Lena Keeton, Nell Sorsby, and Arlon Keeton 108t, 45t (in memory of their father, Bennie Keeton, and in honor of their mother, Maude Keeton); Josie Hyde 470; Travis Keeton 225t.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton invited everyone back next year. A. C. McGough and Travis Keeton led song on page 235 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

**NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY FALL SINGING  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 22, 1998**

The opening prayer was led by Darryl Ferrington. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Vice Chairman - Noah Hurst; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker. Harry Eskew conducted a brief singing school.

The singing began with Wanda Gregg leading song on page 63. Leaders: Noah Hurst 45t; Nancy Van Den Akker 119; Elizabeth

Muhleisen 34b; Harry Eskew 128; Ben Kaster 145t; Darryl Ferrington 370; Charles Franklin 99; Buell Cobb 284; Dwayne Rogers 84; John Kanode 40;

Daniel Breon 63; Scott Munson 457; John Paul Warren 105; Craig Trosclair 471; Buell Cobb 361.

Wanda Gregg and Noah Hurst led song on page 62 as the closing song. Wanda Gregg led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Vice Chairman - Noah Hurst; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

## **ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Toledo, Illinois**

**September 26-27, 1998**

**Saturday, September 26**

The fourteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Cottonwood United Methodist Church, north of Toledo, Illinois by Chairperson Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 171.

Chaplain Lee Steinmetz offered the morning prayer, and led song on page 49b.

The following committees were recognized: Arranging Committee - Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, and Karen Hojnacki on Saturday, and Peggy Brayfield, Lee Steinmetz, and Karen Hojnacki on Sunday; Food - Sue Miller and Don Baker; Signs - Don Bardsley; Social - John Bailey; Chaplains - Lee Steinmetz on Saturday and Don Bardsley on Sunday.

Leaders: Terry Hogg 107; Janet Fraembs 91; Don Bardsley 300; Peggy Brayfield 324; John Bailey 475; Mike Veech 228; James Page "County K"; Joan Aldridge 270; Francis Gurtz 128; Scott Smith 299; Julie Vea 31; Dave Ressler 203; Jerry Enright 272.

### **RECESS**

The singing resumed with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Colette Miller 436; Jerome Colburn 229; Jan Ketelle 36b; William Shetter 523; Gary Gronau 192; Karen Isbell 76; Berkley Moore 306; Mark Miller 29; Ted Johnson 89; Kiri Miller 163t; Ted Mercer 227; Dean Slaton 222; Lee Steinmetz 250.

### **RECESS**

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 421; Terry Hogg 284; James Page 411; Molly Evans 277; Francis Gurtz 500; Peggy Brayfield 335; Jerry Enright 539; John Bailey 535; Joan Aldridge 111t; Mike Veech 175; Don Bardsley 373; Scott Smith 40; Dave Ressler 181.

Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing on the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Karen Hojnacki brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 480. Leaders: Julie Vea 278b; Colette Miller 524; Jerome Colburn 42; Jan Ketelle 503; William Shetter 474; Gary Gronau 110; Ted Johnson 385t; Kiri Miller 122, Berkley Moore 71; Mark Miller 378b; Karen Isbell 142; Ted Mercer 402; Dean Slaton 460; Scott Smith 569b; Dave Ressler 217; Molly Evans 489; Francis Gurtz 448; James Page 512.

### **RECESS**

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 198. Leaders: John Bailey 340; Conrad Wetzel 84; Colette Miller 72b; Mike Veech 145t; Jerry Enright 168; Terry Hogg 28b; Janet Fraembs 532; Julie Vea 39t; Jerome Colburn 159; Gary Gronau 218; Ted Mercer 112; Dean Slaton 113; Jan Ketelle 430; Ted Johnson 224; William Shetter 149; Kiri Miller 455; Peggy Brayfield 442.

### **RECESS**



The class resumed singing with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 145b.

Leaders: Karen Isbell 180; Lee Steinmetz 565.

Announcements were made. Karen Hojnacki led song on page 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lee Steinmetz.

### **Sunday, September 27**

The Sunday morning session began with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 475. The morning prayer was led by Don Bardsley. Leaders: Don Bardsley 203; Lee Steinmetz 68b; Janet Fraembs 74b; Peggy Brayfield 421; Mike Veech 87; John Bailey 340; Anne Heider 362; Jerry Enright 317; James Page 182; Dean Slaton 361; William Shetter 441; Kiri Miller 267; Berkley Moore 280; Julie Ve a 216; Mark Miller 422.

#### **RECESS**

Karen Hojnacki called the class to order leading song on page 91. Leaders: Terry Hogg 86; Ted Johnson 377; Presley Barker 122; Ted Mercer 302; Steve Warner 503; Jan Ketelle 220; Luke Barker 163b; Don Bardsley 96; Mike Veech 163t; Ted Johnson 348b; Kiri Miller 300; James Page 162; Mark Miller 33b; Dean Slaton 410.

#### **RECESS**

Karen Hojnacki called the class together leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 299; Janet Fraembs 440.

The Memorial Lesson was given by Jerry Enright who spoke about those honored friends who are singing with the Heavenly Choir. Jerry Enright led song on page 369 for the following deceased: Janet Borman - Illinois; Mary Louise Bates - Ohio; Mae Seymour and Kim Cagle - Alabama; Lucille Ve a - Wisconsin; John Butler - Rhode Island.

Anne Heider led song on page 209 for the sick and shut-ins. The Memorial was closed.

Leaders: Julie Ve a 528; William Shetter 454; Jerome Colburn, Boyne Walter, and Steve Warner 192; John Bailey 112; Lee Steinmetz 491; Terry Hogg 344.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 217. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 504; Jan Ketelle 212; Jerry Enright 125; Anne Heider 286; Pete Ellertsen 346; Janet Fraembs 133; Marlen Rust 290; Berkley Moore 378t; Don Bardsley 168; Jerome Colburn 148; Presley Barker 313b; Mike Veech 547; Steve Warner 84; Darlene Dalton 147t; William Shetter 59; Luke Barker 66; Julie Ve a 48t.

#### **RECESS**

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: John Bailey 448; James Page 95b; Lori Graber 335; Jerry Enright 101t; Anne Heider 532; Peggy Brayfield 48b; Terry Hogg 36b; Lee Steinmetz 373; Jerome Colburn 201; Steve Warner 155; Presley Barker 65; Pete Ellertsen 72b; Darlene Dalton 63; Molly Evans 277; Luke Barker 324; Marlen Rust 107; Berkley Moore 276; James Page 160t; Jerry Enright 99; Janet Fraembs 497.

Don Baker gave the Financial Report. Announcements were made. The class shared the parting hand and was dismissed with prayer by Don Bardsley.

Chairperson - Karen Hojnacki; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Tijeras, New Mexico  
September 26-27, 1998

Saturday, September 26

The ninth Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Pinon Canyon YWCA Camp in Tijeras, New Mexico (near Albuquerque). The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman John Schaffer leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Everette Denney. Sandy Hill led song on page 222.

A business meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers. Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - David McPherson; Vice Chair - Juliette Cunico; Secretary - Harlan Van Camp; Arranging Committee - Lissa Callirhoe; Finance Committee - Audrie Haskell; Locating Committee - John Schaffer; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown; Resolution Committee - Rodney Willard. Leaders: Mary Lou VanLaanen 155; Ed Stevens 84; Sally Gwylan 85; Allan Stavely 148; Juliette Cunico 312b; Harlan Van Camp 362; Anita Landis 184; Jean Schaffer 117; Carol Selleck 159; Liz Bryant 475; Jerry Schreiber 269; Marilyn Burchett 335; Mike Hinton 146; Louise Nelson 350; Leon Ballinger 217; Mary Oruc 383; Everette Denney 405; Carla Smith 404.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by David McPherson leading song on page 430. Leaders: Daniel Davis "Madrid" (his own composition); Anita Sanders 66; Donna Hand Sewell 171; Clarence Pope 36b; Lori Hand Rodgers 400; Janet Hand Morgan 282; B.J. Harris 503; Pearl Guier 127; David Hough 440; Lou Cotney 212; Jeff Shepard 176t; Mary Bachman 361; Katharine Hough 442; B.M. Smith 441; Hilda Morrison 566; Roy Nelson 436; Evelyn Harris 47t; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Jerry Schreiber 298; Gerald Hand 89; Liz Bryant 270; Leon Ballinger 490; Sandy Hill 497; Mike Hinton 373; John Schaffer 150. The blessing for the noon day meal was given by Leon Ballinger.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Sandy Hill leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Ed Stevens 288; Laura Shearin 504; Sally Gwylan 385b; Everette Denney 489b; Carla Smith 172; Shelbie Sheppard and Nancy Allen 332; Evelyn Harris 30t; David McPherson 214; Donna Hand Sewell 31t; Allan Stavely 58; Mike Hinton 340; Louise Nelson 145t; Lissa Callirhoe 56b; Leon Ballinger 137; Juliette Cunico 278t; John Schaffer 515; Anita Landess 479; Carol Hand Selleck 145b; Sandy Hill 198; Lori Hand Rogers 143; Jerry Schreiber 550; Pearl Guier 59; Liz Bryant 368.

### RECESS

The class was called to order by David McPherson leading song on page 452b. Leaders: Jeanne Schaffer 344; Daniel Davis "Bosque del Apache" (his own composition); B.J. Harris 303b; Mary Oruc 318; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Lou Cotney 300; David Hough 371; Jeff Sheppard 448t; Mary Bachman 280; Katherine Hough 378b.

Daniel Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

**Sunday, September 27**

The Sunday morning session began with David McPherson leading song on page 128. The morning prayer was lead by Gerald Hand. Leaders: Anita Sanders 84; Harlan Van Camp 313b; John Schaffer 299; Ed Stevens 551; B.M. Smith 475; Janet Hand Morgan 35; Laura Shearin 334; Hilda Morrison 276; Roy Nelson 283; Connie Hilgefert 236; Clarence Pope 82t; Kay Sirco 49b; Allan Stavely 61;

June Mathews 269; Gerald Hand 38b; Anita Landis 523; Everette Denney 381; Donna Hand Sewell 460; Mike Hinton 543.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Sandy Hill leading song on page 300. Leaders: Juliette Cunico 68b; Carol Hand Selleck 235b; Daniel Davis "Sangre de Cristo" (his own composition); Lou Cotney 218; Lori Hand Rodgers 401; Carla Smith 426b.

A memorial service was led by Ruth Brown. The names of the deceased were read as the class hummed 285t. Among the deceased were: Willie Mae McClendon, Gertrude Bateman, Beatrice Ezell, Vernice Calvert, Ila McGhee, Mamie Creel, Hadyn Creel, Keterina Sanders, Kim Cagle, Ozetta Gilliland, Clifford Wakefield, Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, Herbert Leopard, Janet Borman, Ada Godsey, Barry Sullivan, Catherine Cessna, Shirley Holland, Louie Smith, Eric Hand, and Merwin Hand. Mike Hinton led song on page 373 for those deceased.

The list of sick and shut-ins included: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Felton Denney, Josephine Denney, Elsie Brock, Katherine Benefield, Revy Williamson, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Essie Calvert, Arlie Prokop, Deborah Johnson, Dodge Wiggins, Al Halliday, Johnny Jeans, Virginia Redman, Mae Shearin, and Caroline Inscoc. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 28b for the shut-ins.

Moena Denney, Ruth Brown, Mike Hinton, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 45t, and Moena Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: David McPherson 183; Jeanne Schaffer 168; Mike Hinton and Gerald Hand 328; Leon Ballinger 196; Pearl Guier 448b; Liz Bryant 542; Evelyn Harris 155; Jerry Schreiber 510; Katharine Hough 377; Mary Bachman 546. Gerald Hand led the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Daniel Davis leading song on page 107. Leaders: Allan Stavely 122; Laura Shearin 547; Jeff Sheppard 186; David Hough 330b; Leon Ballinger 120; Marilyn Burchett 81t; Mary Oruc 47b; June Mathews 198; Shelbie Sheppard 142; B.J. Harris 452; Louise Nelson 87; B.M. Smith 273; Hilda Morrison 39b; Roy Nelson 434; Clarence Pope 159; Carla Smith 202; Jeanne Schaffer 535; Anita Sanders 528.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Harlan Van Camp leading song on page 63. Leaders: Pearl Guier 303b; Liz Bryant 384; Evelyn Harris and Ruth Daniels 378; Everette Denney 161; Mary Bachman 502; Carol Selleck 339.

A business session was held to hear various reports.

Leaders: Katharine Hough 114; Jeff Sheppard 378; Marilyn Burchett 154; Jerry Schreiber 532; Shelbie Sheppard, Nancy Allen, and Margie Smith 106; John Schaffer 174; Mike Hinton 480.

David McPherson led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Roy Nelson.

Chairman - David McPherson; Vice Chairwoman - Juliette Cunico; Secretary - Harlan Van Camp.

**GUM POND CHURCH**  
**Morgan County, Alabama**  
**September 27, 1998**

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 46. The morning prayer was offered by David Ivey.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 47t, 78; Arvid Holmes 171, 460; Steve Cobbs 285t, 480; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land" (for Alta Self); Carmon Brothers 112, 207; Christine Leeth 127, 496; Elvin Guthrie 495, 225t; Rhoda Norris 283, 318; Lomax Ballinger 168, 565; Marie Guthrie 189, 434.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 143. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 298, 217; Eunice Kimbrell 65; Linton Ballinger 212, 208; Freeman Wooten 384, 426t; Eldagene Roberson 300, 215; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Clayton Ezell 390, 475; David Ivey 94, 90; David Roberson 340, 222; Jewel Wooten 186, 345b; Edith Tate 37b, 88t; Bud Oliver 201, 163t; Cassie Franlin 89, 35. Milford Cobbs led song on page 40. Hershell King offered prayer for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class came back to order after a bountiful lunch with Milford Cobbs leading song on page 68b. Milford Cobbs led song on page 80 for Alta Self who was in the hospital and could not be with us. Leaders: Henry Guthrie 240, 120; Ann Jett 546, 327; Jonathon Thompson 155, 84; Cindy Franklin 182, 198; Susan Holmes 313t, 441; Harrison Creel 111b; Carol Newman 278t, 220; Hershell King 389, 410; Nancy Thompson 101t, 108t; Lessie Grant and Pete Holcomb 42, 61; Gerald Holmes 268, 45t; Flarce Creel 454, 269; Buckley Hopper 48b, 49b; J. C. Rutledge 544b; Dan Hopper 223, 136; Kenneth Fannin 36b, 436; Carol Fannin 81t, 133.

Following announcements, Milford Cobbs led song on page 62 as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Elder Dan Hopper, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

**WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION**

**Shady Grove Primitive Church, north of Double Springs, Alabama**  
**September 27, 1998**

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September, and was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Dr. Doyal Williams.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Kermit Adams led song on page 89. Leaders: Dawson Adams 104, 44; Azilee Adams 337, 317; Odie Horton 81t, 108t; Gladys Bonds 47t, 225t, 77t; Alonzo Malone 112, 142, 300; Edwin Cleghorn 87, 36b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137, 101t; Roger Moore 30t, 290, 111b; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 129.

**RECESS**

The class was brought together by Travis Keeton, who read a thank you card from the family of Ada Godsey and led songs on pages 37b, 392, and 388. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 284, 102, 103; Clarence McCool 569, 45t; Willodean

Barton 482, 456; Bruce Rye 440, 42; Emily Jones 48t, 73; Velton Chafin 34b, 35; Mae Conwill 175, 206; Carla Morris 183, 145b.

#### LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading song on page 426t. Leaders: Ila Ingle 470, 382; Alan Moore 391, 56t, 460; John Hyde 297, 75; Margaret Keeton 499, 297; Elmer Conwill 216, 348b; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 67; Lena Keeton 30b, 347; Amanda Denson 53, 78; Loretta Whitman 82t, 176b, 490; Faye Donaldson 371, 270; Nellie Alexander 100, 58; Cecil Wakefield 282, 405, 480; Josie Hyde 208 (for Rose Altha Taylor), 200, 234; Parnell Berry 306; Bruce Rye 76b. Kermit Adams led song on page 491 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Cecil Wakefield.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

### **CHATTANOOGA SACRED HARP SINGING**

#### **Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**October 3, 1998**

The second annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October at First Baptist Church. Linda Sides called the class to order leading songs on pages 328 and 148. Phil Summerlin led the morning prayer. Daryl Mayberry led song on page 66 in memory of Janet Borman.

Leaders: Alice Watkin 338, 415; Phil Summerlin 32t, 33b; Judy Mincey 50b, 475 (for Virgil Phillips); Tim Reynolds 39t, 168; Coy Ivey 59, 48t; Marilyn Burchett 154, 29t; David Ivey 61, 448b; Floyd Peters 68b, 45t; Jackie Tanner 37b, 100; David Green 94, 117.

#### RECESS

Cindy Franklin brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 213 and 317b. Leaders: John Lamb 53, 47b; Ted Ashton 85, 84; Michael Thompson 152, 348t; Bill Thomas 312b; Linda Sides 127; Daryl Mayberry 63, 485; Alice Watkin 457, 128; Judy Mincey 503, 347; Tim Reynolds 569b, 200; Coy Ivey 566, 452; Marilyn Burchett 335, 324.

#### LUNCH

Linda Sides opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 35 and 146. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 405, 155; David Ivey 43, 76; Floyd Peters "Don't Grieve Your Mother", "Angel Band"; Jackie Tanner 89, 101t; Cindy Franklin 391, 388; John Lamb 159, 119 (requested by Hubert Anderson whose great-great-grandfather, R.H. Davis, co-wrote "Heaven's My Home" in 1869); Michael Thompson 114, 314; Linda Sides 64, 75; Daryl Mayberry 556, 454; Alice Watkin 81t, 145t; Judy Mincey 561, 341; Tim Reynolds 58, 229; Phil Summerlin 313t, 142; Coy Ivey and Steve Bakken 129, 45t, 59, 34b.

Announcements were made. David Ivey and Linda Sides led song on page 448t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Linda Sides.

PLEASE NOTE: The 1999 singing will be held on August 14, returning to the Saturday before the third Sunday at a location to be announced later.

Chairman - Linda Sides; Vice Chairman - Daryl Mayberry; Secretary - Alice Watkin.

**LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**October 3, 1998**

The singing was called to order by Chairman Jim Fields who gave a brief singing school. Harry Eskew offered the opening prayer.

The singing began with Jim Fields leading song on page 63. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 31b; Hugh McGraw 32t; Virginia Fields 354b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 47t; Wallace McKenzie 155; Georgia Kanode 46; John Kanode 452b; Brad Pope 81t; Harry Eskew 128; Christie Smith 154; Noah Hurst 156; Jim Myers 101t; Heather Boyd 159; Christopher Reed 35.

The election of officers was held: Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Jim Fields leading song on page 358. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 535; Bill Green 73t; Hugh McGraw 73b; Virginia Fields 45t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 460; Regina Glass 457; Wallace McKenzie 40; Georgia Kanode 348b; John Kanode 164; Brad Pope 178; Harry Eskew 34; Christie Smith 107; Noah Hurst 99. R.J. Wade offered the blessing before lunch.

**LUNCH**

The singing was called back to order by Jim Fields leading song on page 515. Harry Eskew led the memorial lesson and led song on page 122.

Leaders: Jim Myers 117; Daniel Breon 361; Heather Boyd 347; Christopher Reed 350; Nancy Van Den Akker 445; Bill Green 378b; Hugh McGraw 369; Virginia Fields 127; Elizabeth Muhleisen 480; Regina Glass 89; Wallace McKenzie 268; Georgia Kanode 179; John Kanode 41; Brad Pope 81b; Christie Smith 94; Noah Hurst 471b. Jim Fields led the closing song on page 339. R.J. Wade closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

**SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING**  
**Live Oak Unitarian Society, Santa Barbara, California**  
**October 3, 1998**

The third annual Santa Barbara Regional Singing was held at the Live Oak Unitarian Society, Santa Barbara, California. About 25 singers from across California were in attendance. Jerry Schreiber called the class to order at 11:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 106 and 183. Leaders: Chris Thorman 120, 222; Laura Russell 270, 271t; Jeff Vanderwilt 178, 66; Carolyn Deacy 522, 456; Susan Turpin 121, 388; Rodney Davidson 184, 174; Al Grindon 196, 28b.

**RECESS**

Betty Herman brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 47, 500, and 274. Leaders: Carla Smith 378, 436; Rick Russell 454, 503; Carri Patterson-Grindon 139, 497; Tom Ostwald 268, 269; Lisa Rollston 71, 335; Mary Rose O'Leary 95b, 208; Tom Ostwald 126, 117.

**LUNCH**

Jerry Schreiber brought the class to order leading songs on pages 188 and 538. Leaders: Chris Thorman 37, 384; Laura Russell 286, 298; Jeff Vanderwilt 299, 547; Carolyn Deacy 501, 511; Susan Turpin 328, 93; Rodney Davidson 191, 217; Al Grindon 147t, 146.

**RECESS**

Tom Ostwald brought the class to order leading songs on pages 72b and 151. Leaders: Betty Herman 216, 535; Carla Smith 416, 400; Rick Russell 297, 201; Carri Patterson-Grindon 540, 48b; Tom Ostwald 254, 410t; Lisa Rollston 114, 430; Mary Rose O'Leary 504, 277, 510. Jerry Schreiber led song on page 446 as the closing song.

Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Secretary - Tom Oswalt.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, AND HYATT  
MEMORIAL  
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama  
October 4, 1998**

The thirty-second session of the annual memorial singing for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Maudine Alexander, Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, and J. B. Lowe was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 32t and 203. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 111b, 312b; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Roy Nelson 80, 283; Martha Woodard 570; Randall Smith 36b, 137; Jackie Tanner 47t, 89; Denny Rogers 87, 318; Margie Smith 84, 335; Rodney Ivey 100, 99; Lonnie Rogers 389, 348b; B.M. Smith 225t, 475.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 222. Leaders: Velton Chafin 394, 482; Henry Johnson 338, 288; Nancy Allen 45t; Shelbie Sheppard 139, 138t; Bud Oliver 332, 300; Brenda Merritt 217, 336; Jeff Sheppard 313t, 142; Eloise Wootten 299, 171; Edith Tate 37b, 48t; John Merritt 97, 176t, 176b; Judy Caudle 76t, 120; Milton Oliver 403, 314; Elene Stovall 441, 186; Marlon Beasley 480, 68b; Marlon Wootten 201t, 376.

**LUNCH**

The class was called together by Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett leading songs on pages 145b and 189. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 144, 340; Leola Smith 234, 185; Freeman Wootten 101t; Paula Gilmore 75, 566; Deborah Rich 183, 108b; Elder Philip Gilmore 498, 316; Susan Harcrow 178, 126; Jackson Harcrow 63; Ernest Phillips 223, 74t; Elder Ricky Harcrow 274t, 163; Herby Bailey 46, 569. Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 345t for Ruby Phillips, and song on page 503 in memory of the Alexander family. Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 30b for the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

**OLD SARDIS CHURCH  
Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)  
October 4, 1998**

The fortieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Sardis Church on the first Sunday in October, and was called to order by Steve Miles leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Homer Miles.

The class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Steve Miles led song on page 37b. Leaders: Homer Miles 388, 373; Willodean Barton 391, 290; Beth Mobley 45t, 339; Gene Wakefield 102, 284; Gravis

Ballinger 112, 101t; Johnny Humber 123t, 146; Arnold Moore 460; Beatrice Brewer 137, 284; Mae Conwill 270, 340; Jeanette Tidwill 208, 64; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 426t.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Miles leading song on page 276. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 482, 216; Josh Keeton 217, 268; Gladys Bonds 225t, 399; Odie V. Horton 277, 317b; Glenn Keeton 231 (in memory of Uncle Tom Harper), 117 (by request); Larry Ballinger 119, 134; Lena Keeton 498 (in memory of Uncle Tom Harper), 475; Ila Ingle 470, 500; Juanita Whitman 175b, 480. Rev. Glenn Bridgeman spoke about the love Christ had for all of us, and the love we have for each other when we let him into our hearts.

#### LUNCH

Steve Miles called the class to order leading songs on pages 147t. Leaders: Brenda Matthews 143; Pam Keeton 171, 382; Ashley Keeton 455, 196; Sandy Mobley 168, 135; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 73t; Clara Stults 100, 138; Betty Baccus 392, 61; Joyce Hubbet 40, 155 (in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Norris); Kermit Adams 197, 283; Davy Berry 63, 59; Travis Keeton 387, 378; Cecil Wakefield 406, 408; Gwenn Cornelison 30t, 490; Josie Hyde 454, 361; Dwight Ingle 445b, 45t; Allen Barnett 68b; Karen Wiggins 294, 82; John Hyde 108t, 175b; Steve Miles 358 (by request). Steve Miles led song on page 234 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Leonard Kimbrew. Everyone is invited back again next year.

Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

### **YELLOW SPRINGS**

#### **Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio**

**October 10, 1998**

The seventeenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Eloise Clark leading song on page 47. Eloise Clark led song on page 268 in honor of those who also meet in this place for Sabbath services.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Michael Hieber; Vice Chairman - Rich Overturf; Secretary - Marlen Rust; Arranging Committee - John Bealle; Treasurer - Christine Cox.

Leaders: Michael Hieber 448b, 49t; Rich Overturf 410, 133; Christine Cox 49b, 163 (led by John Bealle); Marlen Rust 276, 290; Michael Darby 31t, 300; Debbie Hall 66, 200; Linda Coppock 168, 142.

#### RECESS

Michael Hieber called the class back to order leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Lorraine Sawyer 212, 287; David Rust 201, 123b; Laura Russell 515, 113; Jo Schultz 569b, 143; Brad Oglesby 87, 39b; Pauline Childers 318, 475; Henry Schuman 32t, 77t; Lois Hart 299, 59.

Christine Cox invited all to come to her church for the celebration of her 75th birthday, October 31, with Sacred Harp singing as part of the activities planned. Michael Darby gave a blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Mike Hieber called the class back to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: John Bealle 186 (for Deedee Heeter who was unable to be present), 196; Anna Marie Bullock 523, 84; Barbara Bowers 480, 348t; Eloise Clark 503, 532; John Bayer 417, 71; Laura Weber 535, 34b; Rich Overturf 328, 472; Jo Schultz 99, 36b; Michael Darby 29t, 86; Brad Oglesby 229, 127.

#### RECESS



Michael Hieber called the class back to order leading song on page 378t. Leaders: Debbie Hall 474, 497; Henry Schuman 270, 344; David Rust 153, 154; Pauline Childers 224, 384; Lois Hurt 178, 551; Marlen Rust 107, 114; Lorraine Sawyer 56, 430; Linda Coppock 542, 209; Laura Russell 313b, 415; Anna Marie Bullock 566, 549; Brad Oglesby 68b, 452 (requested by Christine Cox); Barbara Bowers 312, 495.

Announcements were made. Linda Coppock led song on page 347 as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Michael Hieber; Vice Chairman - Rich Overturf; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

**TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION**  
**Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg,**  
**Tennessee**  
**October 10-11, 1998**  
**Saturday Night, October 10**

Singing is in the Cooper Book.

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Tim Reynolds led song on page 268t.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Cindy Franklin; Arranging Committee - Cleland Ezell.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 85; Gordon Wilkinson 478; Clayton Ezell 300; Wanda Capps 54t, 222; Buddy Ballinger 108b, 36b; Flarce Creel 572; Thurman Nall 292b, 410; Eldagene Roberson 186, 144; J. A. Mosley 559, 491; Marie Guthrie 515, 497; Buckley Hopper 239, 48b; Marilyn Burchett 107t, 416t.

RECESS

Elvin Guthrie brought the class to order leading songs on pages 403 and 404.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 336, 133; Dan Hopper 385t, 166b; Alicia Conatser 65, 63; David Carlton 48t, 505; Cindy Franklin 393t; David Roberson 414, 155; Glenda Hopper 310; Harrison Creel 355; Melissa Allured 82; Earl Ballinger 40; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Bud Oliver 563; Ann Jett 573, 503; Elder J.L. Hopper 427, 254; Sandie Scott 571, 408; Jackie Tanner 137; Max Berueffy, Iris Durham, Clayton Ezell, and Reva Lee 49b, 42, 61, 335; Cindy Franklin 229. Tim Reynolds led song on page 132 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J.L. Hopper.

**Sunday, October 11**

“The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition” book was used.

The fourth annual Tennessee State Singing Convention was held at Second Creek Church on the second Sunday in October, and was called to order by the Chairman, Tim Reynolds. The morning prayer was offered by Velton Chafin. Tim Reynolds led song on page 49t. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 475; Clayton Ezell 480; Cecil Sanders 434; Judy Caudle 311, 365; Kerene Box 405; Jackie Tanner 299, 101t; Sandie Scott 294, 128; Bud Oliver 39b, 39t; Marilyn Burchett 81t, 84; David Roberson 340, 222; Melanie Hardy 551, 155; Velton Chafin 225b, 225t.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading songs on pages 316 and 30t.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 528, 532; Mark Taylor 143, 40; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Ann Jett 546, 327; Elvin Guthrie 500, 455; Alicia Conatser and Paige Hunter 341; Clay Mattox 59, 58; Flarce Creel 384, 501b; J.A. Mosley 282, 61; Marie

Guthrie 280; Earl Ballinger 203, 177; Cassie Franklin 217; Thurman Nall 287; Wanda Capps 448t, 142; Larry Ballinger 448b; Marie Aldridge 216; Edith Tate 67, 73t; Julietta Haynes 200, 298; Eldagene Roberson 332, 215.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gordon Wilkinson leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Jyane Fulmer 300; Randy Box 106, 146; Debbie Sides 73b; Otis Knippers 45t; Vella Gillespie 408, 168; Irene Roberson 176b, 159; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Cindy Franklin 362b, 198.

The Memorial Lesson was held at this time. Psalm 100 was read by Alicia Conatser. Alica Conatser and Sandie Scott led song on page 274t for the deceased. Alica Conatser led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins. The children of Beatrice Ezell led 294 and 358 along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren (a total of 17 on the floor).

The Harrison Creel family (Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Franklin, Cassie Franklin, Edith Tate, and Marie Aldridge) led songs on pages 542, 388, and 111b. The Harrison Creel family was joined by Eldagene Roberson, David Roberson, and Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 411. Randy Box led song on page 75.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

### **WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 11, 1998**

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 30b. The morning prayer was offered by Lonnie Rogers. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 61; Shelbie Sheppard 114 and 171.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey and Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 89; Mary F. Smith 289, 288; Judy Mincey 50b, 480; Charlene Wallace 225t (for Revy Williamson), 384; Bobby Jackson 317, 290; Earlis McGraw 271t, 385t; Rene Greene 273, 299; Roy Nelson 422, 498; Jeannette DePoy 426t, 456; Don Bowen 283 (in memory of his father and mother, E.C. and Agnes Bowen), 348b; Susan Roberts 312b, 40; Louis Hughes 471, 470; Bonnie Flowers 127, 184.

#### RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 33t, 172; Lee Rogers 425, 170; Jimmy Cates 63, 112; Virginia Dyer 454, 193; Everette Denney 335, 34b; Pam Nunn 528, 300; Evelyn Harris 30t, 87.

#### LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Mary F. Smith 213, 148; Carlene Griffin 70t, 448b; Scott DePoy 179, 36b; Estelle Flowers 76b, 388; Richard DeLong 202 (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates), 109 (for Horace DeLong and I.V. McWhorter); Fallon Dyer 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates), 146; Jimmie Denney 143 (for Felton Denney), 153; Leola Smith 176b, 418; Milton Oliver 403, 321; Lou Cotney 222, 189; Lonnie Rogers 186, 318; Phillip Langley 110, 168; Louise Nelson 282, 350; B.J. Harris

303, 452; John Plunkett 329, 150; Jesse Roberts 67 (for his dad, Jesse Roberts, Sr.), 147t (requested by Louise Allen).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

## **HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING**

### **Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama**

**October 11, 1998**

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton leading songs on pages 59, 32t, and 72b. The morning prayer was led by A.C. McGough.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers on a permanent basis: Co-Chairpersons - Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton; Arranging Committee - Joshua Keeton; Chaplain - Elder Philip Gilmore; Memorial Committee - Jimmie McGough Gilmore.

Descendants of Joe Harper and Martha Harper: Pamela Keeton, great-granddaughter; Ashley Keeton, great-great-granddaughter; Joshua Keeton, great-great-grandson; Elder Philip Gilmore, great-grandson; Jimmie McGough Gilmore, granddaughter.

Glenn Keeton and Pam Keeton led song on page 30t. Leaders: Corene White 73t, 403; Eron White 168; Beatrice Brewer 112, 123; Mr. Donaldson 56t, 45t; Gene Wakefield 284, 138t; Gladys Bonds 68b, 499; Clarence McCool 569b, 111b; Josie Hyde 419, 269; Lonzo Malone 426t, 448t; Ivalene Donaldson 175, 275b.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Pamela Keeton leading songs on pages 100 and 145t. Leaders: A.C. McGough 290 (in memory of Robert McGough and Lily McGough), 390, "Not Made With Hands" (for Olen Keeton); Mae Conwill 297, 74b; Billy Williams 28b, 231; Jeraldine Wadkins 361, 421.

The memorial lesson was held with Eron White leading song on page 36b in memory of Charlie McCoy. Jimmie Gilmore led song on page 146 in memory of her sister, Lavada Gilmore. Jimmie Gilmore, Pamela Gilmore Keeton, and Philip Gilmore led song on page 283 for Garnsey McGough and Ethel McGough who are in the nursing home.

#### **LUNCH**

Glenn Keeton called the class back together leading songs on pages 128 and 503. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 186, 196; Travis Keeton 203, 341; Rebecca Wiggins and Ila Ingle 30t, 108t; John Hocutt 144, 225t; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Philip Gilmore 138b, 30b; Margaret Keeton 475, 78, 316 (in honor of Garnsey McGough and Ethel McGough); Joshua Keeton 268, 408; Jimmie Gilmore 276, 288 (for her parents); Elmer Conwill 129, 296.

#### **RECESS**

Pamela Keeton called the class back together leading song on page 217. Leaders: Lena Keeton 137, 273; Paula Gilmore 75, 47t; Dwight Ingle 122, 111t; Karen Wiggins 388, 358; Pernie Pelfrey 83t, 312b; Duncan Vincent 148, 335; Jeanette Tidwell 222, 218; John Beasley 480, 317b; Gwen Cornelius 235, 143 (in memory of her father, Pete Keeton); Kermit Adams 489b.

Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Co-Chairpersons - Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton.

## **CHESNUT GROVE CHURCH**

**Ider, Alabama**

**October 11, 1998**

The seventy-second session of the annual Chesnut Grove Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing was called to order by Co-Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 59. Pastor Ralph Heard led the class in prayer.

David Ivey led song on page 34t. Co-Chairman Rodney Ivey led songs on pages 101t and 39b. Leaders: Ralph Heard 348b; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 47t; Rex Wilks 30t, 480; Billy Thompson 335; Chris Carroll 48t; Betty Wright 347; Shawn Carroll 28b, 143; Terry Wootten 388, 84; Kevin Holcomb, Derrick Holcomb, and Jacob Holcomb 87, 323b; Randall Smith 298, 300; Karen Ivey 208, 99; Vester Jones and grandsons, David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 58.

### **RECESS**

The class was called together with David Ivey leading song on page 90. Leaders: Richard Ivey 399b, 145t; Myra Dalton 384, 142; Erica Mitchell 145b; Levon Wootten 426t, 63; Linda Sides 146, 328; Marty Wootten 285t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Floyd Peters 36b, 68b; Mark Brown 448t, 448b; Christy Blevins 48b; S.T. Reed 124, 125.

Pastor Ralph Heard welcomed the congregation, and Levon Wootten asked the noon blessing for lunch.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called together with David Ivey leading song on page 33b. Leaders: Vickie Mitchell 147t, 361; Henry Johnson 47b, 326; Max Berueffy 42, 171; Allison Ivey 410t, 138t; Joan Aldridge 573 (Cooper), 572 (Cooper); Brenda Carroll 163t, 299; Jenny Wootten 66, 559 (Cooper); Thomas Gilbert 490, 341; Stuart Ivey 358, 137; Ricky Harcrow "Love At Home", "Trusting"; Wayne Wootten 127, 45t; Norma Latham 317; Charlotte Heard 84 (Cooper); Coy Ivey 449 (Cooper); Susan Harcrow 408; Marlon Wootten and Eloise Wootten 376; Charles Stiefel and Terry Wootten 445; David Ivey "Jesus Died For Me".

Mark Brown and Chris Carroll were selected as Co-Chairmen for the 1999 session. After announcements, David Ivey and Rodney Ivey led "Not Made With Hands" as the closing song, and the singing was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Ralph Heard.

Co-Chairmen - David Ivey and Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION-OREGON**

**Portland, Oregon**

**October 17-18, 1998**

**Saturday, October 17**

The seventh annual session of the Pacific Northwest Convention-Oregon was held at the Sellwood Community Center on the third Sunday of October and the Saturday before.

Chairman Marie Brandis opened the session and introduced Gaylon Powell of Texas. The morning session was turned over to Gaylon Powell for a singing school. All of the songs on Saturday morning were from the Cooper Edition, and Mr. Powell introduced the class to the songs beloved in Texas that are unique to the Cooper edition. Songs sung during the school from this edition were: 404,

507b, 558, 559, 522, 225t, 511t, 511b, 512, 505, 515, 563, 572, 573, 491, 84, 392, 571, 336t, 336b, 39, 98, 497, 140, 156, 229, 393t, 410, 450, and 496t.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Marie Brandis leading song on page 82.

The following appointments were made: Finance Committee - Katharine Hough; Resolutions - Kathy Vlach; Memorial Committee - Reed Schilbach and Susan Helf.

The Denson edition was the predominantly used book this weekend; where songs were led from the Cooper Edition, a (C) follows the page number.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 480, 442; Katharine Hough 569b, 114; Reed Schilbach 324, 61; Ken Cofield 48t, 49t; Bruce Rowland 532, 282; Anne Huckins 31t, 66; David Hough 73t, 448; Craig Brandis 58, 112; Shannon McGuire 313b, 242; James Brock 84, 344.

#### RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class to order leading songs on pages 323t and 349.

Leaders: David Zawarski 268, 178; Susan Helf 497, 163b; Marie Brandis 384, 515; Jean Marcotte 147t, 267; Wilfred Marcotte 184, 146; Jan Evans 49, 86; Jinx McGuire 148, 209. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Zawarski.

#### **Sunday, October 18**

The convention was brought to order by Marie Brandis. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 478 (C), 133 (C); Kathy Vlach 479, 280; Alexis Drum 163t, 448t; Suzanne Denker 189b, 180; John Carson 386 (C), 408 (C); Katharine Hough 378b, 377; Jane Grant 344, 147t; Meg Larson 178, 47t; Leigh Van Sickle 40, 143; Gaylon Powell 365, 216; Bruce Rowland 44, 32t; Marie Brandis 34b, 480.

#### RECESS

The singing resumed with Anne Huckins leading songs on pages 277 and 142.

Leaders: David Hough 296, 371; Shannon McGuire 458, 504; James Brock 336b (C), 449 (C); Karen Willard 312t, 559 (C); Wendy Gilchrist 503, 268; Susan Helf 56b, 299; Jean Marcotte 154, 551; Reed Schilbach 213t, 85.

#### LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Jinx McGuire leading songs on pages 455 and 159.

The Memorial Lesson was begun by Reed Schilbach noting that although our music reminds us that death is always with us and that we will eventually lose all and everyone that we love, it also tells us that death is not final - we can look forward to meeting in a brighter world to sing together once more. Also, even as we listen to the names being read today we know that someday our names will be likewise read out, and can take comfort in knowing that we will be remembered in our turn. Reed Schilbach led song on page 122 for these deceased: Ken Sowards, Catherine Cessna, Michael Redwine, Betty Chamberlain, Louie Smith, Herbert Leopard, and Dan Poling. Susan Helf led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Dodge Wiggins, Roy Alin, Jim Lykins, Verna Powell, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, and Lucille Lemke.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 495, 198; Kurt Liebezeit 141, 186; Alexis Drum 474, 117; Suzanne Denker 183, 53.

#### RECESS

John Carson brought the class to order leading songs on pages 501 (C) and 393t (C). Leaders: Jane Grant 31t, 497; David Hough 385t, 99; Leigh Van Sickle 523b, 385b; Gaylon Powell 328, 528; John Kellerman 77t, 112; Jill Accetta 235, 475; Karen Willard 330b, 36b; Susan Helf 66, 217.

The Resolutions Report was given by Kathy Vlach who expressed the warm appreciation felt by all for the hard work and dedicated efforts undertaken by the many, named to much applause, who made this convention a success. Special thanks were tendered to Gaylon Powell for his cheerful sharing of the special Texas brand of Sacred Harp singing.

Announcements were made. This convention will meet again next year at this same location. Marie Brandis led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. David Zawarski closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Marie Brandis; Secretary - Craig Brandis.

## **REID MEMORIAL** **Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **October 18, 1998**

The seventy-ninth session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was offered by David Ivey.

This singing is permanently organized, so leaders were called as follows: Jeff Sheppard 57, 129; Larry Ballinger 123t, 119; Gordon Wilkinson 215, 430; Randall Smith 36b, 137; Gravis Ballinger 78; Pernie Pelfrey 47t; David Roberson 340, 222; Lora Cargo 475, 454; Louise Nelson 87, 145t; Velton Chafin 355; Susan Harcrow 178, 183; Linton Ballinger 186; Melanie Hauff 196, 217; Amber Springfield 145b, 391; John Merritt 224.

### **RECESS**

Harrison Creel led song on page 348b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 284; Ozella Blackmon 402; Jerry Ryan 345t, 343; Jim Brown 368, 159; Rodney Ivey 99, 299; Christine Gandy 319, 354b; S.T. Reed 220; Judy Caudle 110, 489; Rex Wilks 53; Marcia Johnson 179, 218; Matt McKey 176; Danny Creel 269, 383; Ila Ingle 442; Coy Ivey 354; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Louis Hughes, Jr. 411; Aubry Tyre 298, 208; Elene Stovall 436, 528; Julie Jett and Madison Jett 87, 59; Celia Carnes and Jim Carnes 146, 270.

### **LUNCH**

Chairman Harrison Creel brought the class together leading song on page 512. Leaders: Travis Keeton 142; Marie Guthrie 397; Rachel Shavers and Tiffany Travis 128; Brenda Merritt 225t; Roy Nelson 274t; Charlotte McCarn 143; Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Eldagene Roberson 306; Karen Travis 163; Clayton Ezell 37b; Paul White 551; Joan Aldridge 546; Earl Ballinger 200; Josie Hyde 507; Charlie Ballard 45t; Pauline Childers 234; Dennis George 410t; Buell Cobb 409; Flarce Creel and Elsie Moon 389, 166; David Ivey 542; Leola Smith 187; Thurman Nall 523.

### **RECESS**

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 172; Marie Aldridge 192; Mattie Townsel 68b; Elvin Guthrie 28b; Cassie Franklin 504; Milton Olliver 314; Willodean Barton 480; Lamar Smith 76b; Ann Jett 327; Johnny Humber 441; John Hyde 297; Odie V. Horton 378t; Ann Ballard 144; Henry Guthery 543; Wanda Capps 216; Edwin Ballinger 300; Edith Tate 294; Jayne Fulmer 373; Dorothea McCowan 361; Rebecca Wiggins 108t; Cindy Franklin 497, 198; Lucy Heidorn 460. After announcements were made, Chairman Harrison Creel led song on page 378b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Velton Chafin.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Marie Aldridge.

## **MCWHORTER MEMORIAL**

### **Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama October 18, 1998**

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama on the third Sunday in October. The class was brought to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 101t and 75. The morning prayer was offered by Everette Denney.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Everette Denney 397, 335, 68b (in memory of Mrs. R. Hamrick Smith and Brother Daughtery); George Garner 59, 127; Karen Reeves 159, 155; Mary Florence Smith 145b, 345t; Reba Norton 108t, 111t; Lonnie Rogers 348b; George Garner 47t, 47b; Everette Denney 503, 358 (by request for Gladys Simmons).

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was opened with Everette Denney leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Lou Cotney 212, 358 (by request); Lonnie Rogers 343b, 225t; Carlene Griffin 127; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Corene Laminack and Hester Edwards 274, 129; Ina Pruitt Sheffield 109, 119; Everette Denney 457; Mary Florence Smith 45t, 153; Reba Norton 75, 100; Lou Cotney and Glenda Simmons 445, 124. The class sung the following songs: 87, 123t, 40, and 340. Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

## **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING** **Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **October 18, 1998**

On Sunday, October 18, 1998, the first annual Anniversary Singing of the University of Chicago Shape-Note Singing Association was held in the West Lounge of Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus. D.J. Hatfield brought the class to order leading song on page 317. Mark Miller greeted everyone and led song on page 29. Leaders: Kiri Miller 117; Kathy Krug 40; Jim Swanson 274t; Jim Helke 99; David Barford 347; David Blatt 479; Al Frank 383; Steve Warner 171; Nathan Barford 260; Samuel Sommers 58.

#### **RECESS**

D.J. Hatfield brought the class to order leading song on page 148.

A short business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Mark Miller; Vice Chairman - Kiri Miller; Secretary - D.J. Hatfield.

Leaders: Martin Pergler 159; Dean Slaton 536; Jerry Enright 42; Jerilyn Schumacher 547; Bill Beverly 346; Dan Havens 313b; Emmie Barford 410t; Martha Beverly 421; Kris Richardson 344; Ted Johnson 215; Sue Kessell 455; Ann Heider 189; Jim Swanson 384; Al Frank 207.

#### **RECESS**

Mark Miller brought the class to order leading song on page 364. Leaders: Kathy Krug 192; Steve Warner 268; Jim Helke 101; Judy Hauff 110; Lisa Grayson 348b; David Barford 65; Bill Beverly 66; John Seaton 89; Martha Beverly 497; Mark Robeck 178; Samuel Sommers 524; Jerilyn Schumacher 361; Dan Havens 501b.

## RECESS

Mark Miller brought the class to order leading song on page 168. Leaders: Kiri Miller 312; Dean Slaton 419; Jerry Enright 330; Emmie Barford 186; Sue Kessell 183; John Seaton 269; Ted Johnson 48b; Ann Heider 532; Lisa Grayson 528; Judy Hauff 201b; Kathy Krug 102; Martha Beverly 334; Samuel Sommers 470; Bill Beverly 203; Dean Slaton 211; Dan Havens 147t.

## RECESS

D.J. Hatfield brought the class back to order leading song on page 176t.

D.J. Hatfield, Mark Miller, and Kiri Miller gave a short account of the formation of the University of Chicago group and thanked the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers for their continual support. While some members of the University group have recently graduated, the University group hopes to work closely with Sacred Harp singers in the Chicago area, and beyond to bring new singers into the tradition.

Mark Miller announced that next year's singing will be held on the fourth Sunday of October. Kiri Miller, Mark Miller, and D.J. Hatfield led song on page 300.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 245; Lisa Grayson 278b; Mark Robeck 49b; Ted Johnson 216; John Seaton 47t; Ann Heider 28b; Al Frank 47b; Debbie Barford 350; Jerry Enright 542; Sue Kessell 483; Martha Beverly 146; David Barford 113.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Kiri Miller led song on page 267 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers led the class in a closing prayer and said the blessing for the supper brought in by local singers.

Chairman - Mark Miller; Vice Chairman - Kiri Miller; Secretary -D.J. Hatfield.

## MISSISSIPPI COOPER BOOK CONVENTION

**Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church,  
Highway 13, Morton, Mississippi  
October 24, 1998**

The annual Mississippi Cooper Book Convention singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Chairman John Merritt leading song on page 86. The morning prayer was led by Don Clark.

The class held a business meeting with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Merritt; Vice Chairman - Andrew Albers; Secretary - Regina Glass; Arranging Committee - Bill Hogan.

Leaders: John Merritt 36, 263; Andrew Albers 496, 50t; John Lee Van Horn 73t, 56; Durward Scarborough 45, 240; John Etheridge 564, 478; Bill Green "Singing Day", "Nettie" (by request - both songs written by Bill Green); Bill Hogan 411, 497.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Andrew Albers leading song on page 500.

Leaders: Don Clark 292b, 171; Thurman Nall 511b; J.A. Mosley 526, 527; Richard Graham 559; Genny Whitworth 92, 511t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 54t, 572; Brenda Merritt 450, 567; Warren Steel 536, 422t; Nancy Van Den Akker 373, 384; L.B. Smith 58; Velton Chafin 336b, 225t; Alice Mosley 145b, 343, 484b.

## LUNCH

The class was called back to order by John Merritt leading songs on pages 297 and 331. Leaders: John Lee Van Horn 563, 140; Andrew Albers 271, 150, 339; Durward Scarborough 339, 107; William Ansley 41, 94 ("Old School Hymnal"); John Etheridge 40 ("Old School Hymnal"), 270; Bill Green



“Morning Light” (his own composition); Bill Hogan 45b, 69; Don Clark 398b, 359 (“Old School Hymnal”); J.A. Mosley 282, 542; Genny Whitworth 324; Thurman Nall 38t; Richard Graham 571; Brenda Merritt 543, 522; Warren Steel 494, 71; Nancy Van Den Akker 164, 475; L.B. Smith 451b; Regina Glass 128; Warren Steel 372 (“Old School Hymnal”). The class was dismissed with prayer by Bill Hogan.

Chairman - John Merritt; Vice Chairman - Andrew Albers; Secretary - Regina Glass.

**COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL**  
**Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church**  
**October 24, 1998**

The annual Coy Putnam Memorial singing was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Lenard Hayes.

Hershell King led song on page 34b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Faye Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Hershell King 34t; Carmon Brothers 331, 81t; Jack Jordan 196, 569; Elder Dan Hopper 273, 91; Randall Smith 36b, 37t; Irene Jordan 480, 405; Judy Caudle 52t, 322; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Elder J.L. Hopper 26, 47t; Cecil Gilliland 39b, 271.

**RECESS**

The class was brought to order by Hershell King leading song on page 340.

Leaders: Ramona Light 439, 421; Lenard Hayes 68b, “That Beautiful Land”; Glenda Hopper 138t, 138b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 27; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Rhoda Norris 318, 358; J.C. Rutledge 490, 452b.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 222, 111t (in memory of Elder J.O. Handley who recently passed away), 441, and 312b. Leaders: Wilda Holmes 426t, 565; Arvid Holmes 40, 155, 111b; Judy Caudle 481, 410t; Randall Smith and Judy Caudle 384; J.C. Rutledge 105; Gene Wakefield 284; Dan Hopper 434, 435, 113.

Hershell King led song on page 80 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

**MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W.A. PARKER MEMORIAL**  
**New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama**  
**October 24-25, 1998**

**Saturday, October 24**

The annual Memorial Sacred Harp Singing in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker was brought to order by John Hocutt leading songs on pages 32 and 31. The morning prayer was led by Odie Horton. John Hocutt led two songs.

Leaders: Odie Horton 36, 147t; Flarce Creel 48, 147; Billy Williams 147b, 393; Nora Parker 145, 45, 31b.

**RECESS**

John Hocutt called the class together leading song on page 146. Leaders: Janet Jones 68b, 319; Pauline Childers 111b, 212, 222, 318; John Hyde 30, 275, 73; Travis Keeton 426, 482, 343, 499; Josie Hyde 345, 43.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with John Hocutt leading songs on pages 72 and 122. Leaders: Elsie M. Beasley 298, 336, 208; Hattie Handley 45; Gary Smith 34b, 565, 47; Woodrow Hocutt 61, 49b, 63, 59; Sarah Smith 406, 159; Josie Hyde "Not Made With Hands" (by request); John Hocutt 35, 475; Elsie Beasley 512.

John Hocutt led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Gary Smith.

#### **Sunday, October 25**

The Sunday session was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. John Hocutt led song on page 72b.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 274, 112; Ashley Keeton 168, 196; Flarce Creel 299, 454; Gene Keeton 108b, 109; Beatrice Brewer 123, 137; Willodean Barton 111, 145; Joshua Keeton 358, 189; Charlene Wallace 441, 77b; Pauline Childers 234, 388; Gladys Bonds 475, 399; Cassie Franklin 270, 343b.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Hocutt leading song on page 64. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 32, 77; Elmer Conwill 296, 300; John Hyde 63, 75; Travis Keeton 301, 98; Pam Keeton 216, 480; Glenn Keeton 503, 284; Joshua Keeton 220, 408; Cindy Franklin 431, 498; Elsie Beasley 192, 460.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by John Hocutt leading song on page 76. Leaders: Hubert Nalls 34b, 565; Margaret Keeton 217, 283; Nora Parker 276, 36b; Larry Ballinger 206, 207; Harrison Creel 512, 111b, 342; Hattie Handley 45, 146; Marlie Ray 432, 40; Velton Chafin 318 (in memory of Razz Drummond, Becky Drummond, Hubert Drummond, Levenie Drummond, Monroe Tidwell, Dora Tidwell, Joe Buzbee, and Daisey Buzbee); Charlene Wallace 277, 384 (in memory of W. A. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers); Dorothea McCowan 442, 361; Cecil Sanders 436, 235; Billy Williams 231, 294; Velton Chafin 379; Elsie Beasley 146, 49b.

John Hocutt led the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Nora Parker.

### **SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING Embry Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia October 24, 1998**

The Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held for the second time this year to inaugurate a new time and location for this singing. The singing will now be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, and will no longer be held in the spring.

The class was called to order by Chairlady Cathy White leading song on page 57. The morning prayer was led by Oscar Green. Cathy White led songs on pages 77t and 84. Leaders: Bryan Black 61, 155; Laura Akerman 178, 146; Doug Allison 145, 63.

The class held a business meeting and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Bryan Black; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary -

Laura Akerman; Arranging Committee - Kelly Morris and Doug Allison;  
Finance Committee - Eric Tweedy.

Leaders: Bryan Black 120; John Plunkett 58, 547; Helen Bryson 27, 299; Lori Allison and Emma Allison 335; Kelly Morris 114, 147; Andy Morse 168, 57.

#### RECESS

Bryan Black brought the class to order leading song on page 338. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 108b, 455; Joan Durden 29t, 34b; Malinda Snow 163b, 551; Karen Morris 34t, 37b; Bill Scott 85, 383; Susan Scott 479, 216; Frances Mary DeAndrea 106, 275. Bryan Black asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bryan Black leading song on page 115.

Leaders: Susan Posey 145b, 268; Eric Scott 49t, 49b; Fran Adams 159, 107; Richard DeLong 39b, 318; Larry Woodring 102, 38b; Helen Bryson 196, 287; Laura Akerman 236; John Plunkett 501, 182; Andy Morse 448b, 189; Kelly Morris 47b; Joan Durden 480, 47t; Frances Mary DeAndrea 45t, 384; Eric Tweedy 314, 143; Karen Morris 502, 66; Malinda Snow 522, 497; Fran Adams 475; Karen Scheib 135.

Bryan Black led song on page 62 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bryan Black; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

## **JORDAN CHAPEL** **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **October 25, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan Chapel was held the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 46 and 101t. Billy Joe Harris led songs on pages 452 and 503.

Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church, welcomed the class, and offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led song on page 30t. Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church, led the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led songs on pages 503 and 452.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Karen Rollins; Secretary - Pearl Guier. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b; Pearl Guier 127, 40; Jimmie Denney 153, 145t, 129; Karen Rollins 143, 136, 34b; Roy Nelson 422, 274b, 128; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t, 225t; George Garner 141, 454; Nancy Allen 354b.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 348b.

Leaders: Margie Smith 106, 87, 313t; Everette Denney 137, 335, 119; Floy Wilder 120, 224, 373; Henry Johnson 138b, 569b, 288; C.W. Garner 139, 145; Bobby Jackson 72b, 480, 290.

The Rev. Julian Murphy welcomed the class and introduced the Rev. Frank Reaves of Wadley who blessed the food.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 75. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Sue Parker. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 89, 294 (for Rena Mae Henson), 358; B.M. Smith 475, 222, 318.

The memorial lesson was given by Ruth Brown and Karen Rollins. Ruth Brown spoke of the traditions of Sacred Harp: the bonds of friendship, the fellowship of sharing food, sitting in a square to sing, remembering those who are ill, and remembering those who have passed away since our last singing in this place.

The songs of Sacred Harp bring happiness and hope, sooth our sorrows, strengthen our faith, and bring comfort. Those remembered: Kim Cagle, Jerry Sheppard, Alvin Stanson, John Forman, Luke Allen, Willie Pearl Gosdin, Betha Cosper, and Eva Brady.

The sick and shut-ins remembered: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mozelle Sheppard, I. V. McWhorter, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Felton Denney, Mrs. Alonzo Edwards, Rena Mae Henson, and Rosa Hughes.

Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 45t and 298 for the deceased. Pearl Guier led songs on pages 49b and 73b for the sick and shut-ins. Ruth Brown and Karen Rollins led songs on pages 285t and 340. The memorial was closed with prayer by Billy Joe Harris.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 274t; Henry Johnson 47b; B.M. Smith 339, 341; Evelyn Harris and Tabatha Murphy 68b, 63; Pam Brown and B.M. Smith 36b, 59. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 112 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Pam Brown.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Pearl Guier.

## **BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Heard County, Georgia** **October 31, 1998**

The singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order by Everette Denney leading songs on pages 59 and 68. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Leaders: Felton Denney 72b, 73t; Josephine Denney 145b, 101t; Jimmie Denney 141, 313t; B.J. Harris 452b, 503; Don Bowen 225t, 34b; Joan Durden 29t, 114; Jerry Enright 126, 100; Lynne deBenedette 48t, 129; Karen Rollins 489, 327.

### **RECESS**

The class was brought to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 405.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Bobby Jackson 32t, 290; Anne Heider 569b, 362; John Plunkett 113, 91; Laura Densmore 312, 163b; Roy Nelson 460, 179; Karen Freund 42, 216; Steve Warner 171, 84; Gabriel Kastle 33t, 531b; James Gingerich 448t, 285t; Allen Fannin 112, 270.

### **LUNCH**

The singing resumed with Felton Denney leading song on page 523. Leaders: Bernard Denney 335, 334; Henry Johnson 565, 288; Judy Mincey 540, 368; Carlene Griffin 139, 146; Evelyn Harris 30t, 87; Jeff Sheppard 142, 292; Lonnie Rogers 282, 348b; Charlene Wallace 229, 347; Lynne deBenedette 377; Jerry Enright 197; Karen Freund 182; Gabriel Kastle 532; Laura Densmore 228; Steve Warner 547; James Gingerich 504; Anne Heider 198; Allen Fannin 406; Roy Nelson 274; Henry Johnson 338; Bobby Jackson 480; Don Bowen 390; Bernard Denney 222; Jimmie Denney 373; B.J. Harris 303; Jeff Sheppard 551; Mary Florence Smith 441, 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard). Felton Denney and Everette Denney led song on page 209 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

**EBENEZER SINGING**  
**Bluffton, Ohio**  
**Saturday, October 31, 1998**

The fifth annual Ebenezer Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kathryn Knecht leading song on page 49t. The Chaplain, Sam Sommers, led the morning prayer and song on page 47t.

Leaders: Charlotte Wolfe 72b; Joe Todd 270; Henry Schuman 32; Brad Oglesby 127; Jo Schultz 503; Charles Knecht 119; Maria Knecht 100; Beth Todd 280; Zander Knecht 410t; Kay Bieszczad 234; John Bayer 136; Charlotte Wolfe 31t; Joe Todd 378; Henry Schuman 145t; Michelle Biery 148; Kathryn Knecht 445; Sam Sommers 548; Michael Darby 312b.

**RECESS**

Brad Oglesby called the class together leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Kay Bieszczad 126; Jo Schultz 99; Charles Knecht 30b; Maria Knecht 84; Beth Todd 112; Steve Postellon 40; Zander Knecht 44; John Bayer 71; Charlotte Wolfe 192; Joe Todd 378b; Henry Schuman 318; Michelle Biery 189; Kathryn Knecht 511; Sam Sommers 524; Michael Darby 39. The class sang song on page 146 for the ladies of Ebenezer Church in appreciation of their work in serving lunch.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Charles Knecht leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Regina Bayer 101t; Laura Russell 107; Brad Oglesby 369; Lorraine Bayer 569b; Jo Schultz 143; Beth Todd 501; Steven Postellon "Bosold" (composer, Ann Bosold); John Bayer 123b; Charlotte Wolfe 300; Kay Bieszczad 183; Joe Todd 383; Henry Schuman 532; Michelle Biery 63; Kathryn Knecht 480; Sam Sommers 24b; Charles Knecht 474; Beth Huener 200; Michael Darby 328; Regina Bayer 83t; Laura Russell 535t; Brad Oglesby 68b; Lorraine Bayer 69t; Jo Schultz 73b; Beth Todd 335; Steve Postellon 49b.

**RECESS**

John Bayer called the class to order leading song on page 215. Leaders: Zander Knecht 88t; Beth Huener 547; Joe Todd 373; Kay Bieszczad 551; Henry Schuman 460; Maria Knecht 32t; Michelle Biery 47b.

The Memorial Lesson was presented by Beth Huener and Sam Sommers. After their comments and prayers, Sam Sommers led song on page 112.

Leaders: Kathryn Knecht 178; Beth Todd 419; Charles Knecht 74; Frank Swinehart 88b; Michael Darby 291; Regina Bayer 196; Laura Russell 86; Brad Oglesby 87; Joe Todd 143; Jo Schultz 347; Zander Knecht 371; Charlotte Wolfe 504; Henry Schuman 294; Michelle Biery 117; Sam Sommers 46; Kathryn Knecht 388. Kay Bieszczad led song on page 62 as the closing song.

Chairman - Kathryn Knecht; Vice Chairman - Jo McCormick; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad.

**HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27 and I-20**  
**November 1, 1998**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63; Carlene Griffin 81; Danny Griffin 318; Cathy White 178; Don Bowen 384; Nancy Allen 146; Lora Cargo 498; Tokay Boggs

Shumake 111b; Henry Johnson 326; Roy Nelson 392; Everette Denney 405; B.M. Smith 497; Myron House 102; Lonnie Rogers 389; Joan Aldridge 192; Felton Denney 155; Jan House 143; Gabriel Kastle 522; Allen Fannin 110; Pauline Childers 475.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry leading song on page 134. Leaders: Steve Warner 107; Laura Densmore 29; Jerry Enright 77; Lynne deBenedette 456; Linda Sides and Margaret Turner 47; Karen Freund 56b; D.J. Hatfield 212; Elene Stovall 454; Mandy Denney and a group of classmates from State University of West Georgia 358, 45; George Cox 569b; Anne Heider 532; Shelbie Sheppard 29b (in memory of Loyd Redding and Buford McGraw); Toney Smith 477; Cecile Cox 282; M.H. Creel 530.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Secretary - Judy Henry.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 148. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474; Charles Woods 544; Cassie Franklin 316; Susan Harcrow 218; Arlene Woods 479; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; Daphene Causey 140; Evelyn Harris 159; Flarce Creel 299; Tom Murphy, Edmond Golladay, and Hugh McGraw 72b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 224 and 362. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 436; Bud Oliver 42; Kelly Morris 49b; Jackie Tanner 298; Bob Simmons 198; Robby Rivers and Walter Turner 378b; Cindy Cole and Carolyn Huckleba 67; Eric Tweedy 442; Rodney Ivey 512; Margaret Turner and Jim Burns 84; Cindy Franklin 507; Jeromy York 503; David Phillips 421; Bobby Jackson 535; B.J. Harris 347; Karen Morris 383 (in memory of Bob Hart); Laura Akerman 189; Margie Smith 317; Jeff Sheppard 430; Phillip Langley 182.

#### RECESS

The class was called together with Florice Akins and Charlene Wallace leading song on page 277. Leaders: Thomas McGraw 37b; Jacob Griffith 542; Sheri Taylor 324; Scott DePoy 312b; Coy Ivey 222; Liz Bryant 377; David McGukin 327; Steve Warner 106; Gabriel Kastle 162; D.J. Hatfield 208; Bud Oliver and Jerry Enright 270; Allen Fannin 445; Karen Freund 272.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led song on page 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Felton Denney.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

### **MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Near Double Springs, Alabama**

**November 1, 1998**

The ninety-third session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Ebron Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger. Travis Keeton led song on page 566.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: John Hyde 61, 73t; Odie V. Horton 30t, 97, 317; Eron White 146, 129; Gene Wakefield 27, 138, 168; Mae Conwill 159, 276, 137; Corene White 379, 403; Elvin Guthrie 398, 172, 170t, 171.

#### RECESS

The class reassembled with Gene Wakefield leading song on page 100. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 175b, 275b; Lavaughn Ballinger 384; Lavaughn Ballinger and Bobby Robbins 294, 45; Dr. Julietta Haynes 40, 42, 46; Billy Williams 39b, 410t; Marie Guthrie 155, 192, 189; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 123t; Donald Roberson 340, 222, 274.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 432, 179, and 411. Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 186, 210, 300 (in memory of Shaddix family members); Eldagene Roberson 142, 215; Ila Ingle 72t, 546; Faye Donaldson 299, 270; Loretta Whitman 143, 82, 99; Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 399b; Cecil Sanders 145t; Nellie Alexander 81, 101; Dawson Adams 68, 39t; Joyce Norris 209, 328; Cecil Wakefield 339, 282; Milford Watts 288, 69b, 208; Bobby Robbins 445, 294; Travis Keeton 269, 426t; Josie Hyde 225t, 225b, 236.

John Hyde and Gene Wakefield led song on page 297 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

### **ALVIS BROTHERS AND B. I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, south of Attalla, Alabama November 1, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 59 and 45. The morning prayer was led by Ron Crocker. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 172 and 274t in memory of B.I. Wood and Alvis Brothers.

The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Ella Ruth Chamblee and Ruby Brothers.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 108t, 138b; Seth Crocker 63, 128; Danielle Crocker 274t; Ella Ruth Chamblee 39b, 569b; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Martha Woodard 87, 335; Randall Smith 32t, 48t; Judy Caudle 47t, 52t.

#### RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading songs on pages 30t and 31b.

Leaders: Phil Brothers 354, 294; Linda Thomas 82, 40, 129; Hazel Brothers and Kathy Brothers 186, 200, 44; Deborah Ritch 100, 108b, "My Lasting Sun Is Sinking Fast"; Billie Dean Waid, Doris Brown, and Avie Blackwood 490, 146, 126; Waylon Blakeley 125, 127, 358.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back in session by Ron Crocker leading song on page 31t.

Leaders: Chita Blakeley 57, 460 (in memory of Savola Wimpee); Calvin Rogers 452b, 72b, 175, 49b (in memory of Ed Waid); Ovada Carr 87; Judy Caudle 448b, 448t; Linda Thomas 410t; Judy Caudle 163t, "Pray On"; Waylon Blakeley "That Beautiful Land"; Billie Dean Waid and Doris Brown 143, 454; Hazel Brothers and Kathy Brothers "Brown", "Jesus Died For Me"; Deborah Ritch 373; Danielle Crocker 58.

Ron Crocker led song on page 285t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rodger Brothers.

Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

## **SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, near Cordele, Georgia** **November 1, 1998**

The seventy-ninth session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman Richard Johnson leading song on page 45. The opening prayer was offered by Dwaine Childers.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman: Arrangement Committee - Robert Meeks; Nominating Committee - Raymond Hamrick and Robert Meeks; Memorial Committee - Mary Brownlee and Georgia Corbin. Richard Johnson led song on page 32t. Leaders: Rita Haley 63, 59; Georgia Corbin 340, 164; Mary Brownlee 47b, 84; Greg Holmes 145t, 81t; Sharon Hamrick 276, 460; Bob Corbin 339, 323b; Polly Hester 143, 384; Wesley Haley 34b; Jon Robinson 196, 290; Ruth Johnson 155, 405.

### **RECESS**

Leaders: Doris Haley 313t, 569b; Jack Nelson 32t, 274t; Marion Mitchell 380, 268.

Chairman Richard Johnson called for a business session. Raymond Hamrick represented the Nominating Committee, and presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: President - Timothy Meeks; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Chaplain - John Robinson. These officers were duly elected. The new officer's terms begin at the close of this convention.

Next in business, the singings for the coming year were reviewed and changes made. The convention asked for recognition of delegates from other singing associations. Lebanon Church was thanked for hosting this annual event. Treasurer Rita Haley presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented. The business session was then closed.

### **LUNCH**

Richard Johnson opened the afternoon session leading song on page 172. Leaders: Bob Meeks 72b, 73b; Marjorie Robinson 39b, 373; Raymond Hamrick 369, 348b; Sandra Wilkinson 282, 277.

A memorial lesson was held. Georgia Corbin announced the following South Georgia shut-ins, and led song on page 120 for: Mildred Dumas, Sara Akin, Sadie Wilkinson, and Christine Robinson.

Mary Brownlee presented the list of deceased in the last year, and led song on page 163 for the following: Gertrude Bateman, Myretta Hardin, Larry Wilkinson, Venie Faith, Barry Wilkinson, and Lila O'Hearn. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Otis Hester 335, 542; Patty Collins 479, 208; Opal Holloway 127, 334; Kay Robinson 129, 341; Luann Turner 147t, 515, 523; Doris Sills 354b, 40; Berta Hanson 49b, 89; Bonnie Rewis and Brittany 454, 490; David Grant 174, 546; Myrtice Meeks 491, 452; Sharon Hamrick 236. Richard Johnson closed the convention by asking for announcements of other singings. Richard Johnson led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jon Robinson offered the closing prayer. President - Timothy Meeks; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley.



**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Saturday, November 7, 1998**

The fourteenth annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Immanuel Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 72b. The morning prayer was offered by Marty Bell. Tim Reynolds led song on page 34b.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 480; Darrell Holley 59; Nakayah Box 159; Fay Thompson 128; Gordon Wilkinson 475; David Carlton 89; Teresa Shuman and Tim Reynolds 312b; Steve Shearon 65; Alice Watkin 71; Karene Box 155; Nakayah Box and Febrienne Box 455; Marilyn Burchett 335; Angela Crain 63.

**RECESS**

Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading "Harpeth" from the Missouri Harmony book. Leaders: Trudy Skelley 361; Tarnisha Minnis 405; Henry Cobb 47b; Nathanael Raymer 45t; Walt Lee 354b; Susan Pattengill and David Carlton 154; Shane Davison 81t; Ralanna Currin 68b; Ben Leary and Darrell Holley 324; John Lamb 148; April Millsaps and Bobbie Goodell 290; Timothy Akers 158.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 40 and 168. Leaders: Bobbie Goodell 474, 549; Marilyn Burchett 145b; Glen Wegge 49b; Linda Sides 328 (using the words "Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"), 569b; Seth Holloway 79, 294; Laurens Blankens 49t; Bob Simmons 143, 198; Gary Smith 31t; Sarah Smith and Jorge Carrillo 159; Sarah Ingram 45t; Clair Sayles 178; Sandy Scott 87.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 64 as the closing song. Linda Sides dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

**SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING**  
**Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm,**  
**Dodgeville, Wisconsin**  
**November 7, 1998**

The twelfth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Jim Page leading song on page 31t. Johanna Fabke led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Midge Olsen 171; Lissa Blood 480; Jim Pfau 350; Janet Fraembs 421; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Charles Obert 117; Carol Crawford 52; Karen Hojnacki 373; Stephen Parker 32t; Joyce Anderson 354b; Mark Miller 278b; Kathy Wallace 272; Lee Steinmetz 149; Jan Kettle 31b; D.J. Hatfield 446.

**RECESS**

Brad Hunnicutt called the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 475; Jerry Enright 51; Martha Tyner 479; Gordon Olsen 547; Melanie Hauff 318; James Page "Unity Chapel"; Jenny Willard 33t; Dean Slaton 460; Joan Yeatman 163b; John Bailey 218; Denise Kania 142; T.J. Willard 36b; Terry Hogg 276; Connie Karduck 498; Jim Crawford 49b; Martha Henderson 497; Ted Johnson 447; Lisa Grayson 192. Jerry Enright offered prayer for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Brad Hunnicutt called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Keith Willard 100; Christine Stevens 74b; Mike Shewmaker 40; Anne

Heider "Advent"; Eleanor Haase 352; Ted Mercer 217; Cindy Kisse and Kiri Miller 300; Craig Wright 86; Julie Ve a 383.

The Memorial Lesson was held with Jim Page leading song on page 209 for the following deceased: Hillary Shewmaker, Frances Givnchedi, Ruben Nagler, Gertrude Wetherington, Lucille Ve a, Janet Borman, Karen Wiard, and Joe Henderson. Sick and shut-ins: Ursula Woodfield - New York; Nancy Holt and John Fetterman - Wisconsin; Ethel Klein - Florida.

The singing resumed with Judy Hauff leading song on page 434.

RECESS

Janet Fraembs called the class back to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Joyce Anderson 175; Tony Reeves 504; Anna Shewmaker 47; Jim Helke 34; Jan Ketelle 362; Keith Willard 102; Karen Hojnacki 220; Ted Johnson 216; Joan Yeatman 84; Charles Obert 299; Martha Tyner 454; Melanie Hauff 313; Lee Steinmetz 81; Carol Crawford 193; D.J. Hatfield 274; Kathy Wallace 196; Terry Hogg 112; Anne Heider 501; Gordon Olsen 99.

Joanna Fabke gave an unofficial treasurer's report, thanking all in attendance for their generous gifts. After expenses are covered, offerings will be donated to the Plum Grove Church renovation fund.

RECESS

Brad Hunnicutt brought the final session to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Julie Ve a 269; Anna Pfau 344; Jerry Enright 168; Kathy Kaiser 441; Stephen Parker 82t; Judy Hauff 200. Announcements were made. Jim Page led song on page 62 as the closing song. Johanna Fabke led the closing prayer. Many thanks to friends near and far who assisted the lunch committee, especially Julie Ve a, Jan Ketelle, Steve Young, and Carol Enseki. A special thanks to Jan Ketelle and those who worked to renovate Plum Grove Church and restore it for community use.

Chairman - Brad Hunnicutt; Arranging Committee - Johanna Fabke; Secretaries - Paula Goode and Joyce Anderson; Chaplain - Johanna Fabke.

## **OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Alpharetta, Georgia**

**November 8, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November was called to order by Helen Bryson leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Charles Cagle. Helen Bryson led songs on pages 70t and 75. Leaders: Judy Mincey 74b, 503; Don Bowen 82, 37b, 32t; Loy Garrison 33b; Jack Corley 81t, 32, 72t; Dollie Hudgins 108b, 119; Mary Lou Cagle 204, 61, 68b; Elder Bobby Cagle 49b, 426, 43.

The class organized for the day by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

RECESS

Helen Bryson brought the class to order leading song on page 102. Leaders: Cindy Couch 480, 490; Winona Cagle 544, 36b; John Plunkett 28b, 29b; Richard DeLong 121, 135.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Loy Garrison leading song on page 45. Leaders: Don Bowen 346, 350; Loy Garrison 50, 78; Jack Corley 109, 421; Helen Bryson 348, 482; Eris Tweety 84, 138, 312b; Mary Lou Cagle 498, 139; Margie Dietz 69, 122, 77t; Susie Hardeman 72, 99; Elder Bobby Cagle 283.

The class voted to go back into a business session. A discussion was held on the merits of continuing the singing. The singing class and the members of the church voted to stop the November singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

Announcements were made. Helen Bryson led song on page 89 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle. THIS SINGING IS CANCELLED AS OF THIS DATE.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

## **OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH** **Oxford, Alabama** **November 8, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Roy Nelson led song on page 82t; Evelyn Harris 87, 155; Pearl Guier 59, 303.

The class organized by voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Billy J. Harris 503; Jeff Sheppard 332, 277; Linda Thomas 33b, 31b; Jimmy Cates 112, 137; Cassie Franklin 29t, 53; Henry Johnson 570, 388; Bud Oliver 159, 201; Edith Tate 212, 389; Harrison Creel 378b.

### **RECESS**

Roy Nelson brought the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. and Allison Dodson 45t, 176t; Brenda Merritt 186, 172; S.T. Reed 177, 176b; Lora Cargo 222, 460; Freeman Wootten 31t; Daphene Causey 91, 434; Flarce Creel 384, 475; Jackie Tanner 182, 270; Jewel Wootten 224, 317; Milton Oliver 321, 318; Ann Jett 327, 269; John Merritt 100, 108b; Charlene Wallace 171, 441; Rodney Ivey 47t, 108t; Elene Stovall 217, 192.

### **LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with B.J. Harris leading song on page 335. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 480, 290; Joan Aldridge 276, 378t; Gene Wakefield 138, 168; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Betty Wright 499, 323; Harvey Austin 72b (for Mrs. Storey and her daughter), 566; Allison Dodson and Louis Hughes, Sr. 57; Louise Nelson 350 (by request of Hester Edwards), 282; Cindy Franklin 139, 157; Ruth Brown 101t; Ruth Brown and Hester Edwards 73b (for Alice Edwards); Carlene Griffin 225t (for Revy Williamson), 548; Miranel Swafford 348b; Jeff Sheppard 549 (for Virgil Phillips). The class sang song on page 142 for Louis Hughes, Sr. Announcements were made. Billy J. Harris and Roy Nelson led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr. Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

## **CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **November 14, 1998**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called together by George Garner leading song on page 59. Miranel Swafford led song on page 32t. The evening prayer was led by Mary Florence Smith.

The class had a short business session. The following officers were elected:  
Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary -  
Miranel Swafford.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 34b; Alice Edwards 45t; Mary Florence Smith 72b;  
Hester Edwards 73t; Roy Nelson 82t; Belinda Stansbery 82b; Louise Nelson 87;  
Hester Edwards 111t; Mary Florence Smith 159; Billy Joe Harris 225t; Evelyn  
Harris 503; Miranel Swafford 569b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mary Florence Smith leading song on page 63.

Leaders: Hester Edwards 112; Gladys McGraw 75; George Garner 47t; Charlene  
Wallace 49t; Billy Joe Harris 49b; Alice Edwards 73b; Louise Nelson 145t, 350;  
Roy Nelson 145b; Belinda Stansbery 445b. Announcements were made. George  
Garner led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with  
prayer by Billy Joe Harris.

Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary -  
Miranel Swafford.

## **JAMES RIVER CONVENTION**

**Richmond, Virginia**  
**November 14-15, 1998**

**Saturday, November 14**

The seventh annual James River Convention was held on the third Sunday and  
Saturday before in November. The Saturday session was held at the Parish Hall,  
Church of the Epiphany. The Sunday session was held at the Dorey Recreation  
Center.

The class was called to order by outgoing chairman, Blake Morris, leading song  
on page 84. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Jim North. Stephen  
McMaster led song on page 59; Mary Wright 354b; and Craig Baughan 178.

Nominations for officers were opened and the following were elected: Chairman  
- Stephen McMaster; Vice Chairman - Gail Doss; Secretary - Mary Wright;  
Treasurer - Don Polaski.

Leaders: Stephen McMaster 403; Homer Rudolph 58; Kelly Macklin 216; Don  
Polaski 228; Chris Sepic 350; Sandra Polaski 142; Gail Doss 37b; Hal Kunkel  
302; Mary DeNys 274t; Pat Temple 39t; Cathy Tucker 480; Gillie Campbell  
143; Tom Tucker 49b; Paula McGray 47t; Cheryl Foreman 77t; John delRe  
296; Bonnie Tober 186; Joyce Saxon 495; Kat Kinkade 419; Leyland delRe 32t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Blake Morris leading song on page 145t. Leaders:  
Doron Henkin 189; Frank Evans 87; Guy Bankes 65; Peter Pate 457; Fred  
Beardsley 474; Kelly Macklin 441; Don Polaski 200; Chris Sepic 515; Sandra  
Polaski 146; Homer Rudolph 47b; Gail Doss 35; Hal Kunkel 362; Mary DeNys  
267; Kathy Manning 327; Cathy Tucker 547; Paula McGray 164.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Peter Pate leading song on page 38t. Leaders: Pat  
Temple 535; Tom Tucker 300; Cheryl Foreman 122; John delRe 448b; Bonnie  
Tober 38b; Joyce Saxon 145b; Stephen McMaster 312b; Jim North 49t. Chaplain  
Jim North gave the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John delRe and Leyland delRe leading song on  
page 201. Leaders: Kat Kinkade 163t; Leyland delRe 212; Frank Evans 315;  
Doron Henkin 372; Marty DeNys 454; Guy Bankes 120; Peter Pate 522; Fred  
Beardsley 513; Blake Morris 195; Craig Baughan 229; Mary Wright 180;

Stephen McMaster 532; Don Polaski 236; Chris Sepic 415; Kelly Macklin 220; Sandra Polaski 183; Homer Rudolph 163; Gail Doss 270; Hal Kunkel 380; Mary DeNys 155.

#### RECESS

Marty DeNys brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Pat Temple 277; Joyce Saxon 148; Cathy Tucker 34b; Kathy Manning 291; Paula McGray 432; Tom Tucker 294; Cheryl Foreman 479; Bonnie Tober 405; Doron Henkin 100; Kat Kinkade 542; John delRe 29t; Frank Evans 181; Blake Morris 378; Marty DeNys 198; Guy Bankes 28b; Peter Pate 269; Fred Beardsley 478; Chris Sepic 351; Stephen McMaster 56. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jim North.

A late afternoon session organized by Blake Morris featured new music led by the composers and song from other sources.

#### Sunday, November 15

The Sunday session was called to order by Stephen McMaster leading song on page 89. The morning prayer was led by Jim North. Leaders: John Fedderson 532; Hal Kunkel 34t; Karen Foley 186; Leyland delRe 288; Lynda Hambourger 472; Janine Smith 176t; Gail Doss 378b; Paula McGray 48t; Doron Henkin 31t; Kathy Manning 39b; Mary DeNys 335; John delRe 458; Mary Wright 290; Guy Bankes 556; Jim North 159; Blake Morris 179; Kelsey Taylor 97; Joyce Saxon 106.

#### RECESS

Don Polaski called the class together with song on page 318. Leaders: Pat Temple 85; Donna Abrahams 315; John Daniel delRe 101t; Craig Baughan 86; Kacy Pate 440; Frank Evans 66; Peter Pate 365; Kelly Macklin 123b; Kat Kinkade 45t; Stephen McMaster 282; Kat Kinkade 224; John Fedderson 415; Hal Kunkel 527; Lynda Hambourger 210; Karen Foley 49t; Janine Smith 111b; Gail Doss 222.

Sandra Polaski introduced the Memorial Lesson. Lynda Hambourger remembered those deceased from states south of Virginia and led song on page 452. Doron Henkin remembered those deceased from states north of Virginia and led song on page 128. A special notice was made of the contributions of Mary Hulbert, one of the organizers of the Richmond Sacred Harp Singers. In addition to her other musical talents, she had two songs in the Quaker Hymnal, one of which, "Star Song," was sung in her memory. The following deceased were remembered: Edna Lundgren - Pennsylvania; Phil Goulding - Maryland; Mary Hulbert and Shirley Green - Virginia; Grace Bizzel - North Carolina; Gregory Cole - Georgia; Lois Smiley - Florida.

Kelly Macklin remembered the following sick and shut-ins with song on page 475: Willard Gurriss and Linda Toner - Virginia; Edward Hampton and Jack Miller - North Carolina. The Memorial Lesson was closed.

The class resumed singing with Mary Wright leading song on page 270. Leaders: Sandra Polaski 497; Leyland delRe 484; Paula McGray 410b; Doron Henkin 217; Mary DeNys 313b; Kathy Manning 76b. Jim North gave the lunch blessing.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by John delRe leading song on page 213t. Leaders: Karen Foley 84; Janine Smith 154; Blake Morris 73t; Donna Abrahams 373; Gail Doss 107; Guy Bankes 444; Joyce Saxon 99; Fred Beardsley 441; Don Polaski 124; Craig Baughan 566; Kelly Macklin 275b; Stephen McMaster 540; Frank Evans 344; Kat Kinkade 383; John Fedderson 528; Stephen McMaster 35; Mary Wright 490; John Fedderson 250; Pat Temple 209.

#### RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Sandra Polaski leading song on page 203. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 361; Kathy Manning 204; Mary DeNys 312b; John delRe 445; John Fedderson 163b; Janine Smith 384; Karen Foley 38b; Blake Morris 57; Donna Abrahams 192; Blake Morris 351.

Chairman Stephen McMaster recognized the attendees from their respective states.

Kathy Manning of the Resolutions Committee recognized those without whom the convention would not have been a success: Pitching - Blake Morris, Chris Sepic, John delRe, Paula McGray, and John Fedderson; Arrangements - Kelly Macklin, Blake Morris, and Pat Temple; Food - George Tutwiler, Homer Rudolph, and Pat Temple; Chaplain - Jim North; Memorial - Sandra Polaski; Registration - Norma Morris; Housing - Blake Morris.

Treasurer Don Polaski reported that the convention had made its monetary goal. It was proposed that this convention would be known as the Mary Hulbert Memorial Convention.

Kelly Macklin led song on page 98. Stephen McMaster lead song on page 62 as the closing song. The benediction was given by Jim North.

The 1999 James River Convention will meet on the Saturday before the second Sunday, November 13-14.

Chairman - Stephen McMaster; Vice Chairman - Gail Doss; Secretary - Mary Wright.

## **HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Calhoun, Georgia** **November 15, 1998**

The annual all day singing on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Chairman Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Ed Smith gave the morning prayer. Judy Mincey led song on page 50b. Leaders: Ed Smith 32t, 222; Lee Rogers 31t, 43; Jeannette DePoy 203, 354t; John Plunkett 571, 168.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Jeannette DePoy. Leaders: Judy Mincey 63; Liz Bryant 542, 300; John Lamb 85, 117; Chris Tweedy 535b; Eric Tweedy 455, 200; Laura Akerman 216, 441.

### **RECESS**

Judy Mincey brought the class back to order leading song on page 343. Leaders: Don Bowen 548, 99; Susie Smith 159, 440; Dick Dunagan 48t, 74b; Scott DePoy 155, 114; Margie Dietz 77b, 153; Loy Garrison 420b, 503; Melanie Harding 84, 143; Jackie Tanner 37b, 89.

### **LUNCH**

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 137. Leaders: Val Dunagan 66, 475; John Hollingsworth 236; Louis Hughes 39b, 489; Rodney Ivey 29t, 40; Linda Sides 328, 448t.

Judy Mincey offered the memorial lesson. Syd Caldwell led songs on pages 47t and 146 in memory of those deceased during the previous year. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 74t and 30b honoring the sick and shut-ins. Ed Smith closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 569b, 288; Elene Stovall 47t, 270; Floyd Beaters 100, 45t; Richard DeLong 439; Dennis George, Tom George, and Denise George 354b; Syd Caldwell 280 (for Bettie Touchstone and Mary Gardner); Chad Mitchell 127, 358; Mary Mitchell 61. Judy Mincey and Ed Smith led song on page 62 as the closing song. Loy Garrison dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

**JONES CHAPEL SACRED HARP MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, Alabama**  
**November 15, 1998**

The annual Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 37b. The opening prayer was given by Glenn Keeton. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 81. Cecil Sanders was appointed Arranging Committee. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; Odie Horton 32t, 33b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; John Hyde 39b, 61; Mae Conwill 332, 272; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 145b; Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 335; Joshua Keeton 143, 503; Corene White 317b, 216; Marie Guthrie 222, 449.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 75 and 146. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 142, 186; Willodean Barton 314, 391; Josie Hyde 183, 224; Elmer Conwill 296, 396; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 204; Pam Keeton 189, 389; Edis Guthrie 171, 192; Glenn Keeton 40, 34b. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 45t and Leon Ballinger gave the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 289. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 58; Billy Williams 147b, 213b; Leon Ballinger 212, 137; Eldagene Roberson 144, 454; Gravis Ballinger 79, 101t; David Roberson 340, 220; Lomax Ballinger 89, 84; Linton Ballinger 300, 299; Larry Ballinger 445, 44; Eldagene Roberson 384 (in memory of Unie B. Howard); Joshua Keeton 268; Willodean Barton 274t; the Ballinger family 460; the Guthrie family 349; Pernie Pelfrey 399; Josie Hyde 408; the Keeton family 196; Leon Ballinger 110 (in memory of his father); Josie Hyde 475 (for John Hocutt who was unable to attend); Odie V. Horton 326; John Hyde 327; Travis Keeton 203; Linton Keeton 269; Elmer Conwill 179; Elvin Guthrie 500.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie and Travis Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Glenn Keeton. Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION**  
**Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham,**  
**Alabama**  
**November 21-22, 1998**

**Saturday, November 21**

The ninety-ninth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by John Bayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 57; Virgil Phillips 475; Cindy Franklin 137; Jewel Wooten and Linda Thomas 217; Jerry Enright 74b; Connie Karduck 391; Buell Cobb 69t; Willie Mae Moon 441; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Coy Ivey 187; Linton Ballinger 186; Reba Dell Windom 276; Samuel Sommers 112; Henry Johnson 570; Gordon Wilkinson 380; B.M. Smith 273; Jeannette DePoy 34t; Charles Farris 299; Don Bowen 99; Lomax Ballinger 84; Buckley Hopper 268.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 39t.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 224; Bud Oliver 73t; Ila Ingle 442; Glenn Keeton and Josh Keeton 189; Stuart Ivey 222; Charles Wells 143; Karen House 318; John Hocutt 516; Jenny Willard 33t; Nate Green and Norma Green 147b; Mel Kersey 566; Marie Aldridge 304; Jeff Colby 47b; Freeman Wootten 171; Daryl Mayberry 106; Travis Keeton 129; Regina Glass 298; Richard DeLong 496; Pauline Childers 269; Judy Caudle 540.

## RECESS

The singing resumed with Jackie Tanner leading song on page 270. Leaders: Lorena Moore 448t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 376; Clayton Ezell 480; Thomas Willard 36b; Aubrey Barfield 551; Jon Gregg 353; Betty Herman 29t; John Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 278b; Laura Clawson 362; Velton Chafin 225b; Laura Russell 396; Lee Rogers 390; Bob Cull 312b; Eloise Clark 31t; John Redman 236; Linda Sides 328; J.L. Hopper 412; Katharine Hough 271t.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order with Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b.

Leaders: Karen Freund 56b; Berkley Moore 48t; Edward Howton and Maxine Lacy 290; Bob Meek 68b; Catherine Oss 67.

A business session was held for the election of officers, and the following were elected or appointed: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Henry Johnson; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas; Chaplain - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver, Margie Smith, and Jeannette DePoy; Memorial Committee - Connie Karduck and Louis Hughes, Sr.; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Willie Mae Moon, and Rodney Ivey; Resolutions Committee - Buell Cobb, John Bayer, and Cassie Franklin. End of business session.

Leaders: Danny Creel 383; Michele Cull 344; Betty Wright 499; Jon Giles 524; Ashley Keeton and Pam Keeton 196; Max Berueffy 542; Tommie Spurlock 300; Judy Mincey 538; Daphene Causey 302; Walter Graff 352; Wanda Capps 76b; Scott DePoy 114; Rene Greene 528; Lynne deBenedette 456; Elene Stovall 384; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey "Trusting".

## RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 110. Leaders: Kelly House 285t; Jayne Fulmer 101t; Merle Mateika 82t; Loraine Bayer and Regina Bayer 61; Daniel Hopper 451; John Merritt 240; Keith Willard 274t; Rick Russell 183; Matt Wells 49b; William Shetter 454; Sandie Scott 40; John Bealle 200; Liz Bryant 47t; David Hough 282; Jarrod George and Dennis George 354b; Marilyn Burchett 335.

Jeff Sheppard and Henry Johnson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Bayer.

## Sunday, November 22

The Sunday morning session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 288; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 63; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 373; Bud Oliver and Jeannette DePoy 142; Connie Karduck 461; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 475; Willie Mae Moon 217; John Bayer 159; Cassie Franklin and Flare Creel 120; Harrison Creel 512; Mattie Townsel 274t; Azilee Adams 337; David Ballinger 129; Edith Tate 89; Berkley Moore 278b; Patsy Gentle 176b; Scott DePoy 192; Teresa Ballinger 87; Richard Ivey 567; Laura Russell 156; Keith Willard 100; Betty Herman 421; Lee Rogers 291; Cecile Cox 426t.



## RECESS

The singing continued with B.M. Smith leading song on page 285b. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Anna Marie Bullock 34b; Tim Cook 327; Bill Aplin 480; Samuel Sommers 368; Allison Ivey 138t; Rick Russell 503; Evelyn Harris 155; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 146; Leola Smith 340; John Etheridge 272; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 182; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Margie Dietz 108b; Horace Batchelor 289; Eloise Wootten 424; Milton Oliver 321.

## RECESS

The class was brought to order by David Ivey leading song on page 83t. Leaders: Syble Adams 350; Marlon Wootten 201; B.J. Harris 452; Nate Green and Norma Green 566.

The memorial lesson was led at this time by Louis Hughes, Sr. and Connie Karduck. Louis Hughes, Sr. read the words from the song on page 473, and then read the names of the deceased: John Forman, Vernice Calvert, Ila McGhee, Mamie Creel, Mariam Hoobler, W.M. Atkins, Jerry Huckeba, Hadyn Creel, Keterina Sanders, Claude Moon, Gene Phillips, Kim Cagle, Ozetta Gilliland, Clifford Wakefield, Hollis Sizemore, Mae Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, Alvin Stanson, Herman Smith, Luke Allen, Elmer Cordell, Ada Godsey, Mary Ramsey Berueffy, Phillip James, Jim Freyder, and Elder T.O. Handley - Alabama; Anne Block, Newman Miles, Myretta Hardin, Ben Robinson, Elder Jason Davis, and Mary Nell Davis - Georgia; Louie Smith and Herbert Leopard - Texas; Beatrice Ezell and Margaret Wright - Tennessee; Luke Gallant - Florida; Janet Borman and Robert Goode - Illinois; John Ramsey and Julie Ramsey - Kentucky; Catherine Cessna - Pennsylvania; Thomas Berry Boyd - California; Eva Waters, M.L. Gallaway, Clyde Roney Watkins, and Toma Preston - state unknown.

Richard DeLong gave comments about the singers past and present whose presence and support made the Alabama State Convention, and led song on page 381 for the deceased.

Connie Karduck read the names of the sick and shut-ins which included: Richard Allison - Indiana; Mary Frances Dannals, Dorothy Partlett, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, and Horace DeLong - Georgia; Katharine Smith and Ethel Klein - Florida; Ted Mercer - Illinois; Woodie Walker, Ruby Phillips, Jap Walton, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, and Elder Edwin Farris - Alabama; Jeanne Schaffer - Colorado; Katherine Brooks - Massachusetts; Bill Mitchell and Winston Jones - state unknown.

B.M. Smith led song on page 390 for the sick and shur-ins. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Connie Karduck led song on page 569, and Charles Farris closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 430; Ann Jett 546; Jackie Tanner 298; T.J. Willard and Allison Dodson 106.

## LUNCH

Coy Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Buell Cobb 440; Kelly House 306; George Cox 348b; Jeff Colby 148; Karen House 112; Jarrod George and Dennis George 59; Thurman Nall 74b; David Hough 33b; Bob Cull 178; Sandie Scott 117; Charles Wells 38b; Bob Meek 193; Walter Graff 287; Matt Wells 474; Jenny Willard 99; Mel Kersey 515; Lorena Moore 102; Ron Crocker 49b; Aubrey Barfield 163t; Jerry Enright 77t.

A business session was held. Cassie Franklin gave the Resolutions Committee report.

Members of the Resolution Committee wish to express thanks to:

- 1) the many folks who have made the ninety-ninth session of the Alabama State Convention possible;
- 2) the officers and committee members;
- 3) Elder Edwin Farris and the folks of Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church;
- 4) all the folks who so willingly and ably gave of themselves to provide dinner for both days of the Convention;
- 5) all the singers from near and far who came to lift their voices in praise to our Heavenly Father, and in so doing, received a blessing for their own souls.

Respectfully submitted by: Cassie Franklin, Buell Cobb, and John Bayer.

Shelbie Sheppard gave the report for the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings". Balance on hand as of November 23, 1997, \$9,300.22; deposit of \$512.00; balance on hand as of January 15, 1998 was \$9,812.22. Printing of book for 1997-1998 - \$4,275.50; postage/ mailing supplies for books \$714.96. Balance (after expenses) on hand as of February 6, 1998 - \$4,821.76; deposits for 1998 - \$6,886.50. Balance on hand as of November 20, 1998 - \$11,708.26. A motion was made to print a book of maps. After discussion by members present, motion was tabled.

Jewel Wootten gave the financial report for the convention. Balance brought forward \$1,338.97; interest \$54.89; collection \$920.00; total \$2,313.86. Supplies \$126.57; chicken \$72.00; B-B-Q \$140.00; gift to church \$250.00; minutes \$60.00. Total Expenses 648.57. Balance (after expenses) \$1,665.29. There were a total of seventeen states represented. End of business session.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together with Jon Giles leading song on page 436. Leaders: Reba Dell Windom and Pauline Childers 383; Katharine Hough 378b; Hubert Nall 84; Jon Gregg 94; Catherine Oss 556; Max Berueffy 532; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Merle Mateika 361; Michele Cull 66; Elene Stovall, Bud Oliver, and Rodney Ivey 270; Eldagene Roberson 222.

Jeff Sheppard, Henry Johnson, and Harrison Creel led song on page 62 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Henry Johnson; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas.

### **WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL (GANUS, WILFORD, AND CLIFFORD)**

#### **Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama November 22, 1998**

The twenty-eighth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Eugene Wakefield leading song on page 45t. The morning prayer was led by Cecil Wakefield. Eugene Wakefield led song on page 40.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman - Eugene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Eugene Wakefield 100; Jayne Fulmer 319, 64; Faye Donaldson 421, 30t; Christie Allen 138b, 57; L.E. Hannah 56t, 310; Mae Conwill 314, 206; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 317; Debbie Wakefield 426t, 426b; Kermit Adams 430, 220; Ila Ingle 434, 436.

#### RECESS

Eugene Wakefield brought the class to order leading song on page 136. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 225t, 142; Odie V. Horton 204, 97; Larry Wakefield 153, 339; Margaret Keeton 144, 301 (in memory of Ada Godsey); Julietta Haynes 216, 209; Fayrene Wakefield 546, 495; Elmer Conwill 179, 379; Roma Rice 475; Helen Langston 480, 391 (in memory of her brothers and her dad); Gladys Bonds 490, 235.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Merritt leading songs on pages 418 and 176t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 343b, 348b, 349; Warren Steel 332, 183, 182; Willodean Barton 82t, 456, 498; Bradley Allen 385b; Windell Wakefield 457, 108t, 61; Josie Hyde 137, 155; Juanita Whitman 491; Joyce Hubbit 273, 378t; Jeanette T. Tidwell 163, 222; the children of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Windell Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Fayrene Wakefield, Nadene Willis, Faye Donaldson, Clara Stults, Julie Postum, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and cousins, Geneva Horton and Josie Hyde) 134, 333, 477, 37b, 168, 143 (in memory of our loved ones whom we miss very much); John Hyde 75, 297. Eugene Wakefield and Travis Keeton led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Warren Steel.

Chairman - Eugene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

### **FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Panama City, Florida**

**December 5-6, 1998**

**Saturday, December 5**

The thirty-first session of the Florida State Convention was held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1998, and was called to order by Chairman Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Clarke Lee.

Leaders: Chairman Elvin Guthrie 99; First Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger 126; Second Vice Chairman Don Clarke 364; Secretary Jewell Vania 143; Victoria Aplin 131b; Aubrey Barfield 186; S.T. Reed 577; Linton Ballinger 299; Jackie Tanner 54t; Eldagene Roberson 222; Milton Oliver 537; Louis Hughes 176t; J.A. Mosley 282; Daphene Causey 505; George Cox 108t; J.C. Rutledge 84; Regina Glass 50t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by David Lee leading song on page 82. Leaders: Ernest Cockcroft 264; Cecile Cox 204; Bud Oliver 563; Cindy Franklin 559; Mary Lee 40; Lane Albritton 100; Joanne Hoover 72; James Brock 31t; Marie Guthrie 192; Johnny Lee 515; Reba Dell Windom 572; Velton Chafin 152; Edith Tate 491; Paul Gauthier 400.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Leon Ballinger leading song on page 212. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 290; Liz Bryant 38t; Bill Aplin 567; Regina Clark 101t; Frank Hataway 507b; Nate Green and Norma Green 336t; Tor Bejnar 500; Clarke Lee 376; Nancy Van Den Akker 373; David Roberson 215; Alice Bejnar 98; Bob Bonnell 75; Faye Pettis 553b; John Redman 235; Riley Lee 485; Tommie Spurlock 140. Chairman Elvin Guthrie led song on page 369. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Stanley Smith.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 470. Leaders: Stanley Smith 230; Winston Jones 285; John Etheridge 86; Bill Farris 401; Alice Mosley 343; W.L. Green 47b; Julie Lee 129; Thurman Nall 292b; Eva Padgett 552; Tim Jones 225t; Cathy Lee 68t; Genny Whitworth 92; Alice Williams 49b; Clarke Lee and David Lee 488b; Don Clark 526; Leon Ballinger 405; S.T. Reed 570; Linton Ballinger 508; Jackie Tanner 270; Agnes Ferris 410.  
RECESS

The class was called to order by Don Clark leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Sue Bunch 107; Verlon Stiefel 395b; Mary Stiefel 402; Mary Elizabeth Lee 144; Riley Lee 484; John Etheridge 447t (by request); Aubrey Barfield 31b, 29. Elving Guthrie led song on page 45 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by David Lee.

### **Sunday, December 6**

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 138b. The morning prayer was offered by Bill Aplin. Leaders: Chairman Elvin Guthrie 455b; First Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger 136; Second Vice Chairman Don Clark 497; Secretary Jewell Vania 341; Victoria Aplin 329; Aubrey Barfield 365; Morgan Bunch 82; Cassie Franklin 436b; Milton Oliver 229; Elizabeth Lobado 98; Louis Hughes 384; Eldagene Roberson 142; J.A. Mosley 60; Daphene Causey 522; George Cox 395b; J.C. Rutledge 559; Regina Glass 393; Steven Lobado 500; David Lee 492; Bud Oliver 145t.  
RECESS

The class was called back to order by Leon Ballinger leading song on page 222, followed by James Brock leading song on page 155. Chairman Elvin Guthrie called for the Memorial Service. Edith Tate, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, opened the service by reading scripture from Revelations 14:13, and read the list of names of those deceased. John Etheridge led song on page 344 for the deceased. Cindy Franklin led song on page 573 for the sick and shut-ins. Leon Ballinger closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 171; Lane Albritton 331; Hannah Lee and Rachel Lee 505; Stanley Smith 288; Marie Guthrie 280; Johnny Lee 41; Reba Dell Windom 99; Velton Chafin 197; Paul Gauthier 213; Liz Bryant 156; Bill Aplin 466; Regina Clark. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by David Lee. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 369.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Aubrey Barfield leading song on page 198. Leaders: Frank Hataway 56; Nate Green and Norma Green 501; John Redman 140; Cecile Cox 282; Linton Ballinger 511b; Nancy Van Den Akker 114; David Roberson 239; Mary Elizabeth Lee 388; W.L. Green 381; Clarke Lee 300; Julie Lee 336b; Genny Whitworth 436t; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Cathy Lee 143; Cassie Franklin 567; Tommie Spurlock 189; Alice Bejnar 340; Cindy Franklin 39; Tor Bejnar 334; Rachel Lee and Hannah Lee 501.  
RECESS

Don Clark called the class back to order leading songs on pages 398b and 520. Leaders: Riley Lee 484b; Juanita Hill 81.

Officers for next year: Chairman - Leon Ballinger; First Vice Chairman - Don Clark; Second Vice Chairman - John Etheridge.

John Etheridge led song on page 137. Announcements were made. Stanley Smith led song on page 486 for Marnie Riley. The officers led song on page 133 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Stanley Smith.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; First Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Second Vice Chairman - Don Clark; Secretary - Aubrey Barfield.



## 1997 AND 1998 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 1997 and 1998 minutes. We have listed the date of death when known. It is not our intention to omit any name or date. If you can supply these dates, we would appreciate it if you would share them with us. We realize that some names may be spelled wrong or listed in the wrong state, but this was not intentional.

### DEATHS 1997

#### Listed by Date

01-05-97	Rodger Morrison	Alabama
01-14-97	Tyrone Dryden	Alabama
01-20-97	Bertha Anderson	Alabama
01-22-97	Lola Myrtle Roberson	Alabama
01-23-97	Quay Smathers	North Carolina
01-00-97	Glover Nichols	Georgia
02-10-97	Bonnie Ashley	Alabama
02-18-97	Jimmy Causey	Alabama
02-24-97	Robert Thompson	Alabama
03-01-97	Haley Armstrong	Alabama
03-00-97	Elsie Key	Alabama
03-26-97	Emma Nell Nelson	Alabama
03-26-97	Kenneth Brandon	Alabama
03-28-97	J. E. Allen	Georgia
04-01-97	Shelby K. Miller	Alabama
04-04-97	Sue Vaughn	Texas
04-18-97	Raymond C. Barnett, Jr.	Texas
05-14-97	Eva Reeves	Georgia
05-17-97	Horace Lambert	Georgia
05-18-97	Myrtice Hughes	Georgia
05-29-97	Silas Lee	Georgia
05-00-97	Ada Downs	Washington
05-00-97	Milo Minato	Oregon
06-05-97	Marilou Jolly	California
06-19-97	Buck Aaron	Alabama
06-23-97	Willa Mae Holt	Alabama
06-26-97	Sally Carroll	Georgia
06-00-97	Carrie Graves	Alabama
06-00-97	Duane Cavanaugh	Washington
07-09-97	Ernest Phillips	Alabama
07-29-97	Barrett Ashley	Alabama
07-00-97	Howard Bynum	Alabama
08-02-97	Unie B. Howard	Alabama
08-02-97	Madolin McGray	Massachusetts
08-14-97	Alvin Parker	Alabama
08-14-97	Johnny Williams	Georgia
08-19-97	Nora Collett	Alabama
08-29-97	Bob Fannin	Alabama
08-29-97	Mel Bailey	Alabama
09-00-97	Gail Rich	California

09-01-97	Estelle Napier	Alabama
09-12-97	Josie McAlpin	Alabama
09-00-97	Barry Sullivan	Colorado
09-00-97	Pat Farley	Arizona
10-00-97	Mrs. Ollie Brady	Georgia
10-00-97	Tomera Bishop Holmes	Alabama
10-00-97	Peter Rydell	California
10-03-97	Willie Mae McClendon	Alabama
10-26-98	Susan Wantlant	Maryland
11-00-97	Elder H. L. Weaver	Georgia
11-00-97	Leon Wilson	California
11-23-97	Elder Jason Davis	Georgia
11-29-97	Gertrude Bateman	Georgia
11-00-97	Bates Elliott	Tennessee
11-00-97	Germaine Lacy	Oregon
11-00-97	Paul Schneider	Oregon
12-13-97	Janet Rogers	Florida
12-17-97	Arnold Edwards	Alabama
12-20-97	Seldon Creel	Alabama
12-22-97	Beatrice Ezell	Tennessee
12-00-97	Agnes Sodenberg	Washington
12-00-97	Germaine Lacy	Pennsylvania
12-23-97	Dottie Horn	California
12-27-97	Hussell Godsey	Alabama

### Listed by State (\* — see above list for date)

<i>Alabama</i>	*Tyrone Dryden	Frances Kelson
*Buck Aaron	Jimmy Dean	*Elsie Key
Lorenzo Abrams	Easterwood	Velva Kitchens
Vannie Adams	Andy Edwards	Alice Mauldin
*Bertha Anderson	*Arnold Edwards	*Josie McAlpin
*Haley Armstrong	Charlie Elmore	*Willie Mae
*Barrett Ashley	Thurman Elmore	McClendon
*Bonnie Ashley	*Bob Fannin	Emmet McCormick
*Mel Bailey	Josephine Gibson	*Shelby K. Miller
Eugene Blackwood	Herby Godsey	*Rodger Morrison
Willie Blackwood	*Hussell Godsey	Velma Morrow
Bera Bradford	*Carrie Graves	*Estelle Napier
*Kenneth Brandon	Rachel Grimmett	Lillie Nail
Grady Brown	Luna Harper	Catherine Neeley
Jewel Brown	Bertha Henson	*Emma Nell Nelson
Johnny Brown	Monica Hinkle	*Alvin Parker
Lillie Bunn	Thomas Holland	*Ernest Phillips
*Howard Bynum	*Tomera Bishop	Dwight Pollard
Pearlee Calvert	Holmes	*Lola Myrtle Roberson
*Jimmy Causey	*Willa Mae Holt	Greg Scott
*Nora Collett	*Unie B. Howard	R. D. Smith
*Seldon Creel	Neal Hulsey	Evelyn Spradlin
Issac Crowe	Robert Jackson	*Robert Thompson
Mike Daniels	Estelle Johnson	Emily Whaley
Myrtis Edwards Deese	Verlie Johnson	Felton White



Gilbert White  
Elder Marlen White  
Verna Williams  
Shirley Wilson  
Savola Wimpee  
Lola Wood

### **Arizona**

\*Pat Farley  
Don Scott

### **Arkansas**

Russell Wiberg

### **California**

Giddies Bailey  
Ann Becker  
Raymond Beise  
Thomas Bell  
Patti Benner  
Murray Biedermann  
Larry Carter  
Patricia Jean Cuyler  
Ray Edwards  
Jan Goldman  
Alice Grams  
Emanuel Harriman  
\*Dottie Horn  
\*Marilou Jolly  
Margaret Loughlin  
Troy McCissick  
David Nodel  
Jane Stickney Nidorf  
George Padrone  
\*Gail Rich  
Joy Reed  
Ida Ray Rosenfeld  
\*Peter Rydell  
Mario Savio  
Mike Warner  
\*Leon Wilson  
Shirley Wright

### **Colorado**

Katharine Sayvetz  
\*Barry Sullivan

### **Connecticut**

Elizabeth Ann Burke  
Frits DeBohr

### **D.C.**

Nina Dunbar

### **Florida**

Opal Johnston  
\*Janet Rogers

### **Georgia**

\*J.E.Allen  
Jewel Anderson  
Edna Ball  
\*Gertrude Bateman  
Douglas Bartley  
Mrs. Bartley  
\*Mrs. Ollie Brady  
\*Sally Carroll  
Mary Ruth Cox  
Mildred Cox  
Chris Crow  
Roy Daniel  
\*Elder Jason Davis  
Clara Denney  
Mike Dunn  
Sarah Duke  
George Dutton  
Ethel Echols  
B.W. Ellerston  
Mr. & Mrs. Myrl  
Gammon  
Annie Garner  
Peggy Hickox  
Bill Holcombe  
\*Myrtice Hughes  
\*Horace Lambert  
Joe Laminack  
\*Silas Lee  
Bill McGraw  
Mac Moore  
\*Grover Nichols  
Sarah Peacock  
Melvin Pope  
Sue Porter  
Harley Qualess  
\*Eva Reeves  
Sudie Roberts  
Savoy Robinson  
J. B. Rollins  
Dean Thompson  
Lillie Todd  
\*Elder H.L. Weaver  
\*Johnny Williams  
Edna Wilson  
Hiram Wilson  
Betty DeLong Womach  
Eugene Wood

### **Illinois**

George Barford  
Bill Currie  
Warren Dare  
Sonny Frank  
Elise Kasper  
Thomas Kupensky  
Ted Pankey  
Ross Paulac  
Tom Pavoubek  
Betty Snowberg  
Jeremy Swilley

### **Indiana**

Florence Kline Bateman  
Bruce Mosier

### **Iowa**

Dorothy Brenneman  
Julian Bruner  
Audrey Stedham  
Clarke Wilson

### **Kentucky**

Edna Ritchie Baker  
Vena Sargent

### **Maryland**

Adell Dawson  
Joe Kochanski  
Mary Howell  
Romanswski  
\*Susan Wantland  
Dottie Wilson-Moy

### **Massachusetts**

John Arnold  
Richard Atherton  
Lois Berfield  
Lawrence Brooks  
\*Madolin McGray  
Anna Timmerman

### **Minnesota**

Matt Bue

### **Mississippi**

Louis Porter

### **Missouri**

Charled Derleth  
Mary Derleth  
Julia Grindon  
Virginia Voss

**New Hampshire**

Maggie McCallion

**New Jersey**

Barbara Owens

**New Mexico**

Merwin Hand

**New York**

John Hayward

Peter Kahn

Herbert Buckingham

Khaury

Arthur Morgan

Ruth F. Newell

Jean De Palma

Rick Palmer

Joan Sanders

Marian Schroeder

Arthur Stauffer

Pamela Veerhiser

Jeremy Werbin

Gabe Wiener

Alice Yang

North Carolina

\*Quay Smathers

**Ohio**

Frank Borchert

Kevin Waters

**Oregon**

Carol Bruehl

Albert Fel

Joyce Fisher

Audrey Kocarnik

\*Germaine Lacy

\*Milo Minato

\*Paul Schneider

**Pennsylvania**

Chet Burn

Helene Brylawski

Michael Brylawski

Tony DeFusco

Alice Hemenway

Madeline Hillman

Jere Knight

John Lundgren

Florence Siple

Penny Smith

**Rhode Island**

Estes Benson

Velma Moore

**South Dakota**

Lorene Schlenker

Ella Taylor

**Tennessee**

\*Elliott Bates

\*Beatrice Ezell

Larry Hale

Megan Phillips

**Texas**

Truman Baker

Hubbard Barlow

\*Raymond C. Barnett,  
Jr.

Forrest Brooks

James Canfield

Anice Cockram

Sherman Cole

Thelma Cole

James Cranfill

Jesse Denson

Dr. Marsha Evans

Blanche Fulmer Jeffrey

Julian Jones

Dr. Lynn Hanna

Sam Herman

Frances Galburg Holter

Amanda Howell

Christine Moreland

A. V. Pepper

\*Sue Vaughn

Casyle Wiggins

Elva Wylie

**Utah**

Jeff Hardyman

**Vermont**

George Boardman

Maureen Joy

**Virginia**

Freddie Baughan

Evelyn Goode

John Hack

Ann Harris

**Washington**

\*Duane Cavanaugh

Caroline Cho

Kay Cox

\*Ada Downs

Dennis Gorgas

Bruce Marshall

Agnes Sodenberg

Brenda Allen-

Thompson

**West Virginia**

Arthur Stauffer, Sr.

**Wisconsin**

Gail Bannister

Solon Chervitz

Gogo Darato

John Middlecamp

Benjamin Neyman

David Procto

**England**

Bob Arnold

Edisher Garakanidze

Roy Horton

Lorena Ledsham

Ron Moore

Girling Pigott

Jean Ratcliffe

Allison Small

Lal Waterson

**Quebec, Canada**

Carol Weller

**State Unknown**

Ken Arkin

Frank Baker

Toni Beville

Sue Brooks

Gene Brumbaugh

Thelma Christenses

Delbert Dick

Evelyn Parker Duncan

Ruth Dunham

Mr./Mrs. Mecia

Farbron

Bob Farrell

Freddy "Bubba"

Fletcher

Edith Garner

Catherine Gruber

Ray Harding

Tom Hardy

Shirley Holland	Ann Mason	Betty Townsend
Robert Kendall	Donna Matson	Shearin
James Edward Knight	David Miller	Mabel Charlotte Smith
Lauren Lakey	Reine Moffet	Penny Smith
Quentin Lauer	Suzita Myers	Mary Southern
Jeay Lieberg	Hulan Newman	Ella Taylor
Madaline Malroy	Henrietta Petzing	Robert Toone
Dan Markovitz	Gloria Pfau	Marx Wartovski

## DEATHS 1998

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1998 minutes.

### Listed by Date

01-01-98	John Forman	Alabama
01-11-98	Vernice Calvert	Alabama
01-17-98	Ila McGhee	Alabama
01-18-98	Margaret Brinkman	Missouri
01-31-98	Frances F. Kilmer	Virginia
01-00-98	Roland Brown	Georgia
01-00-98	Michael Ditson	Oregon
02-07-98	Mamie Creel	Alabama
02-08-98	Jerry Huchebe	Alabama
02-21-98	Mariam Hoobler	Alabama
02-00-98	W. M. Atkins	Alabama
02-00-98	Gene Phillips	Alabama
02-00-98	Isabelle Carrion	California
02-00-98	Terry Sahler	Georgia
03-06-98	Hadyn Creel	Alabama
03-09-98	David L. MacAdam	New York
03-12-98	Keterina Sanders	Alabama
03-12-98	Claude Moon	Alabama
03-20-98	Anne Block	Georgia
03-27-98	Kim Cagle	Alabama
03-31-98	Catherine Cessna	Pennsylvania
04-20-98	Ozetta Gilliland	Alabama
04-26-98	Clifford Wakefield	Alabama
04-00-98	Hoyt Pope	Georgia
04-00-98	Betty Chamberlain	Oregon
05-15-98	Hollis Sizemore	Alabama
05-26-98	Louie Smith	Texas
05-00-98	Vennie Faith	Georgia
05-00-98	Ruby Lahr	Pennsylvania
06-09-98	Mae Seymour	Alabama
06-19-98	Jerry Sheppard	Alabama
06-25-98	Herbert Leopard	Texas
06-26-98	Newman Miles	Georgia
06-27-98	Myretta Hardin	Georgia
06-29-98	Alvin Stanson	Alabama
06-29-98	Herman Smith	Alabama
06-00-98	Jody Proctor	Oregon
06-00-98	Mary R Berueffy	Alabama

07-29-98	Janet Borman	Illinois
07-00-98	Samule Lynch	New York
08-01-98	Sharon Miller	Oregon
08-06-98	Russell Murphree	Mississippi
08-11-98	Dale Mack	Alabama
08-12-98	Luke Allen	Alabama
08-21-98	Cleo C.Hawkins	Mississippi
09-04-98	Ben Robinson	Georgia
09-09-98	Elmer Cordell	Alabama
09-16-98	Ada Godsey	Alabama
10-06-98	Jim Feyder	Alabama
11-19-98	Margaret Wright	Tennessee

### Listed by State (\* — see above list for date)

#### *Alabama*

\*Luke Allen  
 Arlie Ashley  
 J. B. Ashley  
 \*W.M. Atkins  
 Clyde Atkinson  
 Lois Lambert Austin  
 Shane Austin  
 \*Mary Berueffy  
 Eva Brady  
 Dempsy Brothers  
 Arvid Brown  
 Mrs.Grady (Ruth)  
 Brown  
 Roy Brown  
 \*Kim Cagle  
 \*Vernice Calvert  
 Lula Bynum Canady  
 Cleo Clay  
 Hascal Cobbs  
 Juanita Coffee  
 \*Elmer Cordell  
 \*Hadyn Creel  
 Betha Cospier  
 \*Mamie Creel  
 Nettie Austin Davis  
 W. Tom Doss  
 Willie Mae Driskill  
 \*Jim Feyder  
 \*John Forman  
 \*Ozetta Gilliland  
 \*Ada Godsey  
 Edward Godsey  
 Willie Pearl Goskin  
 Gertie Graham  
 Ruby Graham  
 Mrs. Elbert Green

Richard Green  
 Elder J.O. Handley  
 Vera Harbison  
 Lillie Phillips Hartley  
 Nadine Hendricks  
 Dola Hiatt  
 \*Mariam Hoobler  
 Hazel Howell  
 \*Jerry Huckeba  
 Phillip James  
 Eula Denson Johnson  
 Ada Kerr  
 Nellie Brown Lee  
 \*Dale Mack  
 Charley McCoy  
 \*Ila McGhee  
 \*Claude Moon  
 Eva Edwards O'Kelly  
 \*Gene Phillips  
 Norma Dean Phillips  
 Maudie Putman  
 Bob Sanders  
 \*Keterina Sanders  
 \*Mae Seymour  
 \*Jerry Sheppard  
 J. D. Shelton  
 \*Hollis Sizemore  
 \*Herman Smith  
 \*Alvin Stanson  
 K.K. Stevenson  
 Q.E. Taylor  
 Ed Wade  
 \*Clifford Wakefield  
 Emma Earl Walker  
 Jessie Walker  
 Clyde Watkins  
 Annie B. Wyatt

#### *Arkansas*

Jimmy Driftwoor

#### *California*

\*Isabelle Carrion  
 Thomas Berry Boyd

#### *Colorado*

Susannah Chase  
 Marian May

#### *D.C.*

Duane Cavanaugh

#### *Florida*

Andre Floyd  
 Winifred W. Landis  
 Lois Smiley

#### *Georgia*

Barney Akin  
 Reynold Akin  
 Dwayne Alred  
 Clyde Atkinson  
 \*Anne Block  
 \*Ronald Brown  
 Clarence Butler  
 Clara Cliett  
 Gregory Cole  
 Robert Culpepper  
 Velma Denney  
 \*Vennie Faith  
 Audrey Floyd  
 \*Myreeta Hardin  
 Inez Harmon  
 Bob Hart  
 Albert Hester  
 Jacie Langley

Ferrell League  
\*Newman Miles  
Lila O'Hearn  
Jean Phillips  
\*Hoyt Pope  
Shirley Roberts  
\*Ben Robinson  
Leon Rogers  
Mae Rogers  
Bill Scott  
Louise Shadlinger  
\*Terry Sahler  
Lewis Smith  
Bobby Ward  
Michael Wilde  
Barry Wilkinson  
Larry Wilkinson  
Harmon Wilson  
Russell Word

### ***Illinois***

Natale Ambrogi  
\*Janet Borman  
Diane Cagle  
Roberta Friend  
Chub Gerard  
Robert Goode  
Helen Grove  
Ingeborg Hoover  
Mary Norris  
Catherine De Nys  
John De Nys  
Frances Giunchedi  
Lisa Schlaggar  
Frieda Storment  
Ruth Tipton  
Brian Walter  
Alice Winkler

### ***Indiana***

John Oyer

### ***Iowa***

Joan Hamre

### ***Kentucky***

Anne Lyman  
Chancellor  
John Ramsey  
Julie Ramsey  
Paul Sharp  
Eva Waters

### ***Maryland***

Marvin Byrd  
Bill Froeschner  
Phil Goulding  
Tom Harding  
Harriet Parker  
John Seeley

### ***Massachusetts***

Raoul Desy  
Martin Diskin  
Jack Foran  
Joe Hollyday  
Billie Taylor  
Stella Ward

### ***Michigan***

Jean Ritter  
Usha Helweg

### ***Minnesota***

Carol Kirchner  
William Whitelaw  
Karen Wiard  
Ruth Wyatt

### ***Mississippi***

Ray Davis  
\*Cleo Cook Hawkins  
J.C. Miles  
\*Russell Murphree

### ***Missouri***

Joseph Brooks  
\*Margaret Brinkman  
Bill Froeschner  
Shannon Gunn  
Rush Pumphrey  
John Seeley  
Meda Wilson White

### ***Nebraska***

Barbara Scudder

### ***New Jersey***

John McNeilly  
Neal Sanford  
Norman Wersan

### ***New Mexico***

Leland Beckus  
Kevin Blood

### ***New York***

Gene Augilera

Harriet Kresch  
\*Samuel Lynch  
\*David L. MacAdam  
Dion Stams  
Bill Wakefield

### ***North Carolina***

Grace Bizzel  
Ruth Reid  
Nellie Segars  
Minnie Brown  
Whitehurst  
Virginia Whitehurst

### ***Ohio***

Mary Louise Bates  
Mary Wise

### ***Oregon***

\*Betty Chamberlain  
\*Michael Ditson  
\*Sharon Miller  
\*Jody Proctor

### ***Pennsylvania***

\*Catherine Cessna  
Rita Gorman  
June Hiltner  
\*Ruby Lahr  
Bruce Martin  
Carol Shaffer

### ***Rhode Island***

John Butler

### ***South Dakota***

Ruth Christensen  
Art Lee  
Robert Mason  
Ester Thingelstad

### ***Tennessee***

Noal Mattox  
Clifford Parsons  
\*Margaret Wright

### ***Texas***

Ann Barnett  
Leroy Bell  
Opal Boyd  
Barbara Cooper  
Arthur Dungan  
Henry Griffith  
Addie Hawkins

Gladys Hill  
Lewis Jarrell  
\*Herbert Leopard  
Joyce Maples  
Gertrude Mondrief  
Billy Joe Smith  
\*Louis Smith  
Eva Sparkman  
Louis Spivey  
Mark Timpani  
Dorothy Welch  
Lloyd Welch  
Elmer White

### *Virginia*

Shirley Green  
Mary Hulbert  
\*Frances F. Kilmer  
James Rhea  
Robert Toone

### *Wisconsin*

Frances Givinchedi  
Joe Henderson  
Douglas Nagler  
Roberta Opedahl  
Hillary Shewmaker

Grace Vandenburg  
Lucille Veal  
Gertrude Wetherington

### *England*

Jane Thomas

### *Nova Scotia*

Faye Armsworthy

### *Netherlands*

Gerrit van Eysden

### *North Wales*

Sian Nefyn-Pwllheli  
Iaan Nefyn-Pwllheli  
Jos Nefyn-Pwllheli

### *State Unknown*

Paul Aucoine  
Rosie Blackwell  
Shirley W. Bowen  
Julia Buckman  
Gerry Burakoff  
Graham Campbell  
Richi Charlotte  
Diana Cloud  
M.L. Gallaway

Dorothy Goodell  
Frances Goulet  
Elizabeth Lord Hall  
Jeral Dean Haney  
Paul Kent  
Tom Koetting  
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